

The Congregator

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ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

The journey of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 6th. The Worship Team will host a Soup and Bread Supper at 6:00 pm followed by Worship at 7:00 pm.

BROWN BAGS AND BIBLES

The Way. Let's do a Lenten journey that is part Bible-study, part illustrated travelogue. With the guidance of author Adam Hamilton, let's focus on the life and teachings of Jesus. We will gain a "first-person" experience of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, accompanied by biblical wisdom and historical knowledge. We will meet on **Tuesdays, March 12 – April 23, Noon-1:15 pm.** Bring your lunch at noon. *Books are available. Sign-ups will be helpful for planning.*

EVENING PRAYER & COMMUNION

The **Tuesdays of Lent, March 12 – April 9, 6:15 – 6:45 p.m.**

A simple and quiet service of scripture, Lord's Supper and guided prayer in the *Sanctuary Chancel*. Come and make space for God!

INQUIRERS GROUP



ARE YOU:

- New to the First Congregational Church of River Edge?
- Thinking about becoming a member of First Congregational Church?
- Wanting to discuss basic Christian faith?
- Wanting to know more about how First worships and works?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then come to the ***Inquirers' Group*** which will gather for two Sunday morning sessions. The planned dates are Sunday, **March 10** and 17, 11:20 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. After the conclusion of the class, those who wish to become members of the congregation will be received as members on an April Sunday.

If you want to participate, please **call the church office at 201-261-1712 or email: office@fccriveredge.org**.

FIRST THINGS

S-t-r-e-t-c-h Time

Not all time is the same. Some time can be heavy enough to be a burden, other time can be so light it flies by. Time is arranged with peaks and valleys and long stretches of flatland in between. Time can be bitter or sweet, free or constraining, endless in excitement, tedium or terror, or so elusive that there never seems to be enough of it.

Time's variousness is sometimes happenstance. It occurs without our intervention. But we do sometimes have a hand in shaping the contours of time. From the beginning, Christians have structured time into rhythms of days and nights in order to, as Wendy Wright says, "create a latticework of windows in time through which to peer into the mystery at the heart of all that is."

Our most common imaginings about our "seasons with God" are imaginings of peace, beauty, fullness, wholeness, completion, and order. These are the things that we would like to compose our spiritual lives. But then along comes Lent (which means "lengthening"), God's "little springtime," which ushers us into a movement that is not at all clearly ordered. Certainly springtime is hopeful and creative, and it has its glimpses of beauty. But it is also dirty and messy, chaotic and uncertain—you just never know how long you're going to have to wait for the new life to spring forth.

The journey of Lent takes us through 40 (or so) uncertain days of reflection, prayer, and growth. We need the journey; we need the time. These lengthening days of late winter can offer us pause to look at our days . . . in order to consider what is fulfilling God's ways and what is falling short. The journey of Lent begins, on Ash Wednesday, with us remembering who we are—admitting to our mortality. From there the forty days of Lent will offer us a window through

which we can glimpse change—change of heart, change of perspective, change of focus—so that new life might come to birth in us, and Easter's resurrection might be found in us as well.

The journey also needs to be communal, because none of us can see clearly alone. As God's community at FCC, we can share this season together, listening to how we can be renewed as a congregation as well as individuals. From as far back as the first century, the church has used the season of Lent as a preparation for baptism, and as a reminder to all the baptized to renew their baptismal promises. This issue of the *Congregator* shows you countless ways we can study, pray, and grow together in the coming weeks.

And remember: Lent's jumbled, chaotic journey doesn't last forever. New life will come to birth, and soon an empty tomb will call us to celebrate the new life that each and all of us are given.

Be of Good Courage,
Pastor Dennis

First Life in Lent

As we enter Lent, put these opportunities for prayer, worship, study, fellowship and service on your calendar:

Sundays, 10:00 am: **WORSHIP**

(Join in serving our community at **SECOND SUNDAY**, March 10, 4:30 pm. And through **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** in worship on March 31.)

Tuesdays (six weeks, beginning 3/12), 12-1:20

pm: **BROWN BAGS & BIBLES - The Way.**

Guided by Adam Hamilton's book, we will gain a "first-person" experience of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, accompanied by biblical wisdom and historical knowledge. Bring your lunch at noon. *A sign-up sheet and books are available in the Commons.* For March 12, read chapter 1!

