



# The Vincent Voice

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*New Year's Greetings to You!*

I hope that you are enjoying this Christmas season, even in the midst of the challenges life brings. After all, that is why Jesus came – to be with us, Emmanuel. I also hope it has been a time of reflection and renewal in the faith. On the heels of Christmas, with its timeless reminder of God's love for us, comes the arrival of a New Year, with its opportunity for new beginnings and its promise of hope! As we all review the year that has passed, we should try to make our plans and resolutions for personal growth for the year ahead.

For our Vincent United Methodist Church, 2023 was a challenging but successful year! By the leadership of the Trustees and Finance Teams, we replaced our aging church roof and gutters and raised the \$150,000 in donations and pledges to cover the project! In the face of the waning coronavirus and by the Holy Spirit, we were able to worship together in person and online. We are averaging about 60 people in church and 30 people on Facebook and phone. By phone, we have several of elderly members worshipping with us. Online we have folks who are ill or unable to make it and regular worshippers from Ohio, Wisconsin and Arizona! With these transitions and through the efforts of many, we have been able to remain connected in Christ as a congregation of faithful disciples.

We made good progress on several of our Church Goals. We completed a GNJ assessment program called "Pathways for fruitful and healthy ministry," developing a strategy for emerging from the pandemic. This includes developing an invitational culture, learning to tell our story, re-growing our youth and family ministries, inspiring generosity, and engaging in implicit bias training.

Our groups and committees all continued to meet this year by video conference. Our accolades to the Outreach Team for leading us in continuing our Care Pantry and Care Kitchen ministries, CROP Hunger Walk, White Gifts, Mitten Tree, and our Tanzania

mission efforts. Our thanks go to the Sunday School and Youth teams for keeping our children and families connected and encouraged and learning and leading the efforts of the RISE Mission Team. Our appreciation to the Music Team for leading transition in our music program staff and their weekly inspiration in worship in a variety of forms. Our gratitude to all those teams and committees that have helped us learn and grow and serve. Our gratefulness to our Technology Team for keeping us connected for worship and to our Marketing Team for reaching out to the larger community through amping up our Facebook page and advertising through our GNJ Grant – we've increased our followers on Facebook since COVID started from 230 to 606! And kudos to all those who gave so much time and contributions and love toward the Lord's work here through Vincent Church. Well done!

The coming year will be one of transition. As you know, I will be retiring as of June 30. The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is working with our District Superintendent and Bishop on determining the next pastor for Vincent Church. Let us keep this process in our prayers.

As we begin this new year, may God bless and guide us as we seek to grow in our depth of spirit, our scope of ministry, and our outreach in mission for our Lord Jesus Christ!

Merry Christmas Season!

*Rev. Dave*

## January Worship Schedule

### **January 7 – Epiphany Sunday**

Chancel Choir Singing

Dedication of Church Leaders

Homily by Rev. LeDuc

*"Walking by Faith"*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

## **January 14 – First Sunday after Epiphany**

### **Human Relations Day**

Chancel Choir Singing

Sermon by Rev. LeDuc

*“A Birmingham Experience”*

## **January 21 – Second Sunday after Epiphany**

Chancel Choir Singing

Sermon by Luke Raughley

## **January 28 – Third Sunday after Epiphany**

Chancel Choir Singing

Message by VUMC Story Team

### **Advent/Christmas Joys**

Amidst the bustle of holiday preparations, many of you made it a point to put Jesus at the heart of Christmas.

Praise be to our newborn King! Many did so in part by sharing in some of our church events and missions.

Some thoughts...

- Seven families are sharing in lighting our Advent wreath candles through the season!
- The Living Nativity shared the story of Jesus' birth to over 100 people on a soggy winter night!
- An appreciative crowd was delighted by the UWF concert and desert, featuring the Rutherford High School Select Choir!
- Eight folks brought holiday music and joy by phone to our homebound by Christmas Caroling!
- We contributed over 70 gifts for children in need in Nutley and Essex County, made donations to world hunger, and overflowed the mitten tree with articles for the needy!
- Many folks enjoyed the Family Christmas Eve Service at church and online with a terrific Christmas pageant by the children!
- Many also enjoyed the Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at church and online, being inspired by the music and filled with the light and love of Christ!

