

Happy Fall to All!

We've had a great start to the Church year! On Rally Day, we dedicated our Sunday School staff, blessed a crowd of children with their backpacks, and heard about the RISE youth mission trip. We had a large congregation for "Bible Sunday" presenting Bibles to our children, followed by a fantastic church picnic. Then we installed the officers for our United Women in Faith and were inspired by the message of Yvonne Bouknight of GNJUWF.

We continue to welcome folks to worship weekly in the Sanctuary and to broadcast the service on Facebook Live and for phone in. We have three Sunday School classes with a younger elementary, older elementary and youth classes. The Youth Group is back in action. We have Monday morning and Tuesday evening study groups lined up. The Care Pantry continues serving over 70 families now and the Care Kitchen serves over 60 takeout meals three times per month.

In October worship, we will be marking World Communion Sunday, celebrating our "Raise the Roof" project, dedicating our CROP Hunger Walkers, and appreciating our music team. We invite everyone to join in raising funds for hunger relief through the CROP Walk, to offer an item or service for the UWF Autumn Marketplace, to buy some soup, and to help with the Trunk or Treat. We continue, as always, to invite donations for our Care Pantry and Little Pantry during this difficult time.

As we move into this Fall season, may the Lord be with us and bless us as we seek to share the good news of God's love inside us to those around us and beyond!

> God Bless, Rev. Dave

The Vincent Voice

October 2023

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Oct. 1 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost World Communion Sunday

Chancel Choir Singing Homily by Rev. LeDuc

"From East and West and North and South!"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Oct. 8 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost "Raise the Roof" Sunday

Chancel Choir Singing
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"Telling the Story: Good News!"

Oct. 15 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost CROP Hunger Walk Sunday

Dedication of CROP Hunger Walkers Chancel Choir Singing Sermon by Rev. LeDuc "Telling the Story: Our News!"

Oct. 22 – Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost Music Sunday

Chancel Choir Singing
Wesley Ringers Playing
Praise Band Playing
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"Generous: Living with Abundance"

Oct. 30 – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Chancel Choir Singing Sermon by Rev. LeDuc "Generous:

Finding Our Contentment in God"

World Communion Sunday - October 1

On October12, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. In connection with Christians around the world, we will all remember and connect with Jesus in Holy Communion as together we now are the body of Christ in the world.

"Raise the Roof" Sunday - October 8

As we wrap up roof and gutter replacement project, we will take a moment on October 8 to celebrate our accomplishment and to appreciate everyone who contributed to this monumental effort! Join us as we celebrate and appreciate!

CROP Hunger Walk Sunday – October 15

On October 15, there will be a time of dedication in our service of this year's CROP Hunger Walkers. There is more information below on how to register and participate and donate. May the Lord bless those who offer themselves to aid those who are hungry.

<u>Music Sunday – October 22</u>

Music Sunday will be held on October 22. Our music ensembles will play and be appreciated as well as our singers and musicians. Join us on site or online for this time of recognition and thanksgiving!

"Tell the Story" Series

What is your story? What is your story with Jesus? What is our church story? How do we or could we tell the story? As followers of Jesus, he tells us that we should not hide our light, our story under a bushel but we should put it on a stand so all can see. Join us for this two part series starting October 8 as we think about the Good News and Our News to share with those around us.

"Generous: The Beauty in Giving" Series

We get lots of messages about what is important, what the "good life" is, and everything we need to do – and have – to achieve it. Still, so many of us remain unsatisfied, chasing after the next thing in search of fulfilment. But there is good news for us! God desires for us to have lives of contentment, freedom from worry, and joy in abundance. And Jesus shows us the way there. As we learn how to find our contentment in God in this series starting October 22, we will also discover the beauty in giving. Our lives will be evidence that the good life is the generous life – a life through which the grace of God flows into the world.

Vincent Church Is Open for Worship

Vincent Church is open for worship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. The service is also broadcast live each week on the Vincent United Methodist Church Facebook page and is available by Call In. We ask anyone who is not feeling

well to worship from home. People are welcome to wear masks if they choose. The left "wing" section of the Sanctuary will remain a "distanced" section for those who prefer it and the ventilation system will be circulating air. Masks and hand sanitizer will continue to be available. May the Lord guide us as we seek to worship and serve God together.

Worship with Us on Facebook Live!

