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The Newsletter of the First Congregational Church of Westfield, NJ

Senior Minister's Message

Rev. Dr. Mark Boyea

Hi...

I write this in the days just before what in our spiritual tradition is referred to as the "Easter Tridium", the commemoration of Maundy (Holy) Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The Tridium marks the final stages and events of the most sacred time of the Christian year - Holy Week.

What a strange and seemingly dissonant time then, to be watching one of the magnificent monuments to Christianity - the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris - burn. The cathedral's spire toppled to the ground in the blaze and it endured other significant damage. It was a devastating spectacle for the people of Paris and France, but also for a great many Christians throughout the world.

I watched the fire do its work from the comfort of my living room; heard the anguish of those witnessing it in person; rotated among several channels every few minutes for different perspectives. And pondered two particular Christian spiritual considerations.

The more obvious one, which I heard many commentators on those rotating channels offer their audiences, was Resurrection. As the suffering, destruction and death of Maundy (Holy) Thursday and Good Friday inevitably give way to new life on Easter Sunday, so too the suffering, death and destruction of this day would inevitably give way to a rebuilt Notre Dame. Like Jesus, Notre Dame would rise again.

The less obvious Christian spiritual consideration I pondered, the one I don't recall hearing or reading that day or the day after, was the same four-word phrase that a messenger(s) of God says to those who first reach the empty tomb in Matthew, Mark and Luke's Gospels on Easter morning:

"He is not here."

The grandeur of Notre Dame, the devotion of those who labored to build it, and its significance to Western culture are undeniable. The sadness over the damage suffered merits only compassion. But still, "He is not here." Not ultimately.

What the Easter story proclaims, if anything, is that God, God's love, and the power of God's ways and call for humanity embodied by Jesus is boundless. It is not limited to any structure, city, nation, ethnicity or political orientation. It is not limited by suffering, destruction and death. It resides wherever and in whomever chooses to also embody and offer those same ways - compassion, forgiveness, kindness, justice, mercy, and love - to the world.

Whether it's in a Cathedral or oma street corner. In Paris or here.

Blessings,

Mark



WORSHIP NOTES

Sunday, May 5 - "WaySharers Sunday"

We share in the Sacrament of Communion, as well as recognize another year of our WaySharers ministry for developmentally challenged young adults. WaySharers founder and long-time FCC member Cynthia Mathis will share some thoughts with us on this day. Following Worship, members of the WaySharers community will host Coffee Hour in Patton Auditorium.

Then, at 2pm, we will host the Memorial Service for Robert Brading, father of long-time member and current Deacon Steve Brading. A reception in Robert's honor and memory will take place in Patton Auditorium immediately after.

Saturday, May 11 - "First Saturday"

Our monthly "First Saturday" Worship time takes place on the *second* Saturday this month in the Sanctuary at 5:30pm. "First Saturday" is intended for those who find it difficult to be with us regularly on Sunday, or who desire a quieter, more contemplative worship experience on occasion.

Sunday, May 12

Join us as we celebrate Mother's Day and the Festival of the Christian Home.

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Associate Minister's Message
Rev. Joy Mounts

The world is full of promise and it never seems more so than in late spring. The flowers are making an appearance, the trees are in flower, the bees return, and the birds are dive-bombing you to stay away from their nests. There is a whisper that seems to call and remind us of the days that have passed and the days yet to come, that they will get here and we don't need to rush them, no matter how much the world may be telling us that we need to keep moving if we don't want to be left behind. Benet refers to it as the "divine languor of late spring".

We often think of the lazy, hazy days of summer, but late spring invites us to pause and reflect, consider and plan. Perhaps it is plantings, trips, or just how to spend an afternoon. Nature calls to us to really see what is going on around us and not just speed through our days in order to get the next item ticked off the list. But the invitation is there, so why not answer, even if for only an hour or two?

