

Announcements February 19, 2017

Next steps for our OBC family

We extend congratulations to Pastor Eric for his call to be one of our Associate Regional Pastors for ABCNJ. While we are sad at his upcoming departure, we know God will lead us to a new shepherd. Since Pastor Eric has been with us for so long, we thought it might be helpful to let you know what the normal process is for calling a new pastor. Dr. Spitzer has met with the Advisory Council to begin the transition. The Region will likely assist us in finding an interim Pastor to serve the congregation when Eric departs in May. That person would serve until a search committee (named by our church) interviews and brings a candidate to the church for congregational approval. Every church is different, but the average process is 6-18 months. We will keep you informed every step of the way and appreciate your faithful prayers. –The Advisory Council



Group Movie March 15: “The Shack”

The Wednesday night small group is planning an outing to see the movie “The Shack” on **Wednesday, March 15** and you are invited to join us! We will follow that viewing with a 5 week bible study and discussion based on the book/movie. For details please contact the church office.

Light The Path

Allison Averell from our church is starting a non-profit ministry to encourage persons suffering from adversity and hardship of all kinds. The name of the organization is "Light the Path". The name was inspired by Mark 5:15 – 16 (You are the light of the world....). The ministry will distribute hand crafted items like small wood-burned signs, glow in the dark bracelets, and necklaces to individuals (and in free batches to children' hospitals, burn centers, rehabilitation centers, military troops, orphanages, etc.) as a means of encouragement. The hope is that these items will be a daily reminder of God's love and to stay strong in their faith.

You can help by donating the following items:

- Jewelry making supplies for bracelets and necklaces (beads, wire, string, clasps, etc.)
- Miniature crayons or markers for custom wood coloring kits (example: like the small boxes children get at diners for place mats)
- Shipping supplies (parcel paper, bubble wrap, packaging tape, etc.)
- Colored pencils
- Sharpies (all colors and sizes)
- Wood for burning (please ask, I can direct you to what exactly I need and am looking for)
- Shrinkie Dink Paper (I use this to make my own artwork into charms!)
- Glow in the Dark beads for bracelets

For more information check: www.Facebook.com/LightThePathNonProfit

A Service of Baptism

A service of Baptism is being planned for Sunday, April 30. If you are interested in pursuing Baptism or Membership please contact Pastor Eric ASAP.