



The Vincent Voice

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Worship and Sunday School
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I was just reflecting on some of the things that have already happened around Vincent Church this year. By and large in the Voice and Update, we tell you what's coming up but not as much about how those things went. Here's a snap shot of what God has been doing around here among us. OK?

First and foremost, we learned that Pastor Sam Park will be the next pastor of Vincent Church following my retirement on June 30. He is a gifted pastor dedicated to helping this church grow in the name of Jesus Christ. Let us keep him and his family and our congregation in prayer in the time of pastoral transition.

In January, we dedicated over 20 of our church leaders to their ministry here, we reported that we fulfilled our 2023 financial obligations including our annual GNJ Conference and mission commitments, our Sunday School averages 10-15 children per week, we continued to lead a community effort to feed over 40 people in need most Saturdays through the Care Kitchen, the Monday Morning Group studied "Holy Envy," the youth had a Movie Night, and we cared for three homeless families through Family Promise.

In February, the youth made over 40 delicious sub sandwiches and the children collected over \$250 for the Souper Bowl of Caring, the Children's Choir restarted, the EYF rebooted with some fun and games, we shared a meaningful Ash Wednesday Service that was attended by over 40 people, twelve youth helped our Care Kitchen team, we dedicated ourselves to spiritual disciplines as we began the season of Lent, we started a Lent series on "The Parables of Jesus," and we hosted our missionaries from Tanzania for three days.

Whew! And that's the "slow" months of January and February!

Beyond this, there are many ongoing efforts that form the bedrock of our church. We also undergird each other with prayer and love in times of need.

As we journey together in this season of Lent, may we continue to grow in our faith in and service of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faithfully yours,
Rev. Dave

March Worship Schedule

March 3 Third Sunday in Lent

Chancel Choir Singing
Homily by Rev. LeDuc
"The Parables of Jesus: Generosity"
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

March 10 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Scout Sunday
Recognition of Our Girl and Boy Scouts
Chancel Choir Singing
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"The Parables of Jesus: Love"

March 17 Fifth Sunday in Lent

UMCOR Sunday
Chancel Choir Singing
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"The Parables of Jesus: Priority"

March 24 Palm Sunday

Sharing of the Palms
Chancel Choir Singing
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"The Parables of Jesus: Follow"

March 28 – Maundy Thursday

7:30 p.m. – Service of Remembrance
Remembrance of the Last Supper
Chancel Choir Singing
Homily by Rev. LeDuc
Sharing of the Lord's Supper
Remembrance of Gethsemane
Dramatic Reading

March 29 – Good Friday

7:30 p.m. – Service of Tenebrae

Chancel Choir Singing
Lessons of the Passion of Christ
Homily by Rev. LeDuc
Tolling of the Bell

March 31 – Easter Sunday

Chancel Choir Singing
Wesley Ringers Playing
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
“The Parables of Jesus: Returning!”
“Hallelujah Chorus”

“The Parables of Jesus” Lenten Series

Our Lenten worship and sermon series this year is entitled “The Parables of Jesus.” Jesus was one of the greatest teachers of all time. One of the reasons for that was that he spoke in a way that the people could understand. He did this by telling parables...stories with a point. In an effort to discover Jesus' message to us, we will embark on an exploration of several of Jesus' parables. Some will be familiar. Others will not. All will speak as vibrantly to us as to those to whom Jesus spoke. Join us as we seek grow in our faith and learn some lessons for living.

Scout Sunday – March 10

We will celebrate Scout Sunday at our service on March 10. We invite all of our Girl Scouts and Scouts BSA and their leaders to wear their uniforms to church that Sunday. The service will include a special time of recognition and blessing for all our Scouts, their leaders, and their families.

UMCOR Sunday – March 17

We will be collecting the “UMCOR” offering on March 17. This offering is collected each year to aid the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), which responds immediately on our behalf to the victims of disasters and war around the world. Please try to give generously to this special mission ministry.

