



The Vincent Voice

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

Grace and peace to you in Jesus' Name!

Holy Week. Why do we call such a week holy?

We call it holy because it was during this week that Jesus showed the world how deeply God loves all humanity. It is a sacred time...a holy time... for us.

As we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, his teaching in the Temple, his Last Supper and Arrest and Trial and Crucifixion and Resurrection, we are put in touch with a force...a power...a love... so beyond us that we are awed by it. But at the same time, we realize that it is within us...because Jesus is alive within our hearts!

In his passion and death, Jesus laid down his life that we might live. By his suffering and sacrifice, Jesus drew near to the pain of our human experience...so that we could draw near to him.

Will we draw near to him?

It has been said that a Christian cannot fully understand and feel the power of the resurrection without experiencing the pain of the Passion.

I invite and encourage us to honor Jesus during Holy Week by making it a holy time in our homes and in our lives. Let's read ahead the passion account in the Gospel of Mark, chapters 14 and 15. Let's pray – pray for our world, for our church, for our family and friends, for the poor and the ill, for ourselves. Let us worship together (at church, online, or by phone) on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and remember Jesus' love. See the Worship Schedule below for dates and times.

And then, with a deeper sense of understanding, we can celebrate Easter and sing and shout for joy because the tomb was empty...Jesus was resurrected...our Savior lives!

As it says in John, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

May it be for us a truly Holy Week, as Jesus draws near to us...and we seek to walk with Jesus to Jerusalem and the new life beyond.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Dave

APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 2 – Palm Sunday

Sharing of the Palms
Superstar Music – "Hosanna"
Homily by Rev. LeDuc
"Who Do You Say I Am? Crowds"
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

April 6 – Maundy Thursday

7:30 p.m. – Service of Remembrance
Remembrance of the Last Supper
Chancel Choir Singing
Homily by Rev. LeDuc
*"Who Do You Say I Am?
Jesus"*
Sharing of the Lord's Supper
Remembrance of Gethsemane
Superstar Music –
"Gethsemane"

April 7 – Good Friday

7:30 p.m. – Service of Tenebrae
Superstar Music –
"This Jesus Must Die"
Lessons of the Passion of Christ
Homily by Rev. LeDuc
"Who Do You Say I Am? All"
Tolling of the Bell

April 9 – Easter Sunday

Superstar Music – "Superstar"
Wesley Ringers Playing
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"Who Do You Say I Am? Us!"
"Hallelujah Chorus"

April 16 – Second Sunday of Easter

Commitment Sunday

Chancel Choir Singing

Homily by Rev. LeDuc

“Who Do You Say I Am? Me”

Invitation to a New or Renewed

Commitment to Christ

April 23 – Third Sunday of Easter

Chancel Choir Singing

Sermon by Rev. LeDuc

“A Farmer’s Communion”

April 23 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Chancel Choir Singing

Sermon by Rev. LeDuc

“Lessons from Copernicus!”

Palm Sunday – April 2

Palm Sunday is on April 2. 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** (April 6) and **Good Friday** (April 7) 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 “Who Do You Say I Am? Jesus” and music from “Jesus Christ Superstar: Gethsemane” by Luke Grooms. 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, music from “Jesus Christ Superstar: This Jesus Must Die” by our Chancel Choir, and a homily by Rev. LeDuc “Who Do You Say I Am? All.” Join us personally or virtually and feel Jesus’ love as we walk with him through these painful, yet profoundly powerful, days.

Easter Sunday – April 9

We will have one services on Easter Sunday morning, April 9. The Service will be at 10:00 and will feature hymns, a children’s sermon, our Wesley Ringers, music

from “Jesus Christ Superstar: Superstar” by Stephen Innocenzi and our Chancel Choir, Rev. LeDuc’s Easter Sermon entitled “Who Do You Say I Am? Us!” 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.

“Who Do You Say I Am?” Lenten Series

Our Lenten worship and sermon series this year is entitled “Who Do You Say I Am?” Utilizing music from the musical “Jesus Christ Superstar,” we will explore how the different characters of Jesus’ life and Passion might respond to this question. Then we will need to answer that question for ourselves: Who do we say Jesus is – to us and in us and through our lives? In this holy and reflective season, may this series help us rediscover and renew our walk as disciples of Jesus Christ.

“Jesus Christ Superstar” Song Coming Up

The “Jesus Christ Superstar” songs and singers coming up: April 2 – “Hosanna” by our Chancel Choir, April 6 – “Gethsemane” by Luke Grooms, April 7 – “This Jesus Must Die” by our Chancel Choir, and April 9 – “Superstar” by Stephen Innocenzi and our Choir.