But unlike the call of May, God calls us in all the seasons of our lives. We can't hear if we don't allow ourselves to find the silence to hear though. We can't reflect if we don't carve out the time to do so. God waits for us to find that time, but I wonder sometimes if God gets a tiny bit frustrated when we repeatedly don't. Life certainly involves making a living, but living is more about making a life. And that is something we have to do as a master sculptor does – inch by inch, finding out who we are, discovering our passions as well as how to feed our soul as much as we feed and care for our bodies and our loved ones.

Now, while "there is neither past nor vague hereafter" we should take spring up on that untouched invitation and let ourselves listen for the still small voice of God urging us to be all we can.

Happy listening!

Peace,

Joy

May Morning

I lie stretched out upon the window-seat
 And doze, and read a page or two, and doze,
 And feel the air like water on me close,
 Great waves of sunny air that lip and beat
 With a small noise, monotonous and sweet,
 Against the window -- and the scent of cool,
 Frail flowers by some brown and dew-drenched pool
 Possesses me from drowsy head to feet.

This is the time of all-sufficing laughter
 At idiotic things someone has done,
 And there is neither past nor vague hereafter.
 And all your body stretches in the sun
 And drinks the light in like a liquid thing;
 Filled with the divine languor of late spring.

Stephen Vincent Benet

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WORSHIP NOTES

Sunday, May 19

Join us for the 10am Worship celebration as we celebrate another of our most honored traditions - the presentation of the Marc Hardy Human Rights Award. This year's honoree is Alexis Santoro of Cranford High School.

Following our Worship time, please plan to stay for the annual "Thank You" Coffee Hour hosted by the Board of Outreach in appreciation for all our Members and friends do to help the Board serve God's people in need both near and far.

Then finally, all are invited to return at 3pm for the Memorial Service for member Jack Lay. A reception in Jack's honor and memory will take place in Patton Auditorium immediately after.

Sunday, May 26

On this Memorial Day weekend, we will hold one of our periodic "Family Worship" Sundays, allowing our children the opportunity to learn about and participate in our full worship celebration, and therefore gain a better sense of what this critical time is all about here at FCC.



Save the date for the All-Church Patton Potluck Picnic!

On June 2, immediately following Worship, please join us for the Annual All-Church Picnic! This year will be a potluck BBQ, with indoor seating, and games & fun on the front lawn! It will be a wonderful afternoon of food and fellowship!

Watch the Sunday Announcements for more information!

All Church Work Day Thank You's

The Trustees and Deacons would like to thank all those who spent time on Saturday, April 13th to beautify the church that we love both inside and outside. The Trustees oversaw the weeding, raking and mulching, making our grounds look great. The Deacons organized the indoor cleaning of the Sanctuary, Patton Auditorium, Patton kitchen, bathrooms, Chapel Lounge and stairways.

Many thanks to our members: Laura Berzofsky, Mark & Cindy Boyea, Nancy Elkin, Bob & Cynthia Evans, Karen Fountain, Scott & Anne Laird, Christina Quint, Anna, Elizabeth & Madeline Rehwinkel, Phil Sweeney, Keith Westerhold, Carol White, Bill & Alida Woods, Don Young, Paula Horii, and Terry Van Liew, who donated her time on Friday.



ADULT STUDIES

Our final Adult Studies unit for the year is under way.

“You Mean That’s *Not* in the Bible?”

**Mondays: May 6 and 20
Chapel Lounge, 7:30-8:30pm**

You know them - the sayings and aphorisms so many Christians and non-Christians alike swear by:

“God helps those who help themselves.”
“Everything happens for a reason.”

Many Christians and non-Christians also believe those sayings come directly from the Bible.

But they, and others like them, *don’t*.

During this four-week unit based on Adam Hamilton’s book, “*Half Truths*”, we will explore these and other common sayings that people of faith are often extremely invested in, but that are only partly or minimally rooted in the Bible. We will examine the elements of truth they contain, as well as the ways in which they may fail us spiritually.

**“Prayer and Meditation”
Tuesday, May 14
7:30pm-8:30pm in the Sanctuary**

Members, friends and guests are invited to join in a time of prayer and meditative practice, including opportunity for participants to offer and discuss their own prayer concerns and intentions.

