

The Congregator

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MARCH 8, 2:00 AM



Lent is a time for restoring balance to our lives. The Eskimos practice balance as they venture into freezing Arctic waters in little boats. If you've ever paddled a kayak, you know how easy they are to tip. Thankfully, kayaks are just as easy to turn back upright.

That isn't a bad image for Lent – or for life as a whole. Whatever spiritual disciplines we adopt, if we succumb to temptation, it's no biggie. One of the lessons of Lent is that, as long as we're traveling light, it takes only a quick twist of the paddle to right us. That paddle twist might take the form of a quick but heartfelt prayer: "Jesus, set me straight again!" Or it might mean some extra time set aside for quiet meditation with God. Don't get worried if your spiritual discipline fails now and then. Just let Jesus help you get upright once more, and keep paddling!

—adapted from Carlos Wilton, in *Homiletics*

Special dates

- First Sunday in Lent, *March 1, 2020*
- World Day of Prayer, *March 6, 2020*
- Second Sunday in Lent, *March 8, 2020*
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, *March 8, 2020*
- Third Sunday in Lent, *March 15, 2020*
- First day of spring, *March 19, 2020*
- Fourth Sunday in Lent, *March 22, 2020*
- Fifth Sunday in Lent, *March 29, 2020*

First Life in Lent

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

Ash Wednesday, February 26:

6:00 pm: SOUP SUPPER.

(Join and share in this simple supper in Fellowship Hall, then head upstairs for...)

7:00 pm: WORSHIP AND SERVICE OF ASHES.

(A quiet service of scripture, prayer and song, inviting us to Lenten Disciplines, and offering the imposition of ashes. Confirmation Youth assist.)

Sundays, 10:00 am: WORSHIP

(Join in serving our community at **SECOND SUNDAY**, March 8, 4:30 pm. And through **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** in worship on March 22.)

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

pm: BROWN BAGS & BIBLES - Entering the Passion of Jesus. Guided by Amy-Jill Levine's book, we will read the Passion stories with an eye to understanding and questioning our own lives, through the stories of Jesus' trials and choices. Bring your lunch at noon. *A sign-up sheet and books are available in the Commons.* For March 3, read chapter 1!

Tuesdays (3/3 – 31), 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 1, 15, 29, 4:00 pm:

MARCH MOVIES – *East Side Sushi...*

Up...Places in the Heart. Join us in this great outing and opportunity for Lenten insight through film!

Sunday, March 15 & 29, 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.

Saturday, April 4:

Service Opportunity.

For children, youth and adults: come with us to the Jumel Mansion in East Harlem, for the planting of flowers on the grounds, and the hearing of history! More details are coming...

FIRST THINGS

Preparation...Celebration...Application

For much of the Christian world, including us at FCC, the calendar year looks a little different than it does in the rest of the world. It doesn't begin with January...it begins with Advent. And, as we traipse through the Church's year, we don't mark it by the month. We mark it by the seasons:

Advent...
 Christmas...
 Epiphany...
Lent...
 Easter...
 Pentecost.

Actually, if you categorize those seasons by their moods, our calendar becomes even simpler. We have *two* seasons:

- of **Preparation** (Advent & Lent)
- of **Celebration** (Christmas & Easter)
- of **Application** (Epiphany & Pentecost)

Our **Preparation** seasons are there for us to make our lives and our worlds more ready and willing for God to come in. Our **Celebration** seasons are there for us to realize that God *will* and *does* come into our lives, no matter what (Amazing Grace!) And our **Application** seasons ("growing time") help us to see how to move with God day-in and day-out.

When we're in worship, should you get confused about where our worship, scripture, sermon and song are trying to turn us, just take a look at the colors on the pulpit, lectern and table:

- **Preparation** = Purple/Blue
- **Celebration** = White
- **Application** = Green

(Yes, there's another color that you'll see on rare occasions. When you do see it, know that the Holy Spirit must be up to something really special today!)

Here we go this week, into the most intense **Preparation** time of them all: Lent (which means "lengthening"), God's "little springtime." The journey of Lent takes us through 40 (or so) uncertain days of reflection, prayer, and growth.