Palm Sunday – March 24

Palm Sunday is on March 24. It is the day that we mark Jesus' entry into Jerusalem amidst waving palm branches and shouts of “Hosanna!” It also is the beginning of Holy Week, as Jesus prepares to die on our behalf on Calvary. Let us gather to receive our palm branches and prepare to receive as well Jesus' great gift of love and life for us.

Holy Week Services

We will have special services on **Maundy Thursday** (March 28) and **Good Friday** (March 29) beginning at

7:30 p.m. The services will be held in the church sanctuary, will be broadcast live from the sanctuary on the church Facebook page, and will be available for Call In using the same Sunday morning procedure. The **Maundy Thursday Service** will help us remember the events of Jesus' Last Supper and to recall his praying and arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane. There will be hymns, a choir anthem, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Rev. LeDuc will share a homily and a dramatic reading. The **Good Friday Service** will be a Service of Tenebrae, or “shadows.” As we read through the events of the day that Jesus died from the Gospel of Mark, we will extinguish successive candles and remember Jesus' suffering and sacrifice for us. This will be interspersed with hymns, prayers, choir anthem, and a homily by Rev. LeDuc. Join us personally or virtually and feel Jesus' love as we walk with him through these painful, yet profoundly powerful, days.

Easter Sunday – March 31

We will have one services on Easter Sunday morning, March 31. The Service will be at 10:00 and will feature hymns, a children's sermon, our Wesley Ringers, our Chancel Choir, Rev. LeDuc's Easter Sermon entitled “The Parables of Jesus: Returning!” and the “Hallelujah Chorus” by our Chancel Choir and Friends. The service will be held in the church sanctuary, will be broadcast live from the sanctuary on the church Facebook page, and will be available for Call In. May God bless our worship together as we gather personally and virtually to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!

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) 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.

NOTE: Daylight Savings Time Begins March 10!!

“Luke” Study for Lent

“Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts and Outlaws” by Adam Hamilton is the study being used for the Monday morning study group from 9:30-11:00 for Lent through March 18. The study will explore Jesus’ concern in Luke for those who were considered unimportant and hear a hopeful and inspiring word for our lives today. The class meets on Zoom: Monday Morning Study Group or Meeting ID 839 9664 0145. For more information, contact Pam Rossman (973-534-

6636) or Becky Olivo (201-657-0204). All are welcome.

Lent Easter Offering Note

As we move through the season of Lent, we invite each of us to consider honoring Jesus’ sacrifice for us by setting aside \$1 or \$2 a day – sacrificing a cup of coffee or a candy bar each day. This would add up to \$50 or \$100 for the season, which would be submitted as our love offering for Jesus for Easter. For some, this might be too much to ask; for others, it might be too little. Please submit whatever your contribution might be by mailing your donation in to the Church Office or by using the “Easter Offering” line on our online giving site ([Vincent Church Online Giving](#)). May this be one of the many ways that we honor the Lord Jesus in this holy season.

Next Pastor – Rev. Dr. Samuel Park

Bishop John R. Schol has appointed Rev. Dr. Samuel Park as the next pastor of our congregation following Rev. LeDuc’s retirement on June 30. 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. 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. 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.

Storage for Flea Market – starting March 1

Starting March 1, people can bring items for the Spring Flea Market (to be held on May 4 from 9-4). They should be stored on or under the tables in the back of Fellowship Hall BEHIND the black partitions. We ask that people box items and pile them neatly. The Hall will be open each Sunday after church from 11-12 for drop-offs. The Hall is being used on weekdays from 8-6 so please avoid those hours. To arrange a drop off on a weekday evening or another time on the weekend, contact Marge Baumann (banjomargie@verizon.net; 973-800-5026). Please do NOT leave/donate any computers, computer parts, televisions, or furniture. Thanks for your support!

UWF General Meeting – March 7 with NFSB

The United Women in Faith will hold their spring general meeting on Thursday evening, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Philhower Chapel. The guest speaker will be Katherine Carmichael, the Executive Director of Nutley Family Service Bureau. Katherine will speak on the many services and initiatives of NFSB, which include the food pantry, thrift shop, and counseling services. Our church partners with NFSB in many ways and this is a way for us connect more. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a friend. For more information, contact Gaylene Maichuk (Gmaichuk@aol.com); (973)667-3346).