May the light we receive from the babe of Bethlehem brighten not only our holiday, but every day...and not only our world, but all of God's world!

### **From the Pastor and His Family**

From Rev. Dave: “My family and I deeply appreciate all the thoughtful expressions of love and kindness in cards and gifts and hugs in this season! We appreciate your friendship and care and extend to all of you our prayers for a blessed Christmas and a New Year of peace and love!”

### **Epiphany Sunday – January 7**

We will celebrate **Epiphany Sunday** on January 7, as we mark the arrival of the Wise Men in Bethlehem. It is also the first Sunday of the New Year, so we will share

in a time of reflection and renewal through our worship and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

### **What Is Epiphany?**

Are you acquainted with the word *epiphany*? It is derived from the Greek word *epiphaneia* and means “an appearance.” Centuries ago the Church set aside January 6, the twelfth day after Christmas (hence the 12 days of Christmas!), and called that day Epiphany, to refer to the revealing of Jesus to the Wise Men who were Gentiles. The very first followers of Jesus were Jewish. The story of the revelation of Christ to the Wise Men, who were non-Jewish, is a reminder that God meant for Christ to be the Savior of the whole world. Have a Merry Epiphany!

### **Dedication of Church Leaders – January 7**

As we begin a new year, we will take an opportunity to present and dedicate before the congregation our leadership team for the year ahead. Such we will do on Sunday, January 7, at the morning service. We ask that all new and continuing church leaders try to be in attendance that morning for the dedication.

### **De-decorating the Church – January 7**

It took several hours to put up all of our church Christmas decorations, but we hope it takes less than one hour to take them down and put them away – that is, if we can round up enough helpers! How about you?! Could you stay after church on January 7 and lend a hand? Remember, many hands make light work!

### **Human Relations Day – January 14**

January 14 will be *Human Relations Day* when we seek to grow in our understanding and respect of each other as we share this planet Earth. The service will touch on this theme and we will receive a special offering for related United Methodist missions.

### **FPE Homeless Program for 2024**

Vincent Church will be assisting in caring for homeless families once again in January through Family Promise of Essex County (formerly IHN). The families are housed in a hotel or apartment and assistance is brought to them until they can be placed in permanent housing. Our church is scheduled to provide assistance to the families on January 9 and 16. We are seeking a few people to cook and package some dinners and bring them to church by Tuesday, January 9 by 11 a.m. **and** a few people to cook and package some dinners and bring them to church by Tuesday, January 16 by 11 a.m. Also, we are seeking someone to shop for groceries (list and reimbursement provided) and deliver them to church by Tuesday, January 9 by 11 a.m. and someone to shop for groceries (list and reimbursement provided) and deliver them to church by Tuesday, January 16 by 11 a.m. If you

can assist in this compassionate ministry in one of these ways, please contact Barbara Carrino ([barbaracarrino@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaracarrino@yahoo.com)) or 973-919-0077. Jesus said, “When you did it for one of the least of these, you did it unto me.”

### **Rev. LeDuc on Vacation 1/15-28**

Rev. LeDuc will be on vacation from January 15-28 to do some retirement prep work. Luke Raughley will preach on January 21 and the Story Team will give the message on January 28. In case of a pastoral emergency, you may contact Rev. Audrey Hasselbrook (973-667-2683) or Rev. Jill Fenske (862-228-8050). We pray for a productive time apart for the Rev. Dave and Karen.

### **Vincent Church Is Open for Worship**

Vincent Church is open for worship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. The service is also broadcast live each week on the Vincent United Methodist Church Facebook page and is available by Call In. We ask anyone who is not feeling well to worship from home. People are welcome to wear masks if they choose. The left “wing” section of the Sanctuary will remain a “distanced” section for those who prefer it and the ventilation system will be circulating air. Masks and hand sanitizer will continue to be available. May the Lord guide us as we seek to worship and serve God together.