We need the journey; we need this time to **prepare**. 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.

This Preparation season ahead of us needs to be communal, because none of us can see clearly alone. 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. 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. This issue of the *Congregator* shows you numerous ways we can study, pray, and grow together in the coming weeks.

And remember: as you **prepare**, 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

EDUCATION

A Successful Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday



Thanks to all who helped make Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday a great success. Our congregation collected 160 items and over \$125 in change for the CFA. Caring for our neighbors is an important part of our faith and this is a wonderful way to teach our children how to get it done!

Zoofari-March 28 12-3pm

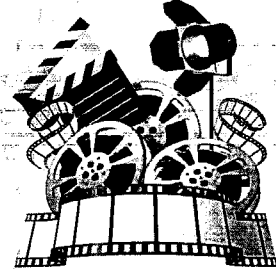
The Education Team is planning a 3 hour mini VBS that is designed for families to experience together in an open house type setting. At Zoofari, kids and families are on the prowl, spotting wild animals and finding fun games and gadgets along the way. At each station, they'll charge into valuable experiences and discover that God is WILD about them! This is a great opportunity for community outreach as a follow up to our ROAR VBS. Registration has begun at www.fccriveredge.org.



Interaction with our Church School Classes

In case this has gone unnoticed, I have an admiration for children. I really believe that we are role models to them in every situation, good or bad, fun or stressful. They will be more willing to participate in anything in life if they know what to expect or have an idea of how to handle it. I would love to have members of the congregation share stories or experiences about their faith development or life experiences with our children. If you think you have a story to tell, please let me know!

3rd Annual First's Lenten Film Festival



The Education Team and Pastor Dennis will once again be presenting a Lenten Film Series during this season of Lent. The intention is to get the congregation together to watch a few inspirational 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.

Sunday 3/1: "East Side Sushi"

Sunday 3/15: "Up"

Sunday 3/29: "Places in the Heart"

Films will be held at 4 pm in The Commons

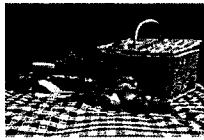
Confirmation Class to visit Riverside Church

Our 2020 Confirmation class is scheduled to visit The Riverside Church on Sunday March 8. They have been invited to join the Riverside Youth church school before worship. A tour of this historic church is also planned.

SAVE THE DATE: Youth and Family Service Project

A wonderful opportunity to do some planting at the historic Morris-Jumel Mansion in NYC is in the works for Saturday April 4. This is a service project for all ages and should be a great learning outreach experience. More details and sign ups to follow. In the meantime, check out the history of this house at www.morrisjumel.org.

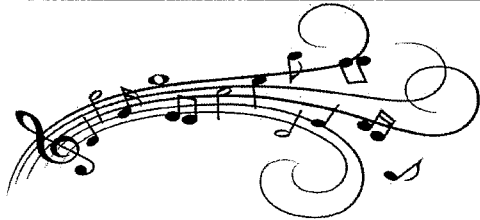
MEMBERSHIP TEAM



A **Progressive Dinner** and an outdoor **Church Picnic** (on our lawn!) are being considered for late spring/early summer. Please contact Russell Van Wetering at aprilsky@optonline.net or (201) 261-1795 if interested in hosting for the dinner and or helping with the picnic.

Thank you!
Russell Van Wetering

MUSIC



The Cantata Choir
presents

WITNESS

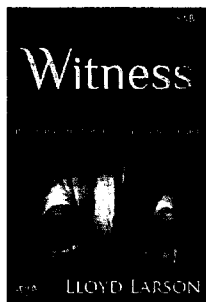
a Lenten cantata by Lloyd Larson

10:00 a.m. Sunday, March 29, 2020

Pam Weiler, piano

Michelle and Stuart Heinzinger, narrators

Gloria Norton, director



CARE MINISTRY



WHEELCHAIR WANTED - A member of our congregation is in need of a wheelchair. If you are looking to dispose of one or know of one with footrests that could be usable, please contact Janice Hildreth at 201-891-3738 (or the church office).



**WE NEED
YOUR HELP!**

All Points Bulletin!

