



The Vincent Voice

Summer 2023

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

Summer Greetings to Everyone!

I hope all of you are enjoying the summer and making good use of the different, slower pace of the season to relax and even – dare I say it – goof off?! We all need some time to renew our spirits.

But when you are in town, we hope you'll join us for summer worship. Or join us from home or away through our Facebook livestream. We have some terrific music lined up, a summer series on "Heroes of the Faith" and a Summer Christmas Sunday that will all help us reflect on and grow in our faith in and service for Jesus Christ. And both the sanctuary and the chapel for Fellowship Hour are air-conditioned.

We hope you will join us for worship either at church or online this summer – even if you are away! We continue to give thanks to God for your continued support of the mission and ministry we share in the name of Christ.

Yours in Ministry,
Rev. Dave

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 2 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Special Music by Gene Carlson
Homily by Rev. LeDuc
"A Call to Freedom"
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

July 9 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Special Music by Janet Saia-Feld
Sermon by Judy Concepcion
"Heroes of the Faith: Deborah"

July 16 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Special Music by Marilyn Carlson
And Tricia & Matthew Blanchard
Sermon by Michael Blanchard
"Heroes of the Faith: Rahab"

July 23 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Special Music by Marge Baumann
Sermon by Louie Clarke
"Heroes of the Faith: Lydia!"

July 30 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Special Music by Steve Rawcliffe
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"Heroes of the Faith: Esther"

August 6 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Special Music by Colleen Kingston & Marilyn Testa
Homily by Rev. LeDuc
"Looking at Luke"
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

August 13 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Summer Christmas Sunday
Special Music by Jim Mauro
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"Where's the Baby Jesus?"

August 20 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Special Music by Louie Clarke
Guest Preacher

August 27 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Special Music by Randy Rossman
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"The Influenza Virus"

Nutley Fireworks Party – July 4

On July 4, we usually have a crowd of people gather on our church's front lawn to view the Nutley Fireworks. We will once again make it into a party – with drinks and snacks to share, glow bracelets for the kids, offering information about our church and ministries, and giving tours of the sanctuary. If you would like to help out with this, contact Louise Cimaszewski (louisebodek@gmail.com) or the Church Office.

“Heroes of the Faith” Series!

Heroes do not just belong in comic books and blockbuster movies. We have them in real life too – people whose courage, strength, and resilience we can look up to as models for our own lives. In this summer series, we will meet four outstanding heroes from our faith story. Their readiness to listen to God’s voice in their lives and act on it inspires us to do the same.

RISE Mission Team

We have a Youth Mission Team going to RISE from July 9 to July 15. They will be going to Friendship, NY area and doing simple home repairs on homes in the area. There are four adult leaders and ten youth participating. May the Lord bless them as they put their faith in action for Jesus Christ. And may we lift and wrap them in prayer for a safe and inspiring mission trip.

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 into July, or you can contact the Church Office.

FPE Homeless Program for Summer 2023

Vincent Church will be assisting in caring for homeless families in July through Family Promise of Essex County (formerly IHN). Due to COVID and other factors, the program no longer houses the families in houses of worship. Now, the families are settled in a hotel or apartment and assistance is brought to them until they can be placed in permanent housing. This is far less disruptive for the parents and children. Our church is scheduled to provide assistance to the families the week of July 18. We are seeking a few people to cook and package some dinners and bring them to church by Tuesday, July 18 by 10 a.m. Also, we are seeking someone to shop for groceries (list and reimbursement provided) and deliver them to church by Tuesday, July 18 by 10 a.m. If you can assist in this compassionate ministry in one of these ways, please contact Barbara Carrino (barbaracarrino@yahoo.com) or 973-919-0077. Jesus said, “When you did it for one of the least of these, you did it unto me.”

Summer Christmas Sunday!

It might be awfully hot outside, but we’ll be singing cool Christmas carols on Sunday morning, August 13, as we celebrate our annual Summer Christmas Sunday! If

you’d like to be festive, wear red, wear green, wear a Christmas tie or blouse! May it be a fun and meaningful service for all of us!

Back-to-School Supply Drive

Vincent Church is having a Back-to-School Supply Drive from July 30 through August 20. The supplies can be brought to church on Sunday mornings and left in the collection box in the Church Narthex or placed in the grey bin by the church front door anytime. They will be used to help children in need be prepared for the start of the school year.

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!

Pastor on Vacation

Rev. LeDuc will be on vacation from July 3-23, spending some time catching up on some things and then going with Karen and Scott to Ottawa and Montreal. Rev. Dave will also be on vacation from August 17-23 to Nantucket with Karen. In case of a pastoral emergency, contact Rev. Audrey Hasselbrook (973-667-2683). We pray for a safe and relaxing vacation for the Rev. Dave and family.

