



The Vincent Voice

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

Greetings in the name of our Jesus Christ our Lord!

What a wondrous time this is as summer emerges and the power of the Holy Spirit descends upon us to inspire and empower us as Christians and as church to deeper and wider faith and service!

May had many highlights: the Flea Market netted over \$6,000 for the UWF, funds were collected for the UM Communities honoring mothers, 50 people were honored as 50-year members, almost \$900 was made on the "Take Out Ham Dinner," and we celebrated 194 years of mission and ministry for Vincent Church!

The Lord is moving in and through us in awesome and amazing ways!

As we come to June and Summer, there are some great things to look forward to: sharing Holy Communion in the Mountsier-Hardie garden, the Strawberry Festival, a food drive for CUMAC, the UWF "Picnic on the Patio," the recognition of our fathers and graduates, the dedication of our RISE Team, and the Fourth of July Fireworks Party.

This is our church! The Spirit is alive here! May we do all we can to support it, as pledged when folks join the church, with "our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness."

In Christ,
Rev. Dave

JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 4 – First Sunday after Pentecost

Chancel Choir Singing
Homily by Rev. LeDuc
"On a Mission from God!"
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
At church or
At the Mountsier-Hardie Garden

June 11 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Chancel Choir Singing
Reception of New Members
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc & Gene Carlson
"Possibility"

June 18 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day
Chancel Choir Singing
Wesley Ringers Playing
Recognition of Our Fathers
Time of Farewell – the Mullers
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"A Part of Life"

June 25 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Special Music
Recognition of Our Graduates
Dedication of Our RISE Team
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"Share My Story"

"Communion In the Garden" – June 4

There will be two options for receiving Holy Communion on Sunday, June 4. The first is that those attending can receive Communion at church during the second part of our worship service. The second option is that those who would like to can go to Silas Mountsier's home to receive Communion "In the Garden." It will mark a celebration of spring and new life and renewal amidst his lovely gardens. His address is 205 Rutgers Place in Nutley. All are welcome.

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.

New Member Class

We will be preparing to receive new members on June 11. Information will go out in early June to a number of people we think might be interested in joining our church. An orientation class will be held on Zoom on Wednesday, June 7 at 7 p.m. If you might be interested and want to receive the information, contact Rev. Dave.

“Addressing Antisemitism Today” – June 8

The Nutley Clergy Fellowship is co-sponsoring a dinner and seminar entitled “Addressing Antisemitism Today.” It will be on Thursday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Congregation Shomrei Emunah in Montclair. With antisemitism alarmingly on the rise, it is essential to foster dialogue within and between communities of faith, specifically in this program -- the Jewish community and the Christian community. Participants will gather around dinner and respond to a program presented by Rabbi Julie Roth of Congregation Shomrei Emunah. Participants will have increased awareness and insight in regard to antisemitism. Through their conversations with one another, participants will share valuable experience. The hope is to build connections that will inspire further action together. The value of this program has been recognized by the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Metrowest NJ. We thank them for their generous grant! "The JCRC and our Community Leaders Against Hate and Antisemitism committee is happy to support this important community building dinner." We also recognize the partnership of the Montclair Interfaith Clergy Association and the Nutley Clergy Fellowship. There is no cost for the dinner or the program. There will be an opportunity for a free will donation to support the Anti-Defamation League of NY and NJ. **RSVP by June 1 to Pastor Nancy Truscott of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Nutley. ntruscott@comcast.net or call the church at 973-667-0256.**

Strawberry Festival – June 11

The UMYF will be hosting a Strawberry Festival of strawberries and shortcake after church on June 11 in Philhower Chapel. All are welcome to come for a tasty, special treat after worship.

Father’s Day Drive for UM Communities

As Father’s Day approaches, let us honor the men 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 fathers and men 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 Monday, June 12, in order to honor them in a special Father’s Day flyer in the June 16 VUMC Update and for pickup on the Usher’s Table on Sunday, June 18. 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.”