### **Worship with Us on Facebook Live!**

On Sundays at 10 a. m. (9:50 for prelude music), we invite you to go to the church’s Facebook page on a computer, tablet, or smart phone by clicking this link: [Vincent UMC Facebook Live Tab](#) (or for our main page: [Vincent UMC Facebook Page](#)). You do not need a Facebook account to watch the service (you may need to click “Not Now” on the invitation to join Facebook). Click on the service to enlarge it and join in the worship service!

### **Call In to HEAR the Worship Service!**

Those unable to be online for Sunday worship can call in to worship with us by phone. To do so: call phone number 1-929-205-6099 (touch the green “dial” button if you haven’t), enter this Meeting ID: 886-1883-8523, touch #, then enter Participant Code 100, press # again, then enter Password 100, press # again and you’re in! So call in by phone on Sunday mornings at 9:50 a.m. to join our Vincent Church family for worship at 10:00!

### **To Enhance “At Home” Worship**

Here are some tips for enhancing your “at home” worship experience. 1.) As the service begins, light a candle inviting God’s presence into your worship space. 2.) Have a Bible ready to explore the scriptures with Rev. Dave. 3.) Open up the weekly update, if you are able, scroll down to the very bottom, and have the words

to the hymn (s) ready to sing along with the song leader. May we sense the presence of the holy in our worship together.

### **Church School**

Vincent United Methodist Church’s Church School has classes for children from Kindergarten through grade 12. Children go to their classes after the children’s sermon at church each Sunday, except the first Sunday of each month. The curriculum being used is “Deep Blue” featuring Bible stories, a weekly DVD clip, games, crafts, and activities to help children “grow deeper in their faith.” On Communion Sundays (first Sunday of each month), the children remain in church for worship as a family and can pick up a clipboard in the back of the church to do some Bible activities. Children and their families are invited to come any Sunday or contact Michael Blanchard ([mblancha23@gmail.com](mailto:mblancha23@gmail.com)) for more information.

### **Nursery Room Use**

The Nursery Room is open on Sunday mornings for the use of parents with little ones who need a place to feed, change or rock a child. We ask that everyone clean up and sanitize after themselves. It is not to be a play area for older children to help maintain its cleanliness.

### **“Reading the Old Testament through Jewish Eyes” Study**

“Reading the Old Testament through Jewish Eyes” by Rabbi Evan Moffic is the study being used for the Monday morning study group from 9:30-11:00. The study is exploring the Torah, the first five books of the Hebrew Bible, as a source of wisdom, truth and transformation and highlight points of interest for Christians. The class meets on Zoom: [Monday Morning Study Group](#) or Meeting ID 858 3355 2508. For more information, contact Pam Rossman (973-534-6636) or Becky Olivo (201-657-0204). All are welcome.

### **Confirmation Class Meeting**

Rev. LeDuc will have a meeting on Sunday evening, January 7, at 7:00 on Zoom for all youth in grades 7-12 who are interested in being confirmed as followers of Jesus Christ this Spring. An email and letter of invitation is going out to many we know of in that age group. Any others should contact Rev. LeDuc for information.

### **White Gifts “Thank You”!**

Thank you to everyone who donated or helped in some way to make our White Gift Sunday a success. The youth did a great job making the tags and putting up the bulletin board. The town representative in charge of the Nutley Holiday gift drive was so appreciative of our donation to their program for the town families in

need. Tuesday, Liz Koroluk and I delivered the gifts to the Bessie Green Community Foundation. Through their connection, the gifts will be distributed through the Michelle Obama School. We also donated some of the knitted scarves from our Mitten Tree. They were very thankful for these warm scarves for their clients. Thank you! Gaylene

### **Changes in Leadership**

With the beginning of each new year, our church goes through some leadership changes. This year, Judy Concepcion will serve as our Church Council Chairperson. Please express your appreciation to those who have served and to those taking on the responsibility of serving Christ in leadership through our church.

### **All Meetings Open to All!**

All of our church meetings are open to all! The Church Council extends a special invitation to people to see what goes on “behind the scenes” to make our church run! Although only elected members can vote, all are welcome to sit in and hear the committee reports and to participate in the discussions. Contact the Church Office for the Zoom link information.