Winter Soup Sale – March 17

Winter Soup Sale. MENU: Pea Soup with Ham, Chicken Noodle Soup, Tomato Basil Parmesan Soup, Sweet Potato Soup, Minestrone Soup, Vegetarian Lentil Soup, Sausage Lentil Soup, Chicken Chili, Beef Chili, and Irish Colcannon Soup. This is a fundraiser to support our Vincent Church mission and ministry. Enjoy a hot bowl of homemade soup or chili on a cold winter day. Can be enjoyed on day of pick up or frozen for a later time. \$12 per quart. Pick up day is Sunday, March 17 after church from 11 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Philhower Kitchen. To reserve your soup text, call or email Barbara Carrino @ 973-919-0077 or barbaracarrino@yahoo.com by March 10.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny – March 23

Vincent Church will be having a Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday morning, March 23 at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, fruit and drinks. Children will complete a seasonal craft and can have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Tickets are available through the Church Office: \$6 children 2-12, under 2 free, \$12 for adults. Proceeds will support the mission and ministry of the church.

“Blessing of the Palms”

Several Nutley congregations will assemble with palms from their churches on the front lawn of Town Hall (corner of Chestnut Street and Vincent Place) on Palm Sunday, March 24, at 9:15 a.m. for a brief service of blessing of the palms. The palm branch for Christians is a reminder of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem when the crowds waved palm branches of victory. It will conclude by 9:30 so participants can worship with their individual congregations. All are welcome.

Easter Egg Hunt – March 24

Vincent Church will have their annual Easter Egg Hunt after worship on Palm Sunday, March 24. It is being organized once again by the Youth Group. All the children are invited to come to church that day and enjoy the egg hunt after!

Good Friday Cross Walk

The Nutley Clergy Fellowship invites the community to join them for a Cross Walk on Good Friday, March 29 at 12 noon starting in front of Nutley High School. Prayers for peace, healing, safety, compassion, and justice will be offered in front of locations like Town Hall, Nutley Family Service Bureau, and Nutley Police and Fire Departments. Participants of all ages can join for all or part of the walk and are invited to bring a cross of any size to carry as a Christian witness. This is a very appropriate family faith activity on this holy day. Those with difficulty walking can meet the procession in the Town Hall area at 12:45. May this be a fitting remembrance of Jesus’ cross walk of sacrifice and love for all the world.

Two RISE Chaperones Needed

Our RISE Team is seeking two more chaperones, one male and one female, so that they can add a third work team! They will be going to Friendship, NY from July 7-13. They have 2-3 more youth who would like to attend but more adult help is needed. If you would like more information or to volunteer, contact Tricia Blanchard (pblanchard2323@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

Chapel Corner Repair Work

We are working on fixing the northeast corner of the Philhower Chapel wall. It has been patched several times over the decades. We recently added an additional downspout to help prevent overflow rainwater from going down the outside brickwork and possibly finding its way in through the mortar. We will have to wait for a heavy rain with wind from the northeast to be sure. Otherwise, we might need to do mortar work. In the meantime, we are removing paint and plaster that has been damaged to be sure the wall dries out and, hopefully, stays that way. Then we can repair and paint it once and for all. We thank Wendell Grimm for his work on this. So please pardon the Chapel appearance during this wholly and holy work!

Hams Needed

Hams are needed for the Takeout Tuesday Dinner coming up in mid-May. If you have a free ham from a local store you don’t need or one you would like to purchase for us, please contact Gaylene Maichuk (gmaichuk@aol.com) for more info or to donate.

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 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).

Church Office Information

The Church Office is open Monday through Friday from 10-1. Office Administrator Kairyn Contreras can be contacted at the church at vincentumc@verizon.net or 973-667-5440.

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.

“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 cathietedesco4347@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.