Tuesdays (3/12 – 4/10), 6:15-6:45 pm:

VESPERS PRAYER & COMMUNION -- A simple and quiet service of scripture, Lord's Supper and guided prayer in the *Sanctuary Chancel*. Come and make space for God!

Sunday, March 3, 17, 31, 4:00 pm: **MARCH**

MOVIES – *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* is the opening film of our series. Join us in this great outing and opportunity for Lenten insight through film!

Sunday, March 10 & 17, 11:20 am – 12:15 pm:

INQUIRERS GROUP for those new to the First Congregational Church of River Edge, thinking about becoming a member, wanting to hear and talk about Christian faith.

LEGACY OF FAITH

A meaningful way to remember/honor loved ones and friends is to make contributions to the Memorial Fund, Renovation Fund, Kitchen Fund, Music & Arts Fund or the General Fund of the First Congregational Church of River Edge.

KITCHEN RENOVATION FUND

In Honor of
Noreen Van Wetering
by Sandra Van Wetering

In Memory of
Rev. Sumner H. Gill and Mrs. Lois L. Gill
by John and Ruth Gill

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WORSHIP TEAM

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on **Sunday, March 3** during the 10:00 am. Worship Service. The Communion bread is gluten-free.



THE LENTEN/EASTER SEASON BEGINS

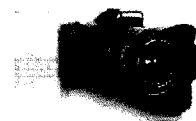
Ash Wednesday is March 6th

The first day of Lent is Wednesday, March 6th. The Worship Team will host a Soup and Bread Supper at 6:00PM to usher in this special time in the Church calendar. You may bring bread, cheese or fruit to share with others if you wish.

There will be an Ash Wednesday Worship Service in the Sanctuary beginning at 7:00PM following the Supper.

If you would like to participate in the preparations in Fellowship Hall on the day of the Supper (setting up or cleaning up), please contact Carole Meeks (201-262-3020).

MEMBERSHIP TEAM



Members and friends,

A new pictorial Church Directory is being planned by the Membership Team.

Volunteers are needed. Please contact Russell Van Wetering at aprilsky@optonline.net or 201-261-1795 if you are interested in helping with this short term project.

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

The first Sunday of each month is Food Pantry Sunday. We receive monetary donations to support the community food pantry through the Center for Food Action. Donation envelopes are in the bulletin each first Sunday of the month.

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CHILD CARE AREA

There is a dedicated space for child care. Babies and toddlers up to three years of age may be brought to Pilgrim Hall on Sunday mornings. Cribs, furniture, toys and books have been selected for this area so that children will be comfortable while parents are attending worship. Ask an usher or greeter for assistance.

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CAN YOU HELP?



Fellowship Time Hosts and Greeters are still needed for upcoming weeks and months. Please sign up at Fellowship Time or contact Russell Van Wetering at 201-261-1795 or at aprilsky@optonline.net

JOYS & CONCERNS LIST

Each Sunday, on the table to the right of the double doors to the Sanctuary, there is a place for you to write any prayers requests that you might want included during the service.

Janet Arena
Worship Team – Leader

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2ND SUNDAY

In spite of not being able to cook our traditional roast beef dinner and not having our "new lifts" installed or functioning, we still managed to pull off a wonderful Valentine's celebration for close to 100 guests, sharing a simpler but still tasty meal of hero sandwiches and burning off those calories out on the dance floor.

Andy Wallace, our resident DJ, to whom we owe our undying gratitude, once again presented a stellar mix of music and kept the party going for much of the evening. Our 2nd Sunday guests came prepared with dancing shoes and plenty of energy and musical requests for Andy. Counselors and staff members alike tripped the light fantastic as well and we once again had a wonderful visit from the Great Valentine herself, Jayne Weiboldt.

Our theme was indeed "love" whether it be for Valentine's Day or just the chance to provide this wonderful outreach to a wonderful group of people. Amazingly enough, we had almost twenty kitchen helpers that gave of their time to make this a stand out night for all! I am, as always, forever grateful for all we give and know that God is shining on us all. See you next month!!

Betty Hogan

SHAWL MINISTRY



The next regular meetings of the Shawl Ministry will take place on:

Tuesday, March 12, at 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 14, at 1:00 pm

All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us in making shawls...or bring your current yarn project and spend a relaxing afternoon in The Commons with us. Everyone is welcome. For information, please contact Alice Rushforth at 201-265-1062.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate altar flowers for one of our worship services, please contact our Flower Coordinator, Carole Meeks at 201-262-3020. The donation for flowers is \$25.00. Flowers can be taken home after the service or given to one of our shut-ins. The deadline for ordering altar flowers is the Sunday prior to their being placed on the Altar

MISSION TEAM



One Great Hour
OF SHARING

On **March 31st**, we will take up our annual collection for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), which includes funding for the UCC Disaster Ministries.