Adult Studies for 2019-2020

Give us your ideas!

Plans are already underway for next year's Adult Studies program, and we hope you'll help us move them along. Please consider providing us with any suggestions you have for new courses, formats, day/times, or anything else you think might improve our efforts in the vital aspect of our community's spiritual life.

While the implementation of any suggestions will obviously be dependent on time, space and staff resource issues, we do promise that all ideas will be given serious and prayerful consideration.

Please contact Mark with any thoughts at your earliest convenience.

WaySharers



On Sunday May 5, First Congregational Church will celebrate the 16th Anniversary of WaySharers.

Come and celebrate the continuing support of FCC for this Outreach

Program for Intellectually Disabled Adults.

Enjoy cookies made by our WaySharers at Coffee Hour after Church.

For more information about this exciting program for adults with intellectual disabilities call Cynthia Mathis at 908-233-0180.

THIRD ANNUAL...



**Silent Auction, Door Prizes
And A Few Surprises!**

Date: **Saturday, May 4 • 7 pm – 10 pm**

**Where :
Patton Auditorium**

At First Congregational Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer St.

Match your wits against other teams for prizes and bragging rights!
(Special May 4th *Star Wars*™ Questions section)

Doors open at 7 pm • Trivia starts at 7:45 pm

Catered Dinner with choice of two entrees • Salad & Bread
• **Desserts • Soft drinks • BYOB**
(Feel free to bring your own team/table snacks, too!)

\$35/person • \$350/team (up to 10 people)
(Childcare will be provided)

All money raised will benefit the
First Congregational Church Summer Youth Mission Trip 2019
to Miami, Florida serving with the DOOR Network

To register, donate to the silent auction or for more details, contact:
FCC Church Office, ucfcc@verizon.net or call the church at 908-233-2494
(from 9am – 2pm) or **Rev Joy Mounts, ucfcc.joy@verizon.net** or the
Please make checks out to FCC • memo line: trivia – mission trip

LENT and EASTER GRATITUDE

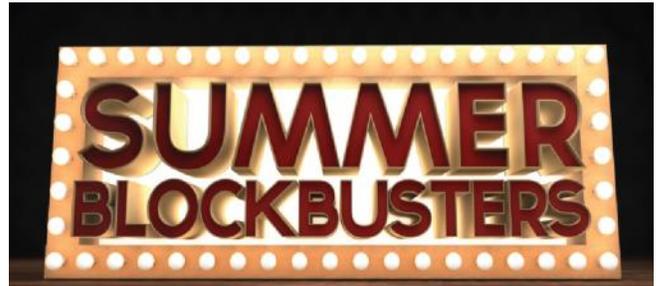
From the darkness, mood of contemplation, and distribution of ashes on the first day of Lent to the brightness, joyful celebration and distribution of lilies after our Easter Sunday services, Joy and I would like to express our enormous gratitude to all of you for making this Lent and Easter seasons so sacred.

Thanks be to God for:

- Your spirit-filled participation in our Worship times.
- The Chancel Choir for their constant presence and significant contribution to all our Worship times, especially their “double duty” on Easter Sunday.
- The Deacons, who gave so much time and effort to preparing the Sanctuary throughout Lent, leading us in the moving Maundy Thursday worship, and all they did (and constantly do) to make Sunday worship go as smoothly as it does for the rest of us.
- The Festival Chorus for their stirring performance of Dubois’ *Seven Last Words of Christ*.
- All those who lead us in our Scripture passages each Sunday.
- The Children’s Choirs for their blessing us with their gifts.
- Ellen Hollis for her leadership of what turned out to be our most successful Cake Auction ever on Festival Chorus Sunday, as well as all those who exhibited such a spirit of creativity in the many cakes they made.
- The numerous participants in the Lent and Easter focused Adult Studies offerings
- The musical leadership and gifts of Dr. Barbara Thomson and Mr. Joe Regan throughout all of our worship times.
- And of course, Jim Palme and Tom Lawler for all their efforts in keeping all our facilities user friendly and preparing them for our many classes, Coffee Hours and events.