On Sundays at 10 a. m. (9:50 for prelude music), we invite you to go to the church's Facebook page on a computer, tablet, or smart phone by clicking this link: Vincent UMC Facebook Live Tab (or for our main page: Vincent UMC Facebook Page). You do not need a Facebook account to watch the service (you may need to click "Not Now" on the invitation to join Facebook). Click on the service to enlarge it and join in the worship service!

Call In to HEAR the Worship Service!

Those unable to be online for Sunday worship can call in to worship with us by phone. To do so: call phone number 1-929-205-6099 (touch the green "dial" button if you haven't), enter this Meeting ID: 886-1883-8523, touch #, then enter Participant Code 100, press # again, then enter Password 100, press # again and you're in! So call in by phone on Sunday mornings at 9:50 a.m. to join our Vincent Church family for worship at 10:00!

To Enhance "At Home" Worship

Here are some tips for enhancing your "at home" worship experience. 1.) As the service begins, light a candle inviting God's presence into your worship space. 2.) Have a Bible ready to explore the scriptures with Rev. Dave. 3.) Open up the weekly update, if you are able, scroll down to the very bottom, and have the words to the hymn (s) ready to sing along with the song leader. May we sense the presence of the holy in our worship together.

Church School

Vincent United Methodist Church's Church School has classes for children from Kindergarten through grade 12. Children go to their classes after the children's sermon at church each Sunday, except the first Sunday of each month. The curriculum being used is "Deep Blue" featuring Bible stories, a weekly DVD clip, games, crafts, and activities to help children "grow deeper in their faith." On Communion Sundays (first Sunday of each month), the children remain in church for worship as a family and can pick up a clipboard in the back of the church to do some Bible activities. Children and their families are invited to come any Sunday or contact Michael Blanchard (mblancha23@gmail.com) for more information.

Nursery Room Use

The Nursery Room is open on Sunday mornings for the use of parents with little ones who need a place to feed, change or rock a child. We ask that everyone clean up and sanitize after themselves. It is not to be a play area for older children to help maintain its cleanliness.

"Signs and Wonders" Study

"Signs and Wonders: A beginners guide to the miracles of Jesus" is the study being used for the Monday morning study group from 9:30-11:00. The study is written by Amy-Jill Levine and will explore not only how past witnesses would have understood the events, but also how today's readers can draw meaning from Jesus' words and actions. The class will meet on Zoom: Signs & Wonders Study Group or Meeting ID 850112643696. For more information, contact Pam Rossman (973-534-6636) or Becky Olivo (201-657-0204). All are welcome.

"Share the Dream" Study

"Share the Dream: Shining Light in a Divided World" by Matthew Daniels and Chris Broussard is the study being used for the Monday morning study group from 9:30-11:00 through October 23. Based on the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., this six-session study looks at the six Biblical principles that shaped his life and motivated him to speak out: love, conscience, freedom, justice, perseverance, and hope. The class will meet on Zoom: Share the Dream Study Group or Meeting ID 858 3355 2508. For more information, contact Pam Rossman (973-534-6636) or Becky Olivo (201-657-0204). All are welcome.

"Unrelenting Grace" Study Group

Rev. LeDuc will lead a four-week study group on the book "Unrelenting Grace" by Bishop Kenneth Carter on Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 starting October 10. As we emerge from the pandemic and wrestle with divisions all around us, Bishop Carter invites United Methodists to rediscover and redefine our core values of grace, holiness, and connection. This study will illuminate how grace opens us up to love ourselves, connects us with each other, bring hope and restoration to the world, and builds up the body of Christ. The group will meet on Zoom using this link: Unrelenting Grace Study Group. For more information or a copy of the book, contact Rev. LeDuc at dleduc.vumc@verizon.net. All are welcome.

<u>UWF Presentation on Dr. George Philhower –</u> October 4

Vincent United Women in Faith will present a program by Nutley author and historian David Wilson on Dr. George Philhower on Wednesday evening October 4 at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Philhower was a renowned local physician and leader in Nutley and Vincent Church, for whom our Philhower Chapel is named. Attendees are invited to come at 6:30 to see the restored chapel stained glass window before dark. Refreshments will be served.