Food Drive - Sun., June 18th for CUMAC

During the summer months food banks find their supply suffering. Many people are away and donations are down. But, the number of people needing food is constant. Please help us support our partner CUMAC in Paterson this summer by bringing bags of food to church on or before June 18. The list on the flyer is a suggested list. You may donate any items you wish. Thank you for your support, The Outreach Committee.

Recognition of Our Fathers – June 18

On Father’s Day, we will have a time of recognition for fathers and all the men who have shared their love with us. We will share a time of recognition and appreciation of all the men in Jesus’ name. Please join us at church or from home for this special day.

“Picnic on the Patio” – June 21

The annual United Women in Faith End of the Year "Picnic on the Patio" will be held on June 21st at 6pm in the Patio across from the Fellowship Hall kitchen. This is open to all. Marge Baumann will provide the entertainment. Please RSVP by 6/18 to Gaylene Maichuk 973-667-3346 (gmaichuk@aol.com) so that we know how many people will be coming. A free will offering will be collected.

Recognition of Our Graduates – June 25

On Sunday, June 25, we will have special time in our service to recognize and commend and pray for our graduates from middle school, high school, college, and graduate school. Join us as we congratulate our graduates!

Calling All Graduates!

As a church we wish to recognize and commend those of our congregation who are graduating this spring from graduate school, college, high school, or middle school. Please submit the following information to the church office by Monday, June 19 by phone, email, or in writing: graduate’s name, school, and grade, level, and/or degree completed. Then join us at church or online on Sunday, June 25 for a special time in the service to be commended for this achievement in your life!

Communion Class for Children – June 25

There will be a Communion Class on Sunday, June 25 from 11:30-12:00 in the Sanctuary for those children who are completing second grade and up. Any children who have not participated in the past are invited (parents as well, if they'd like) to come and learn all about Holy Communion. A letter will be sent out to those children we know of in early June, but all are welcome.

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

RISE Stock Sale

We have ten youth and four adults going on a mission trip this summer! They will be going to RISE, a home repair project in the Corning, NY area, the week of July 9. In order to help fund their trip, they are having a Stock Sale. People who buy "stock" in their venture will receive a post card when they are at RISE, an invitation to their presentation afterwards, and the satisfaction of knowing they have encouraged the spiritual development of the youth of Vincent Church. Team members will be selling their stock after church through June, or you can contact the Church Office.

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.

"One Room Sunday School"

During the summer, we will have a "One Room Sunday School," except for Communion Sundays on the first Sundays of June through September. On the other Sundays, all the children will be invited to go together after the children's sermon to Phillower Chapel for a lesson, craft, and video. If you might be willing to help lead or assist with this for one or more Sundays, contact Michael Blanchard at mblancha23@gmail.com.

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.

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.

Special Music for the Summer

Through the summer, members and friends of our congregation provide special music each Sunday to enhance our worship service. If you sing and/or play an instrument and would like to do so one Sunday, contact our Music Director Sung-Hae Jung at 908-656-0793 or sj149@yahoo.com. We thank everyone for sharing their musical gifts with us and as an offering to the Lord!

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 pjcardiac@aol.com.

Ushers Needed

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

Fellowship Hour Hosts Needed

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

“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 June 30. 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!

June Birthdays

1	Marisa Torres
2	Tom Olivo
2	Cathie Tedesco
4	Ryan Brogan
4	Cameron Feld
7	Rev. Rich Knox
9	Lauren Rauschenberger
9	Chris Jacobs
10	Angelica Blair
10	Andi Concepcion
11	Tricia Blanchard
13	Abby Miles
13	Margaret Simmons
15	John Miano
16	Isabella Herrada
17	Nina Lucariello
18	Patricia Bankuti
18	Nora Lands
20	Fiona Caithness
20	Ginny Hershey
23	Kate Shepard
24	Danny Kuczek
25	Sue Casale
25	Jake Concepcion
25	Jack Groeger
30	Katherine Brown
30	Louise Cimaszewski

June Anniversary

4	Rob & Terry Shepard
6	Rev. Dave & Karen LeDuc
9	Bill & Sue Brogan
18	Wayne & April Cook
20	Bill Philip & Wendy Whiteside
22	Luke & Gretchen Raughley
24	Brian & Joanna Bitten
29	Scott & Ashley Dziura

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 going to the About section on our Facebook page. 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 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.

