

December 19, 2019

This Friday! FREE Movie Night at Christ Church: “The Star” will be shown at 7pm in Disciples Hall on Friday, December 20th. Families and individuals invited!

This Saturday! Blue Christmas Service: A Service of Remembrance & Hope for Those Who Find Rejoicing Hard Work. **SATURDAY, December 21** at 3pm in the Chapel. Invite family and friends that you know may need this type of service.

This Saturday! What is a Posada? You are invited to come and experience "Las Posadas.", an important tradition in the Hispanic culture that re-creates the Holy Pilgrimage of Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem and how they were turned away from all of the Inns. The word "posada" means "inn." Plan to come! There will be prayers, music and food. You do not need to bring anything or do anything while there. Just enjoy learning about other's traditions. **Dec. 21 at 6pm at the Christ Church Rectory; hosts: Deacon José & Mercedes**

This Saturday! FREE Christmas Concert at Christ Church performed by “Emil & Friends” on Saturday, December 21st at 7:30pm. Christian, Contemporary, and Traditional Christmas music.

Monday! Volunteers Needed to Help Decorate the Church for Christmas on Monday December 23 beginning at 9:30am. Men & women are needed! If you are available, please contact the Church Office so we know who to expect. Thank you!

In Lieu of Christmas Gifts, consider using the money you would have spent on Christmas gifts and make a donation to the Christ Church Discretionary Fund to be used for an individual/family in need. Acknowledgement Cards for Christmas Donations payable to Christ Church made in lieu of Christmas gifts are on the Name Tag Table.

The Church Office will be Closed December 24 thru January 1. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! **There will not be a Wednesday 10am Holy Eucharist & Healing Service on either 12/25 or 1/1. The Food & Clothing Pantries will be Closed on Dec 24, 26, 31.**

The 9:45am service on Sunday, January 5th will include **Christmas Festival of “Lessons & Carols” and Holy Eucharist.** All are invited to join us for this joyous service.

Thank you for Supporting the Food Pantry at the Elks Festival of Trees Event! Emily’s tree raised \$522 this year and was in the top 10 of 30 trees. Thank you Emily for decorating a Tree to raise money for the Christ Church Food Pantry ...thank you to all who “voted” and donated towards the tree!

Thank you for Supporting the Cookie Walk! A huge “thank you” to Janet Southerland for a job well done! Janet was able to sell some of the donated Jewelry on EBay for over \$2,000 which was added to our Cookie Walk profit of \$3,500. “Thank you” to all our bakers and buyers! We had a great year!

All 2019 Contributions must be received by the Church Office on or before, Sunday, January 5, 2020 in order to appear on your 2019 Contribution Statement. Thank you for your continued support of Christ Church.

2020 Offering Envelopes are available on the table outside of Disciples Hall for the parishioners who have requested envelopes. If you don't see your envelopes, please contact Kathy Schott in the Church Office. LEV's please pick up envelopes for the homebound parishioners you plan to visit.

The **Discernment Committee** met with our transition consultant, Rhonda Jackson on December 8. We reviewed our progress and the steps necessary for us to complete phase 2, which is the interview process. It is during this time that confidentiality is of the utmost importance; meaning the members of the discernment committee CANNOT disclose any information about the applicants. This means nothing can be shared including number of or demographics of the applicants. We ask you to respect the process and the people charged with executing this process. If you know of anyone who may be looking for a position as a rector, please feel free to share that we are looking and have them contact Brian Jemmott at the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey. Please continue to keep the Committee in your prayers as we move forward in this process on to interviews. Thank you.

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items: **Long Life Milk, Cereal, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Chicken, Stew, Canned Fruit, Oil, Sugar, Microwaveable Meals.** Your donations are directly helping those in need of food in our community. Thank you! If you would be interested in learning about volunteering at the Food Pantry, please contact Claire Koerner 732-600-5709 or Clairekoerner1503@gmail.com