UWF Autumn Marketplace

The Autumn Marketplace is a way that people can purchase services, events, dinners and food items provided by church members and friends. The cost will be posted in our brochure along with the number of available slots. It is a fundraiser for our United Women in Faith. At this point, we are asking anyone who has donated in the past to consider donating again. We will be very glad to have new people donate as well. Please review our donation form on the Usher's Table or in the Voice/ Update and contact Barbara Carrino (barbaracarrino@yahoo.com) by October 8th.

Nutley CROP Hunger Walk - October 15

The Nutley CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 15 starting at Vincent Church (100 Vincent Place). Registration will begin at 12:30 with the walk beginning at 1:00 with a welcome and an interfaith prayer. Walkers will walk south through Yanticaw Park to Centre Street over to Franklin Avenue up to Vreeland Avenue and then south through Memorial Park back to the church for 2:00. Shorter and longer routes are welcome according to each person's ability. As walkers return to the church, they will be appreciated for their effort to end hunger and enjoy fellowship and refreshments. The Nutley Walk page is Nutley CROP Hunger Walk where walkers can register, join a team, review walk information, and see a picture of our last walk. Everyone is invited to register online, do promotion, collect sponsors, share pictures to social media, and submit their donations. Walkers are encouraged to visit the general CROP Hunger Walk website (www.crophungerwalk.org) to find lots of fundraising tips along with activities for children, youth and adults to make it a fun and educational experience. The walk is sponsored by the Nutley Clergy Fellowship. For local information and sponsor forms, contact Rick DeKovessey (jdekovessey@aol.com) or Lisa Feraco (teemof8@aol.com). Your efforts will help the hungry around the world with 25% of it providing food for our neighbors in need through the Nutley Family Service Bureau Food Pantry and the Community Care Kitchen. Why do we walk? We are ending hunger one step at a time!

Care Pantry Translation Help Needed

The Care Pantry is looking for someone who can help with translation for Hispanic clients. It would be on the first Mondays of the month from 4:00-5:00. If you could help or for more information, contact Barbara Carrino (barbaracarrino@yahoo.com).

<u>Autumn Soup Sale – October 22</u>

MENU: Pea Soup with Ham, Chicken Noodle Soup, Tomato Basil Parmesan Soup, Minestrone Soup, Vegetarian Lentil Soup, Sausage Lentil Soup, Broccoli, Cheese & Potato Soup, Sweet Potato Soup, Chicken Chili Soup (will come frozen), Beef Chili Soup (will come frozen), Bacon & Bean Soup. This is a fundraiser to support our Vincent Church mission and ministry. Enjoy a hot bowl of homemade soup on a chilly fall day. Can be enjoyed on day of pick up or frozen for a later time. \$12 per quart. Pick up day is Sunday, October 2 after church in the Philhower Chapel Kitchen. To reserve your soup text, call or email Barbara Carrino @ 973-919-0077 or barbaracarrino@yahoo.com by Sunday, October 15.

Heritage Club Appreciation Luncheon – October 22

There will be an Appreciation Luncheon for members of the Vincent Church Heritage Club on Sunday, October 22 at 1:00 in Philhower Chapel. Heritage Club members are those who have made a donation to the church Endowment Fund (any amount) or have told the church that they have included the church in their estate planning. Please make your donation or estate intentions know to Dave Rauschenberger at (daveandgale@aol.com or (973) 667-6947) by September 30 to be included for the luncheon. We look forward to celebrating this important visionary work of our church!

Annual Church Conference – October 21

Our Annual Church Conference will be held on Saturday, October 21, at 12:00 noon by Zoom video conference. The meeting will be led by Rev. Myungsun Han, a Circuit Elder for our Meadowlands District. The conference will feature celebrations of the accomplishments from the past year, various required reports, and the election of officers. Nominated for election as Trustees for the Class of 2026 are Louie Clarke, Jim Mauro, and Tom Testa. The Zoom link is to come shortly. All members of the church are invited to participate and to vote. If you have any questions, contact the Church Office or Rev. LeDuc

"Trunk or Treat" - October 29

Our church will be having a "Trunk or Treat" fundraiser on Sunday afternoon, October 29 from 1-3:00 p.m. in the church south parking lot with refreshments and crafts. We need folks willing to decorate their car "trunks" and hand out candy. We also need help with setup and refreshments. If you would be willing to help, contact Kairyn Contreras in the Church Office at wincentumc@verizon.net or 973-667-5440. Additionally, we invite everyone who can to donate one or more bags of candy (no nuts) in the box in the Narthex to be given out to the children.

