



The Vincent Voice

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

Greetings in the Name of Our Risen Lord!

What a wonderful Lent/Easter season we have had! Sitting with and learning from Jesus' many parables, we sought a closer walk with him and were inspired by the loving life, the sacrificial death, and wondrous resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The highlight was Easter morning with fabulous music, a joyous congregation, and the promise of Jesus alive in us and through us forever!

I want to extend our thanks to our music and worship and flower and tech teams, our staff, and all those who worked so hard to help us present the Good News of Jesus!

As we enjoy now this Easter season, we are looking forward to the Cabaret Night (April 5), Commitment Sunday (April 7), Spring Cemetery Cleanup (April 13), Rummage Sale (May 3-4), Mother's Day and Promotion and Confirmation Sunday (May 12), the Take Out Tuesday Dinner (May 14), our 195th Anniversary Sunday with the Recognition of 50 Year Members (May 19), and Memorial Sunday (May 26). There is more information below on these and more items of importance and interest. We pray you'll join us and lend support for these efforts.

The work we are doing through Vincent Church is making a difference in the world! From Nutley to mission posts around the globe, what we are doing is affecting lives for the better. From teaching our children the stories of Jesus, to providing personal care items to those in need, to offering help through Hope Centers in New Jersey, to teaching impoverished women to sew to earn money in Tanzania, you and I are touching lives with the love of God. By what we are doing and what we are giving here at our Vincent Church, we are providing for a local and global ministry that is vibrant and vital in Jesus' name!

As we walk together in the glow of the resurrection, may we continue to share the love of God and the light of Christ to a hungry and hurting world.

In Christ Always,
Rev. Dave

APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 7 – Second Sunday of Easter

Commitment Sunday

Chancel Choir Singing
Sacrament of Christian Baptism
Homily by Rev. LeDuc

“The Parables of Jesus - Salvation”

Invitation to a New or
Renewed Commitment to Christ
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

April 14 – Third Sunday of Easter

Holy Humor Sunday

Dedication of Two Children
Chancel Choir Singing
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc

“The Last Laugh!”

April 21 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Chancel Choir Singing
Sermon by Luke Raughley

“A New Creation:

God's Wide World”

April 28 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Chancel Choir Singing
Sermon by Judy Concepcion

“A New Creation:

A Special Responsibility”

Holy Week and Easter Sunday!

The Holy Week and Easter Services were moving and inspiring in their own ways. We had a nice congregation for both the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, which one youth called “intense.” At the Easter service, we had 123 at church and 38 online for 161 people! It was great to have so many members, friends, family, and visitors worship with us. May we always live as Easter people!

“The Parables of Jesus” Lenten-Easter Series

Our Lenten-Easter 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.

Holy Humor Sunday – April 14

The season of Easter runs for seven weeks and is a season of joy because of the resurrection of Jesus! On April 14, we will highlight that joy with a Holy Humor Sunday as we celebrate the greatest joke ever played when Jesus fooled evil into thinking he was finished!

“A New Creation” Series

Easter is all about celebrating the new life Jesus makes possible for us! We often think of this new life in terms that are only spiritual or individual, but Jesus' resurrection means new life for *all* of creation – yes, for us, but also for our communities and our environment. In a world grappling with environmental concerns, join us as we delve into scripture to understand how the renewed life Jesus offers shapes our responsibility to care for our environment and all its inhabitants.

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.

Children's Choir

Children's Choir is held for 20 minutes after church each Sunday. It is led by Choir Director Joe Maleno (Jmaleno94@gmail.com), an elementary school music teacher, with the assistance of Marilyn Testa. The children will learn Sunday School songs and sing in church about once a month. All children with any ability are invited to participate and bring friends!

Elementary Youth Fellowship

The Elementary Youth Fellowship is for children in grades K-5 and their families. The group will be led by Kira Wallisch (kira.wallisch@gmail.com) and Marissa Devine (marissaloomis@yahoo.com), who have experience leading children's programs. A monthly activity or outing will be planned. All children and families are welcome to come and bring friends!

