



The Vincent Voice

November 2023

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

Greetings of Fall to You!

As the leaves now are coming down and the air turns cooler, we are reminded that the seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas are fast approaching. It is with gladness that we engage in some of our beloved traditions. As we enjoy them, may the abiding themes of the seasons be truer to us – gratitude, grace, hope, love, peace. And may they lead us to a dearer and deeper faith in Jesus Christ.

I'd like to invite you take a little time to read the enclosed Pastor's Report that I wrote up for our Annual Charge Conference in October. In it, I offer a snapshot of our ministries toward vitality as a congregation. It was a big job and an honor to share how we have rallied together and to acknowledge the depth and breadth of our ministry in Jesus' name!

May the report and newsletter serve as a reminder of the journey we have been on and a call to faithfully grow our ministry together in the name of Jesus Christ!

Faithfully yours,
Rev Dave

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

November 5 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints' Sunday

Chancel Choir Sing

Homily by Rev. LeDuc

"Generous: The Flow of Grace"

Remembrance of Our Saints

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Daylight Savings Time Ends!

November 12 – Twenty-fourth Sun. after Pentecost

Consecration Sunday

Veteran's Day Observance

Vincent Church 2022-2023 Video

Sermon by Rev. LeDuc

"Generous: Abundance in Community"

Consecration of Our Gifts for 2024

November 19 – Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Thanksgiving Sunday

Chancel Choir Singing

Wesley Ringers Playing

Dedication of Food Drive Bags

Sermon by Rev. LeDuc

"Thanks for Thanksgiving"

November 26 – Last Sunday after Pentecost

Missions Sunday

Chancel Choir Singing

Missions Message

"For Tanzania"

"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 fulfillment. 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.

All Saints' Sunday - November 5

On the first Sunday in November, All Saints' Sunday, we gather as a church community to remember and give thanks for those saints who have been among us and have gone on to the heavenly home. Please note that this is a lower case 's' for *saints*, holding to our Protestant belief that all who confess Christ as Lord are saints in the eyes of God. We will especially remember those of our church family who have passed away in the last year. We will then join that "endless line of splendor" by sharing in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Join us for this moving service of remembrance and thanks.

Consecration Sunday – November 12

Consecration Sunday will be November 12, when we offer our estimates of giving for the coming year to the Lord. Rev. LeDuc will offer the conclusion of our “Generous” stewardship series that day. Please bring your estimate of giving cards with you that morning or you can fill one out at church or you can submit your estimate to Rich Baumann at force5@verizon.net. We hope you will join us at church or from home as we consecrate ourselves and our gifts to God together!

Thanksgiving Sunday – November 19

Thanksgiving Sunday will be November 19. We will dedicate our offerings of food for the needy and lift our thanks to God for our blessings. Please invite family and friends to visit at church or online for this special service!

Missions Sunday – November 26

Vincent Church has long had a heart for missions. Over the last 12 years, we have supported United Methodist mission work in Tanzania. On Missions Sunday, November 26, Rev. LeDuc and Barbara Carrino will share a summary of the fruit of our support, give an update on current work, and provide information on the Greater New Jersey “For Tanzania” project to build a church there and ensure each pastor receives a living wage next year. Join us as we celebrate what God is doing through us in Tanzania!

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.

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.

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!

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.

“Reading the Old Testament through Jewish Eyes” Study

“Reading the Old Testament through Jewish Eyes” by Rabbi Evan Moffic is the study being used for the Monday morning study group from 9:30-11:00 on November 6, 13 & 20 (then resuming in January). The study will explore the Torah, the first five books of the Hebrew Bible, as a source of wisdom, truth and transformation and highlight points of interest for Christians. The class will meet on Zoom: [Monday Morning 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.

UWF Autumn Marketplace

The UWF Autumn Marketplace is a way that people can purchase services, events, dinners and food items provided by church members and friends. There is a booklet of services with the cost posted along with the number of available slots. It is available at church and in the Update. If you would like to purchase an item, contact Marge Baumann before an item sells out! The recipients will be finalized and payments due on November 5. Thank you for your support!

