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- Flag Day, *June 14, 2019*
- Trinity Sunday, *June 16, 2019*
- Father's Day, *June 16, 2019*
- First day of summer, *June 21, 2019*

*First Congregational Church
109 Continental Avenue
River Edge, New Jersey 07661*

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CHURCH REGISTER

Funeral Service

Clara Stoll May 8, 2019 (d.)
Graveside Memorial Service May 11, 2019
Officiant Rev. Dennis TeBeest

Kathleen McNally April 13, 2019 (d)
Memorial Service July 9, 2019
Officiant Rev. Dennis TeBeest

LEGACY OF FAITH

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

WELCOME NEW CHURCH MEMBERS

Michael and Jamie Carcich reside in Emerson NJ with their daughters Hailey (5-1/2) and Vanessa (2-1/2). Michael is a physics teacher and assistant football coach at Northern Valley Demarest HS and head baseball coach at Wood-Ridge HS while Jamie is self-employed. Both Michael and Jamie went to the College of New Jersey.

Tom and Michele DeVincenzo reside in Hillsdale NJ with their daughters Kylie (8) and Morgan (6) and two sister rescue dogs Snickers and Rolo.

Tom is a recruiter and runs his own company, Absolute Recruiting Solutions, from home. Michele is a biology and anatomy teacher and Head Girls Spring Track & Field Coach at River Dell HS and owns her own skincare and wellness business. Kylie is a competitive gymnast at Aeon in Hillsdale and also loves playing soccer, softball, golf and fighting with her sister. Morgan is a fierce soccer player and also dabbles in t-ball, gymnastics, and golf. Both love coming to mommies track & field camps at River Dell in the summer.

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James and Janice Hildreth, originally from Massachusetts, came to Bergen County 40 years ago from Texas. One son and family live in Virginia and the other in San Diego. We were members of the former Paramus Congregational Church. James is a retired chemical engineer who loves golfing, fly fishing, playing bridge, and photography; he's also a car buff. Janice still teaches adults in high school equivalency and ESL and does freelance editing. When we're at our little cottage in Connecticut, we're missing our church services and church family that have become a big part of our lives.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Women's Fellowship is happy to report that our Thrift Sale was financially successful. Despite a mix up with the table set-up, the pick-up from Salvation Army and the publicity in our local paper, we raised \$2,000. Honoring our agreement, \$1,000 has been given to the Kitchen Renovation project. Thanks to all who helped with this endeavor. We couldn't have done it without the many hands who gave generously of their time.

The Blue Chip Chorus

Despite rain (again) our Blue Chip Chorus program brought sunny smiles. Thanks to Gene Hammerle and the members of the chorus who delighted us on Tuesday, May 7 with jokes and wonderful melodies. It was a wonderful evening that raised \$555.00 for our renovation project. We are so grateful to the chorus for sharing their talents.

Michelle Heinzinger

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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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.

FROM THE MODERATOR

What a wonderful evening!

Yes, I am referring to April in Paris.

Over 140 members and friends of First Congregational attended this special event and enjoyed an evening of fellowship, food & drink, music, singing and dancing.

Thank you to all who generously donated gifts for the Tricky Tray and Silent Auction, and to all who attended. We raised over \$10,000.00!

I personally thank Susie Choi & Brian Leddy, Diane Lento, Janet Arena, Jayne Wieboldt, Anne Cooper, Janice & James Hildreth, Helen Koons, Tim Wallace & Andrew Wallace, Gloria Norton, Signe Myhren, Joy Jacobs, Susan Lento, Pat Canzani, Erin Smith, Kathy & Dana Johnson, Pastor Dennis & Betty Hogan and Joanne Salerno a very dear friend of our congregation!

Russell Van Wetering

MISSION TEAM

Family Promise Hike for Hope for the Homeless May 5th - Results

THANK YOU to the FCC Flyers Team, all 20(!) members, who hiked in the rain to raise money for homeless working families. We raised **over \$1,500**, this year (vs \$2,976 last year). Your Mission Team is **very grateful** for all those who participate and donate to our out-reaches, despite the many in-reach pressures on our time and purses this year.