"Holy Envy" Study

"Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others" by Barbara Brown Taylor is the study being used for the Monday morning study group from 9:30-11:00 April 8 and 15. The study looks at how exploring the way other people and traditions encounter God can lead to a deeper understanding of old teachings and an enriched faith. 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.

Easter Offering 2024

Easter Offering donations can be made by leaving them in the Offering Plate at church, mailing them in to the Church Office, or by using the "Easter Offering" tile on our online giving site ([Vincent Church Online Giving](#)). Your donations are appreciated in honor of and in gratitude for the sacrifice that Jesus endured for us and the victory Jesus won for us as we continue to work together in mission and ministry to serve our risen Lord, Jesus Christ!

Rev. LeDuc's Retirement

Rev. David LeDuc will be retiring as of June 30 after 39 years of full-time pastoral ministry for Christ through the United Methodist Church. On June 2 at 2:00, Vincent Church will host a Celebration of Ministry for him. There will be a service in the sanctuary followed by food and fellowship. Then, Sunday, June 9, at 10:00 a.m. will be Rev. LeDuc's last service and sermon. Rev. Dave and his family are scheduled to move out of the parsonage the following week. While he will continue to be available to us through June 30 for pastoral needs, the following three Sunday services will be covered by our church leaders. Let us keep Rev. Dave and his family and our church family in prayer during this time of pastoral transition.

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.

Cabaret Nite – April 5

The Music Committee is planning a Cabaret Nite fund raiser for Friday evening, April 5 at 7:00. At this point, they are looking for people to perform songs, comedy, dance, poetry, etc. If you have a talent and would like to share it and help raise money for the Music Fund, contact Marge Baumann (banjomargie@verizon.net; 973-800-5026) as soon as possible.

RISE Team Bake Sale – April 7

The RISE Team will have a Bake Sale after church on Sunday, April 7 to raise funds for their summer mission trip. There will be lots of yummy baked goods for sale, but they won't have any prices! Make your selections and donate whatever you like to support our youth!

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.

Spring Cleanup at the Cemetery – April 13

The Trustees will be hosting a Church-wide Spring Cleanup at our Vincent UMC Cemetery at 213 Passaic Avenue in Nutley on Saturday, April 13. 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 14 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. The Trustees will provide a pizza lunch and bottled water for the helpers. It is a large area with lots of trees to clean up after the winter and shrubs to trim. So, bring your pruning shears, loppers, manual hedge clippers, rakes, gas leaf blowers and/or tarps for a day of fellowship and service.

Storage for Rummage Sale – NOW OPEN!

People can now bring items for the Spring Rummage Sale (to be held on May 4 from 9-4; formerly called the Flea Market). 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!

Vincent Church Rummage Sale – May 3-4

Vincent United Methodist Church will hold their annual Rummage Sale (formerly called Flea Market) on Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A Pre-Sale is available on Friday evening from 6:30-8:30 for an admittance fee of \$5. Items for sale will include jewelry, bric-a-brac, clothing, toys, kitchenware, home décor, bedding, small appliances, and more. A café will be open as well. The Church is located at 100 Vincent Place in Nutley. All are invited.

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.

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!

Card Shower for Randy Rossman

Randy Rossman is home recovering from his double lung transplant. He will need to remain rather isolated for several weeks. We'd like to shower him with cards and prayers. All are invited to send Randy a card to 82 Oakley Terrace, Nutley, NJ 07110. May this be one way we express our love and appreciation to Randy for his years of dedication to the Lord through Vincent Church.

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.

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.

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.

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).

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!

April Birthdays

1	Karen LeDuc
1	Jeanne Moran
2	Matthew Blanchard
3	Marilyn Carlson
3	Chole Devine
3	Marilyn Smith
4	Carol Greengrove
6	Liz Green Koroluck
7	Gaylene Maichuk
9	Matt Maichuk
9	Silas Mountsier
11	Terrence Beebe
11	Partrick 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 Raughley
22	Carlos Herrada
22	Marissa Devine
23	Chelsea LeDuc
24	Evelyn Krautsack
24	Joseph Pallotta
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
12	Andy & Sharon Lautenbacher
14	Al & Judy Concepcion
29	Billy & Chelsea LeDuc
30	Fred & Colleen Kingston

In Search of 50-Year Members

As part of our Anniversary Sunday Celebration on May 19, 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!