Lastly, as I have often seen or heard in reference to “thank you” lists like this, “My apologies for any errors or omissions. The responsibility for them is solely mine.”

Mark



SUMMER SERMON SERIES RETURNS!

After a year off, FCC’s “Summer Sermon Series” - 10 Sundays of Messages built on a specific theme - returns. This year’s theme is “Summer Blockbusters”.

Each week, we will explore biblical and spiritual themes connected to a movie, song, album, tv show or book that became a major hit during the summer, or one that was about or set during those months.

Also, give us your ideas! If there is a particular movie, song, album, tv show or book that fits our theme and you think would be a good foundation for a Message, let Mark know at your earliest convenience.

**“DOCS and DIALOGUE”
in May: “I Am”**

The final “Docs and Dialogue” evening until the fall will take place on Tuesday, May 21, at 7:00pm in Patton Auditorium. The film that night will be “I Am”.



“I Am” poses two vital questions: “What’s wrong with our world?” and “What can we do to make it better?” Those themes are rooted in director Tom Shadyac’s experience with a cycling accident which left him incapacitated with no certainty of recovery. Shadyac did recover, and emerged with both a new sense of purpose and a desire to investigate how he and all of us could improve the way we live and walk in the world. This led him to seek out and interview notable figures from the realms of science, philosophy, academia and faith, resulting in a film that challenges our preconceptions about human behavior while at the same time celebrating the human spirit.

Members, friends and guests are welcome and encouraged to join in watching and then discussing this inspiring documentary.



**Readers & Riders
Spring Fellowship Outings**

Thursday May 2 – “The Early Mays”

Enjoy "The Early Mays" on Thursday, May 2nd at Raritan Valley Community College with Readers and Riders. This trio, with Appalachian-inspired harmonies and a sweet, old-time sound, have captivated both regional and national audiences with songs that range from traditional to modern in style, and from contemplative to barn raising in spirit. We will be having a box lunch (half a sandwich, fruit cup, side salad, and beverage) in the lobby before the 1 pm show; reservations must be made a week in advance...April 25th. Last minute show tickets can be purchased if you are bringing your own lunch. We will carpool from Bev Heinrich's home at 2673 Crest Lane, Scotch Plains at 11:00 am. Please call her at (908) 233-8656 to sign up and place your lunch order.

Thursday, June 6 - Brewing Company Tour

On Thursday June 6th at 1:00 pm we are sponsoring a tour of the Two Ton Brewing Company, located in Kenilworth, for men and women of the Church. They are a family-owned and operated craft beer brewer offering a variety of seasonal and specialty beers. "Doc" Barbieri and his three sons are welcoming us for a tour and discussion of their brewing process. This will be followed by food and drink in one of their taprooms. If the weather is good, outside seating will also be available. We plan on ordering wrap sandwiches for all. Note that beer tasting is cash only. Rick Obrock has organized this unique outing to include men in our fun day. Please call him at (908) 654-7203 to sign up.



Readers & Riders April Boxwood Hall Trip

May Communion Offering

Our May Communion Offering will benefit **WaySharers**.

WaySharers is an outreach program for adults with developmental disabilities. It provides social and service opportunities aided by non-disabled adults. Participants get to share their unique gifts and talents in a relaxed and fun setting. WaySharers meets every other Friday and on the first Friday of the month participates in a Yoga class.

Please contact the Church Office to volunteer or for more information about the program.

June Communion Offering

In June, our Communion Offering will support the annual Youth Mission Trip. Through the Congregation's support the youth of First Congregational Church of Westfield are able to participate in a week of volunteering and fellowship with service organizations and projects around the United States. The Mission Trip has become a summer tradition. You can support this effort at annual events such as Trivia Night, Meet Up at 16 Prospect, "Tag the Bag", purchasing Shop Rite gift cards, or making a donation.

