

This Week's Activities – November 16, 2008

Today - 9:00 a.m. – Worship and Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Blood Pressure Screening

11:00 a.m. – Worship

5:00 p.m. – Confirmation

6:00 p.m. – Youth Service Rehearsal

Monday - 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. – MCREA

7:00 p.m. – Al-Anon/AA

7:30 p.m. – Bible Study at Dench's

Tuesday - 7:15 p.m. – Adult Bell Choir

7:30 p.m. – Trustees

Wednesday - 10:00 a.m. – Bible Study

7:00 p.m. – Black River Piecemakers

7:30 p.m. – Worship

Thursday - 7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir

Saturday - 9:30 a.m. – Pageant Rehearsal

If you have a change or an addition to the church calendar, please share it with Deacon Dottie, so it can be changed or added to the bulletin and newsletter and so there will be appropriate room availability. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

125th Anniversary Note Cards, Ornaments and Bags available for sale TODAY. Items are on display in Fellowship Hall. See Tami Haupt.

E-mail your Advent Devotionals TODAY to the church office at mtfernumc@optonline.net and/or to Jane Boschen at regalrusty@optonline.net.

This Wednesday is last Wednesday for “A Season of Thanksgiving” Worship at Mt. Fern at 7:30 p.m. - You are invited this Wednesday to join with your sisters and brothers in the faith at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary for a time of music, scripture and prayer as our Mt. Fern community comes together in a spirit of thanksgiving and in preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will offer thanks to our Lord through song, spoken word and prayer. As you look forward to your turkey and stuffing, please consider joining your faith community in offering thanks to the source of all good things.

Thanksgiving Day, November 27th – 7:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast followed at 9:00 a.m. by a Thanksgiving Day Worship Service.

Advent Wreath-Making Night - Bring the family to Mt Fern UMC to make an Advent Wreath on **Sunday, November 30th at 6:00 p.m.** If you already have an Advent wreath then just bring it with you and come and enjoy an ice cream social (bring your favorite topping to share). The wreath-making and ice cream social will be followed by a time of singing and Advent inspiration in the sanctuary.

ALATHEA Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. For more information speak with Casey Crandall.

Fern Fellowship Candlelight Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m. Adults 18 years and older are invited to come to the church for an evening of Christmas food and fellowship. Fellowship Hall will be transformed for this elegant Annual Candlelight Fern Fellowship Christmas Dinner of roast beef and all the trimmings. The cost is \$12.00 per person, which should be paid when you sign up. Please call Dave or Linda McElroy at 973-366-4418 with any questions or if you would like to work on the committee.

Advent Word Study at 7:30 p.m. on two Wednesday evenings, December 10th and 17th.

Bell Choir – Interested in joining Bell Choir? No experience necessary. Adult Bell Choir is for High School age and older and meets on Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. Junior Bell Choir is for grades 5th through 8th. Children's Chime Choir is for grades 1st through 4th. The sign-up sheet is on the rolling bulletin board. For any questions, call Rosemary Kmush 973-366-4418

Sign-up on the Rolling Bulletin Board for the Bell Choir for Youth Service on Sunday, December 7th.

See November/December Youth Schedule in November Window.

Look for the sign-up sheet on the Youth Bulletin Board to provide supper for our Youth Group on Sunday nights. In keeping with a Mt. Fern tradition, a simple dinner is served at the beginning of each youth meeting. We need volunteers to make and serve the dinner each week. Bring a simple dinner, dessert and drinks for 15-20 people. Paper products will be supplied as well as the hungry and thankful youth of our church. For any questions, call Jennifer Dussault at 973-366-4418

Congratulations to our Youth for receiving an Honorable Mention Award for their Tape Measure design made from boxes of Cherrios.

Interfaith Furnishings Needs a new home – We have been housed in unused warehouse space, and most recently in an empty house which is now scheduled for demolition. So we are very adjustable as to the type of space. The most important thing is that the space be sufficient in size and reasonably proximate to Randolph. If you or anyone you know has a large space we can use, please contact us at 973-361-1666 or 973-366-1158. Even if you have a suggestion of where we might seek space, PLEASE CALL. More details in the November newsletter.

Save your items now for the Spring Garage Sale. More details to follow. For any questions, speak with Bill Willersdorf.

Support Our Troops! Would you like to help a soldier with snacks, toiletries, games, or stationery? These are just a few of the ways you can help Cary Hoffman send care packages to our troops. Monetary donations will help pay for postage (about \$12 per package). A more comprehensive list for donations is on the bin in Fellowship Hall marked “Collection for Persons in the Service” or contact Cary at 973-366-4418

USHERS ARE NEEDED FOR 9:30 A.M. SERVICE – Sign up on the rolling bulletin board.

The Morris County Food Pantry is very low on food and needs our immediate help. If you are able, please bring the following items which are most needed: Progresso ready to eat soups, spaghetti's, ravioli, chili, or any meals that are ready/easy to make from a can. If you have any questions, call Stephen A. Sharp at 973-366-4418 A collection box will be available in Fellowship Hall for one more week.

On Saturday, December 20th Mt. Fern will collect food outside the A&P store for the Food Pantry. If anyone is interested in helping with the collection, please speak with Karin Ruppel. We hope to have enough volunteers to break into shifts.

Hope House in Dover is also faced with an empty Food Pantry.

CUMAC has no food! CUMAC, the largest feeding program in Passaic County, is out of food. In fact, for the first time in over 30 years of feeding people CUMAC had to close its doors because there was nothing to give out. While the demand for food has increased, the resources to respond to the need have decreased. Government food allocations also have dropped. CUMAC also benefits from food contributions from individuals, corporate, civic and school groups. However, donors are facing the same price increases at the grocery store as CUMAC's clients are, and donations are subsequently down.

Please visit the new Mt. Fern UMC Website at www.mtfernumc.org to check out the Mt. Fern News and other areas.

Please pray for the ministries of: The Greater N.J. Annual Conference; United Methodist Homes of N.J.; Interfaith Council for Homeless Families; and the churches and houses of worship in the Randolph area. Pray for Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar; Skylands District Superintendent Renée McCleary; and our Pastor, Rev. Di.

All prayer chain requests should be sent to Rev. Di at e-mail: RevDi@optonline.net or call (973) 361-3243.

PRAYER CONCERNS