



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've had! Our exploration of the characters of the Passion through the Gospel of Matthew and the musical "Jesus Christ Superstar" was instructional and inspirational which led into a new and deeper connection with 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 Music Director Sung-Hae Jung and the Chancel Choir and guests, the worship and flower teams, the tech team, 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 Flea Market (May 6), Mother's Day and Promotion Sunday (May 14), the Take Out Tuesday Dinner (May 16), our 194th Anniversary Sunday with the Recognition of 50 Year Members and kick-off of our "Raise the Roof" Campaign (May 21), and Memorial Sunday (May 28). 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.

Please do note the Traffic Plan below for Sunday morning, May 7 due the 5K Race.

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

MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 7 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Chancel Choir Singing
Homily by Rev. LeDuc
"At the River!"
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

May 14 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day
Recognition of Women
Chancel Choir Singing
Wesley Ringers Playing
Sunday School Promotion
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"Fields of Yellow Daisies!"

May 21 – Ascension Sunday

194th Anniversary Sunday
Recognition of Our 50 Year Members
Ministry Moment – Capital Campaign
Chancel Choir Singing
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"Raise the Roof!"

May 28 – Pentecost Sunday

Memorial Sunday
Memorial Day Remembrance
Special Music
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"Letters from War"



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.

May Sunday School

The Vincent Church Sunday School wraps up its year in May. May 7 is a Communion Sunday where children stay in church with their families. May 14 is Mother’s Day and Sunday School Promotion Sunday. May 21 is Anniversary Sunday and May 28 is Memorial Sunday which will also be Family Sundays. We hope to offer our Summer One Room Sunday School if there are enough volunteer teachers. Contact Michael Blanchard (mblancha23@gmail.com) to volunteer or for more information.

Nursery Room Use

The Nursery Room will now be opened 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 and sanitize after themselves for COVID safety. Only one family at a time. It is not to be a play area for older children to help maintain its cleanliness.

“Bible Stories for Grown-Ups” Study

“Bible Stories for Grown-Ups: Reading Scripture with New Eyes” is the study being used for the Monday morning study group from 9:30-11:00. Author Josh Scott looks at familiar Bible stories and reveals new details and interpretations for an adult audience. The study will consider stories many read as children like Noah’s Ark, Jonah and the big fish, and Jesus and Zacchaeus. Scott reimagines the stories and opens new visions in our current cultural environment. The class will meet through May 22 on Zoom: [Bible Stories for Grown-Ups Study Group](#) or Meeting ID 850112643696. For more information, contact Pam Rossman (973-534-6636) or Becky Olivo (201-657-0204). All are welcome.

Gerald Muller Appointment

Gerald Muller, whom our church has affirmed as a candidate for ministry, has been approved by the Meadowlands District Committee on Ministry and will be appointed as the part-time pastor of New Hope United Methodist Church in Millville, NJ as of July 1. Congratulations to Gerald and we pray for him in this exciting new chapter following his call to ministry.

Rev. Nova New Appointment

Rev. Nova Villa Vitug-Thomas, who served as our student pastor five years ago, will be moving from Ignite UMC in Kenilworth to a full-time position as pastor of Calvary UMC in Mohnton, PA as of July 1. Congratulations to Rev. Nova and we pray for her in this next step of her ministry.

5K Fun Run Traffic Plan – May 7

The Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual 5K Fun Run on Sunday morning, May 7. The race goes out of the Oval at 9:15 and circles east around town and back, which can cause some challenges for those coming to church early. Through communication with the Nutley Police Department, if you are arriving from 9:00-9:20 please come to Vincent Place via Franklin Avenue and William Street. After 9:20, please come to Vincent Place using Passaic Avenue to Chestnut Street. If needed, simply indicate to any police officers or guards that you are going to Vincent Church. This is one of the challenges, far outweighed by the blessings, of being “The Church in the Heart of Nutley.”

National Day of Prayer - May 4

Thursday, May 4 is the National Day of Prayer. People of all faiths are invited that day to spend some special time in prayer for our world, our country, and our leaders. The Nutley Clergy Fellowship will hold a short Prayer Service at 12 noon in front of Nutley Town Hall. All are invited. Whether it is here or at home or any place you find some time, all are invited to lift prayers to God for our communities, our country, and our world.

Flea Market HELP NEEDED!

Help is needed for setting up the Flea Market! People are working daily through Thursday most mornings, afternoons, and evenings. Also help will be needed for the sale on Friday evening from 6:30-9:30 and Saturday from 8:30-6:00. Helpers can come anytime but may want to confirm by contacting Marge Baumann (banjomargie@verizon.net; 973-800-5026).