“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). 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Care Kitchen Help Needed – April 27

The Care Kitchen serves hot meals most Saturdays from 11:30-12:30 at our church. On Saturday, April 27, 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.

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.

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!

In Prayer...

Church Family and Friends Prayer Concerns

- Randy Rossman is recovering at home from double lung transplant.
- Mildred Evans is home after a hospital and rehab stay.
- Our church Confirmation Class students.
- Several church members going through cancer treatments.
- For our church in the midst of a pastoral transition.
- 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, Paul Rossman, Randy Rossman, 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, 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, Steve Canonico, Pablo Estevez, Kim Brown Cofield, Rev. Doug Miller, Gail Rasielleski, Bill Picillo, Lucy Olivo, Moeses Guzman, Cora Paris Ponnwitz, Catriona Caithness, Carol Greengrove, Tom Bingham, Peggy Rice, Mike Turner, Family of Joan Klatsky, Evan Blanchard, Kim Hosking, Family of May Houtenville, Family of Theresa Cifelli, Family of Devon Thompson, Mildred Evans, Family of Wiston Perlazza, Harry Watters, Family of Karen Loomis, Mike Renoll, Elliot Grim, Family of Gwen Canfield, Ed Bennett, Brenda Bennett, Steve White, Leo Halpin, Lucia Batchelder, Julie Reda, Dr. Spencer Schwartz

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

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.

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. 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.

Handicapped Parking

Our church has three handicapped parking places, two by the lower door to the Education Building and one at the very top of the upper lot. It is requested that everyone respect those spaces and leave them for those who need them. It is one way that we can show hospitality and compassion as followers of Jesus.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Hear A Siren...Say a Prayer

At an Installation Dinner for a Fire Department and Ambulance Corps, a priest made a simple request. When you hear a siren, there is an emergency in our community...say a prayer. When you hear a siren, it means someone is in trouble and needs help...say a prayer for them. When you hear a siren, it means people are rushing to bring them aid...say a prayer for them. So, when you hear a siren...say a prayer.

What Is Tithing?

Tithing is the Biblical standard for returning thanks to the Lord for our blessings. As all that we have comes from God, it is only right that we should say thank you by giving back to the Lord's work in the world through the church. A tithe is 10% of one's income and is to be from “the first fruits” of what we receive. Such an amount may seem difficult, but those who tithe have found that their blessings have multiplied all the more after doing so. Some have decided to increase 1% each year to reach the goal. Jesus said, “The measure you give will be the measure you get back” (Luke 6:38). May what we give be pleasing to God and bring happiness and blessing to our hearts.

“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.

“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.

Upcoming Events

May 2	National Day of Prayer (Noon)
May 3-4	UWF Rummage Sale (6:30-8:30; 9-4)
May 12	Mother's Day Promotion Sunday Confirmation Sunday
May 14	Take Out Tuesday Dinner
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
June 2	Rev. LeDuc Retirement Celebration
June 9	Rev. LeDuc Last Service

Parish News

New Members

We received three new members into Vincent Church on February 24: Barbara Simon, Helen Tress, and Nancy Zweil. We welcome them and pray God's blessing on them.



CHURCH STAFF

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- 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



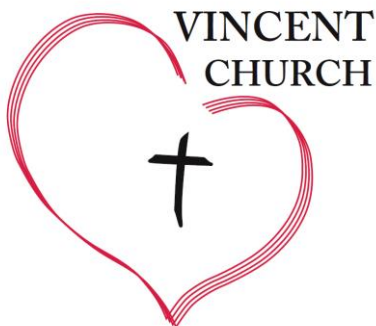
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