“Jesus Christ Superstar” Copyright Note

Since “Jesus Christ Superstar” is under copyright protection, we cannot stream a live performance of the music. Therefore, during our Sunday Facebook livestream, we will need to cut the audio during the performance of the songs. The audio for the service will resume after the song is over. To listen to the song being done, viewers can use this link to the album: [Jesus Christ Superstar Original Concept Album - Bing video](#) or search for the song on Youtube or elsewhere.

“Jesus Christ Superstar” Productions for Viewing

There are several production of “Jesus Christ Superstar” available for viewing online, by DVD, and by streaming (Amazon Prime and Vudu to rent or buy). The four main productions are: 1973 Norman Jewison film version, the 2000 Gale Edwards stage to film version, the 2013 Live Arena Tour version filmed at the O2 in London, and the 2019 NBC Live in Concert version starring John Legend. Viewing a full production would be helpful for a fuller understanding and appreciation of our “Who Do You Say I Am?” Lenten series featuring music from “Jesus Christ Superstar.”

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.

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 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.

Storage for Flea Market – NOW OPEN

People can bring items for the Spring Flea Market (to be held on May 6 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!

“Plenty Good Room” Lenten Study

“Plenty Good Room: A Lenten Bible Study Based on African American Spirituals” is the study being used for the Monday morning study group from 9:30-11:00. This unique short-term Bible study combines an in-depth look at Scripture, American history, and the music and lyrics of six African American spirituals: 'Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit," "This Lonesome Valley," "Bow Down on Your Knees," "Plenty Good Room," "Ain't Dat Good News," and "Were You There?" Marilyn E. Thornton wrote all new lessons appropriate to the season. The class will meet on Zoom: [Plenty Good Room Study Group](#) or Meeting ID 850112643696. For more information, contact Pam Rossman (973-534-6636) or Becky Olivo (201-657-0204). All are welcome.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny – April 1

Vincent Church will be having a Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday morning, April 1 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: \$5 children 2-12, under 2 free, \$10 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, April 2, 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 – April 2

Vincent Church will have their annual Easter Egg Hunt after worship on Palm Sunday, April 2. 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, April 7 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.

Spring Cleanup at the Cemetery – April 15

The Trustees will be hosting a Church-wide Spring Cleanup at our Vincent UMC Cemetery at 213 Passaic Avenue in Nutley on Saturday, April 15. The time is from 10:00 to 3:00, though folks can come for whatever part of the day that fits their schedule. The rain date is Sunday afternoon, April 16 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. This is an annual church family event with children, youth, and adults working and playing together. This effort is also a way we can save the church considerable money toward our budget rather than hiring a landscaper to do it. The Trustees will provide a pizza lunch and bottled water for the helpers. We will be inviting the Scout units to help out as well. This cemetery is part of church's heritage and needs our care and attention. It is a fairly large area with lots of trees and shrubs to trim. So, bring your pruning shears, loppers, manual hedge clippers, rakes, gas leaf blowers and/or drop cloths and come join your church friends for a day of Christian fellowship and service.

Earthquake Relief Offering

The earthquake that shook Turkey and Syria has claimed now over 23,000 lives. We are collecting a special offering to help. Tents, heaters, blankets, warm clothes, ready-to-eat meals and first-aid kits are headed to earthquake survivors in Turkey and northwest Syria through a grant from the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). The \$10,000 solidarity grant will be handled by International Blue Crescent, a longstanding humanitarian partner of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries. 100% of all donations will go to help those affected. You can make your donation by putting it in the offering plate in an envelope marked “Earthquake” (checks made to VUMC), by mailing it to the church, or by using our online giving portal at [Vincent Church Online Giving](#) under the “Earthquake Relief” tab. May we offer our prayers and donations in this time of incredible human need.

“Pilgrim’s Psalm” – April 2

doorjam, the houseband at the Franklin Reformed Church, will present their original work "A Pilgrim's Psalm" on Palm Sunday, April 2, at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary of the church. This contemporary oratorio for Holy Week is a multi media presentation of original music, Scripture and images of paintings by artist Lucy Jangiggian. The oratorio follows the events from Palm Sunday through Easter, inviting the audience to hear an old story in a new way. doorjam is Vicky Chalk, Jainine Gambaro, Jill Fenske and Linda and Joe Ribaud.

In Prayer...