March Birthdays

1	Erick Frobose
1	Travis Pied
2	Natalie Feraco
2	Sal Olivo, Sr.
3	Bill Rebenack
3	Benjamin Raughley
4	Linda Baker Grimm
4	Donna Tennis
4	Jessica Tennis
5	Rich Baumann
6	Kris Bello
6	Rev. David LeDuc
8	Sal Olivo, Jr.
9	Joe Tedesco
11	Rev. John Benitez, Sr.
12	Braydon Brown
12	Fay Dziura
13	Savannah Lalljee
14	Bette-Ann Rebenack
16	Scott Ballou
17	Jim Traficante
20	Maeve Benitez
20	Danielle Goode
20	Mason Marsala
21	Nor James
21	Leah Miles
22	Lee Devine
24	Sierra Lalljee
25	Sharon Lautenbacher
27	Emily Feraco
27	Patricia Hogan
27	David Shaw
29	Deborah Jensen Lindenbaum
29	Tommy Moran
29	Allison Scorsone
30	Danielle Lohf
31	Frank Bello

March Anniversaries

5	Anthony & Lisa Feraco
20	Rick & Jane DeKovessey
29	Gene & Marilyn Carlson
30	Tim & Kristen Henderson

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.

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.

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. We are proud to partner with the Community Food Bank of New Jersey and to serve as a GNJUMC Hope Center.

In Prayer...

Church Family and Friends Prayer Concerns

- Mildred Evans is in rehab after a hospital stay.
- Dave Rauschenberger is recovering from knee surgery.
- Randy Rossman is on the waiting list for a lung transplant.
- Our church Confirmation Class students.
- Several church members going through cancer treatments.
- For our church in the midst of a pastoral transition.
- For our Tanzania missionaries.
- For a just peace in Ukraine and the Middle East.
- 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, Gail Rasieleski, 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, Family of Lousie Feist, Family of Jane Zimany, Family of Joan Klatsky, Evan Blanchard, Kim Hosking, Family of May Houtenville, Family of Theresa Cifelli, Family of Devon Thompson, Dave Rauschenberger, Mildred Evans, Family of Wiston Perlazza

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 – March 30

The Care Kitchen serves hot meals most Saturdays from 11:30-12:30 at our church. On Saturday, March 30, help will be needed as our Vincent Church team gathers from 9:15-1:15 for prep work, setting tables, 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. We feed 40-50 people in need each month.

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.

Spiritual Disciplines for Lent

Lent is a season of reflection upon our lives, of repentance of our sins, of re-direction of our paths, and renewal of our faith. Life is not easy and we tend to stray from the way. Lent is a time to try to get back on track by seeking God's guidance and help and strength. So, we are encouraged to consider doing one or more of the following for Lent:

1. **Come to Worship** - Worship is a weekly discipline that puts us firmly in the presence of God. Through hymns and prayers and scriptures and sermons, God speaks to our hearts and encourages us and seeks to guide us.
2. **Pray Daily** – Let's take some time to open our hearts to God, sharing our thoughts and concerns and listening for God's guiding in quietness. Even if it is only a few moments, let's take some time to check in with God!
3. **Read the Bible** – We'll have available for you a devotional guide called "Sanctuary for Lent." For each day of the season, it has a scripture, a story, and a prayer. Using this or some other devotional, let's take a few minutes each day to be fed by God's word!
4. **Give Something Up** – Here's the old standby! Let's think of something that we could "give up for Lent" that would be beneficial to us and a ready reminder of Jesus' self-denial for us.
5. **Do Something** - Here's a new twist on the old standby. Is there something we could do to reach out in a loving way to someone else in Jesus' name? Perhaps we could try to call or visit or send a card to one person per week that is in need of encouragement, or some other type of witness or service to others.

Which one might be most meaningful for your journey of faith? Which one might help you grow more in the Spirit? Which one or more of these would best fit your schedule? Think about it. Pray about it. Then, decide how this season of Lent can be an especially holy time for you.

Remember Your Church in Your Will

Invite a Friend to Church!