<u>Cherry Blossom Players Mystery Play – October 19-</u> 21 at VUMC

CBP artistic director Ricky Franco brings his 'Poirot' up to Nutley, NJ, after a sold-out run in Cape May during the summertime! "The Jewel Robbery at the Grand Metropolitan": A Hercule Poirot Mystery by Ken Bingham based on the short story by Dame Agatha Christie. October 19th, 20th, 21st at 8:00pm, Philhower Chapel @ Vincent UMC; \$15 tix; at the door or ticketscbp@gmail.com.

Director of Music Update

As you know, our church is in transition with our Director of Music position. Tricia Blanchard of our church will serve as our Organist and interim Choir Director, which we are delighted about. She will play the organ on Sunday mornings and lead the Chancel Choir with a familiar anthem. We have begun a search for a Chancel Choir Director and Tricia will continue as our Church Organist. Kathy Bimbi has volunteered to be our Wesley Ringers Director, for which we are very grateful. Please spread the word and share the information about our position (see below). Let us keep our music program in prayer in this time of transition.

Chancel Choir Director – Vincent UMC in Nutley

Vincent United Methodist Church seeks a part-time Chancel Choir Director who is a devoted Christian, is dedicated about the ministry of the Church, and seeks to draw people deeper into their faith through engaging and spirit filled traditional and contemporary Christian music. The ideal candidate will plan and implement the choral anthem component of the worship services with the pastor and music committee. The director will lead the Chancel Choir utilizing a variety of musical styles. The position requires the choir director to play the piano for the service and rehearsals. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and three references to the church via email to vincentumc@verizon.net. A full job description can be found here: VUMC Chancel Choir Director Posting

Altar Flowers

To help beautify our altar for our Sunday worship services, members and friends are invited to donate a flower arrangement in honor or in memory of someone, to celebrate an occasion, or to the glory of God. Following the service, they can be taken home or they can be delivered to someone who is ill or homebound. To reserve a date, contact our Flower Coordinator Cathie Tedesco (973-751-2749 or tedescocathie@gmail.com). The cost of the altar arrangement is \$30.00 and may be paid by check made out to VUMC and sent or dropped by the church office.

Remember Your Church in Your Will

In Prayer...

Church Family and Friends Prayer Concerns

- Randy Rossman is on the waiting list for a lung transplant.
- Kristan Henderson is to deliver her baby soon.
- Gaylene Maichuk is recovering from surgery.
- Marilyn Testa is recovering from surgery.
- Sue Brogan recovering from foot surgery.
- Sal Olivo is having ongoing health concerns.
- 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, Jack Casale, Sue Casale, Helen Tress, Bob Hosking, Evelyn Hosking, Fred Kingston, Pam Alfano, Linda Baker Grimm, Stephen Delaney, Anita McCrea, Sharon Lautenbacher, Marilyn Testa, Sue Brogan, Nor James, Sal Olivo, Linda Matto, Walter Koroluk, Gaylene Maichuk, Kristen Henderson, Randy Rossman, Amanda Rivera, Dominic Capello, Rosie Miles, William Ford Riffle, Catherine Abate, Mike Turner, Juliana Peter, Sarah Dupuy, Imre Kovacs, Roman, Vincent DeNunzio, Cindy Keiss, Joyce Verzi, Bob Parran, Jeff Mitschow, Tom Tress, Jr. Clayton Carroll, Sr, Charles Kuczinski, Cindy Keiss, Jeannie Noble, Dr. Lane Sofman, Kaitlin Rifici, Ella Hill, Andrew Nelson, Antonia Concepcion, Adela Manzano, Deb Matthews, , Richard Moore, Ray Vetterlein, Tyler Marcus, Nelson Matos, Barbara Golding, Jimmy Richelo, Pablo Estevez, Family of Linda Koslin, Family of Jill Cummings, Family of Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar, Family of Marshall Phelps, Family of Madison Boore, Family of Larry Giblin, Family of Carolyn Grammer, Beverly Parran. Kim Brown Cofield, Rev. Doug Miller, Family of Carol Beronio, Family of Maria Tulp, Carmine Gennarelli, Gail Rasieleski, Family of Ken Schmolze, Daivd Enslee,

In the Military

Justin Bakal, Jonathan Raia, Eric Dietrich, R. T. Morgan, Joseph Craige, Justin Fonyi, Kenneth Bratten, Zack Hickey, Matthew Morrow, Thomas Nowoslawski, Nicholas Nowoslawski, Shane Edwards, Grant Higginbotham, Daniel Eadie, Ryan Fen, our Veterans

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 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!