Church Family and Friends Prayer Concerns

- Genevieve Cugini is in Overlook Hospital.
- Evelyn Hosking is recovering from a heart procedure.
- Butch Buset is having chemotherapy.
- Several church members going through cancer treatments.
- For a just peace in Ukraine.
- Those affected by COVID-19.
- 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

Church Family and Friends

Tom Olivo, Diana Spangenberg, John Olsen, Butch Buset, Vincent Traficante, Jack Casale, Sue Casale, Helen Tress, Chris Amlung, Bob Hosking, Evelyn Hosking, Amanda Rivera, Dominic Capello, Rosie Miles, William Ford Riffle, Catherine Abate, Mike Turner, Henrietta & Bob Wiltshire, Juliana Peter, Sarah Dupuy, Sue Michaels Sofman, Imre Kovacs, Roman, Vincent DeNunzio, Larry Cannataro, Arlene Sibiga, Cindy Keiss, Joyce Verzi, Beverly Parron, Stephanie Thomas, Virginia Conklin, Jeff Mitschow, Nor James, Family of Marty Canova, Genevieve Cugini, Larry Giblin, Family of Lorraine Carhart, Family of Daivd Frieze, Tom Tress, Jr, Deborah Chen, Family of Tyre Nichols, Temple Ner Tamid, Lisa Berne, Daivd Enslee, Family of Irene Rawcliffe Nelson, Clayton Carroll, Family of Alan Frederick Hunter, Sr, Family of Rev. Lawrence Raughley, Family of Ginny Smith, Family of Rev. Hoo Sug Lee, Family of Ann Casale, Andy Lautenbacher, Charles Kuczinski, Carol Beronio, Maryjane Brigham, Cindy Keiss, Gail Rasieleski, Family Bob Moore, Family of Patti Williams, Jeannie Noble, Family of Pam Lindstrom, Family of Chiarina Parise

In the Military

Justin Bakal, Michael Nocera, Jonathan Raia, Eric Dietrich, R. T. Morgan, Antone Leonard, Joseph Craige, Justin Fonyi, Kenneth Bratten, Zack Hickey, Matthew Morrow, Thomas Nowoslawski, Nicholas Nowoslawski, Shane Edwards, Grant Highinbotham, Daniel Eadie, Chris Fen, our Veterans

“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.

Pause for Prayer

There is a movement inviting people to “Pause for Prayer” at 7:00 p.m. each evening for all those being affected by the coronavirus pandemic – locally, nationally, and globally. Perhaps set a phone alarm and pause for a moment of prayer. There is power in unified prayer and a sense of connection in the body of Christ as hearts are lifted to God for grace and healing.

The Heritage Club of Vincent Church

The Heritage Club of Vincent Church is for those who have made a donation to the Vincent Church Endowment Fund and/or included our church in their estate planning. It is a way for us to recognize and thank those who have decided to help ensure the vision and vitality of our church not just in this life, but into the future. If you have designated Vincent Church in your will or as a beneficiary in any of your financial vehicles, you can be a part of The Heritage Club of Vincent Church simply by contacting Dave Rauschenberger at (973) 667-6947 or daveandgale@aol.com. We won’t ask for proof, but only your word. You can also contact Dave if you have any questions about ways to honor Vincent Church through your estate planning. As member of The Heritage Club, you annually will be recognized and invited to a special gathering of members for appreciation and updates on the church’s mission and ministry. May this be one way that our congregation helps ensures the future of the Lord’s work through Vincent Church.

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1	Karen LeDuc
1	Jeanne Moran
2	Matthew Blanchard
3	Marilyn Carlson
3	Chole Devine
3	April Cook
3	Marilyn Smith
4	Carol Greengrove
6	Liz Green Koroluck
7	Gaylene Maichuk
9	Matt Maichuk
9	Silas Mountsier
11	Terrence Beebe
11	Patrick Brown, Jr. (PJ)
11	Nancy Muller
15	Sameer Exil-Chery
17	Marge Baumann
18	Laila Marsala
18	Owen Marsala
19	Nicole Brown
19	Geoff De Voe
21	Rick Dekovessey
21	Gretchen
22	Carlos Herrada
22	Marissa Devine
23	Chelsea LeDuc
24	Evelyn Krautsack
24	Joseph Pallota
25	Randy Rossman
26	Devyn De Voe
27	Kayla Torres
29	Gina Bereford
29	Teagan De Voe
29	Maddy Goglia
30	Tammy Smith

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

2	Michael & Kathlyn Marsala
8	Robert & Joana Lohf
8	Randy & Pam Rossman
14	Al & Judy Concepcion
29	Billy & Chelsea LeDuc
30	Fred & Colleen Kingston

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.