### **Pastoral Concerns**

Since it is hard for Rev. Dave to keep up with a church family of nearly 400 children, youth, and adults, he is grateful to those who keep him informed of the pastoral concerns of the church that he may not be aware of. If you or someone you know needs a pastoral call, let him know.

### **2024 Calendars Are In!**

The VUMC Church Wall Calendars are here. They are lovely calendars with monthly nature photos and scripture verses. They are a gift to all of us from S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home. You can pick one up from the Narthex tables or from the Church Office.

### **Rev. LeDuc to Retire**

It has been announced that Rev. LeDuc will be retiring as of June 30 after 39 years of ministry. He looks forward to spending more time with his wife and family, pursue some other things that bring him joy, and serve the Lord in other ways. We thank him for his 17 years with us here at Vincent Church and pray all the best for him. Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee will be working with our District Superintendent and Bishop toward the appointment of our next pastor as of July 1. Let us keep this process in our prayers.

### **Story Team**

We have a new Story Team that is working to help us gather and tell the story of God’s activity in our lives

and in our church. Our reporters will be out and about seeking input and stories. If you have a story to share or might like to join the Story Team, contact the Church Office.

### **Remembering the Enslaved of Nutley**

The Nutley Clergy Fellowship, with the support of the Township Commissioners, Nutley Cultural Diversity and Inclusion Council and the Kingsland Trust, are raising money for the installation of a memorial stone and commemorative plaque to honor the African American men and women who were historically enslaved in the Township. It will be dedicated to recognize the enslaved in Nutley who helped build our community. The recognition and unveiling is planned for Juneteenth, 2024. Donations can be made out to “Vincent United Methodist Church” noted for “Enslaved Marker” (mailed or brought to 100 Vincent Place, Nutley, NJ 07110) or online at [www.vincentumc.org](http://www.vincentumc.org) using the “Giving” tab. All donors providing contact information will be acknowledged and invited to the unveiling.

### **Ushers Needed**

We need some additional volunteers to serve as ushers. Ushers arrive at 9:15, complete several duties to prepare the church to receive worshippers, greet people as they arrive, and provide assistance during and after the service for the needs of the congregation. If you can help, please contact the Church Office.

### **Fellowship Hour Hosts Needed**

We have Fellowship Hour after church – a time of refreshments and conversation and connection and relationship-building! To do so, we are seeking people to take an occasional week to host it. It involves baking or picking up snacks and making the coffee and/or drinks. If you would be willing to take a week or have questions, contact Judy Mitschow ([Judym1948@gmail.com](mailto:Judym1948@gmail.com)).

### **“Care Notes” Available**

“Care Notes” are pamphlets that offer help and hope in practical and faithful ways for life’s struggles. We now have a display rack that include titles on stress, worry, illness, grief, addiction, cancer, retirement, abuse and more. They available for pickup in the back of the church on Sundays and in the church library during the week. Please, as their motto states: “Take one and take heart – Give one and give hope.”

### **The Green Candle on Our Altar**

We light the Green Candle on our altar each week as a sign of God’s remembrance of, compassion for, and comfort to those who suffer from AIDS, cancer, and other incurable diseases, and as a reminder to each of us to be in prayer for those who are hurting or suffering.

### **Altar Flowers**

To help beautify our altar for our Sunday worship services, members and friends are invited to donate a flower arrangement in honor or in memory of someone, to celebrate an occasion, or to the glory of God. Following the service, they can be taken home or they can be delivered to someone who is ill or homebound. To reserve a date, contact our Flower Coordinator Cathie Tedesco (973-751-2749 or [tedescocathie@gmail.com](mailto:tedescocathie@gmail.com)). The cost of the altar arrangement is \$30.00 and may be paid by check made out to VUMC and sent or dropped by the church office.

### **Shop-Rite Gift Cards**

Our church participates in a fund-raising program with Shop-Rite. Church members or friends are invited to purchase Shop-Rite gift cards from the church of which the church makes 5%. Every little bit helps as we make over \$1000 a year on this. They can be used at any Shop-Rite store and can be used for food and/or prescriptions. To purchase the gift cards or for more information, see Lillian Gripp after church or contact the Church Office.