The season of Lent is a terrific time to invite someone to come to church with you. In the midst of this season of reflection and renewal, people are more mindful of the place of spirituality in their lives. They are, then, more receptive to an invitation. Do you have a friend, relative, acquaintance, or neighbor who might be struggling with concerns or loneliness, or searching for a church or direction in life? Why not invite them to come to church with you to find the comfort, peace, and love of God we share here? Invite them to come and worship with us, to help at the Care Kitchen or other mission activity, or attend a family night or study group. Our call is to share the good news of Jesus and his love and how it is making a difference in the world through Vincent Church. So let's invite others to come along!

Church Policies Available

Vincent Church is committed to providing a safe and protected environment for our children, youth and adults. We have a "Safe Sanctuaries Policy" to help reduce the risk of abuse through background checks, youth protection training, and other procedures and protocols. We also have a "Sexual Harassment Policy" to help reduce the risk of harassment in our church. A copy of these policies are available through the Church Office.

Vincent UMC Safety Protocol

Our church has developed some safety protocols in case of a fire, medical or security emergency. Our ushers and Church School staff have been trained as to how to proceed with different situations. If you see a situation that needs attention, please speak to one of the ushers for assistance. This might include smoke or fire, someone in medical distress, or someone whose behavior is erratic or makes one uncomfortable. If you see something, please say something to an usher who will then address the situation. We want our church to be a welcoming, safe, and peaceful setting for our worship and service of God.

AED Available for Emergency Use

Our church has an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) which can diagnose and defibrillate someone having a heart attack. On opening it, the AED has simple audio and visual commands that are designed to be used by any layperson. It is located in a marked metal box in the hallway to the chapel. While we pray it will never be used, it is available if a heart emergency arises.

Emergency Kit in Usher's Closet

Our church has an Emergency Kit located on the door in the Usher's Closet opposite the Ladies Room. The kit includes a First Aid Kit, a "Stop the Bleed" Trauma Kit,

and Narcan nasal spray opioid overdose treatment. While we pray they never need to be used, they are available in case of a medical emergency.

Monthly Mission Contributions for March

Our Monthly Mission Offering for March will be used to help those in need through CUMAC. The mission of CUMAC is "to feed people and change lives; to alleviate hunger and its root causes for those in need in Paterson, Passaic County, and northern New Jersey." CUMAC began with one man in a local church in the late 1970s. Growing from the back of Hugh Dunlop's car to a 28,000 square foot building in Paterson, CUMAC provides food for over 4,000 low income people each month, serves as a food depot for smaller area food pantries, operates a thrift store, and provides job training. For more information, visit www.cumacecho.org. Your donations for this "Monthly Mission Offering" (designate on any envelope or on an offering envelope or through [Vincent Church Online Giving](#)) will make a difference in the lives of those who are struggling to get by and seeking to get ahead in these difficult times.

Upcoming Events

April 5	Cabaret Nite
April 7	Commitment Sunday
April 14	Spring Cleanup in the Cemetery (10-3)
May 2	National Day of Prayer
May 4	UMW Flea Market (9-4)
May 12	Mother's Day Promotion Sunday Confirmation Sunday
May 14	Take Out Dinner (4:30-6:30)
May 19	Pentecost Sunday 195 th Anniversary Sunday Recognition of 50 Year Members
May 19-21	Greater New Jersey Annual Conference
May 26	Memorial Sunday

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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**
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2024 Lenten Schedule

VINCENT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NUTLEY, NJ

Sundays – 10 a.m.
Church Sanctuary
And Live on Facebook

- Feb 14** **Ash Wednesday**
7:30 p.m. **Service of
Repentance and Renewal**
Chancel Choir Singing
Imposition of Ashes
Homily by Rev. LeDuc
"To Atona"
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- Feb 18** **First Sunday in Lent**
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"The Parables of Jesus – Growth"
Dedication to the Lenten Journey
- Feb 25** **Second Sunday in Lent**
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"The Parables of Jesus – Humility"
- Mar 3** **Third Sunday in Lent**
Homily by Rev. LeDuc
"The Parables of Jesus –
Generosity"
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- Mar 10** **Fourth Sunday in Lent**
Scout Sunday
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"The Parables of Jesus – Love"
- Mar 17** **Fifth Sunday in Lent**
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"The Parables of Jesus – Priority"
- Mar 24** **Palm Sunday**
9:15 a.m. "Blessing of the Palms"
10:00 a.m. **Palm Sunday Service**
Sharing of the Palms
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"The Parables of Jesus - Follow"
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Easter Egg Hunt after Worship