Excerpt from Family Promise message:

"WOW! The Family Promise Hike for Hope was an amazing, inspiring day thanks to YOU! It rained ALL DAY LONG but that didn't stop us! Thank you to everyone who registered, raised funds, and braved the weather to Hike for Hope for 3 miles in the pouring rain and cold! As our Executive Director Kate Duggan said, you really know who your friends are when they turn out in droves in the rain to support you! Thank you for your dedication, enthusiasm and heart in supporting Family Promise and helping to raise funds to break the cycle of homelessness for working families. You turned rain into a rainbow and we are so thankful."

TYING THE KNOT



I said "I do" and, we are!!!
Diane Rolfs and Rick Iaconetti are getting married on Saturday, June 15, 2019 @ 11:00 a.m. We would love to see your smiling faces in the pews on our very special day!

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that FCCRE is on Social Media? Please like and follow us on the **First Congregational Church of River Edge** Facebook page.



Do you know that our Church webpage is a valuable site for information, programs, events and activities here at First Congregational Church?

Please contact Helen Koons at helenknkk@aol.com if you have anything you would like to be included on the webpage.

www.fccriveredge.org

CHURCH INFORMATION

At First Congregational we seek to serve you in any way we can. Below you will find contact information when you have questions or needs. **Information about programs for children and youth?** Call Nicole Babington, for information about Church School, Youth Group and other programs (201-965-3435)

An illness, hospitalization, birth, wedding or death in the family? Call the Church Office any time (201-261-1712).

Questions about baptism or membership? Call the Church Office (201-261-1712) to make an appointment with Pastor TeBeest.

For any question or concern not on the list – please call us anytime. We are here for you!

MUSIC



THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make Bells & Whistles XIX a rousing success.

Performers and helpers - you are all very much appreciated for your fine musicianship and for the wonderful spirit with which you share your talents. And to all those who attended, thank you for your support, and for your generous contribution to our local food bank.

SUMMERCHOIR RETURNS!

Beginning on June 16, anyone who loves to sing is invited to participate in SummerChoir. All ages and music experience are welcome.

Just show up for a brief rehearsal at 9:15 a.m. on any Sunday you are available. The music will be easy and appealing. Be there!

Gloria Norton
Minister of Music

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



The Progressive Dinner is Saturday June 8th! Thank you to all who volunteered to host and attend.



Lemonade in the Parlor commences Sunday June 16th! Please contact Russell Van Wetering at aprilsky@optonline.net or (201) 261-1795 to Greet prior to worship or host Lemonade this summer.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Michael Phillips on his recent graduation from the College of Wooster, where he majored in Music. FCCRE was a large part of the village that helped raise Michael, and for that our family is grateful. Here at church, Michael participated fully in the Sunday School and Confirmation programs, was active in Carol Choir, Nowell Choir, Pilgrim Ringers, Cantata Choir, and he provided special piano and saxophone music on numerous occasions. Many of you went to great lengths to hear him perform in the surrounding communities at music festivals and recitals, as well as at Carnegie's Weill Recital Hall in NYC. You also connected him to opportunities outside of our church--pipe organ camp, Jersey Jubilation Handbell Choir, summer employment. Thanks to each of you for the countless ways, musically and otherwise, in which you encouraged and supported Michael along his way! An outdoors enthusiast, he is now working at Sawbill Canoe Outfitters in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of northeastern MN until November. Stay tuned for what's next on his horizon.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Bill Clark on his ceremony of recognition for six years of service as crossing guard at Roosevelt School.



Faith and Family Night at the New Jersey Jackals

Saturday June 29

\$10

Game time 6:05pm

Meal vouchers available for \$5

Hot dog, hamburger or cheeseburger, chips and a drink

Yogi Berra Museum 12-5pm (optional, fee at
door: \$10 adult, \$5 children)

Fun faith and family activities

**Food Drive: Please bring non-perishable items for local
food pantries**

Fireworks after the game

Friends and family welcome!

Yogi Berra Stadium is located on the campus of Montclair State University
8 Yogi Berra Drive
Little Falls, NJ

Sign up at Fellowship Time or email Nicole at nbabington@fccriveredge.org

WORSHIP TEAM

Communion will be served on Sunday, June 2nd by intinction (forward). Please advise an usher if you would like to share communion but are unable to go forward.