### **Online Giving!**

We can support the mission and ministry of Vincent Church through online giving through Vanco! This can be done by using this link: [Vincent Church Online Giving](#), by visiting the church website and clicking "Online Donation," or by downloading the "Vanco Mobile" app from the Apple App Store (iPhone) or the Google Play Store (Android). The Vanco service is highly secure, supporting online giving to over 20,000 churches and non-profits. It is nationally endorsed by the United Methodist Church. They can process donations by credit card (yes you can collect your rewards on this!) or by electronic payment from a bank account. You can also setup recurring giving so it would be a one-time setup. We would appreciate your consideration of opting to cover the small fee for the transactions. Collectively, the fees will add up to lost income for the church. Your online donation, plus the coverage of the fee, will be on your year-end giving statement and will all be tax deductible. May this be one way that we offer ourselves to the work of the Lord through Vincent Church.

### **Stock Donations Welcome**

Vincent Church has an account with TD Ameritrade and welcomes stock donations to the church. After a stock has grown, cashing it in means paying income tax on the capital gain. By donating it to the church, the church can cash it in for full value and the donor receives an income tax benefit as a charitable donation for that full value. Anyone who might like to explore this or donate stocks to the church, should contact our church Financial

Secretary Rich Baumann at [force5@verizon.net](mailto:force5@verizon.net). This is one way to support the work of Christ through Vincent Church.

### **Offering Envelopes Available**

The boxes of Offering Envelopes are available for those who use them. They can be picked up in the back of the church or by contacting the Church Office by email or phone. There are instructions inside each box. If you have any further questions, contact Rich Baumann at (973) 667-4665.

### ***Remember Your Church in Your Will***

### **Vincent Church Endowment Fund**

Vincent United Methodist Church has established an Endowment Fund which provides members and friends the opportunity to make charitable gifts to the church. The Endowment Fund is intended to be a permanent fund that is an enduring source of financial support and a living memorial to those whom Vincent United Methodist Church has served. Since the work of Christ in the world is of importance to us all, we are invited to consider including Vincent Church in our planned giving. Our new Vincent Church Endowment Fund is an ideal vehicle to do so. The Endowment Fund is a permanent fund whose investment income is to be used to support the maintenance and improvement of our church property. For more information, contact Dave Rauschenberger at 973-667-6947 or [daveandgale@aol.com](mailto:daveandgale@aol.com).

### **Vincent UMC Little Pantry Donations Needed**

Please support our Vincent Youth in their newest fight against hunger! The youth have created a Little Pantry that will be placed by the stairs on the park side of the church. They are looking for items to fill the pantry: Non-Perishable Items only, No expired foods, so please check the Expiration Date, No Opened boxes or jars, New items only, No glass bottles, as this will be outside and subject to temperature changes. Donations will be accepted in 2 ways: Bring your donation to church on Sunday mornings and place in the box in the Narthex, Place your items directly into the cabinet. (which can be accepted any day). Please join us to help those who are in need! No donation is too small, so please consider picking up an extra can of vegetables or box of pasta when you do your grocery shopping. Any little bit helps. Vincent UMC Youth Group (grades 6-12)

### **"Pastor's Charitable Fund"**

The "Pastor's Charitable Fund" is used by the pastor to help local people in need or with special mission needs. In the past, Rev. LeDuc has helped people with rent, medical bills, prescriptions, with food, etc. He has also helped students going to seminary or on mission

trips and assisted emergency mission projects. Donations can be made in any envelope marked "Pastor's Fund" in gratitude to God and will serve to help those in need.

### **In Prayer...**

#### **Church Family and Friends Prayer Concerns**

- Diana Spangenberg is home recovering from a T-cell transplant.
- Peggy Rice is at rehab following a stroke (cards not calls please).
- Carol Greengrove has a health concern.
- Randy Rossman is on the waiting list for a lung transplant.
- Several church members going through cancer treatments.
- For a just peace in the Middle East.
- For a just peace in Ukraine.
- Those engaged in the struggle against racism.
- The men and women in law enforcement.