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 (973-667-6947;daveandgale@aol.com)

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.

October Birthdays

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| 1 | Nicholas Bello |
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| 1 | Elizabeth Raughley |
| 5 | Bethany Scardaville |
| 6 | Laura Brandao |
| 7 | Sue Brogan |
| 7 | Saveera Lalljee |
| 8 | Taylor Murray |

14 Laura Murray14 Stephen William Delaney

Kim Hosking

- 15 Ryan Bankuti 15 Bob Hosking 16 Blythe Carrino 18 Gene Carlson 18 Peter Cooper 18 Becky Olivo
- 18 Marty Simmons 19 Louie Clarke 19 Leslie Shaw
- 22 Brian Bitten22 Anderson Novotny
- 23 Alma Simonitsch 26 Bill Brogan
- 26 Charlyn Kennedy 29 Agatha Gavigan
- 29 Peter Lalljee

October Anniversaries

- Brian & Stephanie Tangora
 Gerard & Ainslie Durnin
 Marty & Mary Simmons
 Rich & Bethany Scardaville
 Walter & Gina Beresford
- 24 Stephen Delaney & Anita McCrea

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.

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)

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 October 14, 21 and 28. 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.

Monthly Mission Contributions for October

"Monthly Mission" contributions for October will be used for the Nutley Family Service Bureau
Thanksgiving Baskets project. NFSB serves over 100 families each month with bags of food to help them through tough times. At Thanksgiving, there is an extra effort to provide the items needed for a delicious
Thanksgiving meal. Your donations for this "Monthly Mission Offering" through donations marked "Monthly Mission" in the offering plate, mailed to the church or through Vincent Church Online Giving will help local families have food enough to have a feeling of gratitude at Thanksgiving.

"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.

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 Voice Sponsors

Once again we are inviting 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 30 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 (11 issues from 11/23 through 10/24). Sponsors are asked to submit a business card, a check made to Vincent UMC, and contact information by October 15 to the Church Office. May this be one way we can support the mission and ministry of Vincent Church.

<u>Care Kitchen Help Needed – October 28</u>

We have reopened the Care Kitchen as a take-out program, serving hot meals from 11:30-12:30. On Saturday, October 28 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.

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.

Christian Bookstores on the Web

As with everything else, there are Christian bookstores on the Internet, complete with Bibles and Christian books, music, videos, toys, software, gifts, and more. Two of them are: www.cokesbury.com (our United Methodist bookstore) and www.christianbook.com. So, if you're looking for some good stuff to read, watch, listen to, play with, or give as a gift, check out these terrific sites!

Thank You Notes

From Grace Presbyterian Church in Montclair "We want to thank you so much for donating to our rebuilding fund following our fire. We appreciate your generosity but also your prayers. We are grateful for all the expressions of love and support."

From Community Food Bank of NJ

"On behalf of many individuals in New Jersey who will benefit from the impact of your contribution, CFBNJ thanks you for your generous donation in support of our hunger relief efforts. Your donation makes it possible to continue our support of New Jersey neighbors in need."

From California-Pacific Conference of UMCC "Thank you for your generous donation to the Lahaina Relief Fund. Every dollar will go towards the rebuilding of this historic part of Maui from the heartbreaking devastation of the fires. "Thank you" only begins to express our gratefulness. And so, in a deeper way, Mahalo, and Aloha!"

