

***Announcement from Judy Concepcion,
convenor of VUMC Staff-Parish Relations Committee,
made during worship on Sunday morning, January 28:***

It is my joy to share with you today that Bishop John R. Schol has appointed Rev. Dr. Samuel Park as the next pastor of our congregation. Rev. Park will begin his new responsibilities on July 1st of this year. As a United Methodist Church we are a part of an appointment system. Our Staff Parish Relations Committee met with the district superintendent to identify our congregation's needs and the needed skills in a pastor.

On Friday, the SPRC met with Pastor Sam to get to know him and mutually ask questions. I feel he will bring a new energy to Vincent while maintaining Vincent's nurturing and caring style. He is ever curious, loving to continuously learn about God and to share that knowledge with others.



Here is a brief bio:

Pastor Sam was born and raised in NYC. He felt God tug at his heart to be in pastoral ministry at a mission trip in Mexico. He received an M.Div from Drew and D.Min from Wesley while serving churches in NY, MD, NJ, most recently at Delran UMC. He has a heart for preaching, teaching, the local church, missions, and loves to see disciples of Jesus making disciples of Jesus. He and his wife Grace are blessed with two wonderful children.

As mentioned last Sunday, we are forming two transition teams, one for Rev Dave to honor and celebrate him and his time at Vincent and one to welcome and support Rev Sam and in his family's transition to both Vincent and Nutley.

Our new pastor will work with us and the conference so that we continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Bishop Schol and the leaders of the Greater New Jersey Conference will work with us to continue to grow as a vital congregation. I know you will join the bishop, our new pastor, and me in helping to make new disciples of Jesus Christ.