Let us keep these and all those on our prayer list wrapped in our prayers

### **PRAYER LIST**

Tom Olivo, Diana Spangenberg, Jack Casale, Sue Casale, Helen Tress, Bob Hosking, Evelyn Hosking, Pam Alfano, Stephen Delaney, Anita McCrea, Sharon Lautenbacher, Marilyn Testa, Sue Brogan, Kristen Henderson, Randy Rossman, Amanda Rivera, Dominic Capello, Rosie Miles, Catherine Abate, Imre Kovacs, Vincent DeNunzio, Cindy Keiss, Bob Parran, Charles Kuczinski, Cindy Keiss, Jeannie Noble, Kaitlin Rifici, Antonia Concepcion, Deb Matthews, Nelson Matos, Barbara Golding, Steve Canonico, Pablo Estevez, Kim Brown Cofield, Rev. Doug Miller, Family of Maria Tulp, Gail Rasielleski, Family of Ken Schmolze, Family of Robert Cook, Family of Burt Schutt, Family of Linda Tittington, Bill Picillo, Lucy Olivo, Family of Louise Hallenbeck, Moeses Guzman, Cora Paris Ponnwitz, Family of Bishop Sol Toquero, Catriona Caithness, Carol Greengrove, Family of Tom Tress Jr, Family of Jimmy Richelo, Tom Bingham, Peggy Rice, Family of Carmine Gennarelli, Mike Turner

#### **In the Military**

Justin Bakal, Jonathan Raia, Eric Dietrich, R. T. Morgan, Joseph Craige, Justin Fonyi, Kenneth Bratten, Zack Hickey, Matthew Morrow, Thomas Nowoslawski, Nicholas Nowoslawski, Shane Edwards, Grant Higginbotham, Daniel Eadie, Ryan Fen, Erin Brennan, our Veterans

#### **Care Kitchen Help Needed – January 27**

The Care Kitchen serves hot meals most Saturdays from 11:30-12:30 at our church. On Saturday, January 27, help will be needed as our Vincent Church team gathers

from 9:15-1:15 for prep work, serving the meals, and cleaning up. Sign up for an hour or two by contacting Barbara Carrino at 973-919-0077 or [barbaracarrino@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaracarrino@yahoo.com). We feed 65-75 people in need each month.

#### **Community Care Kitchen**

The Community Care Kitchen serves hot meals at Vincent United Methodist Church (100 Vincent Place in Nutley) on the second, third, fourth and last Saturdays of each month from 11:30-12:30. Prepared and served by people from Vincent Church, Grace Church, Holy Trinity Church, St. Mary's Church, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and St. Phillip the Apostle Church, the meal might be chicken or beef or pasta with delicious sides and vegetables. Everyone is welcome to come to the Community Care Kitchen, including families and seniors. Take-out meals are also available, one per person. In these tough times, there is a growing need and the churches are partnering with others in our community to make a difference in the world. Anyone who would like to make a contribution can contact the Vincent Church Office or visit the church website at [www.vincentumc.org](http://www.vincentumc.org). We are proud to partner with the Community Food Bank of New Jersey and to serve as a GNJUMC Hope Center.

#### **Care Pantry Needs**

Our Care Pantry provides personal care items for families in need in our area. We have seen about a 50% increase in numbers. We are in need of paper towels, household cleaners, dish detergent, and toilet paper. People could purchase the items and leave them in or on the bin by the left front door of the church. Thank you!

#### **Church Website**

We have a great Church Website! It a dynamic and colorful site. You can find it at our website address: [www.vincentumc.org](http://www.vincentumc.org). There is information on our services and programs, different church ministry areas, contact information, pictures, links to our service recordings, online giving link and much more! Check it out, and may it be one more way we reach out and connect in Jesus' name.

#### **Vincent UMC Cemetery**

Vincent Church has a cemetery located at 213 Passaic Avenue. This is where the church began in 1830. Grave plots and memorial garden plots (for cremains/ashes) are available for church members. Contact the Church Office for more information.