TAG * THE * BAG

And help the FCC Summer Youth Mission Trip to Miami, Florida serving with the DOOR Network.



Here's how it works: We purchased a backpack for the trip to Miami, Florida. The name of each person who donates any amount of money will be written (tagged) in black ink on the backpack, a tangible, visual reminder of all the people that care for us and pray for us while we are away. The bag will be carried throughout our journey. Please *Tag The Bag* and be a part of something really special, even if you cannot physically join us.

Each youth member will also be carrying a backpack that can be tagged. Any money that they raise will come off the cost of their trip.

OR

If you would like to donate and TAG THE BAG, there will be a bag that represents FCC in general.

Questions about this fundraiser?

**Denise Schifando: (908) 217-5130
cschifando@yahoo.com**



Youth Fellowship Update

April was a fun month for the YF with helping with the Heifer Cake Auction, then a meeting full of challenging “Minute to Win It” games led by YF Leaders Avery and Owen Higginbotham. We also had a great evening hunting candy-filled eggs all over the church during the Annual YF Easter Egg Hunt led by YF Leaders Grace Endy and Ryan Bergh Thies. YF ended the month by getting ready for the FCC Summer Mission Trip Trivia Night fundraiser, which will be held on Saturday, May 4.

In May we will have a few meetings and keep working on Mission Trip details. If you have any service or fun activity ideas for the YF, please let Rev. Mounts know.

May

- 5 5pm Meeting
- 12 No YF
- 19 5pm Meeting
- 26 Memorial Day weekend –No YF

Mission Trip Update

Our plane tickets are ordered, vans are being rented and we are working on more of the Mission Trip service activity details. We are also counting down the months until we are serving in Miami. We have our second fundraiser – Trivia Night on Saturday, May 4. Please see the details in the flyer on page 3. There will be one more fundraiser at 16 Prospect sometime in June or early July. Details will be coming soon. Hope to see you there on May 4 to help raise the needed funds for the FCC Summer Mission Trip!



“In It To Win It” Competition 4/7



Senior High Dinner at Outback Steakhouse 3/31



Easter Egg Hunt 4/14



Working at Community Food Bank of NJ 3/30



Ongoing Volunteer Opportunity

The **Westfield Fun Club** provides a safe place for local refugee families to learn, play and grow. This program is in its third year and still growing. Volunteers of all ages are needed. Volunteers can sign up for as many or as few dates as desired.

The club meets approximately three times a month from 10:00am – Noon at Temple Emanu-el on East Broad St in Westfield. Volunteers offer adult refugees tutoring in English, math and life skills. Activities for the children include homework help, arts & crafts, games, and more. Volunteers also provide coffee, juice, & snacks. Especially needed are volunteers who can drive the families to and from the club.

Upcoming dates are:
May 11, 18

Interested in volunteering?

To sign up, search *SignUp Genius* using organizer Jenny Tananbaum's email address (jat101897@comcast.net) or click on this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4aa5ac2ca20-saturday>.

Have questions? Feel free to contact Janet Boyd at 908-456-3336. .



COMPASS CORNER

Last month, Compass SchoolHouse celebrated our very first **YELLOW DAY** where students and teachers participated in playful lessons centered around such topics as complements, how to help a friend, how to be kind, and how it makes us and the people around us feel when being kind. The whole school wore yellow in celebration. Extra special hugs happened throughout the day; 2 year-old classes came together to create "Friendship Pudding", 3's classes visited our Cuddlers (littlest ones) class to sing a welcome song together, kindergarten and four year-old classes created "Friendship Webs" with yellow yarn, and the kindergarteners also made complement cards to each other. The day culminated with the entire student body meeting on the playground, forming a friendship circle, and taking a school wide photo. Compass' **YELLOW DAY** got the attention of ABC Eyewitness News, which asked for details, photos, and video about the day for their 'Being Kind' segment!