Attendance at the Sunday morning church service has been strong. There has been a total of approximately 100 adults and children on most Sundays. God is good, indeed!

The ushers will be welcoming you midway in the Sanctuary with the bulletins, large print bulletins and printed copies of the hymns. There are 4 stations where they are located – one in each aisle.

Please use the prayer list located in the Narthex for any names of relatives or friends that may need our prayers for joys or concerns.

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 prayer requests that you might want included during the service.

Janet Arena
Worship Team – Leader

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SHAWL MINISTRY



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

Thursday, June 13, 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.

EDUCATION

Save the Date

Please mark your calendars with a very important date in the lives of our children. Church School Sunday will be held on **June 9 at 10am**. This service is a celebration of our 2018-2019 church school year and gives the children an opportunity to SHINE! We will be acknowledging all of our participants as well as the volunteers that make our program possible.

Faith and Family Night at the NJ Jackals

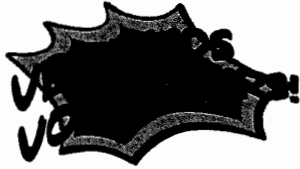


Join us on Saturday 6/29 at Yogi Berra Stadium to watch some baseball, enjoy post-game fireworks and fellowship. Game starts at 6:05pm and tickets are \$10. NEW this year, food vouchers will be offered for a small additional fee. For more info or to sign up, contact Nicole at nbabington@fccriveredge.org. You can also sign up during Fellowship Time.



2019

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. This exciting adventure will be held Aug. 12-16, 2019 from 9-12pm at FCC. Cost is \$25 per child or \$40 per family. For more information, please contact Nicole at nbabington@fccriveredge.org. You can register your child or sign up to volunteer on our website at www.fccriveredge.org.



We will need a devoted team of volunteers to assist with putting this year's VBS together. Members of this team should be creative, hardworking, fun and available to help create a great program for our children. We are scheduled for mornings **Aug. 12-16, 2019**. Please look out for a volunteer sign-up genius email in your inbox or go to our website for the link. Meetings will be held leading up to VBS to discuss volunteer opportunities in more detail.

Summer Reading Anyone?



Our congregation had a very successful summer book club last year reading 3 books! I will be happy to put together another club this year if anyone is interested. Please let me know your thoughts. If we can get enough members together, our first book can be selected before vacation!



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

Childcare 2019

June 2019

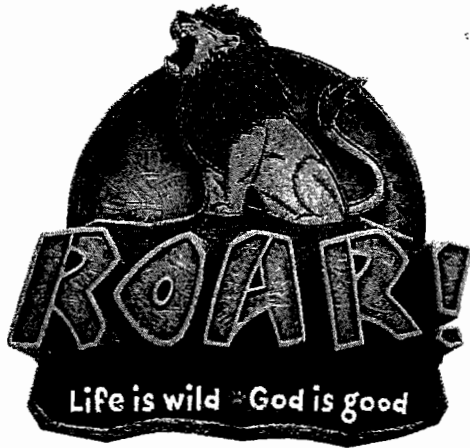
- June 2-Joan Buono
- June 9-Cathy Raffa
- June 16-Claudia Drummond
- June 23-Jaime Carcich
- June 30-Sharon Struzzi

Summer Childcare

As you know, FCC offers childcare to families in the summer months. This is extremely important for families who may have guests visiting or for new families just visiting our church. Please contact me if you are willing to do just one Sunday this July or August. I will also be reaching out to past helpers via email. Thanks in advance for your support!