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 Philhower 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.

Music Director Sung-Hae Jung Moving On

Our Music Director Sung-Hae Jung has informed us that she will be moving on from Vincent Church as of September 1. A great opportunity has opened up for her and she has accepted it. She has greatly enjoyed and appreciated her time here at Vincent Church. We thank Sung-Hae for the dedication, giftedness, and joy which she has shared with us. May the Lord bless her in all that is to come for her and her music ministry.

Community School Position Available

WANTED: Full-time Office Manager for a Day Care Center: This full-time position involves having strong communication and office administration skills. We are looking for individuals who have experience in Microsoft Word and QuickBooks. Responsibilities include but not limited to: answering phones & emails, book keeping, payroll, some accounting and assisting the director on a daily basis. Position located in Nutley NJ. Call 973-661-0789.

Support EPA Prison Ministry’s Toiletry Bowl campaign

As professional and college football teams begin preparing for their 2023 seasons, many have dreams of playing in big, championship bowl games in front of thousands of fans. But now members of EPA&GNJ can participate together in a bowl competition that will better

the lives of thousands of our brothers and sisters who are incarcerated in Philadelphia prisons. It’s the first-ever Toiletry Bowl and it will run until August 15. The hotel/travel-sized toiletries they receive when they arrive do not last long. And many do not have the resources or family support they need to purchase more toiletry items from the expensive prison commissary. These small items make a big difference in the lives of many persons in prison. We invite all Greater New Jersey and Eastern PA members and friends to please participate. Use the Amazon Toiletry Bowl Gift List to donate your selected items. **Learn more.**

Mission u to explore Living the Kin-dom twice in July

GNJ’s United Women in Faith (UWF) will offer Mission u in two sessions during July—first onsite and then online. With the theme “Living the Kin-dom,” attendees will study the Lord’s Prayer using the original Aramaic words of Jesus and discover a fresh vision for those seeking to be in mission today. The sessions will be held in-person July 14-15, at Centenary University’s Lackland Center in Hackettstown, and then virtually via Zoom July 21-22. See the [Flyer](#) and [Registration Form](#). Visit the GNJ UWF [website](#) to learn more.

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.

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.

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).

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.

2023 Church Directory Available

The 2023 Church Directory is completed and available. Hard copies are on the Usher's Table for pickup. A digital version is also available by emailing the Church Office at vincentumc@verizon.net. May this be one way we stay connected for ministry!

"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.

"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 as soon as possible. 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!

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.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2	Robert Herrada
8	Louis Zappia
9	Elaine Mauro
10	Anthony Feraco
10	Matt Higgins
14	Jesse Kries
15	Walter Koroluk
16	James Carr
17	Gail Rawcliffe
17	Emma Raughley
24	Steve Rawcliffe
25	Scott LeDuc
28	Nan Hawkins
30	Abia Exil- Chey
31	Charlie Scorsone
31	Matt Scorsone

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

2	Tom & Paola Olivo
3	Paul & Mary Beth Gallagher
3	Peter & Saveera Lalljee
5	Michael & Tricia Blanchard
6	Chris & Laura Murray
11	Joe & Cathie Tedesco
14	Jim & Abby Miles
20	Ralph & Nicole Brown
21	David & Fiona Caithness
31	Lucy & Michael Weseloh

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2	Maria Hunter
	Varsha Phillips
3	Doris McMullen
7	Tony Brandao
9	Randy Baumann
	Daniel Shin
11	Pam Damiano
12	Ernest Bankuti
	Alexa Bitten
	Michael Carrino
	Ruth Gassner
	Dean Murray
15	Kyle Bowes
18	Sung Hae Jung
	Christopher Delaney
19	Dominic Torres
20	Constance Cherry
	Lisa Feraco
	Emily Yeaw
24	Serena Devine
25	Joanna Bitten
	David Gonnella
29	Danica Meade
30	Mark Gavigan

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1	Matt & Jennifer Higgins
7	Randy & Anny DeLara
	Gerald & Nancy Muller
8	Jim & Annie Traficante
16	Frank & Kris Bello
17	Larry & Jackie Cannataro
19	Joseph & Marissa Devine

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.

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.

Remember Your Church in Your Will

In Prayer...