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.

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.

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

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)

“Monthly Mission” Contributions for June

C.A.M.P. (Community Association with a Ministry to People) Youth Development Program is a United Methodist ministry that exists to meet the educational, emotional, social, and physical needs of children, their parents, as well as the families of the Paterson community. The programs include a preschool program, an after school program for ages 5-13, and a summer program for academic, recreational, cultural and social development of children. For more information, visit www.campydp.org. 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 children and families struggling in Paterson.

Care Kitchen Help Needed – June 24

We have reopened the Care Kitchen as a take-out program, serving hot meals from 11:30-12:30. On Saturday, June 24 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 60-70 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 June 10, 17 and 24. 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.

Remember Your Church in Your Will

In Prayer...

Church Family and Friends Prayer Concerns

- Family of Hazel Purvis who went home to the Lord on May 29.
- Fred Kingston is recovering from ankle replacement surgery.
- Linda Baker Grimm recovering from surgery for a broken finger.
- 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, Butch Buset, Vincent Traficante, Jack Casale, Sue Casale, Helen Tress, Bob Hosking, Evelyn Hosking, Fred Kingston, Family of Hazel Purvis, Pam Alfano, Linda Baker Grimm, Stephen Delaney, Anita McCrear, Amanda Rivera, Dominic Capello, Rosie Miles, William Ford Riffle, Family of Ellen Mitchell, Catherine Abate, Mike Turner, Henrietta & Bob Wiltshire, Juliana Peter, Sarah Dupuy, Sue Michaels Sofman, Imre Kovacs, Roman, Vincent DeNunzio, Arlene Sibiga, Cindy Keiss, Joyce Verzi, Bob Parran, Larry Cannataro, Virginia Conklin, Jeff Mitschow, Nor James, Larry Giblin, Tom Tress, Jr, Lisa Berne, David Enslee, Clayton Carroll, Sr, Charles Kuczinski, Carol Beronio, Family of Mary Jane Brigham, Cindy Keiss, Gail Rasieleski, Jeannie Noble, Dr. Lane Sofman, Kaitlin Rifici, David Damo, Ella Hill, Family of Genevieve Cugini, Andrew Nelson, Antonia Concepcion, Carolyn Grammer, Adela Manzano, Deb Matthews, Dyan Moore, Family of Richard Ulley, Family of Lois Bridge, Marco Volpitta, Family of Josh Cioto, Family of Stu Perry, Richard Moore, Madison Boore, Ray Vetterlein, Family of Dee Ann Sanchez, Tyler Marcus.

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

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.

Church History Pictures

We are collecting pictures of Vincent Church's history. If you have some good pictures of people, events, or of the building, we'd love to have copies or originals!

Pastor's Phone Numbers

There are three ways to contact Rev. Dave by phone. The first is through the Church Office at 973-667-5440. The second is at home at 973-667-1098. The third is by cell phone at 201-819-8147. For regular things, use the church number and, if he is not in, he will return your call. If it is an important or urgent item, please call him at home. If it is an emergency or a time-sensitive item, please call or text him on his cell number. Please make a note of these numbers, especially for emergency situations.

Pastoral Concerns

Since it is hard for Rev. Dave to keep up with a church family of nearly 500 children, youth, and adults, he is grateful to those who keep him informed of the pastoral concerns of the church. If you or someone you know needs a pastoral visit or phone call, give him a ring. Thank you.

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.

UMC Social Principles

The United Methodist Church has long been a leader in seeking to uphold justice in a world of chaos, and in trying to speak God's words of peace and love in the midst of cruelty, hatred, and violence. Our church has outlined its position on a number of issues in what is called the "Social Principles." These positions are not binding on United Methodists but are instructional as we prayerfully consider these issues. You can check them out at www.umc.org.

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.

