

THE SUNDAY PAPER

February 2020

The Parish Calendar

TODAY, The Presentation of Our Lord

- 8:00 a.m. Worship-Holy Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 10:15 a.m. Worship-Holy Communion/Sunday School
- 11:30 a.m. First Sunday BLAST Pot-Luck Breakfast
- 12 Noon Choir Rehearsal

In Ministry Today

- Asst. Minister: 10:15-Megan Wills-Llewellyn
- Usher: Wolfgang Benz
- Reader: Zaire Reed
- Acolyte: William Johnson
- Counters: Peter Susling
- Altar Guild: Chris Hamden

Toni's Kitchen: Carole Behnke/Rebecca Ford/Janice Hogan/Irene Smith/Tammy Zolnowsky

LAST WEEK

8 AM 8 10:15 AM 31 Pledge Income \$582

Interested in Tai-Chi? Pastor Mike is holding a class here at First Lutheran on Wednesdays at noon.

NEXT SUNDAY, The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

- 8:00 a.m. Worship-Holy Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 10:15 a.m. Worship-Holy Communion/Sunday School
- 11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting

In Ministry Next Week

- Asst Ministers: 10:15-Peter Susling
- Usher: Joe Apicella
- Reader: Nicole Lewis
- Acolyte: Zaire Reed
- Counters: Melanie and Joe Apicella
- Altar Guild: Chris Hamden

First Sunday BLAST! Today

February 2, 2020

A Pot-Luck Breakfast following the
10:15 a.m. Worship
for adults/children (members and
non-members)
Free will offering

On that day, expect to see:

- Special music - We thank Mardee Reed-Ulmer, flautist for sharing her talents with us this morning for our First Sunday BLAST worship service.
- A special Stewardship project - Souper Bowl of Caring. All monies/soup collected will go to the Human Needs Food Pantry, 9 Label Street, Montclair. Last year over \$9.6 million in cash and food items was generated for hunger-relief charities across the country.
- Evangelism Emphasis: Fill the Church Sunday!



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MONTCLAIR

153 Park Street, Montclair NJ 07042

Office: 973.744.6043 • Fax: 973.744.2287

Website: flcmc.com • Email: flc123elca@verizon.net

FUND (Fellowship and Stewardship)

FOR YOUR CALENDARS! - The 125th Annual Meeting of the congregation is being held next Sunday, February 9th immediately following the 10:15 AM worship. Coffee/goodies will be available.

The Annual Reports for 2019 are available on the table in the entrance way.

Are you interested in being a council member?

Council meets usually the 4th Sunday of the month immediately following the 10:15 worship service (11:30 AM) unless a holiday falls on that Sunday. No meeting during July and August. The list of meetings for the year are voted on at the February Council meeting. As there was no Nominating Committee elected at the last Annual Meeting, there are no candidates to be presented at the Annual Meeting next Sunday, February 9th. If you are interested or have any questions, please call the church office this week. Council members may be nominated from the floor at the meeting on Sunday, February 9th, but be sure to check first with the person you are nominating.

Offering Envelopes for 2020 are available on the table as you enter. Please pick up yours today.

INVITE (Evangelism)

If you are visiting today, our family extends a heartfelt welcome and join us again. Sign our "guest book."

REJOICE (Worship, Music and Arts)

The Icon for the Feast of the Epiphany is displayed during the Season. It is a gift in honor of all families by Richard and Barbara Murphy. It is displayed at the front of the Sanctuary.

During the Prayers of the People, Pastor Mike will lift up different churches and countries each week. This follows the prayer cycle provided by The World Council of Churches. At the end of a year, all countries and churches have been prayed for.

Weekly Prayer List - Please check the Prayer List that you receive at the end of worship service and call or give any updates/removals to Cathy in the church office.

A flower chart for 2020 is posted on the bulletin board in the entrance way. This is how we have flowers by the baptismal font. Please choose a date and fill in your name. There is no limit to the number of people who can sign up for a Sunday. Cost of flowers is \$35, all money will be put into the flower fund. The flower fund also helps with the cost of special occasion flowers like Easter and Christmas. You will receive a call from the office the week you are signed up for to find out what you want said in the bulletin - in honor of/in memory of/on the occasion of - many options.

SERVE (Social Ministry)

We collect for The Human Needs Food Pantry in Montclair which is located at 9 Label Street. Their diverse client base includes the elderly, the disabled, the unemployed and under employed, single parents, the homeless and homebound as well as others with food insecurities. Their clients are residents of Montclair and 11 surrounding communities in Essex County with no existing food pantries.

Needed:

soup (canned or dried)
rice, noodles, macaroni,
beans (canned/dried)
canned
vegetables/canned fruit
coffee (instant) and tea
(regular/decaf)
peanut butter and jelly
powdered or evaporated
milk
meat/fish
(canned/requires no
refrigeration)
jell-o/pudding mixes
handled paper grocery
bags
paper products
(towels/toilet
paper/napkins)
spaghetti sauce

baby items (baby
food/diapers/pull-
ups/wipes/
new bottles/pacifiers)
dog and cat food and treats
travel and full-size
toiletries/soap/deodorant,
toothpaste/toothbrushes/
feminine supplies
cooking oil
cleaning supplies
feminine hygiene products
batteries
We are adding some new items
that are needed:
clean, like-new
blankets/towels/sheets
ensure
new socks and underwear

(In unopened packaging and check expiration dates)
(Bring to the gathering area bench (by the elevator)

The Souper Bow of Caring is the result of thousands of young people joining together to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. As we have done in previous years here at First Lutheran, we will take a special collection of \$1.00 (or more) and a can of soup (or more) from you beginning next Sunday. This will give you 3 weeks to remember to bring the items. All we collect will go to the Human Needs Food Pantry, 9 Label Street, Montclair. This is our record over the last 5 years:

2019 - \$200 + 85 cans of soup
2018 - \$56 + 68 cans of soup
2017 - \$80 + 70 cans of soup
We got this - let's beat last year!

TEACH (Education)

Our Sunday School continues. Students first gather at the 10:15 a.m. service with their families. Children are dismissed after the Children's Sermon and gather for Sunday School with their teacher, Melissa Foord. Sunday School is for youth ages 3 through 6th grade. Each session has a Bible story & craft. Join us!