Church Family and Friends Prayer Concerns

- Steve Delaney will had successful cardioversion.
- Kairyn Contreras is due on July 26.
- Fred Kingston is recovering from ankle surgery.
- Several church members going through cancer treatments.
- For a just peace in Ukraine.
- 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, Pam Alfano, Linda Baker Grimm, Stephen Delaney, Anita McCrea, Sharon Lautenbacher, Amanda Rivera, Dominic Capello, Rosie Miles, William Ford Riffle, Catherine Abate, Mike Turner, Henrietta & Bob Wiltshire, Juliana Peter, Sarah Dupuy, 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 Rasioleski, Jeannie Noble, Dr. Lane Sofman, Kaitlin Rifici, David Damo, Ella Hill, Family of Hazel Purvis, Andrew Nelson, Antonia Concepcion, Carolyn Grammer, Adela Manzano, Deb Matthews, Dyan Moore, Marco Volpitta, Richard Moore, Madison Boore, Ray Vetterlein, Family of Dee Ann Sanchez, Tyler Marcus, Sal Olivo, Nelson Matos, Family of John Saar III, Marshall Phelps, Family of Sue Michaels Sofman, Gaylene Maichuk, Barbara Golding, Jimmy Richelo, Pablo Estevez, Ava Beirne, Kairyn Contreras, Karen Wood, Family of Linda Koslin, Linda Matto

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

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

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 – July 29

We have reopened the Care Kitchen as a take-out program, serving hot meals from 11:30-12:30. On Saturday, July 29 help will be needed as our Vincent Church team gathers from 9:15-1:15 for prep work, packaging the meals, distributing the meals, and cleaning up. Sign up for an hour or two by contacting Deborah Chen at Deborahc13@yahoo.com. We feed 60-70 people each month who are served through our Care Pantry and the Nutley senior buildings.

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.

“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.

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 July 8, 15 and 29. Anyone who would like to make a contribution can contact the Vincent Church Office or visit the church website at www.vincentumc.org. We are proud to partner with the Community Food Bank of New Jersey and to serve as a GNJUMC Hope Center.

Care Pantry Needs

Our Care Pantry provides personal care items for families in need in our area. We have seen about a 50% increase in numbers. We are in need of paper towels, household cleaners, dish detergent, and toilet paper. People could purchase the items and leave them in or on the bin by the left front door of the church. Thank you!

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.

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.

Committee on Nominations and Leadership

Development May Call

The Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development will begin its task of seeking disciples to assist in the ministry of our church. If you are called to consider taking a position or serving on a committee, please give it your careful and prayerful consideration. In joining this church, we give our pledge to serve with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. It is our hope that we not only find people who can help the church fulfill its ministry, but that we also might be able to help each of us to feel good about using our gifts and talents to the glory of God in the process.

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

8/20 – 10:30 am

Rev. Dr. Leonard Sweet,
Professor Emeritus of Drew Seminary

For more information, call 732-775-0035, check www.oceangrove.org, or pick up a program booklet at the church. It's a wonderful place for the body, mind, and soul!

UMC Info on the Web

Interested in learning more about what makes United Methodism a unique, dynamic, and compassionate ministry in today's world? It's easy to do when you visit the official website of the UMC! Available on the Internet at www.umc.org, this website is maintained by United Methodist Communications. As topics interest you, you can check out the *Book of Discipline*, current UMC news and events, publications, mission and ministry, schools and scholarships, and much more!

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.

Summer Giving

Summer is a time for vacations and weekends away camping or at the shore. But just like at home, the bills still come in at the church. The Finance Committee wants to thank the congregation for their ongoing and faithful support. As summer is a slow time at church and the bills continue, everyone's continued timely contributions toward our ministry for Jesus Christ would be appreciated.

Medical Equipment to Borrow

The church has received a few medical equipment items that can be borrowed if someone has a need for them. The items include a walker, a shower chair, and a commode. The idea is that they would be returned when they are no longer needed. Contact the Church Office if you could use one or more of these.

Blessing of a Home

When people move into a new home or apartment, Rev. LeDuc would be happy to come and share a blessing on their home and those who will live in it. Our United Methodist Book of Worship has a short and meaningful Blessing of a Home ceremony. Let him know if you'd like to share it in your home.

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.

Monthly Mission Contributions for July

"Monthly Mission" contributions for July will be used to support the "Centenary Fund and Preacher's Aid Society" of our Greater NJ Annual Conference. This fund supports retired GNJ pastors and their spouses who need financial assistance, loans to obtain housing, and with retiree healthcare. Our retired clergy have been faithful preachers, teachers, and leaders for the church of Jesus Christ, but not always well compensated. They have sacrificed to serve us all. Your donations for this "Monthly Mission Offering" will help continue a legacy begun in 1857 to assist and love the pastors who have done so much for us in Jesus' name.