Veteran's Day – November 11

Veteran's Day is observed on November 11 each year to honor all of those, living and dead, who have served with the US armed forces in times of war and of peace. The holiday was originally called Armistice Day and it commemorated the end of World War I on November 11, 1918. Fighting stopped at 11 a.m., the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Vincent Church will honor our veterans with special time of recognition, read the names of those currently on our Military Prayer List, and a prayer at our worship service on November 12. The annual Nutley Veteran's Ceremony will be held on November 11 at the World War II Memorial across the street from the church at 11:00. As always, the ceremony begins when we ring our church bell at the 11:00 hour. Let us give thanks for our veterans and pray God's blessing and guidance upon them.

Take-out Pasta Dinner – November 14

Vincent Church is having a "Take-out Pasta Dinner" on Tuesday evening, November 14, with pick-ups from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The dinner will be penne with meat sauce, salad, bread, and dessert. The cost is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children with proceeds going to support the mission and ministries of the church. Orders are required by contacting Gaylene Maichuk (201-463-3026 or gmaichuk@aol.com) or the Church Office by Sunday, November 12. Pick up is "grab and go" by entering the Fellowship Hall doors, making payment, receiving the meal(s), and off you go! Delivery to seniors is available. So give yourself the night off with a delicious dinner to go...and support the church!

New Member Class

We will be preparing to receive new members on Sunday, November 19. A letter is going out to a number of people we think might be interested in joining our church. An orientation class will be held on Tuesday, November 14 at 7 p.m. If you are interested and want to receive a letter, contact the church office or speak to Rev. Dave.

Daylight Savings Time Ends November 5!

Leaf Raking Day at the Cemetery – November 18

The Trustees will be hosting a Church-wide Leaf Raking Day at the Vincent UMC Cemetery at 213 Passaic Avenue in Nutley on Saturday, November 18. The time is from 10:00 to 3:00, though folks can come for whatever part of the day that fits their schedule. (The rain date is Sunday afternoon, November 19 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.) Lunch will be provided at Noon. This is an annual church event with children, scouts, youth, and adults working and playing together. It is a fairly large area with lots of trees and, therefore, lots of leaves. So, bring your rakes and blowers and drop cloths and for a day of fellowship and service.

Thanksgiving Food Drive – November 19

Once again we will be having a Thanksgiving Food Drive! On Thanksgiving Sunday, November 19, members of the congregation are asked to bring bags filled with food to help those who are hungry. Most helpful items needed: pasta, tomato sauce (plastic jars preferred), rice, beans, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, cereal, vegetables, canned meats. For those worshipping from home, they are invited to drop them by the church between 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. from Monday to Friday during the preceding week. We invite you to consider making this a family project with everyone participating. The food donations will go to CUMAC/ECHO, our United Methodist Food Pantry in Paterson. CUMAC's mission is to fight hunger and its root causes through a holistic, trauma-informed approach that provides groceries and basic necessities to families and individuals in need. Please give generously as these and all food pantries are struggling to meet the growing needs of the hungry in our area.

Nutley Thanksgiving Service – November 20

The Nutley Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held on Monday evening, November 20, at 7:30 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church located at 158 Vreeland Avenue in Nutley. It will also be available for participation online through the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Facebook page. Rev. Audrey Hasselbrook of Grace Episcopal Church will give the message, area clergy will participate, Mayor Scarpelli will offer remarks, and a community choir will sing. The evening's offering will go toward the purchase and installation of a memorial stone and commemorative plaque to honor the African American men and women who were historically enslaved in the Township of Nutley. The Nutley Clergy Fellowship cordially invites the entire community to join them onsite or online in lifting thanksgiving to God for our many blessings.

***Many Dates are Open for Altar Flowers
through End of Year.***

Living Nativity Participants Needed

Every year, we have a Living Nativity on the front lawn of the Church, portraying the birth of Jesus complete with barn animals! This year, it will be held on Sunday, December 3 from 6-7:00 following the Township of Nutley's Tree Lighting Ceremony. We are in need of people to portray: Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, Wise Men, Shepherds, and Angels. We also need "support staff" to help with set-up, sound, costumes, refreshments, etc. If you can help in any of these ways, please contact the Church Office. This is a wonderful outreach to the community and many loving hands and hearts are needed!