Ocean Grove Summer Schedule

Ocean Grove is a lovely Victorian town on the Jersey shore that was founded as a Methodist Camp Meeting. Folks can enjoy the beach and boardwalk, stroll the shaded Victorian streets, and enjoy the quaint shops. The heart of Ocean Grove, however, is the sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ through worship and Bible study and many programs for children, youth, and adults throughout the summer. The following are some of the worship highlights for the coming season:

7/16 – 10:30 am

Rev. Dr. Tom Tewell, Retired

Presbyterian Pastor

7/9 – 7:00 pm

69th Annual Choir Festival

8/13 – 10:30 am

Dr. Duffy Robbins, Grove City College

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“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.

Looking Ahead...

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July 9	Ocean Grove Choir Festival (7:00 p.m.)
July 9-15	RISE Mission Trip
July 18 week	Family Promise Week
September 10	Rally Sunday



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May 8th 2023

Dear brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Be praised Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for enabling us to extend our deep gratitude and sincere heartfelt greetings to you all in sacred services. We are humbled through the mercies of our Lord Jesus to thank you for your good willing and for supporting us financially and spiritually. God be with you.



Women Day and Activities in Tanzania Conference

The women of the United Methodist Church of Tanzania (UMCWT) celebrate Women's Day every year. This year, Tanzanian Women's Day was celebrated on February 19, 2023. Women celebrated the day with enthusiasm by singing songs, preaching, teaching Sunday school and performing plays on the theme of women and their responsibilities. UMCWT also presented gifts to the pastors and the district superintendent's wives during the celebration service.

In addition to the celebration, UMCWT launched a project program for women to empower them and help them use their skills to be able to create their own jobs. UMCWT encourage and assist women to learn the skills needed in school and catalyze their educational potential to create their own jobs. With this project, UMCWT help women become more independent and self-sufficient and become tools for their own development and that of their families and church.

So far, the project has trained a number of women and girls in different areas such as reading, writing, making batiks (a type of African clothing), etc.

As for their weekly meetings, the UMCWT meet on Tuesdays for craft learning and Thursdays for prayer and Bible study.

As the UMCWT coordinator for Tanzania, Kabaka organizes and coordinates seminars and meetings. Due to the lack of resources to support this project and since this project is aimed at strengthening and assisting Tanzanian women in the Methodist Church at the national level, Kabaka needs support and funds to cover his travel expenses, seminar costs, and other women's activities. We are asking for your financial assistance on this, so that the project can be successful as the UMCWT seeks to transform the lives of the Tanzanian women and alleviate their suffering.



Church Facilities Construction in Dar Es Salaam And Tanzania

The city of Dar es Salaam, which is the largest city in Tanzania, is also one of the UMC districts of the Tanzania Conference, where there is a small building only for the Conference office and Church. Apart from this Changombe UMC, there are also four small congregations here and there in Dar es Salaam which lack church infrastructures as it is to other places in Tanzania.

The city is cosmopolitan and has one of the main ports used by Central and East African countries. The recent evangelism plan shows that we need to move from Dar es Salaam and plant new churches on the island of Zanzibar and in other places in the country. What we need is first to establish and equip the UMC in Dar es Salaam with good infrastructures and then go to the other places as well. We have a piece of land in Dar es Salaam (Mission Center) where we have already established a guest house, a kindergarten and a secondary school. We need funds to build a church in this center and later, with God's help, a health center, women school, Primary school and other projects as well. The workers and people of the community around the center need eagerly a building for worship, a place for them to pray and communicate with their God. This is also the case in many other places in the country where there are congregations but without shelters or church buildings. We hope that God will open doors for the Tanzania annual conference to build houses of the Lord where there are none, such as at the Mission Center, and also to renovate old buildings like Changombe in Dar es Salaam, which is always flooded whenever there is heavy rain.



New Preschool opened At the Mission Center in Dar Es Salaam

The United Methodist Church of Tanzania, through the women, vulnerable persons and orphans Development Project, is helping our community to grow mentally, physically and spiritually. We have built a preschool called "Dorcas Preschool and Daycare" at the Mission Center. As you may know, the Mission Center is located in the Mvuti village area, and our goal in opening the preschool is to help children living in and around the Mvuti area receives an early education. The school has already opened its doors in January 2023 and so far has twelve children. As to run the school, we have one teacher and two workers. The school also offers food and lodging services, as well as a daycare center.