A copy of the December 15 church service – Christmas Cantata is needed. Our archival copy has gone missing and people are still requesting copies.

If you have a copy, would you please drop it off at the church office asap or give to Cindy Fordham during worship.

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

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.

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.

LEGACY OF FAITH

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

WORSHIP TEAM

The season of Lent has begun. Thank you to all who attended the Soup and Bread Supper on Ash Wednesday. Special thanks to those who prepared soup and/or brought bread to share at the supper.

Sunday, March 1st we will celebrate and share Communion in the pews at the 10:00AM Worship Service. The Communion bread is gluten-free.

The Ushers welcome you midway in the Sanctuary with bulletins, large print bulletins and printed copies of the hymns. There are 3 stations where they are located – one in each aisle.

The Worship Team invites you to contemplate joining an ushering team. Each team is on duty every 7 or 8 weeks. A Team Leader guides the team with the responsibilities and joys of being involved in the worship service. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Janet Arena at jga125@aol.com.



THE LENTEN/EASTER SEASON BEGINS

MEMBERSHIP TEAM

FCCRE is planning a new **pictorial membership directory for 2020**. Such a directory is a great help in identifying other members, new or not, and in improving our ability to communicate with each other. Photo directories of the past were expensive and time-limited. They also were unable to be updated and possibly involved some pressure to purchase photos. This year's procedure will take a whole new direction to preclude such negative factors. A professional photographer in our congregation, Marvin Orendain, has graciously offered to do some photo shoots after church services on Sunday March 22, 29, and April 5. (Palm Sunday). These photos will be for the directory only; no printed photos will be offered for sale. Any youths of the church who have an interest in photography are welcome to assist Marvin for some hands-on learning and experience. Further information will arrive via email and/or during church announcements. Sign-up sheets for scheduling will be available at fellowship hour, or you can call Heidi Buatti at 860-604-3472.

Those who do not want to have a photo sitting at church can take their own color digital photo of themselves--with other FAMILY CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY. The photo should be "headshots" only, well-lit and have a plain or non-distracting background. (Easter Sunday could be a chance to ask relatives to frame you in your "Sunday Best.") Please send it as an attachment to office@fccriveredge.org, with a subject line "**Directory Photo.**" Please include names in your email, even though the listing information will be completed and checked at a later time.

If you have questions, you can also contact Heidi, Russ Van Wetering, or Janice Hildreth. We hope for a high percentage of participation to make our church "family photo album" as complete as possible. Thank you.

Janice Hildreth

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 13 at 1:30 pm in the Library. We will be assembling

Gift of the Heart Kits. All are welcome.



CWS

CWS Blankets Honor Certificate

*In grateful recognition of your support
for emergency response and sustainable development
around the world through Church World Service.*

First Congregational Church of River Edge

River Edge, NJ

January 2020

Building a world with enough for all.



Mission Team Report

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

Based on our contribution of \$2,560 in 2018, we were one of the **top 100 UCC church donors per capita**.

In 2019, we gave only \$2,000, so we may not make the 2019 list ... but let's try to be back on in 2020!

March 22 is OGHS Sunday in 2020. The money you donate is used by UCC to help many, often with disaster relief. Here's an example of what your gifts do:

A disabled Navy veteran in Florida lost a lot of roof shingles in a hurricane, causing major leaks and destroying some of his ceiling. UCC's Disaster Ministries partnered with a local volunteer organization to get the roof repaired. And then the UCC deployed a volunteer work team from a UCC Altoona church to complete the interior repairs to his home. "The volunteers...did it with such love and compassion ... My health was deteriorating due to breathing in particles and debris from the water damage in my home, but it's improving ... I have a new outlook and I am no longer depressed. You have changed my life."



Central Atlantic

New Ark Church UCC
Newark, DE

Greenbelt Community Church, UCC
Greenbelt, MD

**First Congregational Church
of River Edge UCC**
River Edge, NJ

Little River UCC
Annandale, VA

Rock Spring Congregational UCC
Arlington, VA

Sojourners UCC
Charlottesville, VA

Emmanuel UCC
Vienna, VA

Short Stories on Mission...

