

As a community of faith, we rejoice in the miracle of birth and the blessing of adoption. We join with Marybeth and Sam in embracing Anika with open arms, even as Jesus welcomed little children with words of blessing. We acknowledge God's abounding love already at work in Anika. We offer our understanding and our support as she explores life. We enfold her in our love, seeking together to grow in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all people.

Song of Dedication

**Anika, we greet you on this glad morning;
We are so happy that you are here.
Our fondest wishes go with you always:
God guard and keep you all through the years.**

A Story for Children Rev. Julie Yarborough

We all sing with the same voice
The same song, the same voice
We all sing with the same voice
And we sing in harmony

(The 2 and 3-year-olds may leave for Sunday school at this time.
Church Mice Choir for children pre-K through 1st grade
may leave at this time.)

Hymn #391 **Take My Life** HENDON

Open and Affirming Reflections Ann Marie Remus

Brantley Dean

Passing of the Peace

(Children Pre-K through 7th grade may leave for
Sunday school at this time.)

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Rev. Caroline Dean

Silence & Prayer

Invitation to Sharing

Offertory Anthem **The Cloud of Witnesses** Mark Miller

Doxology OLD 100TH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Sing praise, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scripture Reading Ruth 1:7-12 & 14-18

Open and Affirming Reflections Scott Nelson
Rev. Julie Yarborough

Service of Holy Communion

Wait for the Lord
Whose day is near
Wait for the Lord
Keep watch, take heart!

Benediction Rev. Caroline Dean

Postlude **Toccata** Eugene Gigout

Acolyte for 9:30 am: Christopher Taylor
Greeters: Al Johanson and Anne Parker
Ushers for 9:30 am: The Guida Family

Welcome! Visiting today? Please complete a Visitor Card and drop into the offering plate and join us for fellowship after today's service.



*The flowers today are given
with gratitude for the way our community
came together after the storm.*

The third white candle on the altar is lit in hope of world peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here is today's Sunday school schedule:

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| 2-3 year olds | Room B-202 |
| Pre-K & K | Room B-205 |
| 1st graders | Good News Games (Barnwell Hall) |
| 2nd graders | Prophet's Playhouse (Media Room) |
| 3rd graders | Creation Corner (Art Room) |
| 4th graders | The Welcome Table (Kitchen, B-119) |
| 5th graders | Biblical Bytes (Computer Room) |
| 6th and 7th graders | Conference Room |
| 8th thru 12th graders | Stay in Worship |

Today we welcome Diane Riley from the Community Food Bank of New Jersey to speak to us about Hunger in America.

Mission 1 Volunteers Needed: On November 13 we will be collecting food for the Food Bank. We will also be sending e-mails/letters to our state and federal representative. We need volunteers to:

- Take the food to the food bank some time during that week
- Distribute forms for e-mail letter to legislatures during coffee hour
- Distribute pledge forms to continue to support the Food Bank with either food or Check Out Hunger at the Supermarkets.

See the Mission 1 blogs for information.

Jeannette E. Brown

Camp Bernie Youth Retreat: Our youth are invited to retreat to Camp Bernie on February 3rd-5th. A \$50 deposit is due to Caroline Dean by Tuesday, November 15th.

Our theme this year is "My Space Unplugged: Carving Out Sanctuary." We will join other UCC Youth from across the state to explore themes of Sabbath and renewal together. Activities will include low ropes, climbing walls, archery, snow tubing, critter time, and candle making (weather permitting). Please email cdean@ccsnj.org for more information.

The Morning Quest Group will meet on Monday, November 14th at 9:30am in the Media Room.

Pastoral Prayer Group: Do you need prayer for yourself, a friend, or family member? Join the prayer group in Lile Hall at 10 am on November 17th, December 1st and December 15th. Email cdean@ccsnj.org for more information.

Christ Church Food Drive - November 1st - November 13th: In conjunction with the UCC's Mission 1 hunger awareness campaign, we will be collecting canned and boxed goods for local food banks. Our goal is to collect 1,111 items by November 13th. Please bring your food items to the atrium. Thank you for your support!

Summit Helping It's People – SHIP Annual Dinner November 16th at 7 pm: All are invited! SHIP, an outreach program for the homeless and the at risk homeless not served by other programs is having it's annual fund raiser. It will take place at St. Teresa's Memorial Hall on Morris Ave. on Wednesday, November 16th at 7 p.m. at the cost of \$50 per person. The annual dinner is SHIP's only fund raising activity. For dinner tickets, call June Wessel at 908-273-3317. If you would like to learn more about volunteering to serve those most at risk in our community, please email shipofsummit@gmail.com or call 908-829-0515.

MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS: The Summit Playhouse at 10 New England Ave. (just across the street from the church) will be presenting the musical, "Meet Me In St. Louis." It is an adaptation from the Judy Garland musical of 1944 and it will run for three weekends from November 4 through November 19. This is a great family show about the Smith Family during the early 1900's when things were simpler, or so it

seemed! For tickets call 908.273.2192 or go online to www.summitplayhouse.org

Christ Church November 2011 Art Show- Artists Reception on November 13: Please come to an artists' reception for the opening of the exhibit in Barnwell Hall during coffee hour. This is a special opportunity to meet the exhibitors and discuss their interpretation of our themes – Peace and Renaissance. Exhibit will continue through the first Sunday in December.

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| Sunday November 6, 2011 | Choir Practice – Sanctuary | 8:45 am |
| | First Worship Service | 9:30 am |
| | Church Mice – Barnwell Hall | 9:45 am |
| | Coffee Hour – Barnwell Hall | 10:30 am |
| | Genesis Choir - Sanctuary | 10:45 am |
| Thirty-second Sunday on Ordinary Time | Canticle Singers – Lile Hall | 11:00 am |
| | High School Youth Choir | 11:15 am |
| | Second Worship Service | 11:15 am |
| | Youth – Middle School | 5:00 pm |

Ministers – All Members of Christ Church
Senior Minister – The Rev. Dr. Charles T. Rush
Associate Minister – The Rev. Julie Yarborough
Associate Minister – The Rev. Caroline Dean
Minister of Music – Mark Miller
Children's Choirs Director – Alison Vidal Caravano
Second Service Pianist – Daniel Rufolo
Organ Scholar & Music Intern - Nicholas Mitchell Garcia
Office Manager – Cheryl Levy
Housekeeping – Juan and Rocio Restrepo

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