Everyone's hands (and hearts) at Compass touched our Annual Spring Fling Fundraiser in some way. Class Navigators (class parents) coordinated donations from our families for each class, the Compass Team assisted students in creating handmade items from each class, and our Spring Fling Committee organized donations from community businesses and put together a celebration at The Cranford Social last month! Proceeds from the event will be used for educational materials in our classrooms and technology renovations.

We look forward to continuing to work together with FCC on installing a security system at 125 Elmer Street to make the building safer for FCC members and Compass students and staff.

Sue DeWeever

Director

Compass SchoolHouse

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Moving Meditation Monday Evening Classes

May 13, 20, 27
6:30 - 7:15pm

Classes in Patton Auditorium.

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith...



Simple gentle stress reduction based on ancient Asian Qigong wellness systems.

Questions? Call Laura Berzofsky at 908-232-6516.

Donations welcome - raising funds for FCC's 2019 Summer Mission Trip

New FCC Email Address

As part of our ongoing equipment and systems upgrade, we will be changing to a new email address. The new address will be reflective of our website address - fccofwestfield.org.



The timing for this rollout is being planned and more information will be sent before it takes place, hopefully in the near future.

Church School News

Teachers Are Needed!

It is that time of the year when we begin to plan for the next Church School year. During the coming weeks the Church School Committee will be recruiting teachers. Get involved as a teacher or assistant. Show your children your commitment to their Christian spiritual growth. We would love to hear from you. If you are interested, please call Alida Woods, (908)322-5030.

May 26 – Family Worship Service

A Family Worship Service will be offered on May 26 as we look to provide regular opportunities throughout the year for families to worship together. We welcome children in Grades 1 and older to remain in the Sanctuary for the entire service. The Crib Room will be provided for infants through five years old.

Fun and educational activity bags/clip boards will be provided to the children when they arrive in church. The activity sheets and bags are a gift to the children, but we ask that the clip boards be left in the pews.

Heifer International Arks and Read to Feed Pledges are Due

All children are asked to return their Heifer International Ark banks and Read-to-Feed pledges to their church school teacher or to Alida Woods. Thank you to all who participated in this year's Heifer Mission Project. You are helping Heifer fulfill its mission to end global hunger and poverty while caring for the earth. To date, we have raised \$890.00 through the Cake Auction, \$56.50 through the Fill-the-Ark Program and special recognition goes to Isabella and Robbie Burdick for raising \$90.00 through the Read-the-Feed program!

Please consider giving as much as you can since each dollar raised for Heifer International will be matched dollar for dollar by Wally and Linda Parker. We are truly grateful to Wally and Linda Parker for this generous contribution.

Status of Acorn Squash Seeds: The seeds that the children planted on March 3rd are growing nicely. The children planted acorn squash seeds, donated by Laura Berzofsky, in a planter which is on the window sill in Alida's office. Stop by each week and see how the seeds are doing.

Twentieth Annual Cake Auction

A special thank you to everyone who baked and bought tickets for the 20th Annual Cake Auction on April 7, to raise money for Heifer International. It was a great success! A special thank you to Ellen Hollis, who has coordinated this beloved event for the past 20 years! Special thanks also goes to Sophia and Alana Andersen, Magdalena Krug and Grace Endy for their assistance in helping the auction run smoothly.

We were blessed to have 34 cakes which raised \$890.00! Thanks also to Lori Bierman for organizing the Women's Unlimited Cake Decorating Night the Friday before. A good time was had by all! Thank you to all for sharing your talents and creativity!

Progressive Dinner



Annual Progressive Evening - Saturday, May 18

Sign Up Now — Deadline is Sunday, May 12

Mark your calendar! On Saturday, May 18, from 6:30 until 10pm, join adult members and friends of FCC for our annual progressive event. Sign up at Coffee Hour during the month of April, or fill out the form below and mail it to the Church Office. The evening is a great way to make new friends and get together with old ones. Everyone is asked to either prepare food or open their home for part of the evening.

Please call or email Merry Wisler (908) 403-7609 or merry.wisler@gmail.com (text or email preferred) for more information or transportation.