In 2018, the UCC Disaster Ministries' cash and volunteer support totaled \$2 million for disaster recovery in 26 countries and 16 U.S. states and territories,

from California to Massachusetts,
from Texas and Florida to New Hampshire.
from American Samoa to Puerto Rico
and the US Virgin Islands,

In **PUERTO RICO**, Hurricane Maria was the worst natural disaster on record. In 2018 our donations helped the UCC to provide **\$504,849** toward the recovery effort, including:

- fielding 14 work teams comprising 96 persons from 20 churches.
- restoring 57 houses so far, with 43 of those completed by volunteers.

In **PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS**, Hurricane Harvey brought devastating flooding, leaving 900,000 people in need. In 2018, our donations helped to provide **\$367,788** in funding

Among people hit hardest were renters in economically precarious Port Arthur. Flooded apartments included 17 rental units managed by a local non-profit SETCDC which has provided low-income housing for more than 30 years. But neither SETCDC nor their tenants had the resources to restore severely damaged apartments.

UCC Disaster Ministries is partnering with SETCDC to get the work done and to build long-term support for the community. In 2018, we fielded 11 work teams comprising 100 persons, who rehabilitated 13 rental properties enabling 20 people to return home.

Please mark **March 31st** on your calendar for the OGHS.

Please consider the amount you can give to one of our church's core charitable causes.

Together, we can reach out to our neighbors when they most need our help.

FamilyPromise
30 Years of Transformation

Sunday May 5th Family Promise Hike for Hope – Save the Date!

This year, Family Promise will be sponsoring a 3-mile "**Hike for Hope**" (No bikes) Join us as we walk to raise funds for Family Promise and their outreaches to the homeless.

It's good fun, it's good fellowship, it's good exercise and

it's a great cause!



MARCH 2019 COMMITMENT REMINDERS

Sunday, March 3, 2019

COMMUNION TEAM/USHERS - Michelle Heinzinger, Janet Arena, Carole Meeks, Russell Van Wetering, Vic Babington
COUNTERS – Tom Rushforth, Frank Meeks, Christine Banks, Don Huggett
GREETERS - Bob & Barbara Wieboldt
LAY READER – Joy Jacobs
ALTAR GUILD – Joanne Hernandez, Barbara Walcott
CHILD CARE – Claudia Drummond
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Janice Hildreth, Cindy Fordham, Pat Canzani

Sunday, March 10, 2019

USHERS - ☒ Jenn Young, Inge Reist, Richard Metz, Paul Motoike
COUNTERS – Robert Owens, Diane Lento, Russell Van Wetering, Don Huggett, Tom Rushforth
GREETERS– Ronnell & Rylie Kearns
LAY READER – Don Huggett
ALTAR GUILD – Joanne Hernandez, Barbara Walcott
CHILD CARE – Jamie Carcich
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Susie Choi & Brian Leddy

Sunday, March 17, 2019

USHERS - ☒ Carole Meeks, Frank Meeks, Jeff Keehn, Helen Koons, Marvin Orendain
COUNTERS – Chet Price, Tom Rushforth, Kathy Caughlan, Bill Hamilton, Don Huggett
GREETERS – Volunteers needed
LAY READER – Pat Canzani
ALTAR GUILD – Joanne Hernandez, Barbara Walcott
CHILD CARE – Laura McGivern
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Volunteers needed

Sunday, March 24, 2019

USHERS – ☒ Janet Arena, Bob Wieboldt, Barbara Wieboldt, Bill Hamilton, Janet Masiello
COUNTERS – Cindy Fordham, Barry Arena, Tom Rushforth, Art Caughlan, Don Huggett
GREETER – Volunteers needed
LAY READER – Nadia Orendain
ALTAR GUILD – Joanne Hernandez, Barbara Walcott
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Volunteers needed

Sunday, March 31, 2019

USHERS – ☒ Vic Babington Sr., Betty Hogan, Russell Van Wetering, Chet Price
COUNTERS – Betty Hogan, Michelle Heinzinger, Terri Clark, Don Huggett, Tom Rushforth
GREETER – Volunteers needed
LAY READER – Erin Smith
ALTAR GUILD – Sara Myers, Michelle Heinzinger
CHILD CARE – Sara Myers
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Volunteers needed

☒ **Team Leader**

MEMBERSHIP

A trip to The Prudential Center to see the New Jersey Devils in action is being planned for Fall 2019!

