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Fall Festival!

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

<u>THIS</u> Wednesday, October 24 7:00 - 8:30 pm Indoor Event!

FREE Fun and Games for children ages 2—12!

The Fall Festival is a carnival with lots of games, prizes, crafts, a bouncy house, and snacks! We will have all the fun stuff set up inside the church building. Parents are asked to bring their children and accompany them through the evening from station to station. It is a "come and go" event. You can stay as long as you like or leave as soon as you are done!

We need <u>VOLUNTEERS</u> to work at the stations, greet, and visit with our guests! There are sign up sheets on the white board outside the teen room for volunteers to sign up for specific stations.

It is a lot of fun! Please INVITE FAMILY, FRIENDS and NEIGHBORS to come and enjoy the evening! Flyers are available at the Welcome Center.



NEXT WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31 6:15-7:00 PM Rain or Shine!

A safe, traffic free environment for your children to Trick or Treat!

Refreshments for all will be provided inside our building after Trunk or Treat.

Our schedule for the evening:

- •5:30: Special Wednesday Night Meal! Hot Dogs and Chili will be served. Sign up <u>next</u> Sunday.
- •6:00: Children get into their costumes. Adults decorate their vehicle trunks and get ready to hand out candy.
- •6:15-7:00: Trick or Treating for the children. As the years have gone by, we've gotten more children from the surrounding community, so be prepared with enough treats! We ask that parents accompany their children in the parking lot while they Trick or Treat.
- •7:00: Refreshments in the Family Life Center!

Our Mission

Meet others where they are and together be transformed into the image of Christ.

From Daniel's Den

It is not Memorial Day, July 4th or Christmas... But, it's a favorite time of the year for me.

It is one of my favorite times of the year! It's better than a day on a beautiful golf course! It's better than a day at an amusement park. Better than a day on a dairy farm in Vermont! (And you know how I love dairy farms in Vermont!) Better than a day leaf peeping in New England and enjoying the fall foliage!

What is that favorite time for me? It is the time the elders and ministers head to the shore for what we call our "Shore Meeting." Typically, it happens in October or November. The "Shore Meeting" unofficially begins on Friday morning with a round of golf or bowling (depending on the weather). Traditionally we have dinner at The Crab Trap in Somers Point at 4:30 so we can take advantage of the Early Bird Menu. Then we begin our meeting at 7:00 pm, usually in Ocean City, where special friends of the church family make their shore home available to us at no cost.

We begin with prayer, a devotional, as well as a time of sharing our hearts and our burdens. God's Spirit is in the midst of this time of deep sharing and vulnerability (Gal. 6:2). We talk about you, the sheep of His fold, and how we can minister you better. How can we serve and direct this body? Where is God calling us? What happens first, second, and what follows? Is God calling us to a new emphasis? A new priority? A new ministry? Who will our guest speakers be? We typically hit the sack sometime around midnight.

Saturday starts with breakfast at Uncle Bill's Pancake House. We meet back at the shore home for more planning, prayer, contemplation, study, and reflection. We seek God's will through this entire process. Often, the elders will meet together without the ministers for a short time, then we come back together for prayer. This year the deacons joined us for a wonderful lunch and a time of additional sharing.

Your Shepherds and Ministry Team Love You and God Deeply, Dan the Preacherman

Dan Cooper aka "Dan, Dan, the Preacherman"

> How can we serve and direct this body? Where is God calling us?



Manny Vander Vennen Deacon: Kids for Christ & Church Directory





Connecting... With Our Youth and With Each Other!

The **Kids for Christ** ministry serves some of our youngest members and guests (ages 3 – kindergarten) with an age appropriate lesson during the sermon portion of our worship service. A dedicated and talented group of KFC staff members take turns teaching the class. Robin Steward has put together a KFC curriculum that builds on the same lessons the children are studying in their Sunday School classes. This is a great benefit for the kids, and it helps make teaching the class easier than ever!

We need YOU! If you enjoy working with young children, and would like to be part of the team planting seeds of faith in the minds and hearts of these precious children, please let me know. I would love to have you become part of this great ministry!

If you're not using the new **Online Church Directory** yet, you're missing out on a terrific way to stay connected with your church family and also to become acquainted with our newest members! There are 3 ways that you can easily access the directory:

- 1. The <u>Online Member Directory</u> allows you to login online to view our directory at any time using the following website: <u>members.InstantChurchDirectory.com</u>. Please note, in order to access the online directory, you have to be listed in the online directory with a current email address. This allows for a layer of security for everyone's personal information.
- The <u>Mobile App</u> allows you to have a copy of our church directory on your iPhone, iPad, Android device, or Kindle Fire! You can search, email, call, or text members right from your device. The Instant Church Directory is easily downloaded from the app store on your device.
- 3. If you would prefer a <u>Hard Copy</u> of the directory no problem! Just let either myself or Dottie Grillo know, and a hard copy will be provided to you.

If you would like to update your photo in the directory, please either email a recent photo to Sheri Herndon at splitrock50@yahoo.com, or arrange with her to have your picture taken at church. Finally, please feel free to contact me with any questions, or if you need assistance in any way with the church directory. My hope is that all our members are able to use this great resource!

A Servant Speaks



Operation Christmas Child

Once again this year, we have an opportunity to bless a child in need with a gift for the holiday season. If you haven't heard yet we are filling boxes this year for Operation Christmas Child. Pick up your boxes in the lobby, sign your name on the clipboard, and have fun filling your box for a special



child! You can go to <u>samaritanspurse.org</u> to learn more about this project and how to pack a shoe box, or contact **Tina Broyles** at 609-320-0534 or see her in the lobby.