In Search of 50-Year Members

As part of our Anniversary Sunday Celebration on May 21, we will be honoring those in our church who have been members of this church, or any combination of

churches, for a total of at least 50 years. Membership begins when someone makes their profession of faith and joins a church as a youth or adult, most often through Confirmation. We will honor again those who were listed last year and anyone else who is eligible. If your membership tallies over 50 years now, contact the church office and let us know. We give thanks for all those who have served the Lord so faithfully through the years!

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. This is one way to support the work of Christ through Vincent Church.

Vincent Church DVD Library

Our church has some DVDs in the Church Library that are ready to be borrowed – some for children like Veggie Tales and others for family or adult viewing. Those include DVDs on John Wesley, Martin Luther, Mother Teresa, Paul, and movies like Soul Surfer and Jesus of Nazareth. Just sign the sheet and try to return them in two weeks! FREE!

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.

Church in Will?

Have you named our church in your will? Or is our church designated as a beneficiary in any financial vehicles like a pension fund or life insurance policy? If so, we are seeking to collect a list of those names in order to appreciate them, privately and anonymously if preferred. If you have, please let Dave Rauschenberger know at 973-667-6947 or daveandgale@aol.com

“Ukraine Relief Offering”

Vincent Church is collecting a special offering to provide humanitarian assistance for the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country. Over \$900 has been collected and sent. 100% of all donations will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries through the UMC Board of Global Ministries. To make a donation, send it to the church in an envelope marked “Ukraine Relief” or do so through the “Ukraine Relief Fund” on the VUMC online giving page. Let us all pray for an end to the violence, peace in Ukraine, and relief for the Ukrainian people.

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)

Care Kitchen Help Needed – April 29

We have reopened the Care Kitchen as a take-out program, serving hot meals from 11:30-12:30. On Saturday, April 29 help will be needed as our Vincent Church team gathers from 9:15-1:15 for prep work, packaging the meals, distributing the meals, and cleaning up. Sign up for an hour or two by contacting Deborah Chen at Deborahc13@yahoo.com. We feed 50-60 people each month who are served through our Care Pantry and the Nutley senior buildings.

Community Care Kitchen

The Community Care Kitchen serves hot take-out meals three times per month at Vincent United Methodist Church (100 Vincent Place in Nutley) on the second, third and last Saturdays of each month from 11:30-12:30. Prepared and shared by people from Vincent Church, Grace Church, Holy Trinity Church, St. Mary’s Church, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, the meal might be chicken or beef or pasta with delicious sides and vegetables. Everyone is welcome to come by the Community Care Kitchen and pick up a meal-to-go including families and seniors. Please bring a large bag or two to carry the food. 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. Upcoming dates are April 8, 15, and 29. 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.

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!

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“Monthly Mission” Contributions for April

Red Bird Mission, Inc. and Red Bird Clinic, Inc. have been providing ministries in the southeast Kentucky region of the Appalachian Mountains since 1921. Today the need remains critical in this isolated, rural distressed area. Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing, and rugged mountainous terrain provide obstacles to a fuller life for the residents of this area. Red Bird Mission and Clinic strives to meet these needs through ministry in five areas: Education, Health and Wellness, Community Outreach, Economic Opportunity, and Community Housing Improvement. For more information, visit www.rbmission.org. Your donations as your “Monthly Mission Offering” (designate on any envelope or online at Vincent Church Online Giving) will help support this vital United Methodist mission program.

Reusable Bags for Care Pantry

We understand that supermarket delivery services are sending orders now in reusable bags. If you end up with more bags than you need, the Care Pantry would gladly receive clean and barely used bags. The Care Pantry would like to go “green” and needs 80 or more bags each month. To donate clean and barely used reusable bags, leave them by the Care Pantry located to the left of the elevator on our main floor.

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.

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.

First Aid Kit and “Stop the Bleed” Trauma Kit

Our church has a First Aid Kit and a “Stop the Bleed” Trauma Kit. They are located on the door in the Usher’s Closet opposite the Ladies Room. They contain items needed in case of a medical emergency. While we pray they never need to be used, they are available in the case of an emergency.

“Upper Room” Devotional Guides Available

“Upper Room” Devotional Guides are now available for free for pickup in the literature rack in the front church vestibule. They contain a short devotional for each day for two months with a theme, a scripture, a reflection, a prayer, and a thought for the day. They are small and can be used on a breakfast table, on a nightstand, in a briefcase or pocketbook. Pick one up to use as one way to stay grounded in and to grow in faith in Jesus Christ.

