



FREEHOLD, NJ – Monmouth County recently hosted an activation ceremony for intersection improvements at County Route 50 (Church Street and County Route 50 (Kings Highway)) on Monday, July 2, 2018 at the improvement site in the Middletown Village Historic District.

The improvements included four matte black traffic lights, peanut stone curbing, pedestrian crosswalks, ADA compliant curb ramps and a widening of the roadway to allow for a left-turning lane onto Church Street. The scope of the work was designed to lessen the burden on motorists who use Kings Highway and Church St. as their main commuting route.

“There is no question that drivers will see a dramatic difference,” said Freeholder Director Thomas A. Arnone. “Just those little improvements will be good for traffic flow and pedestrian safety.”



Lucas Brothers of Morganville began initial construction on Feb 1. after almost two decades of traffic issues. While the project has been of interest for Middletown since the early 2000s, elected officials and congregations in the immediate area wanted to design a plan that perfectly preserved the feel of the historic district. The district is known for its two pre-Revolutionary War churches and a third built before the Civil War.

“It has been tricky to accommodate modern needs while preserving our historic roots, but the County did a commendable job minimizing the impact to the historic district,” said Freeholder Gerry P. Scharfenberger, Ph.D. “This project has had a high standard for compromise since the beginning.”

In an effort to keep the historic feel of the area, Lucas Brothers utilized matte black traffic signals, a common technical style used in New Jersey when upgrading historic districts and installed 1,261 linear feet of peanut stone to line the roadways.



“Keeping an open-door policy between the parishes and local community has led to a great compromise,” said Scharfenberger. “Drivers and pedestrians are safer and happier and the historical roots still remain intact. It couldn’t have worked out better.”

For more information, go to www.visitmonmouth.com.



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Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church!

Church School is on summer recess..

Nursery care is available for children under 3 during the 10 am Liturgy in “First Floor Playroom” next to the Summer Lounge.

Summer Outreach Opportunity

ASLAN Youth Ministries provides various summer camp opportunities in Asbury Park, Long Branch, and Red Bank for children in need. Christ Church has volunteered to provide approximately 75 lunches for these children on Thursday, August 9th. If you can help by providing supplies for the lunches and/or putting the lunches together (on Wednesday 8/8), please contact *Lauren Badal* at (732)842-5192 or *Erna Sottile* at (732) 241-2342. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!!!

Lunch supplies:

Bread
Peanut butter
Jelly
Turkey
American cheese
Ziploc sandwich bags
Napkins
Fruit – clementine's or mixed fruit cups & applesauce cups
100% juice boxes
Individual bags of chips

If you would like to help but are unable to shop or prepare lunches, we will do the work for you. Please make checks out to Christ Church with ASLAN on the memo line or place cash in an envelope marked ASLAN and put the donations in the collection plate. Any unused money will be donated to ASLAN to help offset the cost of running the camps. Thank you!



Vacation Bible School!

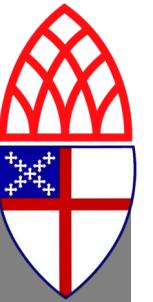
Christ Church is continuing our summer tradition of offering one week of Vacation Bible School. Featuring music, crafts, bible stories, snacks, and more, this always fun camp is scheduled for August 6-10, 9 am – 12 noon. Per tradition, we are partnering with the Middletown Reformed Church in this program, and VBS will take place at Middletown Reformed Church this year. This year's curriculum, Splash Canyon by Concordia Publishing, has a water theme, and we teachers have already begun brainstorming creative and entertaining ways to work with this aquatic theme. VBS is free to children from Pre-K through fifth grade. To register online, please go to ChristChurchMiddletown.org.

Save the Date: August 19th

Everyone is invited to attend an organizational meeting for our Children's Christian Formation for 2018-2019, to be held on Sunday, August 19th at 11:30am.

Family Promise Benefit

The Church of the Precious Blood of Monmouth Beach is hosting a benefit for Family Promise on July 13, 2018, from 7-10pm. For tickets contact *Linda Malanowski*, Christ Church at 732-671-2524.



Announcements