Monthly Mission Contributions for August

“Monthly Mission” contributions for August will be used for food and supplies when our church helps homeless families through Family Promise of Essex County (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network) in January. For many years, our congregation has helped homeless families in the winter as they attempt to find suitable housing and get back on their feet with the help of the FPEC team. For more information, visit www.fpessexnj.org. Your donations for this “Monthly Mission Offering” will help provide food and support for our homeless families.

Skylands Walk to Emmaus Weekends

The purpose of the *Walk to Emmaus* weekend is to renew in believers the spiritual fire they first experienced when Jesus came into their heart, and to return to their churches energized, informed, motivated Christian leaders. This is done through the three day Emmaus weekend, called a “Walk” referring to the walk to Emmaus that Cleopas and his friend took with Jesus (Luke 24:13-35). The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The “Emmaus community,” made up of those who have attended an Emmaus weekend, support the 72-hour experience with a prayer vigil, by preparing and serving meals, and other acts of love and self-giving. The Emmaus Walk typically begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday evening. Men and women attend separate weekends. After their Walk weekend, community members are encouraged to attend local weekly accountability groups, called “Reunions,” and larger monthly regional “Gatherings.” The Upper Room, a ministry unit of the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church, sponsors the Walk to Emmaus and offers it through local Emmaus groups around the world. Skylands Walk to Emmaus Men’s Weekend will be held September 14-17 and the Women’s Weekend is September 21-24 at Sacred Heart Retreat Center near Newton, NJ. Visit <https://myswte.org> or speak to Louie Clarke or Marilyn Smith if you would like to know more about the retreat.

Thank You's

From Gerald Muller and Family
I want to extend my sincerest gratitude to Pastor Dave and all the members. It's awesome to see this journey come to fruition in Jesus and for my connection to the Gospel to the world! This means more to me than words can ever express! Thank you Thank You! God bless you all.

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“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.

Parish News

Funerals

Genevieve Cugini, a dear member of our church, went home to the Lord on April 11. She was 97. Rev. LeDuc officiated a Memorial Service for her at our church on June 4. Let us keep her family and friends in our prayers.

Hazel Purvis, a dear member of our church, went home to the Lord on May 29. She was 89. Rev. LeDuc officiated her service at S.W. Brown Funeral Home on June 1. Let us keep her family and friends in our prayers.

New Members

We’ve had six people join our Vincent Church in June: Amy and Brian Canova and Gretchen and Luke Raughley on June 12; Andy Lautenbacher on June 19; and Katie Otero on June 26 We welcome them and pray God’s blessing of their journey of faith and service among us in Jesus’ name.

Looking Ahead...

September 10	Rally Day
September 17	Bible Sunday
	Back to Church Picnic
September 24	United Women in Faith Sunday



CHURCH STAFF

Ministers: **All Members of the Congregation**
Pastor: **The Rev. David LeDuc**
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Music Director: **Sung-Hae Jung**
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We always welcome new sponsors for our Vincent Voice newsletter. Church members, friends, contractors, and suppliers are invited to help support or renew their support of the production of the Voice which reaches over 25 families by mail, over 400 people by email, and more via the church website. This enables us to get to know our church members who have businesses and the local businesses that support our church. The donation is \$150 per year for 11 issues, which is prorated depending on the number of issues through October. Those interested are asked to contact the Church Office for more information. May this be one way we can support the mission and ministry of Vincent Church.



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)



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Andre Benitez

Bachelor of Arts in Nutrition/Dietetics
St. Elizabeth University, Morristown, NJ

Danielle Lohf

Bachelor of Science in Accounting
Rutgers University - Newark, NJ

Atlas Raughley

Bachelor of Science degree
Science & Technology & minor in English
Waynesburg University - PA

Nicholas Bello

Nutley High School - Nutley, NJ

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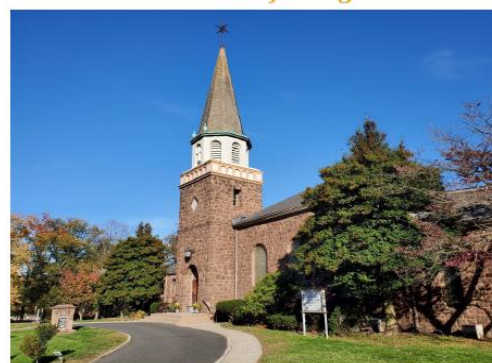
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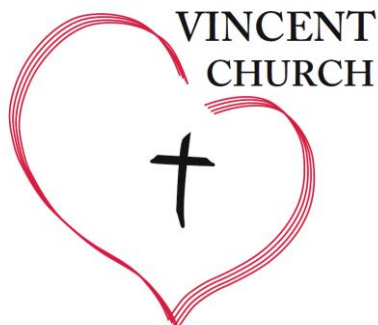
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