#### **Emotional Support Information**

If you need emotional support or are feeling anxiety or worry due to the COVID-19 pandemic, you can call the

NJ Mental Health Cares number at 1-866-202-HELP (4357). It is staffed with a live mental health specialist 7 days a week, 8 am-8 pm. Locally, the Nutley Family Service Bureau is accepting referrals and can be reached by calling 973-667-1884.

## **JANUARY**

### **Birthdays**

2 Richard Scardaville  
4 Ryan Lasky  
4 Jon Shepard  
5 Katherine Blair  
6 Tom Testa  
7 Nilesh Phillips  
8 Sarah Gonnella  
9 Sydney Bello  
9 Jeff Smith  
10 Pam Alfano  
12 Ripley Ballou  
12 Colleen Kingston  
16 Allyson Lin  
16 Caleb Raughley  
17 Rick Townsend  
20 Russell Ballou  
22 Gale Rauschenberger  
23 Walter Beresford  
24 Samantha Bitten  
24 Mia Weseloh  
25 Noah Scardaville  
28 Stan Gavigan  
28 Alyssa Henderson  
29 Jennifer Higgins  
29 Annie Traficante  
30 Nick Groeger

### **Anniversaries**

4 Dr. Tom & Marilyn Testa  
6 Brian & Tara Murphy  
10 Terrence & Erica Beebe

## **UNICEF**

Our children collected \$70 for UNICEF at Halloween time! Thank you to the children and to all who contributed as we help children around the world through the United Nations Children's Fund.

### **In Case of Horrid Weather**

'Tis the season for snow and ice! Since we value you greatly, there are some rare occasions when we will decide to cancel church rather than have you risk your life and limbs to get to worship. If such a stormy Sunday arises, you can check our Facebook page, the

Church Office answering machine, or your email. We pray, however, for a season of sunny winter Sundays!

## **Monthly Mission Contributions for January**

"Monthly Mission" contributions for January will support the ministry work of Rev. Jeremiah Ibrahim in Tanzania. Our Tanzania Mission Team first met Jeremiah when we visited there in 2013. We helped fund his education, celebrated his ordination as a pastor, and support him as the pastor of Bethel UMC in Dar es Salaam. We have also helped him build a pre-school. Additionally, he has gotten married and he and his wife have welcomed two children. Our "Monthly Mission Offering" contributions for January (designate "Jeremiah" on any envelope) or at [Vincent Church Online Giving](#) using the Monthly Mission line will be used to support Rev. Jeremiah and his ministry as he works to reach out and impact the lives of Tanzanians with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

## **Parish News**

### **New Baby**

Charlie Joseph Caithness was born on December 9 to Catriona Caithness. May the Lord bless Charlie and his family all their days!

### **Baptism**

Cadence Jo Michalski, daughter of Megan and Bryan, was baptized on December 2 by Rev. LeDuc. May the Lord bless Cadence and her family all their days!

## **Upcoming Events**

2/11	Souper Bowl Sunday UMYF Hoagie Sale
2/14	Ash Wednesday Service (7:30)
2/18	First Sunday in Lent
3/7	UWF General Meeting (7:00)
3/10	Scout Sunday (Girls and Boys)

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## **CHURCH STAFF**

Ministers: **All Members of the Congregation**

Pastor: **The Rev. David LeDuc**

Prayer Minister: **The Rev. John Benitez**

Organist: **Tricia Blanchard**

Choir Director: **Joe Maleno**

Office Administrator: **Kairyn Contreras**

Sextons: **Angel Caro & Marisa Torres**

Missionary: **Kabaka Ndala Alphonsine**

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## Vincent UMC Little Pantry Donations Needed

Please support our Vincent Youth in their newest fight against hunger! The youth have created a Little Pantry that will be placed by the stairs on the park side of the church. They are looking for items to fill the pantry...

- Non-Perishable items only
- No expired foods, so please check the Expiration Date
- No Opened boxes or jars, New items only
- No glass bottles, as this will be outside and subject to temperature changes

Donations will be accepted in 2 ways...

- Bring your donation to church on Sunday mornings and place in the box in the Narthex
- Place your items directly into the cabinet. (which can be accepted any day)

Please join us to help those who are in need! No donation is too small, so please consider picking up an extra can of vegetables or box of pasta when you do your grocery shopping. Any little bit helps.