Please note: In your box please do not include used or damaged items; toothpaste; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; candy, gum, chocolate, food, seeds, fruit rolls or other fruit snacks, drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

The deadline to turn in your boxes is November 18.

Please Help!

For a school service project, **Maggie Mansdoerfer** is collecting new clothing, socks, hats, gloves, etc., as well as toiletries (deodorant, body wash, soap, shampoo, etc.) for a



shelter for homeless veterans. She is hoping to collect these items quickly. There is a box in our lobby where you can leave donated items.



Chris Fitzpatrick is getting married! He will be marrying his fiancé, Judy Johnston, TOMORROW, October 22 at the Mantua Township court building at 8:30 am. All are invited to attend!!! Congratulations Chris and Judy!

Looking Good!



Thank you to our brother **Austin** for all of his hard work on the church property over this month!

Everything looks fantastic as we welcome visitors for several events over the next two weeks.



Construction!



Construction is beginning on the retention ponds at the back of the property. Heavy equipment and materials will be present on the back property and in the parking lot. **PLEASE use caution, and supervise your children while they are outside.** Thank you!

REFUGE

Please mark your calendar for a very special REFUGE on Sunday, November 4 at 5:30 pm as we welcome **Carla Ortiz** as the guest speaker for the evening! As you probably know, Carla and her daughter Je'Ani were involved in a very serious car accident last spring, resulting in paralysis of the lower half of Je'Ani's body. Carla has an amazing story to tell about God's grace and provision! Join us as we spend time in fellowship at 5:30 with light refreshments, and at 6:30 for praise singing and Carla's testimony. We hope to see you there! **COME AS YOU ARE!**

Our Schedule	Last Week	
Sunday 9:00 am Bible Classes 10:00 am Worship	Bible Class	73
Wednesday	Worship	180
7:00 pm Bible Classes Office Hours	LIFE Groups	132
Tuesday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Wednesday	NC

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Elder on Call for September and October: Mike Lazar			

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Lori Hernandez
Kids For Christ	Yvonne Pearl
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance	Justin & Rebecca Guy
Greeters: Back Entrance	Larry Peterson & Mandy Mansdoerfer
Information Center	Mary Collier
Ushers	Dave Perine & Mike Lazar
Shepherd's Call	Garth Hutchinson
Song Leader	Mike Broyles

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Coopers' at noon	856-981-9755
Brook Besor	Durham's Tuesday at 7 pm	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's at 7 pm	856-419-0544
Covenant	Mychajlowyczs' at 5:30 pm	908-294-4056
Hammonton	Broyles' at 6 pm	609-561-8532
Life Challenges	Church Bldg. rm B4 at noon	267-303-4877
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7 pm	856-217-3956
Solid Gold	Rowes' at 12:30 pm	856-881-2158
Teens	Church Bldg, at noon	610-476-9057
Vineland	H. Pearls' at 6 pm	856-839-0051
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. FLC, Tues. 9:45 am	856-981-9754
Young Married	Church Bldg, at noon	856-899-9466

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This Week's Prayer Requests

PRAISE! Kareem Rutledge, Jr. is now at home! He will continue to have rehabilitation treatment. Please continue to pray for steady progress and complete healing.

PRAISE! Doug Oliver, recent tests results show that he is currently cancer free! Please continue to pray for him and Janice. **Anita O'Hara** was admitted to Jefferson Hospital on Wednesday night. No other information is available at this time.

Debra Bryant, Barbara Robinson's sister, will have surgery on November 27 for a brain tumor.

Barbara Hannon, friend of Barbara Robinson, bladder cancer.

Dwight Thompson is doing well, he continues cancer treatment. **Irene Baur**, Brian Kleineweber's mother, recovering from a stroke.

Larry Kellum, Sr., treatment for MDS. It was great to have Larry here last week!

La 'Verne Daniels at home recovering from foot surgery. Patti Frambes, pancreatic cancer. She has begun chemo treatments. Cards, phone calls, and prayers are greatly appreciated; 114 Wild Oaks Dr., Salem, NJ 08079; 856-935-1169. Barby Jo Crema, requesting continued prayers on her behalf.

Lynne Sbaraglia, recovery at home for hip replacement surgery. **Albert Betts** recovering from two back surgeries.

Linda Prenger, continuing her radiation and chemo treatments. Please pray for her complete healing and emotional wellbeing. Je'Ani Lyles, continues rehabilitation at home.

Gwen Phillip, continues treatment for metastatic breast cancer.

Congratulations!

Helena and Adam Cerquoni are excited to announce the birth of Helena's grandchild, Joseph Aaron Raphael Hornblum, born to Helena's daughter and son-in-law Elsie and Jesse Hornblum, on Monday October 15. Elsie is also the daughter of Ken Albone. Congratulations to all!

Area Women's Event

Laurel Church of Christ 1010 South Central Ave., Laurel, DE 19956 invites you to their Ladies' Day Saturday, October 27, 2018 "God's Gift to Christ" Guest Speaker: Doritta McDaniel Johnson of Tuscumbia, AL Court Appointed Special Advocate, speaking for children in the foster care system. Registration: 9:00 am Program: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Program: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Lunch Provided Questions: Please call Ginger Trader, 410-543-0000

Please bring a children's book (infant to teen) to be donated to the Sussex County Foster Parent Association.