Looking Ahead

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| November 5 | All Saints Sunday | | |
| | UWF Autumn Marketplace | | |
| November 12 | Consecration Sunday | | |
| November 14 | Take Out Tuesday Dinner (4:30-6:30) | | |
| November 18 | Leaf Raking in the Cemetery (10-3) | | |
| November 19 | Thanksgiving Sunday | | |
| | Thanksgiving Food Drive | | |
| | Reception of New Members | | |
| November 22 | Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service | | |
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CHURCH STAFF

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation
Pastor: The Rev. David LeDuc
Prayer Minister: The Rev. John Benitez
Organist: Tricia Blanchard
Office Administrator: Kairyn Contreras
Sextons: Angel Caro & Marisa Torres
Missionary: Kabaka Ndala Alphonsine

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MENO

- 1. Pea Soup with Ham (GF)
- 2. Chicken Noodle
- 3. Tomato Basil Parmesan (GF)
- 4. Minestrone
- 5. Vegetarian Lentil (GF)
- 6. Sausage Lentil (GF)
- 7. Broccoli, Cheese & Potato (GF)
- 8. Sweet Potato (GF)
- 9. Chicken Chili (will come frozen)

10.Beef Chili (will come frozen)

11.Bacon & Bean (GF)

(GF) – indicates a gluten free soup.

\$12 per quart

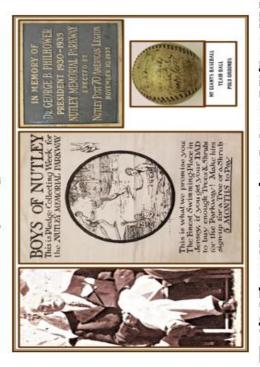
A fundraiser to support the mission and ministry of Vincent Church. Enjoy a hot bowl of homemade soup on a cool autumn day. Can be enjoyed day of pick up or frozen for a later time.

Pick up day is Sunday, October 22 after church. Come to the Philhower Chapel Kitchen door.

To reserve your soup text, call or email Barbara Carrino @

973-919-0077 or barbaracarrino@yahoo.com by Sunday, Oct. 15th.

Vincent United Women in Faith Fall Event Wednesday creing, 0 obsert at 7:00



The Life & Times of Natley Luminary Dr George B Philbower MD

Many folks helped to form and grow early Franklin Township, now Nutley Township, but few had the vision and energy of Dr George Philhower. His first involvement in 1886 as a "country doctor" started a long and most complete pursuit of improving the quality of life in Nutley. He was in leadership positions at Vincent Methodist Church, Nutley Public Library, Nutley School Board, Parks Commission, Medical Societies, Health Commission, Nutley Memorial Parkway, and Social Clubs. He was a family man and avid baseball fan, both locally, and at the NY Polo Grounds.

Dr Philhower's story is a template for community involvement that will inspire folks to join in to help their town grow and prosper <u>thru</u> volunteer days, partnerships, donations, and cultural participation.

Come to the Philhower Chapel to learn how this gifted man contributed to the town we all love and the ministry of Vincent Church.

David Wilson

author, historian, and promoter of all things Nutley will be making a special presentation on Dr. George Bronson Philhower **Refreshments will be serted.**

Vincent United Methodist Church 100 Vincent Place Nutley In the beautiful and historic Philhower Chapel



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May - August, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Sept 8, 2023

We are humbled through the mercies of our Lord Jesus, to thank you for your good willing, and your consistent prayers including your financial support. Accept here our heartfelt gratitude. Peace and Grace of

God be with you.



2023 Tanzania Annual Conference/Executive Committee Meeting

We always managed to organize the Annual Conference, workshops/seminars, the pastors' school as well as other meetings here and there. Our aim, being to disseminate spiritual knowledge to our pastors, lay leaders and church members; so that they can later become the vessels for God's work and ultimately to be able to share their passion and faith with those who need God in their lives. The Tanzania 2023 Annual Conference was held in Kigoma from May 28-30, 2023. The Executive Committee was held in Dar es Salaam from August 20 to 21, 2023. During the Annual Conference sessions, two pastors were ordained deacons and two others were ordained elders. Shortly after the conference, delegates attended the Pastors' School led by Bishop John Schol and his team from the New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. They helped to fund and support the conference and pastors' school programs and logistics; and they also made a donation that contributed to pastors' salaries.

We were also fortunate to welcome other visitors, and Bishop David Graves with his team from the Alabama Conference to the Executive Committee, the team had shared with us, in a seminar, the topic of "Leadership" in the Church. We learned a lot and we hope that Tanzanian pastors and church leaders benefited in both the seminar and pastors' school, so they can impact positively other people and communities.



Mission Center's Master Plan, Dar Es Salaam

Although we have a number of projects listed in the Dar es Salaam Mission Center Master Plan, many of them have yet to be implemented. That's why we continue to talk about these projects and to solicit financial support from you, our donors. You have helped us finance some projects for which we are very grateful, but we still need your help for many other projects. Our Center Master Plan calls for the construction of a church, a health center, a primary and secondary school, a women's school and the addition of ten more rooms to the existing guest house, as well as a mini-bus for Preschool's children (added).