One of the main challenges we face at the preschool and daycare is the lack of transportation and salaries for the workers and teacher. The distance between the school and many of our students' homes is greater because the children live in rural areas. And since there is no public transportation from their homes to preschool, the children often cannot get to school. Sometimes their parents use motorcycle drivers to take them to and from school, which is costly for the parents, but also dangerous for the children because it is not safe for them.

This is also one of the reasons why only a few children can come to school. This is why we are humbly asking for funds to be able to purchase a minibus that can help transport these children safely and that can also accommodate many students at a time as do many schools here. We hope that when we have a minibus, more children will come to preschool, which is our goal to support the early education of many children of the Mvuti and surrounding areas.



Youth Conference and Seminar For Children Leaders In Mwanza

It is more than obvious that the future of the church depends squarely on how well the next generation has been prepared and trained. As a church, we must therefore be vigilant and at the forefront of instilling the highest sense of spiritual knowledge, especially in our youth and girls.

From April 16 to 18, 2023, the Youth Conference was held in Mwanza on the theme "Youth and the world today". After the

reports, the youth conference delegates and their advisors discussed on the intensification of teachings for the youths in these troubled times, to equip them and help them solve the social problems of the community, as well as the dissemination of spiritual knowledge. After the youth conference, a two-day seminar was held for Sunday school teachers. Sunday school teachers were encouraged to focus on Scriptures and society, so that children could grow up knowing God's word from their childhood and younger days. Participants were excited and convinced of the wonderful time they had together and the theme explored. Youths meet every Sunday after services for worship and bible studies in some local churches.



2023 Easter Celebration in The First Or Changombe Ume, Dar Es Salaam

As we all know, Easter is a special event for Christians and the church as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

At First UMC in Dar es Salaam, and as we work together with Rev. Isaac Ibrahim the lead pastor, we explained to the church what it means to celebrate Easter as Christians. Furthermore, in our teaching on Easter, we emphasized that celebrating Easter helps us Christians to remember the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ. Six days before Easter was the time of revival with communion and baptism. Some pastors did the same in other local churches. We also prepared for the Lenten season before the celebration of Easter by re-enacting the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Lent was marked mainly by fasting, both from food and festivities, prayers and giving. We truly enjoyed the time of Lent and Easter, which was a time of recuperation and transformation for many members of our community.

Praise God for his unfailing love. While we eagerly and anxiously remain waiting to hear from you this time, once again, we seriously need your financial, spiritual and material support to accomplish some of the work we do, without which it would be very difficult for us to develop the Church in Tanzania and make disciples of Jesus. Mission service is continual; we need this time funds for church construction in Mvuti mission center and for muni-bus for children of new preschool. Please give to our projects:

- 1. **New Churches Construction in Dar es Salaam: Advance #3022267**
- 2. **Women Development/Preschool for Orphans : Advance #15051A**
- 3. **United Methodist Guest House and Reception Center : Advance #12635N**

We are planning to visit you this year, and will let you know when the visit will be.

Thank you for your comprehension and collaboration. May Gracious our Lord bless you all.

Yours in Jesus Christ name,

Rev. Mutwale Ntambo Wa Mushihi

and

Kabaka Ndala Alphonsine.



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June 18, 2023**

As Father's Day approaches, let us honor the men 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 fathers and men 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 Monday, June 12, in order to honor them in a special Father's Day flyer in the June 16 VUMC Update and for pickup on the Usher's Table on Sunday, June 18. 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."

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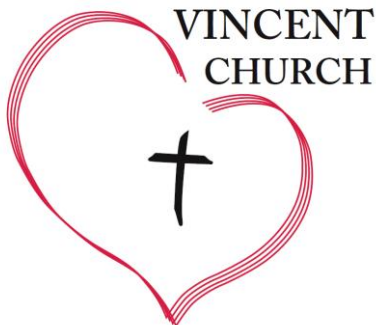
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