Family Promise – January 2020.

Thank you to everyone who helped host Family Promise in January.

The day after we provided the meal, a homeless family of five (mother, father, 8-year old son and 3-year old twins) came to the shelter on an emergency basis. Another congregation was in charge of providing dinner that night, but Family Promise asked if First Congregational could set up sleeping quarters **right away**.

Yes, we could – and did. **Thanks to everyone** in our church, that desperate family had clean sheets, warm blankets and quilts, a safe and comfortable place to stay that week.

*Everyone who supports our church supports our outreaches, allowing us to **be there** for others.*
THANK YOU!



Pumpkin Patch ➡ All Wrapped Up ➡ A Needy Local Family

Standing on a checkout line at a local retailer in November, a regular customer of our Pumpkin Patch recognized a regular volunteer of the Patch. When the customer remarked that the church volunteers must be getting a break after the Patch, the volunteer laughingly explained that the church was now in full gear on the All Wrapped Up program, fulfilling the holiday wish lists of struggling neighbors.

And then a stranger standing in line behind the two pressed a \$20 bill into the hands of our Patch person, said it was for our *All Wrapped Up* campaign! So, one of our **All Wrapped Up** 'adoptees' got an extra \$20 Shop Rite gift card because of **Pumpkin Patch!**

SHAWL MINISTRY



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

Tuesday, March 10, at 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 12, 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.

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



March 2020

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



well hello,
march

1 9:15 Chancel Choir 9:30 Carol & Nowell Choir 10:00 Worship Service/Communion/ The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/Child Care 11:00 Fellowship Time 11:20 Congregational Conversation 12:00 Korean Baptist Church 4:00 March Movie – East Side Sushi	2 <u>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</u> 12:00 Noon Al-Anon 7:00 Worship Team 7:00 Education Team 7:30 Step by Step NA	3 12:00 Brown Bags & Bibles 6:00 Lent Vespers Prayer	4	5	6 7:00 Tri- County Pipe & Drum Rehearsal	7 8:30 KWIS 7:00 AA
8 Daylight Savings Time 9:15 Chancel Choir 9:30 Carol & Nowell Choir 10:00 Worship Service/ The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/Child Care 11:00 Fellowship Time 12:00 Korean Baptist Church 4:30 Second Sunday	9 <u>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</u> 12:00 Noon Al-Anon 1:30 Women's Fellowship 7:30 Step by Step NA	10 12:00 Brown Bags & Bibles 6:15 Lent Vespers Prayer & Communion 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Shawl Ministry	11 7:00 RE Swim Club 7:30 AA	12 1:00 Shawl Ministry 7:00 Cantata Choir 8:15 Pilgrim Ringers	13 7:00 Tri- County Pipe & Drum Rehearsal	14 8:30 KWIS 4:00 Pinewood Derby 7:00 AA
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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. This is a great inter-generational activity that shows visitors and new members that we strive for the inclusion of young families. I will be reaching out for volunteers in the coming months, so please consider giving 3 minutes to our children. There will also be a sign-up sheet during Fellowship time.

Childcare 2020

- March 1-Barbara Walcott
- March 8-Amanda Hosgood
- March 15-Kim Shirk
- March 22-Noreen Van Wetering
- March 29-Sharon Struzzi

~Nicole Babington

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF RIVER EDGE

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill

Evelyn Fialko, June Morris, Victor Babington Sr., Arlene Rudd, Richard Smith, Joanne Hernandez, Hilma Albrecht, Chris Egner, Diane Pra, Chet Price, Doris Price, Tom Rushforth, Karnig Thomasian, Marie Herrick, June Seilheimer, Barbara Christiansen, John Braden, Joan Sullivan, William Brewer, Paul Krokus, Rev. Muriel (Mimi) Hatchfeld, Edwina Arena, Barbara Carr, Frank Mills, Karen Coffey, Michael Cirillo.

Those Homebound, in Assisted Living Residences or Nursing Homes

Barbara Schmidli, Phyllis Malley, Joan Jones, William Spencer, Mildred Alderdice, Joan Sullivan, Autumn Owens.