Further details about the game will be provided once the 2019/2020 schedule is released mid-June. Please consider joining us for our annual trip to The Rock!

Thanks!
Russell Van Wetering

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Women's Fellowship is bringing back the Thrift Sale. We have decided to do this again as the installation of the "lifts" will make the collection of donations to Fellowship Hall less difficult. In addition, Women's Fellowship Board has voted to donate 1/2 of the profits to the Kitchen Renovation with the understanding that help from the Congregation will be readily available.

We encourage everyone to begin spring cleaning and go through closets and cabinets. The collections will begin on Monday, April 22 and the actual set up beginning on Monday, April 29.

The sale is Saturday, May 4th

Circle meeting on April 2 at 7:00 pm in the Library. We will be assembling Gift of the Heart Kits. All are welcome.

MUSIC

CALLING ALL SINGERS.....



ADVANCE INVITATION:

All singers are invited to be a part of the Cantata Choir which will sing for the special Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday) 10:00 a.m. service on April 14.

Rehearsals for this will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays, March 14, 21 and 28; and April 4 and 11.

A special invitation goes out to folks who love to sing, but are unable to commit to regular Chancel Choir rehearsals.

USHERING TEAM

Updated 2019/2020 ushering team schedules are available in the Narthex.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER



A Progressive Dinner is being planned for late Spring! Please join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship and fun. Details coming soon!

CONGREGATOR Deadline for the April issue is **Tuesday, March 19th**.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

GIFT OF THE HEART KITS INFO

*From Michelle L. Heinzinger
President, Women's Fellowship*



Next month our Church will again serve as the depot for the collection of health and school kits from churches in Northern New Jersey. In anticipation of the truck coming, Women's Fellowship will be assembling kits. If you would like to participate in this effort which helps so many in the United States and abroad, here are the necessary components.

Your generosity will make a world of difference to a school age child or someone who has been affected by devastation in the area where they live. Women's Fellowship thanks you for your support!

To assemble a School Kit, you will need:

- One pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
- Three 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages
- **(no loose-leaf or filler paper)**
- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
- One large eraser
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- One 12" x 14" to 14" x 17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with cloth handles. (Please, no reusable shopping bags or backpacks.)

To assemble a Health Kit, you will need:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Ten standard size Band-Aids®
- Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure; remove excess air from bag and seal. Please do not add toothpaste – Church World Service will add this item just prior to shipment.

Circle Meeting will be on April 2nd at 7:00 pm in the Library. We will be assembling

Gift of the Heart Kits. All are welcome.

LILIES, HYDRANGEA OR TULIPS FOR EASTER

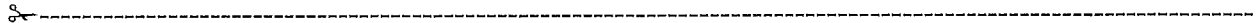
To enhance the beauty of our Sanctuary on **Easter Sunday, April 21**, the First Congregational Church of River Edge is offering members and friends, the opportunity to order Easter plants to help complete the décor. Your purchase will commemorate or honor loved ones.




Each contributor is given a choice to purchase a plant to be picked up after the Easter worship service or donate a plant for distribution to shut-ins. With either choice, the names of donors, and those in whose memory or honor the flowers are given, will be listed in the Church bulletin.

Checks should be payable to First Congregational Church of River Edge and designated for "Easter flowers," in the memo section of the check.

Checks must be received by the Church Office no later than **Sunday, April 7**. Please fill in the order form below, and return it with your check to:

First Congregational Church of River Edge
Attention – Carole Meeks, Flower Coordinator
109 Continental Avenue
River Edge, NJ 07661



I am ordering:  # _____ **Lilies - \$18.00**  # _____ **Hydrangea - \$21.00**
 # _____ **Tulips - \$10.00**

DONOR'S NAME _____ PHONE # _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

INDICATE CHOICE: _____ Take home after the Easter Service
_____ I will give for distribution to a shut-in
_____ I will help distribute to a shut-in

DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, APRIL 7

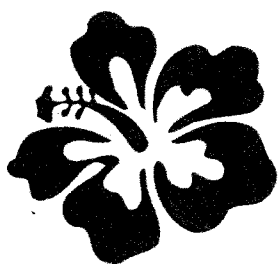
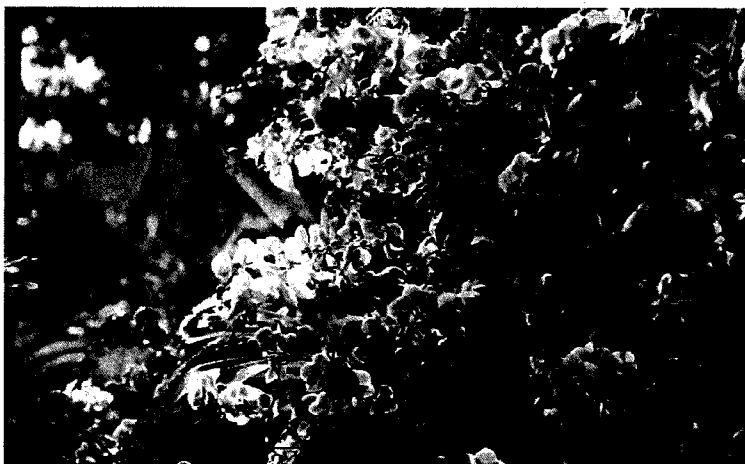
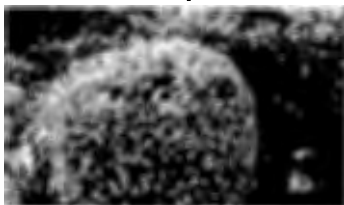


Trip to the NY Botanical Gardens The Orchid Show: Singapore

The 17th annual *Orchid Show* is a dazzling tribute to Singapore, where these storied flowers are an integral part of the life of this vibrant "City in a Garden."

****For Kids****

Visit the Everett
Children's Adventure
Garden Exploration



Sunday April 7

12:00pm in the church lot

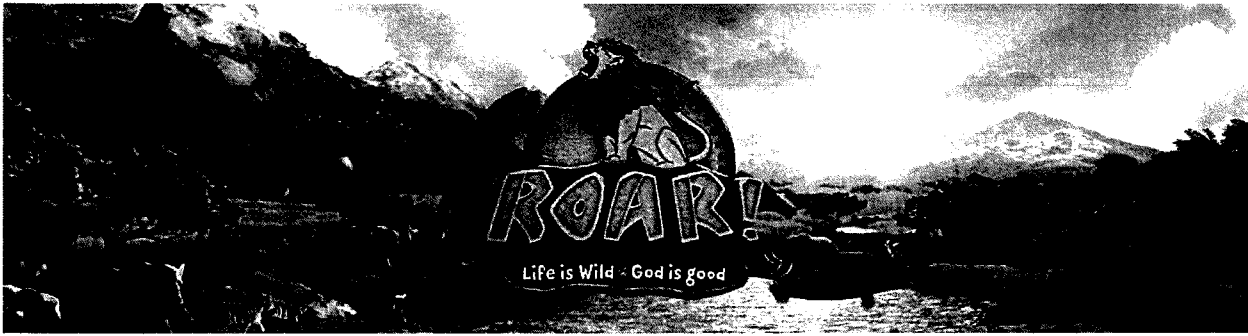
Adults- \$20

Children under 12- \$10

Please sign up and pay during Fellowship Time **by 3/17** or email Nicole at nbabington@fccrivedge.org with any questions.

March 2019

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Vacation Bible School

Volunteers needed to assist
with these stations!

- ✿ Sing & play ROAR
- ✿ Little paws pre-school
- ✿ Wild bible adventures
- ✿ Imagination station
- ✿ Stampede sports
- ✿ Safari celebration
- ✿ KidVid cinema

For more info and/or to sign up to be a VBS volunteer, please contact Nicole at nbabington@fccriveredge.org or sign up at Fellowship time.

OUR CHURCH'S
**FINANCIAL
HEALTH**

UPDATE

2019 – 61 pledges received totaling \$144,690

2018 – 77 pledges received totaling \$151,177

2019 pledge budget – \$164,000

January Gas & Electric Budget – \$2500

January Gas & Electric Actual – \$3875

EDUCATION

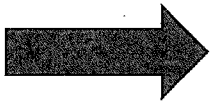
March Movies

The Education Team and Pastor Dennis will once again be presenting a Film Series during this season of Lent. The intention is to get the congregation together to watch a few inspirational and inspiring films that display the great strength of the human spirit! These films are family appropriate and all are welcome. This was great fun last year and very well attended. All films at 4 p.m.

