



First Congregational Church of River Edge

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The Rev. Bernd Weishaupt, Pastor

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Dear Church School Families,

I hope you are having a terrific summer and are looking forward to getting your children back into church school. We will continue to use the Celebrate Wonder All Ages by Cokesbury curriculum for grades PreK-4th grade which will allow these children to learn together in the same space as a church school class. A Jr. Youth class will be formed with children grades 5th-7th using DWELL Dive by Faith Alive Resources. This curriculum will allow our older youth to dive deeper into the stories of the Bible while being able to ask the important questions. As always, our teachers continue to be committed to providing your children with a comprehensive, fun and nurturing religious education. I am looking forward to a year filled with friends, faith, fellowship and lots of learning in our updated program!

FCC will be welcoming the children back on **Sunday September 18, 2022**. We will be commissioning our teachers and **NEW** this year...**Blessing of the Backpacks!** The children will also have some special visitors from **Turtle Back Zoo!**

NEW this year...

- In an effort to financially support some of the fun programming planned for this year, it has been decided to collect **tuition** from each family: \$25/child or \$40/family.
- **Fifth Sunday Family Worship:** These services will be more family oriented with youth involvement. (see enclosed flyer)
- **Church School Summit:** Parent meeting (see enclosed flyer)

Our Church School teaches the main tenets of the Christian faith. This includes the appreciation and understanding of our worship, scriptures, rituals, seasons and prayers. It teaches us to follow in the kind footsteps of Jesus. We emphasize caring for and service to others. Our teaching staff are honored to be joining your children on their faith journey.

Our congregation is committed to creating a church space where everyone feels safe, loved and respected. We follow a “*Safe Church*” policy to prevent abuse or harassment. Those wishing to know more about this policy may obtain a copy of the congregation’s “*Trust With Care*” booklet through the church office.

Please be sure to complete the attached Church School Registration form for each child. The document can be mailed, hand delivered or scanned and submitted to nbabington@fccriveredge.org. An electronic copy will also be emailed. Tuition can be hand delivered or mailed to the church office. If the tuition will cause your family any financial hardship, please just let me know.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday, September 18th. If you wish to contact me prior to the beginning of Church School, you may email me at nbabington@fccriveredge.org or call 201-261-1712.

Enjoy this “Back to School” season.

Nicole Babington

Minister for Faith Formation