Vincent Church Flea Market – May 6-7

Vincent United Methodist Church will hold their annual Flea Market on Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a Preview Night Sale on Friday, May 5 from 7-9 p.m. for a \$5 admission. 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 on Saturday. The Church is located at 100 Vincent Place in Nutley. All are invited.

Mother's Day Sunday – May 14

Mother's Day is May 14 when we give thanks for mothers and all the women who have shared their love with us. We will share a time of recognition and appreciation in our service of all the women in Jesus' name.

Mother's Day Drive for UM Communities

As Mother's Day approaches, let us honor the women who have done so much to nurture and love us by making a special donation in their honor or loving memory to support the United Methodist Communities' Gift of Care Circle (formerly Fellowship Fund). By recognizing our own mothers and women special to us, your support of this ministry will help provide quality and caring services to elders living in the UM Communities in New Jersey who have exhausted their financial resources. To participate, we ask your consideration to contribute \$5.00 for each name you submit. We will need the names by Sunday, May 7, in order to honor them in a special Mother's Day flyer in the May 12 VUMC Update and for pickup on the Usher's Table on Sunday, May 14. Place your donation and this form in the church offering plate, mail it to the church, or email your tribute to the Church Office at vincentumc@verizon.net and make your donation at

[Vincent Church Online Giving](#). Please make checks payable to "Vincent UMC."

Take-Out Ham Dinner – May 16

Vincent Church will be having a Take-out Ham Dinner on Tuesday, May 16, including ham, macaroni and cheese, vegetable and dessert. Dinners can be picked up at the church from 4:30-6:30. To place an order, fill out and submit a form or contact Gaylene Maichuk at 201-463-3026 or gmaichuk@aol.com.

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 at least 50 years. Membership begins when someone makes their profession of faith and joins a church as a youth or adult. 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!

194th Anniversary Sunday – May 21

Our Vincent United Methodist Church is celebrating its 194th Anniversary this month! We started as a Sunday School on Passaic Avenue in 1829 and have grown to become a faithful mission and ministry center for Jesus Christ. We will have a special service that Sunday including the recognition of 50 year members, the kick-off our Capital Fund Drive and a related message by Rev. LeDuc "Raise the Roof!" Please plan to join us personally or virtually for this historic day in the life of our congregation!

GNJAC – May 21-23

Our Greater New Jersey Annual Conference will be held at Wildwood Convention Center from May 21-23. People are welcome to attend as observers to the conference and participate in the worship services either in person or online. Much of the conference and services will be available online through the Conference website at www.gnjumc.org. Rev. LeDuc and Gene Carlson, our Lay Delegate, will be attending. Please pray that God will guide and bless the delegates at the conference.

Memorial Day Sunday - May 28

On Memorial Day Sunday, we will take an opportunity to remember those who have died in the service of our country. Anyone who has a family member or close friend who gave the ultimate sacrifice in our Armed Services is invited to submit their name and some brief information by contacting the Church Office.

Genevieve Cugini Memorial Service – June 4

A Memorial Service will be held for Genevieve Cugini on Sunday, June 4 at 1:00 at Vincent Church. Genevieve was a longtime church member who went home to the Lord on April 11. A repast will follow the service at the church. Let us keep Genevieve's family in our prayers.

Vacation Bible School at Grace Church – June 26-30

Vacation Bible School at Grace Church in Nutley for children ages 4-11 returns! June 26-30 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. Register **by May 31** - \$100 for the first child, \$75 for each additional child. After May 31 - \$120 for the first child, \$100 for each additional child. For more information and to register, call the church office. 973-235-1177

Lawn Care Team Help Needed

Our church Lawn Care Team needs another 1-2 volunteers. Members mow the church lawn 1-2 times per month on a rotating weekly basis depending on scheduling and weather. For more information or to volunteer, contact Chris Murray cmurray@ebiconsulting.com or Paul Gallagher pgcardiac@aol.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.

Hazel Purvis Number

Hazel Purvis has a new phone number: 973-281-2660

“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.

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.