Nicole





Come join the adventure
at
VBS 2019

Date: Aug. 12-16, 2019


Time: 9am-12pm at:

First Congregational Church
109 Continental Avenue
River Edge, NJ


To register, contact Nicole at nbabington@fccriveredge.org
or online at www.fccriveredge.org

June 2019

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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2 9:15 Chancel Choir 9:30 Carol and Nowell Choir 10:00 Worship Service/Communion/ The Rev. Karyn Ratcliffet/Church School/Child Care/Church School 11:00 Fellowship Time 12:00 Korean Baptist Church 3:00 Girl Scouts	3 12:00 Noon Al-Anon 7:00 Step by Step NA	4	5 7:00 AA- 7:00 Education Team	6 10:15 Staff Meeting	7 7:00 Tri-County Pipe & Drum Rehearsal	8 Progressive Dinner - 8:30 KWIS 7:00 AA
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9 Pentecost Sunday Church School Sunday 9:15 Chancel Choir 9:30 Carol and Nowell Choir 10:00 Worship Service/ The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/Church School/Child Care 11:00 Fellowship Time/Ice Cream Sunday 12:00 Korean Baptist Church 4:30 Second Sunday	10 12:00 Noon Al-Anon 1:30 Women's Fellowship/Executive Board 7:00 Worship Team 7:00 Step by Step NA	11 7:00 Mission Team 7:00 Boy Scouts	12 6:00 Funds Advisory 7:00 AA	13 10:15 Staff Meeting 1:00 Shawl Ministry	 14 7:00 Tri-County Pipe & Drum Rehearsal	15 8:30 KWIS 7:00 AA
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16 Happy Father's Day! 9:15 SummerChoir 10:00 Worship Service/ The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/Child Care 11:00 Fellowship Time/Lemonade in The Commons 12:00 Korean Baptist Church	17 12:00 Noon Al-Anon 7:00 Step by Step NA	18 CONGREGATOR DEADLINE 7:00 Leadership Council	19 7:00 AA	20 10:15 Staff Meeting	21 First Day of Summer 7:00 Tri-County Pipe & Drum Rehearsal	22 8:30 KWIS 7:00 AA
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JUNE 2019 COMMITMENT REMINDERS

Sunday, June 2, 2019

COMMUNION TEAM/USHERS - Wayne Placek, Russell Van Wetering, Alice Rushforth, Jane Silane, Vic Babinton
COUNTERS – Chet Price, Tom Rushforth, Kathy Caughlan, Bill Hamilton, Don Huggett
GREETER – Volunteers needed
LAY READER – Janice Hildreth
ALTAR GUILD – Dona Berg, Jean Babington
CHILD CARE – Joan Buono
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Education Team

Sunday, June 9, 2019

USHERS – ☒ Vic Babington Sr., Betty Hogan, Russell Van Wetering, Chet Price
COUNTERS – Cindy Fordham, Barry Arena, Tom Rushforth, Art Caughlan, Don Huggett
GREETERS – Pre Confirmation Class
LAY READER – Church School Sunday, Youth Leaders
ALTAR GUILD — Dona Berg, Jean Babington
CHILD CARE – Cathy Raffa
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Mission Team – Ice Cream Sunday

Sunday, June 16, 2019

USHERS - ☒ Stuart Heinzinger, Diane Lento, Bill Clark
COUNTERS – Betty Hogan, Michelle Heinzinger, Terri Clark, Don Huggett, Tom Rushforth
GREETERS – Volunteers needed
LAY READER – Erin Smith
ALTAR GUILD – — Dona Berg, Jean Babington
CHILD CARE – Claudia Drummond
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Volunteers needed

Sunday, June 23, 2018

USHERS – ☒ Wayne Placek, William Fordham, Tom Rushforth, Diane Rolfs, Barbara Placek
COUNTERS – Tom Rushforth, Frank Meeks, Christine Banks, Pat Canzani, Don Huggett
GREETER – Volunteers needed
LAY READER – Anabelle Babington
ALTAR GUILD – Dona Berg, Jean Babington
CHILD CARE – Jaime Carcich
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Volunteers needed

Sunday, June 30, 2019

USHERS – ☒ Gary and Heather Schaechinger, Susanna Motoike, Noreen Van Wetering
COUNTERS – Robert Owens, Diane Lento, Russell Van Wetering, Don Huggett, Tom Rushforth
GREETERS – Volunteers needed
LAY READER – Don Huggett
ALTAR GUILD – Dona Berg, Jean Babington
CHILD CARE – Sharon Struzzi
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Volunteers needed

☒ **Team Leader**