"The Parables of Jesus"

- Mar 28** **Maundy Thursday**
7:30 p.m. **Service of
the Last Supper and Garden**
Chancel Choir Singing
Homily by Rev. LeDuc
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Dramatic Reading by Rev. LeDuc
- Mar 29** **Good Friday**
12:00 noon **Community Cross Walk**
7:30 p.m. **Service of the Tenebrae**
Scriptures of the Passion
Chancel Choir Singing
Homily by Rev. LeDuc
- Mar 31** **Easter Sunday**
10:00 a.m. – **Resurrection Service**
Wesley Ringers and Chancel Choir
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"The Parables of Jesus –
Returning!"
"Hallelujah Chorus"
- April 7** **Second Sunday of Easter**
Homily by Rev. LeDuc
"The Parables of Jesus - Salvation"
Invitation to New/Renewed
Commitment to Christ
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Join Us in Lent as We Journey to New Life in Christ!

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Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Saturday morning, March 23rd

Vincent Church



One seating at
9:00 a.m.

Breakfast will include:
Pancakes, sausage, and fruit
Coffee, tea, and juice

Children will complete
a seasonal craft.

Pictures with the Easter Bunny
will be available!

Tickets are \$12 for adults and
\$6 for children 2-12 (under 2 is free)
and should be purchased
in advance through the Church Office.

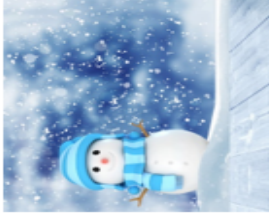


Breakfast will be held in the beautiful Philhower Chapel.
Please use the front door of the church to enter.



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Winter Soup Sale

MENU

1. Pea Soup with Ham (GF)
2. Chicken Noodle
3. Tomato Basil Parmesan (GF)
4. Minestrone
5. Vegetarian Lentil (GF)
6. Sausage Lentil (GF)
7. Irish Colcannon Soup (GF)
8. Sweet Potato (GF)
9. Chicken Chili (will come frozen)
10. Beef Chili (will come frozen)

(GF) – indicates a gluten free soup. **\$12 per quart**

A fundraiser for our church budget. Enjoy a hot bowl of homemade soup on a cold winter day. Can be enjoyed day of pick up or frozen for a later time.

Pick up day is Sunday, March 17 after church. Come to the kitchen door.

To reserve your soup text, call or email Barbara Carrino @

973-919-0077 barbaracarrino@yahoo.com by Sunday, March 10th.

VUMC UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP DATES

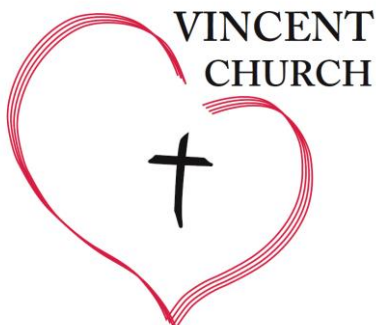
- 1/28- MOVIE NIGHT 6:30-8:30 PM
- 2/11- SUB SALE (DURING CHURCH)
- 2/24- CARE KITCHEN 10:00-12:00
- 2/25- SARDINES 6:30-8:00 PM
- 3/10- ICE SKATING AFTERNOON
- 3/24- EASTER EGG DECORATING
6:30-8:00 PM
- 4/07- GAME NIGHT 6:30-8:00 PM
- 4/21- INDOOR GAMES 6:30-8:00 PM
- 5/05- TACO DINNER 6:30-8:00 PM
- 5/19- OUTDOOR GAMES AFTER CHURCH



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