



TODAY AT FRC

New Sermon Series: "Helping the Next Gen Win"



Think about the people who have made a difference in your life. They influenced you for the better. They were there at a crossroads in your life to point you in the right direction. Wouldn't you love to do that for the next generation? It is

every generation's responsibility—and privilege—to pass along the "praiseworthy deeds of the Lord" to generations that follow.

Sunday Classes for Youth Today: Middle school and high school classes will be combined this morning. Many of our youth and adults are away on the Fall Retreat. The class will meet in the middle school room, which is directly across from the choir room.

New City Kids

loving kids for change

The November Communion Offering Will Support "New City Kids"

New City Kids is an after-school program for local low-income youth in Paterson. With the many challenges of urban life, NCK offers a safe place for kids to explore music and academics in a creative and fun way. For more information visit www.newcitykids.org

To contribute, simply make a check out to "First Reformed Church" and note: New City Kids. Or, consider donating online.

Order Your Tickets by Nov. 12 for Annual Grains of Hope Fundraiser "Annie" at Rhino Theatre in Pompton Lakes



We have a group of 50 tickets reserved for members of Community Partners for Hope. The date is Friday,

December 6th at 7:30 p.m. Ticket cost is \$37 each. Make checks out to "First Reformed Church" and drop off in the office during business hours 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., M-F. Tickets must be purchased by Nov. 12. Any questions, contact Doug Cook at 973-835-9355.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION (FYI)



By Nov. 24 - Order Christmas Poinsettias in Memory or in Honor of Someone

Poinsettias will be used to beautify the worship spaces for the Christmas Eve Services. You

may order plants in memory of or in honor of family and friends. Plants are \$12 each. Look for a green order form in the back of each worship space. Orders are due in to the office no later than Nov. 24th. Contact is Vicky Werr (973) 835-1144 (x11)

LEARN/GROW

Labyrinth Will Be Held in Friendship Hall on Nov. 17 from 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

The labyrinth is a self-paced, safe place to relax, search, seek clarity or guidance, listen, heal, discern, or communicate with Spirit/God in silent prayer and meditation. Simply come anytime between 6:00 and 8:30 P.M., take off your shoes and follow the path. As you slowly walk, it will help calm the mind's chatter and prepare you to listen and be open.

Meditate and Create - Nov. 13 at 7 PM in Grace Chapel

Melinda DeBell, artist and teacher will help us enjoy a relaxation and meditation painting session. No painting experience necessary. A guided experience will encourage relaxation through an artistic outlet. Come and bring your imagination. All are invited, but we are limited to 20 people. Please sign up so that materials can be ascertained. Sign-up sheets in FH and Church Office, or email Joyce Forde-Muller at rejoyce1@earthlink.net.

We're Starting a Young Adult Ministry: College Students and Young Adults in Their 20s Are Invited

FRC is offering activities for college students and young adults. This includes holiday gatherings, care packages, and a mission trip. We're working to gather young adult email addresses and cell phone numbers to aid with communication. Please send information to Dave Sippel dave@frc-pp.org

Growing Connected Capital Project Update Meeting on Nov. 24th After Both Services

The renovation plans for Friendship Hall Kitchen, Keator Parlor, Food Pantry and the Hall itself are moving forward. We are almost ready to begin construction. We invite all those who pledged and are giving to the projects to join volunteers John Driesse, FH Renovation Project Director, Bryan Pennington, Finance Team Chairman, Angela Kohle, Consistory Vice President, and Mike Petrucci, Senior Elder/Finance Team Liaison who will give an update. After the early service, we will meet in Friendship Hall and after the 10 am, we will remain in the sanctuary and meet there.



VOLUNTEER/SERVE/SUPPORT

Men's Guatemala Trip Being Planned – RSVP ASAP

We are planning a men's trip with the Darby's from March 22-28, 2020. We have 7 interested, with a maximum of 12 spots. The cost of airfare is approximately \$450, and each person will be responsible for that. Cost of lodging at the Darby Mission will be paid by FRC Mission Team. If you are interested, please contact Bob Nixon robertnixon9@hotmail.com



Sign Up Now to Help with the Live Drive Thru Nativity Scheduled for Dec. 1 & 8

This year's Drive Thru Nativity will be held on Dec 1st and 8th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The sign-up board will be out on the first week in

November. We need lots of help from set-up to take down, greeters, people in scenes, people to help with costumes, candle lighters and refreshments.