“Raise the Roof” Capital Campaign

We have a fantastic church! We have done a good job of maintaining this church home. But, from time to time, more major and costly work needs to be done. Our task now is to replace the roof and gutters over the Sanctuary, Offices, and Education Building. Our estimates indicate we will need \$150,00 to accomplish this. We preserved \$25,000 from the last campaign toward this work and count it as seed money. We need everyone's assistance to fund the rest. Can you help? We have been doing God's good work and now it is time to fix the roof. Please read through our “Raise the Roof” brochure with more information to consider. We are seeking pledges now, with donations made over three years, toward this project. They can be paid weekly, monthly, annually, or in a lump sum. After your prayerful consideration, we ask that you fill out an Estimate of Giving card and return it to the church in the offering plate, by mail, or by email by May 21 when we will celebrate our church's 194th Anniversary and consecrate our “Raise the Roof” pledges to the Lord. What has Vincent Church meant to you? How is Vincent Church making a difference in the world? How might God be leading you to support this vital and critical project? May the Lord grace and guide us as we seek to “Raise the Roof” together!

In Prayer...

Church Family and Friends Prayer Concerns

- Fred Kingston is recovering from ankle replacement surgery.
- Linda Baker Grimm recovering from surgery for a broken finger.
- Evelyn Hosking is recovering from a heart procedure.
- 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, Larry Giblin, Tom Tress, Jr, Deborah Chen, Lisa Berne, David 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 Rasioleski, Family Bob Moore, Family of Patti Williams, Jeannie Noble, Family of Pam Lindstrom, Family of Chiarina Parise, Family of Catherine Whyte, Dr. Lane Sofman, Linda Baker Grimm, Family of Robyn Kirk, Kaitlin Rifici, David Damo, Ella Hill, Family of Genevieve Cugini, Zabrana Ruiz, Richard Moore, Andrew Nelson, Antonia Concepcion, Family of Richie Gingerelli, Carolyn Grammer, Stephen Delaney, Anita McCrea, Adela Manzo.

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 Higginbotham, Daniel Eadie, Chris Fen, our Veterans

Hams Needed

Hams are needed for the Takeout Tuesday Dinner coming up on May 16. 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.

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.

Remember Your Church in Your Will

"Monthly Mission" Contributions for May – Tanzania Hope Center

Our friends in Tanzania are making great progress in the construction of the Hope Center for the United Methodist Church there. We helped raise funds to purchase land and to build the Guest House, Dining Room and Preschool. They are working now on building a church. Your donations as your "Monthly Mission Offering" (designate on any envelope or online at [Vincent Church Online Giving](#) using the "Monthly Mission" box) will help this vital mission project.

May Birthdays

1	Luke Raughley
2	Erica Beebe
3	Paul Raines
4	Lorry Exil-Chery
4	Paul Gonnella
7	Bennett Feld
7	Eric Rauschenberger
8	Michael Blanchard
8	Jane De Kovessey
9	John Olsen
10	Gwyneth Miles
12	Josh Kuzek
13	Bill Gripp
14	Ashley Dziura
14	Connor Longo
15	Paul Gallagher
16	Eryn Brogan
16	Heidi Weseloh
17	Robert Cook
17	Susan Fojas
18	Jeremy Maichuk
19	Owen Blanchard
20	Beverly Grady
20	Becky Raines
22	Linda Buset
22	Besty Czaya
24	Landon Smith
27	Judy Mitschow
29	Gina Beresford
29	Andrew Marshall
29	Jim Novotny
30	Lil Gripp
30	Wendy Whiteside
31	Patrick Brown

May Anniversaries

5	Jung & Maeve Benitez
8	Geoff & Helen De Voe
10	Nick & Justine Groeger
12	Patrick & Angie Brown
22	Dave & Gale Rauschenberger
23	Bennett Feld & Janet Saia-Feld
27	Keith & Lesley Shaw
29	Bill & Lillian Gripp
30	Nilesh & Varsha Phillips

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

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 ensure the future of the Lord's work through Vincent Church.

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 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 – May 27

We have reopened the Care Kitchen as a take-out program, serving hot meals from 11:30-12:30. On Saturday, May 27 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 May 13, 20, and 27. 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!

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.

Rev. Benitez' Prayer Ministry

Rev. Benitez of our church, a retired United Methodist minister and District Superintendent from the Philippines, is serving us as our prayer minister. He prays daily for those people on our prayer list and situations lifted by our congregation. His and all our prayers for those in need and for the ministry of our church help undergird all that we do. Thank you Rev. Benitez and may we all be encouraged and uplifted by his prayer ministry among us.

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.

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.

Memorial Book

Our church maintains a book of all Memorial Fund Donations received, elegantly noting the one remembered and the donors. It is located in a display case in the front vestibule of the church. The glass cover lifts and folks are welcome to peruse it. Thank you to Marilyn Carlson for tending to this with great care as the Memorials Secretary.