Upcoming Events

May 4	National Day of Prayer (Noon)
May 6	UWF Flea Market (9-4)
May 14	Mother’s Day Promotion Sunday & Party
May 16	Take Out Tuesday Dinner
May 21	194 th Anniversary Sunday Recognition of 50 Year Members
May 21-23	Greater New Jersey Annual Conference
May 28	Pentecost Sunday Memorial Sunday

Parish News

Funeral

Patricia Williams, a member of our church, went home to the Lord on March 18. Rev. LeDuc conducted her funeral at SW Brown Funeral Home on March 24. Our prayers go out to Patti’s family and friends.

CHURCH STAFF

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Prayer Minister: **The Rev. John Benitez**
Music Director: **Sung-Hae Jung**
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2023 Holy Week Schedule **Vincent United Methodist Church**

"Who Do You Say I Am?"
with music from
"Jesus Christ Superstar"

April 2 Palm Sunday
9:00 a.m. Gather on Church Steps
9:15 a.m. Community Blessing of Palms
Town Hall front lawn
10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship
Sharing of the Palms
Music from "Jesus Christ Superstar"
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"Who Do You Say I Am? Crowds"
11:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt after Worship

April 6 Maundy Thursday
7:30 p.m. Service of the Last Supper and Garden
Music from "Jesus Christ Superstar"
Homily by Rev. LeDuc
"Who Do You Say I Am? Jesus"
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

April 7 Good Friday
12:00 noon Community Cross Walk
Prayer walk around downtown
Meet in front of Nutley High School

April 7 Good Friday
7:30 p.m. Service of the Tenebrae
Scriptures of the Passion from Mark
Music from "Jesus Christ Superstar"
Homily by Rev. LeDuc
"Who Do You Say I Am? All"

April 9 Easter Sunday
10:00 a.m. – Resurrection Service
Wesley Ringers Playing
Music from "Jesus Christ Superstar"
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"Who Do You Say I Am? Us"
"Hallelujah Chorus"

April 16 Second Sunday of Easter
10:00 a.m. – Commitment Sunday Worship
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"Who Do You Say I Am? Me"
Invitation to New/Renewed
Commitment to Christ

*Join us in experiencing new life through
the passion, the death, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ!*

Sundays at 10 a.m. – Church Sanctuary and Live on Facebook

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Spring Cleanup

at

Vincent United Methodist Church Cemetery

213 Passaic Avenue, Nutley

Saturday, April 15 from 10:00-3:00
(Rain date: Sun., Apr. 16 from 1-4)

Come for a few hours or come all day!

- bring rakes, blowers, clippers, tarps
- to trim and clean the cemetery property
- lunch will be provided

Invited to participate are:

- Church Members and Friends
- Church Youth and Church School
- High School community service
- Church Scouts: boys and girls
(and some parent "supervisors"!)

A good community service opportunity
and

A thank you to the Church!|

Good Friday Community Cross Walk

Good Friday, April 7 – 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|



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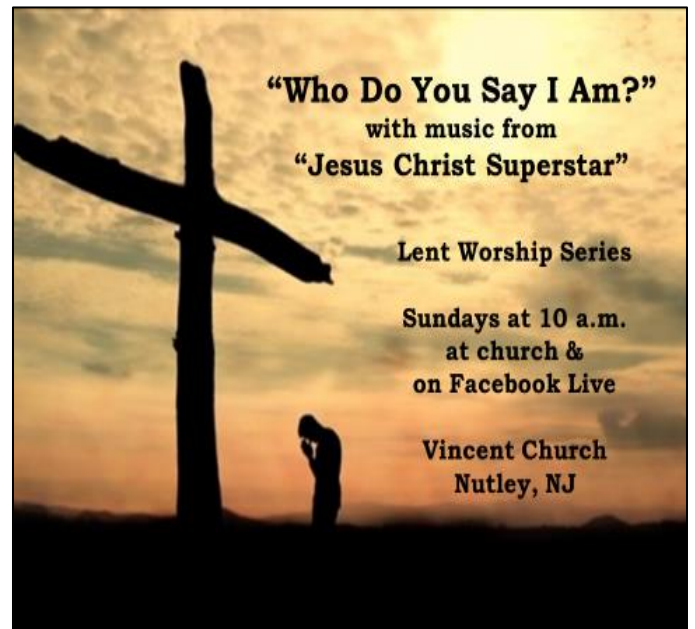
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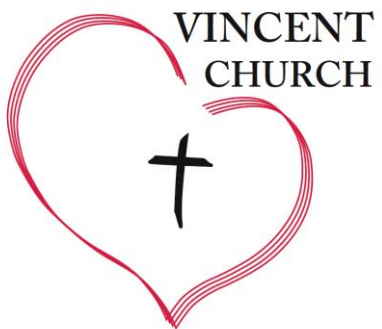
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