Serving in the Military

Michael Shuler, Michael Riabov and Bob Bailey

CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION

Monday, Office is closed.
Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 – 4:00 pm.

109 Continental Avenue, River Edge, NJ 07661

Phone (201) 261-1712

Website – www.fccriveredge.org

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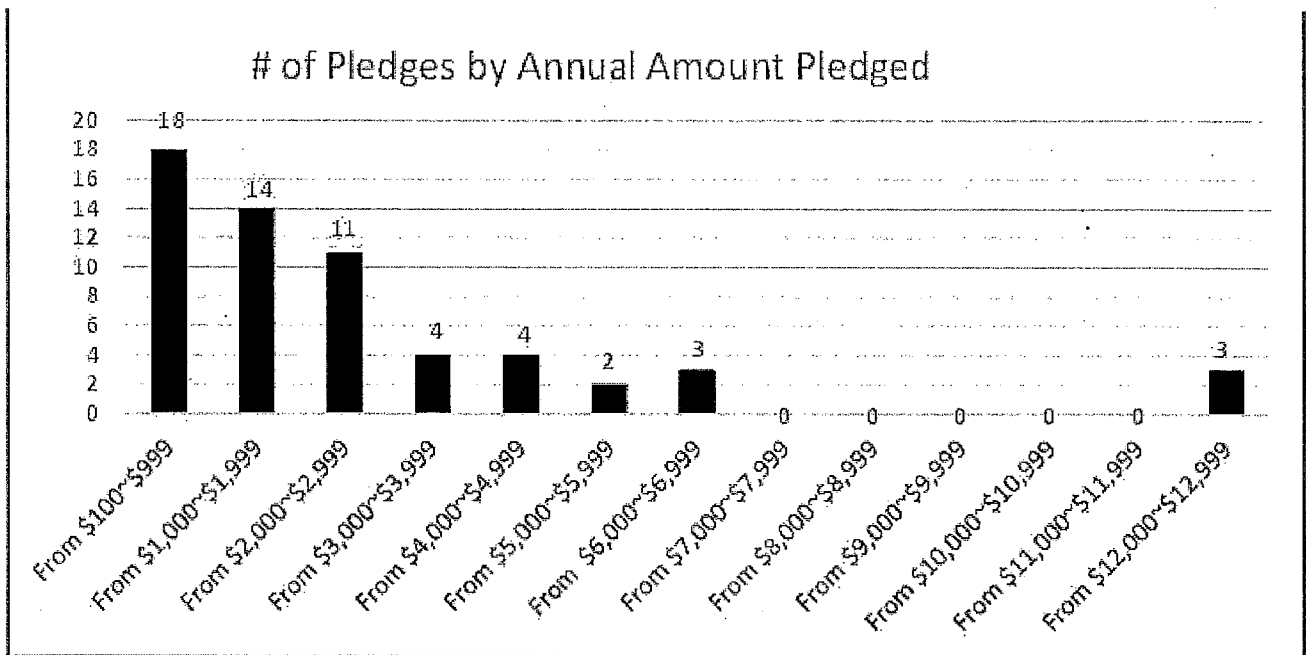


Pray Gratefully | Serve Responsibly | Give Generously

Stewardship Update

- We have a shortfall in our 2020 Budget target for Pledges
- The shortfall is just under 20% (or over \$30,000 of the \$185,000 pledge target)
- This shortfall is approximately the amount budgeted for heat and light plus cleaning services
- That is, there is very little we can cut on the Expense side to balance the budget.

Here's the distribution of the pledges so far for 2020:



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please re-consider your 2020 pledge.