For now, our priorities are more to build first a church, buy a Preschool mini-bus, build a health Center and then a Primary school. Hosting the 2023-2024 Annual Conference in our facilities will be very beneficial and add value to the work done, and will give a lot of visibility to the church and the mission center. Please, come in greater numbers to see the works. So, we think that if we receive enough financial donations from you, our partners, we'll make these projects a reality as do other missionaries here.



United Methodist Church and Orphans Preschool In Dar-Es Salaam

As shared with you in our previous newsletters, we launched a preschool this school year for orphans at the Dar-es-Salaam Mission Center in the Mvuti area. So far, we have registered twelve children. In addition to this school, we also have the Changombe preschool, which is an old preschool. Twenty-five children attend this school.

The majority of the children are orphans. The other children come from very poor and marginalized families; and these days, the preschools face many financial difficulties and challenges. One of the big problems we are facing is the lack of mini-buses to transport children to and from school as parents don't have the means of transportation. Another problem is the lack of money to pay salaries for the teachers and the workers, and for children food. We believe that having a mini-bus and funds to pay salaries will help these preschools to function properly.





The UM Church Growth In Tanzania: Amazing church and Mission center Guest house

The United Methodist Church of Tanzania is still struggling to find its place among the other Tanzanian churches. This is due to the lack of buildings, community projects, but also we lack well trained people who can do the job of evangelization. As a director of Evangelism, church growth and development, and as the Tanzanian Women Coordinator, Kabaka and I have learned a lot from the United Methodist Church in Tanzania as we are here long time ago.

One of the ways in which the church can be developed, viable and visible is firstly by evangelizing through preaching and teaching the word of God and through the implementation of projects; secondly by training church leaders and members, and thirdly by establishing a headquarters which we also need now. We believe that by

doing this, things will change and will be good for the church; because the people here want to see what the church is doing for them. So, we think that these three things will make the church growing, especially when the projects are accomplished, because most of these projects will create jobs and help people spiritually and financially.



Roles Played by the Youths And Children In The Church

The majority and active members in the Tanzania UMC are children, youths and women. We believe that teaching them faith and Christian values is important as they will help share and pass their faith and Christian values to their families, and this will go up to the communities where they live.

So, when the women, youths and children are spiritually formed, the future of the church and communities is bright as we will have people who are more impacted by the word of God, and thus, we will have good and fearing leaders tomorrow.

The Tanzanian UMC youth group organized two seminars to equip the youth. The seminars helps the youths to acquire necessary skills and knowledge that will enable them to solve community social problems and dissemination of spiritual knowledge.

The church objective for the youth is to educate them spiritually but also in other areas as well. However, we believe that helping the youths to go to school will help them acquire skills that will help them get the job and help their families and communities. We have many youths who are orphans and from poor families, who need financial support for education.

Many of our Projects suffer from lack of financial support. People want to see what we are doing, especially here in Dar es Salaam, the main city in the country which is supposed to be the headquarters of the Tanzania UMC. We need funds to implement projects that will allow the church to grow and have more members; for 'Faith without actions is dead', (James 2:17). This is why we are again asking for your spiritual and financial support. Our Projects are: - New Churches Construction in Dar es Salaam: Advance #3022267. - Women's Development/Preschool for Orphans: Advance #15051A - UMC Guesthouse and Reception Center: Advance #12635N.

We're going to let you know when we come to visit churches, once after receiving the program from GBGM.

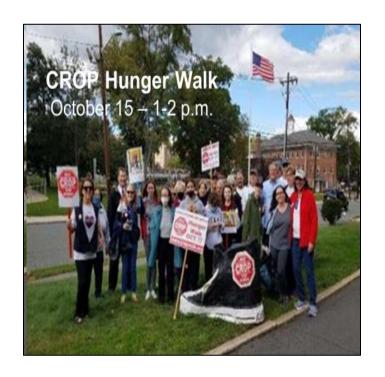
May Gracious our Lord Jesus bless you all.

Yours in Jesus Name,

Rev. Mutwale Ntambo wa Mushidi

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Kabaka Ndala Alphonsine





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