Pledge Your 2020 Financial Giving on Stewardship Sunday Nov. 17

TOGETHER WE PLEDGE 2020

Next week, we will distribute a ministry fund report regarding how FRC has invested your financial gifts over the last year. Please, take a look at it and consider "pledging" for 2020. An opportunity will be given at the November 17. Annual pledging helps the leaders and volunteers of the church budget effectively. There are four ways to pledge:

- 1) Fill out the pledge card and bring it to the 8:30 or 10 AM worship service on November 17. At a designated time in the service, anyone who would like to participate can carry it forward and put it in a basket as an offering to God.
- 2) Fill out a pledge card ahead of time and mail it in to: 529 Newark Pompton Tpke
- 3) Simply Email FRC Finance Manager Dolores Wagoner and tell her how much you would like to pledge: dolores@frc-pp.org
- 4) Go online to www.firstreformedchurch.com and set up a one-time or recurring donation that will start January 1, 2020

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call Finance Manager Dolores Wagoner at dolores@frc-pp.org or (973) 835-1144 (x14)

Place Your Orders Now for Holiday Delivery of Scrip Cards and Skip the Lines!

Please consider supporting Youth Mission by ordering Scrip gift cards. Turn in your order by Sunday 11/17 and cards will be available Sunday 11/24. A second order will be placed when you turn in orders by 12/8 and cards will be available Sunday 12/15. Order forms and a list of available cards can be found on the kiosk in Friendship Hall. Additionally, the list of available cards can be found at glscrip.com. Orders can be given to Eileen Bundz after the 8:30 worship service or left in the Youth Mission box in the office. Any questions, please contact Eileen at bundzie@optonline.net or 973-476-2600 (phone or text).



Support Troop 144 by Ordering Christmas Wreaths and Poinsettias (FRC charts this troop) – Order by Nov. 30

Troop 144 and Crew are currently taking orders for their annual Christmas Wreath and Poinsettia

sale. Orders can be picked up in Friendship Hall lobby on Saturday December 7th from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Advance orders are encouraged. You can place an order by emailing Anna Stanaback stanaback@optonline.net or look for order forms in the back of Friendship Hall

Underwear Needed for Homeless Through Bessie Green Ministry -

Bessie Green needs large and medium men's underwear. as well as women's underwear. Most of the homeless have nowhere to wash clothes and wear what they have for weeks at a time. Receiving new underwear when they receive clothes at the clothing barn is a real benefit. There will be a collection box in Friendship Hall under the wooden table as you enter.

Coat Drive for Bessie Green Ministry (Newark) and Immigrants Released from Detention Facilities

We will again be collecting winter coats for Bessie Green in Newark through Dec 8th. This year, we are



adding the distribution to Refugees who are being released in the winter by local detention facilities. Both groups, the homeless and under resourced in Newark and the immigrants, often from warmer climates, need coats. Please go through your closets. If you have more than you need...give away to those with less. We ask that your coats are clean and on a hanger. Look for the coat rack in Friendship Hall.

Last Week to Contribute A "Thank You" (Love) Offering is Being Collected in Honor of Former Choir Director John Hellyer

John Hellyer served as Chancel & Bell Choir Director for six years. As we do with long-term staff members, we would like to give him a financial gift in gratitude for his service. If you would like to contribute, make your check out to "First Reformed Church" and note "John Hellyer" or donate online: www.firstreformedchurch.com Go to the 'donate' line.

FAMILIES/CHILDREN/YOUTH



Nursery Babies & Young Children are Welcome at FRC!

Paid nursery care is available during both our services in the Ministry Center Building for

children age 3 & under. Our Sunday School classes meet during our 10 a.m. worship service. Children and youth of all ages are invited to go to the designated classrooms when dismissed from worship. Teachers and leaders are ready in the hall to direct kids to their age-appropriate classrooms. New participants please register with Janet Chardavoyne janet@frc-pp.org

Pray for the Fall Retreat: 21 of our youth and 12 adults from FRC are on a spiritual retreat this weekend at Spruce Lake Retreat Center in the Pocono Mountains. They are joined by a group of 12 from FRC Lincoln Park. Our group will return to FRCPP today at 1:00pm. Please pray that they have a refreshing and meaningful experience.



Wednesday Night Youth Group

Middle and High School Youth group meet Wednesdays from 7-8:30 PM in Friendship Hall. Youth are invited for snacks, activities and a lesson to get growing. Friends are always welcome! Any questions contact Dave Sippel dave@frc-pp.org