- Please consider pledging if you have not done so yet
- ***Please consider being one of our 'prime movers' and increasing your pledge perhaps even moving up to the next level?***

Anything you can do will be deeply appreciated

PS: To those who have 'maxed out' their pledge effort already, THANK YOU

Amount of Annual Pledge	# of Pledges
From \$100~\$999	18
From \$1,000~\$1,999	14
From \$2,000~\$2,999	11
From \$3,000~\$3,999	4
From \$4,000~\$4,999	4
From \$5,000~\$5,999	2
From \$6,000~\$6,999	3
From \$7,000~\$7,999	0
From \$8,000~\$8,999	0
From \$9,000~\$9,999	0
From \$10,000~\$10,999	0
From \$11,000~\$11,999	0
From \$12,000~\$12,999	3

MARCH 2020 COMMITMENT REMINDERS

Sunday, March 1, 2020

COMMUNION TEAM/USHERS - Wayne Placek, Janet Arena, Alice Rushforth, Russell Van Wetering, Frank Meeks
COUNTERS – Robert Owens, Diane Lento, Russell Van Wetering, Don Huggett, Tom Rushforth
GREETERS – Volunteers needed
LAY READER – Joan Hammerle
ALTAR GUILD – Nancy Chiang, Noreen Van Wetering
CHILD CARE – Barbara Walcott
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Volunteers needed

Sunday, March 8, 2020

USHERS - ☒ Wayne Placek, William Fordham, Tom Rushforth, Diane Rolfs-Iaconetti, Barbara Placek
COUNTERS – Chet Price, Tom Rushforth, Kathy Caughlan, Bill Hamilton, Don Huggett
GREETER– Noreen Van Wetering
LAY READER – Alice Rushforth
ALTAR GUILD – Nancy Chiang, Noreen Van Wetering
CHILD CARE – Amanda Hosgood
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Janice Hildreth & Pat Canzani

Sunday, March 15, 2020

USHERS - ☒ Gary Schaechinger, Heather Schaechinger, Susanna Motoike, Noreen Van Wetering
COUNTERS – Cindy Fordham, Barry Arena, Tom Rushforth, Art Caughlan, Don Huggett
GREETER – Jayne Wieboldt
LAY READER – Joy Jacobs
ALTAR GUILD – Nancy Chiang, Noreen Van Wetering
CHILD CARE – Kim Shirk
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Jayne Wieboldt

Sunday, March 22, 2020

USHERS – ☒ Jenn Young, Inge Reist, Richard Metz, Paul Motoike
COUNTERS – Betty Hogan, Michelle Heinzinger, Terrie Clark, Don Huggett, Tom Rushforth
GREETERS – Joan & Gene Hammerle
LAY READER – Janice Hildreth
ALTAR GUILD – Nancy Chiang, Noreen Van Wetering
CHILD CARE – Noreen Van Wetering
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Betty Hogan

Sunday, March 29, 2020

USHERS – ☒ Vic Babington Sr., Betty Hogan, Russell Van Wetering, Chet Price
COUNTERS – Tom Rushforth, Frank Meeks, Christine Banks, Pat Canzani, Don Huggett
GREETER – Volunteers needed
LAY READER – Frank Meeks
ALTAR GUILD – Nancy Chiang, Noreen Van Wetering
CHILD CARE – Sharon Struzzi
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Susie Choi & Brian Leddy

☒ **Team Leader**



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the First Congregational Church has always been a vital part of the River Edge community; and

WHEREAS, the First Congregational Church continues to create a welcoming and barrier free environment to fulfil their commitment through their ministries in our community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts, generosity and support of members and friends, the First Congregational Church has been able to renovate their kitchen and add new spaces which will benefit their congregation and our community; and

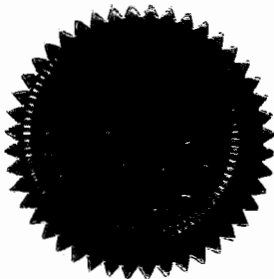
WHEREAS, visioning for the project began prior to 2010, capital funding began in 2014 but a manageable design was not achieved until 2018. Construction began in October 2018 and final completion of all spaces was achieved in January 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas Papaleo, Mayor of the Borough of River Edge and on behalf of the Council commend, congratulate and celebrate:

The Building Rededication of

The First Congregational Church

by wishing them continued success and growth for generations to come.





Mayor Thomas Papaleo

Dated: February 10, 2020

LILIES, HYDRANGEA OR TULIPS FOR EASTER

To enhance the beauty of our Sanctuary on **Easter Sunday, April 12**, 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, March 29**. 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 - \$22.00**
 # _____ **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, MARCH 29