Appetizers: 6:30–8:15 pm

You and your co-hosts (6-8) will plan and share expenses for soft drinks, wine, and hearty hors d'oeuvres for approximately 25–30 people.

Dessert: 8:30–10 pm

We need one generous person to host the evening's finale (~60 people). You will have several co-hosts to help plan and share expenses for coffee/tea and desserts.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Check one:

- Appetizer Hosts (2-3 to volunteer home)
- Appetizer Co-Host (provide food/ beverages)
- One Dessert Host (volunteer home)
- Dessert Co-Host (provide food/ beverages)

***Please list food allergies.**



**Cake
Auction,
April 7**





Cake Auction, continued...





The town's earth day celebration is fast approaching. There are fun and informative activities throughout the month of April leading up to an Earth Day fair on May 4th!

LEADING UP TO MAY 4TH

Art Display - All of April to May 4

Earth Day posters done by local students to be displayed in downtown store windows throughout the month of April

Lecture - April 4, 7 pm

Christine Dimmick, CEO/Founder – The Good Home Company, Author – “Detox Your Home” – Town Hall

Movie “The Lorax” - April 7, 11 am

Bring the kids for a viewing of the 2012 version of Dr Seuss' The Lorax for \$5/person with free drink (if you bring a re-usable cup) - Westfield Rialto Theater

Documentary “Bag It” - April 18, 6 pm

Screening of documentary followed by discussion led by Westfield Green Team members - Westfield Memorial Library Meeting Room

Parks Clean Up - April 28, 9 am

Boy/Girl Scout troops, families, teens welcome! Great way to spend a morning beautifying Westfield's parks and all participants will receive a Green Team t-shirt and chance to win a \$100 gift card to Limani Seafood Grill! Please bring gardening gloves!! Meet up locations:

Tamaques Park: Tennis Courts

Clark Park: Gazebo adjacent to West Dudley Avenue

Brightwood Park: Parking lot (entrance off Prospect Street)

Documentary “Paris to Pittsburgh” - May 3, 7 pm

Screening of documentary followed by discussion - Westfield First Congregational Church Auditorium

MAY 4th

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

SOUH AVE TRAIN STATION PARKING LOT
(Rain date May 11)

Activities, 9 am - 3 pm

Various activities for kids and adults that showcase environmental issues and solutions.

- Make a re-usable bag from an old t-shirt
- Send a postcard to a corporate polluter or sign our NO IDLING pledge
- Pick up a free tree sapling, re-usable bag or metal straw
- Play our recycling wheel game
- Grab a coupon for a free food item generously donated by a local restaurant
- Look for Green Pledge in store windows today, showing how each business is working towards going eco-friendly!

Green Vendors, 9 am - 3 pm

Learn about ways to make your home greener and reduce your carbon footprint. We'll have local businesses available to educate you about their green options.

Free Market, 8 am - 3 pm

Donate or take home yard sale quality items such as clothing, kitchen items and furniture! This is a great way to keep items out of our landfills, re-use instead of buy new and keep our carbon footprint low on this Earth Day!

- Look for a registration table if you are planning to donate items.
- Green Drop will pick up all left over items at 3:30pm.

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!

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Next Deadline: May 21



First Congregational Church of Westfield Presents:

Paris to Pittsburgh by Sidney Beaumont and Michael Bonfiglio

Paris to Pittsburgh, a National Geographic documentary, brings to life the impassioned efforts of individuals who are battling the most severe threats of climate change in their own backyards. Set against the national debate over the United States' energy future - and the decision to exit the Paris Climate Agreement - the film captures what's at stake for communities around the country and the inspiring ways Americans are responding.

Join us on Friday May 3rd, 2019 at 7:00 PM for a fun family night that includes:

- A free movie
- Refreshments at a nominal rate
- A cozy and relaxed atmosphere

RSVP: 908-233-2494 (not necessary, but appreciated)
Address: 125 Elmer St. Westfield, NJ 07090