Vincent UMC Youth Group (grades 6-12)



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**Serving hot meals to the community.**

Take-out meals available Saturdays from 11:30-12:30

December 9, 16, 23 & 30

Indoor Dining resuming in January at 11:30 a.m.

January 13, 20 & 27 and February 10, 17 & 24

Take-out meal option available, if preferred

Starting in January, return to one per son, one meal.

**In case of bad weather, call 973-667-5440 for information on closings.**

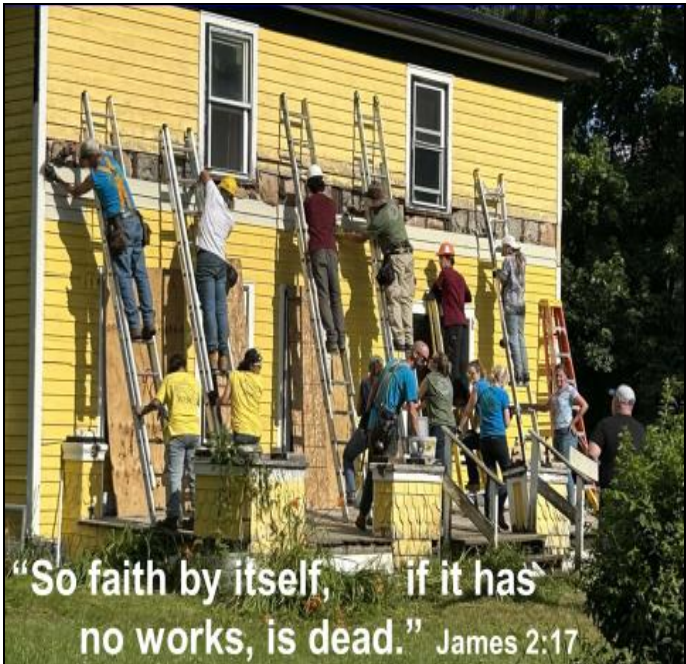
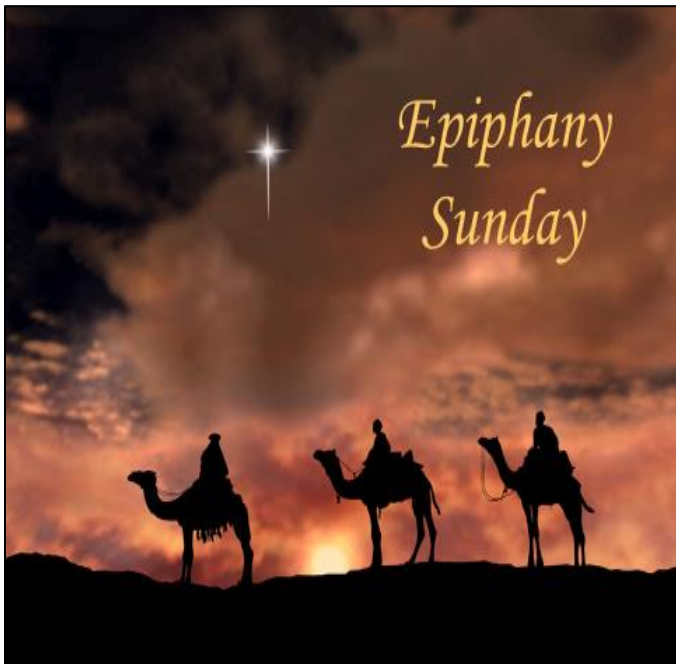
**Care Pantry note: due to Jan. 1 holiday, Jan. distribution will be Jan. 8.**

**Located at: Vincent United Methodist Church**

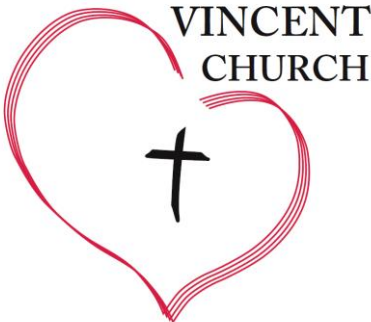
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