Calling All Nurses and Emergency Personnel

Our church is looking to update its list of church family who are nurses, emergency personnel, or CPR trained and who would be willing to be called upon if they are at church when there is a medical emergency, especially on Sunday mornings. If you could help in this way, please contact the Church Office at mcanova.vumc@verizon.net or 973-667-5440.

NJ Energy Bills Assistance

If you are struggling to pay your energy bills, help is available. The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Universal Service Fund (USF) have expanded to include more people at higher income levels. For example, a family of four with a monthly income of \$9,250 may be eligible and should apply for the USF. (Only the last month of income counts.) If you are not eligible for LIHEAP or USF, there are moderate-income programs, such as the PAGE Grant and/ or NJ SHARES, which may provide the help you need. For

more information, or to find out how to apply, call 1-800-510-3102 or “211” (7 days a week). Visit pseg.com/help or pseg.com/ayuda (Spanish) for online application links.

Thank you Note

Dear Vincent UMC, Thank you for your generous gift to the Centenary Fund and Preacher’s Aid Society. Last year the Centenary Fund was able to contribute \$590,000 to support GNJ retiree health benefits as well as fund several emergency grants for retirees in need. In Christ, Jack Sharf, CFPAS Board Chair

Parish News

Funerals

Robyn Kirk, a former member of Vincent Church, went home to the Lord on April 5. Rev. LeDuc officiated her funeral at SW Brown Funeral Home on April 11. Our prayers go out to Robyn’s family and friends.

Catherine Whyte, a former member of Vincent Church, went home to the Lord on March 29. Rev. LeDuc officiated her Memorial Service in our Philhower Chapel on April 16. Our prayers go out to Catherine’s family and friends.

Chiarina Parise, formerly of Nutley, went home to the Lord on March 18. Rev. LeDuc officiated her Memorial Service in our Philhower Chapel on April 21. Our prayers go out to Chiarina’s family and friends.

Upcoming Events

- 6/11 Reception of New Members
- 6/15 NHS Graduation – ring church bell
- 6/18 Father’s Day
- 6/25 Recognition of Our Graduates



CHURCH STAFF

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COME SHOP WITH US!

Friday, May 5 - 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Preview Night (\$5.00 entrance fee)

Saturday, May 6 - 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (Free entrance)

Vincent United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall

100 Vincent Place, Nutley (across from library)

**Items on sale include clothing, household goods, linens,
jewelry, toys and much more.**

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Visit our café for lunch!

Get dessert at our bake sale.



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TAKE OUT TUESDAY!

VINCENT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
100 Vincent Place, Nutley, NJ 07110

HAM DINNER

All proceeds go to the church's mission and ministries!

Tuesday, May 16th

Pick up: 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.*



* Come through the Fellowship Hall doors using the South parking lot entrance.



MENU: Baked ham, macaroni & cheese, vegetable, and dessert

Adults: \$12.00
Children (up to age 12): \$5.00

GIVE YOURSELF THE NIGHT OFF!

Orders must be placed by Sunday, May 14th

Contact Gaylene Maichuk at 201-463-3026 or gmaichuk@aol.com



United Methodist Communities Gift of Care Circle Mother's Day Drive May 14, 2023

As Mother's Day approaches, let us honor the women who have done so much to nurture and love us by making a special donation in their honor or loving memory to support the United Methodist Communities' Gift of Care Circle (formerly Fellowship Fund). By recognizing our own mothers and women special to us, your support of this ministry will help provide quality and caring services to elders living in the UMC Communities in New Jersey who have exhausted their financial resources.

To participate, we ask your consideration to contribute \$5.00 for each name you submit. We will need the names by Sunday, May 7, in order to honor them in a special Mother's Day flyer in the May 12 UMC Update and for pickup on the Usher's Table on Sunday, May 14. Place your donation and this form in the church offering plate, mail it to the church, or email your tribute to the Church Office at vincentumc@verizon.net and make your donation at [Vincent Church Online Giving](https://www.vincentchurch.org/online-giving). Please make checks payable to "Vincent UMC."

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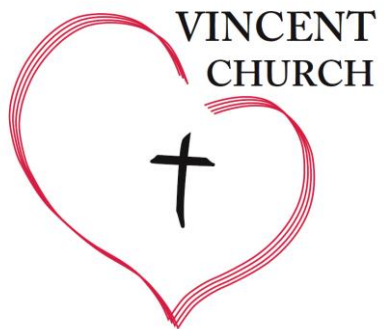
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