Sunday March 3: “Won’t You Be My Neighbor”

Sunday March 17: “Places in the Heart”

Sunday March 31: “A Man Called John”



New York Botanical Gardens Trip



A trip to the NYBG to see the 17th Annual Orchid Show has been planned for Sunday 4/7. This is a dazzling tribute to Singapore where these flowers are an integral part of this vibrant city. Tickets are \$20/adult and \$10/children under 12. We will be meeting in the church parking lot at 12 p.m. and carpooling. Please sign up and pay during Fellowship Time by 3/17 or contact Nicole at nbabington@fccrivedge.org.

The Seeing Eye will be Visiting FCC

Be sure to be in church on Sunday 4/28 for a special visit from The Seeing Eye! The Youth Group has organized a special morning for both children and adults to witness the work of this amazing organization. A small introduction will be held during the Children's message then our children will have a personal experience with our visitors during church school. All of the congregation will then have the opportunity to meet a service dog and his/her "person" during Fellowship Time. Come and see the organization you and the Youth Group have been supporting this year!



VBS Volunteers needed

The Education Team has chosen a theme for this summer's VBS! **"ROAR! Life is Wild, God is Good"** is a 5 half day program designed for kids to explore and celebrate faith as it powers them through life. It uses Bible stories and creative activities to help them experience God's word and apply it to their own lives. We will need a devoted team of volunteers to assist with putting this all together. Members of this team should be creative, hardworking, fun and available to help create a great program for our children. We are tentatively scheduled for **Aug. 12-16, 2019**. Please look out for volunteer sign-up sheets and registration forms during Fellowship time or email me at nbabington@fccrivedge.org. Meeting dates will be announced very soon.

Youth Group Fundraiser

Thanks to all of your book donations, our **"Make a Donation, Take a Book"** fundraiser is off to a fantastic start! We currently have a great selection of both adult and children's books to share. Please look for our "library" during Fellowship time over the next few weeks. New selections are appearing each week, so don't forget to take a look. So far, we have raised almost \$200! Please continue with your always generous donations. Proceeds will go towards future programming for the Youth Group as well as our donation to The Seeing Eye, Inc.



Another Successful Souper Bowl Sunday

Once again, our congregation has really stepped up to support the CFA. We collected 115 total items in addition to our coin collection (total TBD.) Thank you all for your generous donations!

Education Team Needs New Members

Interested in getting involved with our Youth/Adult/Family Ministries? These ministries are hoping to become more active in enhancing our member's faith formation experiences. In order to do this, some committed volunteers who are open to new ideas are needed. The team is looking for 1 full term member in addition to Co-Op positions, so if working with just one ministry and/or activity is your thing, the Education Team needs you! If interested, please contact team leader Beth Shuler at bethshuler7@gmail.com or Nicole at nbabington@fccriveredge.org

Children's Message

Our weekly children's message plays an important part in getting our children involved in the service of worship. It also gives the members of the congregation an opportunity to show our youngest members that we have a lot to teach them and that we care about their faith development. I will be reaching out for volunteers for this Spring, so please consider giving 3-4 minutes to our children. There will also be a sign-up sheet during Fellowship time.

Childcare 2019

March 2019

Mar. 3-Claudia Drummond
Mar. 10-Jamie Carcich
Mar. 17-Laura McGivern
Mar. 24-Sara Myers

~Nicole Babington

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF RIVER EDGE
Prayer Concerns – March 2019

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill

Joan Jones, Tom Rushforth, Clara Stoll, Doris Price, Marie Herrick, June Seilheimer, Barbara Christiansen, Barbara Schmidli, John Braden, Joan Sullivan, Arlene Rudd, Annamae Relph, Larry Buisa, William Brewer, Paul Krokus, Rev. Muriel (Mimi) Hatchfeld, Edwina Arena and Barbara Carr,

Those Homebound, in Assisted Living Residences or Nursing homes

Annamae Relph, William Spencer, Mildred Alderdice, Joan Sullivan, Autumn Owens.

Serving in the Military

Amy Hildreth, Michael Shuler and Michael Riabov

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Office is closed.

Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 – 4:00 pm.

CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION

109 Continental Avenue, River Edge, NJ 07661

Phone (201) 261-1712

Website – www.fccriveredge.org

Church Office e-mail – office@fccriveredge.org

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