Middle East Special Offering

Vincent Church is collecting a special offering to provide resources to assist providing shelter, food, and other necessities to those who have been left homeless, helpless, and afraid by the violence in the Middle East. Donations will go through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) with 100% of funds contributed going to the effort. Donations can be made in any envelope marked "Middle East" (checks to VUMC) and placed in the offering plate or sent to the Church Office., or online at [Vincent Church Online Giving](#). Let us also be in prayer for peace and for aid and comfort for those impacted.

Chancel Choir Director Hired

We are delighted to announce that we have hired Joe Maleno as our Chancel Choir Director. Joe is from Bergenfield and is a music teacher for the Dumont School District. He starts on November 1. He will also be working to restart our Children's Choir. Tricia Blanchard will continue as our Organist. Let us welcome Joe and pray for him as he begins his music ministry with us.

Church Conference Booklets Available

Our annual report booklet from our Annual Church Conference is now available. Print copies can be picked up in the pack of the church. Print or digital copies are available through the Church Office.

Youth Group Bake Sale – November 19

The Youth Group will be having a Bake Sale after church on Sunday, November 19, to raise funds for their RISE mission trip next summer. All purchases and donations gladly appreciated.

Youth Group RISE Interest Meeting – December 3

There will be a meeting after church on December 3 for any youth who might be interested in going on the RISE mission trip next summer. All students in grades 8-12 are eligible to go. Contact Tricia Blanchard

(pbblanchard2323@gmail.com) or Danielle Blair (dmb514@gmail.com) for more information.

Thank You CROP WALKERS and SPONSORS

On behalf of the CROP HUNGER WALK Committee, we wish to take this time to thank all the WALKERS from Vincent United Methodist Church who participated in the NUTLEY CROP HUNGER WALK. Everyone showed great spirit while completing a lovely tour of central Nutley in gorgeous weather. We also thank all the sponsors whose contributions generously gave support to their walkers. Once all contributions have been collected, they will be sent in to Church World Service. We expect that the WALK will total over \$2,000 to fight hunger in Nutley and around the world.

With gratitude and blessings, Rick De Kovessey and Lisa Feraco, CROP WALK Coordinators

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.

Online Giving!

We can support the mission and ministry of Vincent Church through online giving through Vanco! This can be done by using this link: [Vincent Church Online Giving](#), by visiting the church website and clicking "Online Donation," or by downloading the "Vanco Mobile" app from the Apple App Store (iPhone) or the Google Play Store (Android). The Vanco service is highly secure, supporting online giving to over 20,000 churches and non-profits. It is nationally endorsed by the United Methodist Church. They can process donations by credit card (yes you can collect your rewards on this!) or by electronic payment from a bank account. You can also setup recurring giving so it would be a one-time setup. We would appreciate your consideration of opting to cover the small fee for the transactions. Collectively, the fees will add up to lost income for the church. Your online donation, plus the coverage of the fee, will be on your year-end giving statement and will all be tax deductible. May this be one way that we offer ourselves to the work of the Lord through Vincent Church.

Remember Your Church in Your Will

November Birthdays

3	Justine Groeger
3	Duncan Higgins
3	Jill Kuczek
5	Jason Goode
5	Michael Rawcliffe
7	Linda Bermudez
7	Ian Frobose
7	Sarah Frobose
11	Mike Marsala
11	Gabriel Pallotta
12	Jung Benitez, Jr.
15	Jennifer Lohf
17	Chris Amlung
18	Gail Bumann
18	Ainslie Durnin
18	Hannah Longo
21	Pam Rossman
22	Angie Brown
22	Steven Fucetola
23	Ava Kirk
23	Dave Rauschenberger
25	Helen De Voe
25	Matt Kuczek
25	Barbara Wood
28	Tom Kenney
30	Evan Williamson

November Anniversaries

11	Scott & Denise Ballou
12	Matt & Jill Kuczek
15	Jack & Sue Casale
23	Sal & Rebecca Olivo, Jr.
28	Jim & Elaine Mauro

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.

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.

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 – November 25

The Care Kitchen is a take-out program, serving hot meals most Saturdays from 11:30-12:30 at our church. On Saturday, November 25 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 Barbara Carrino at 973-919-0077 or barbaracarrino@yahoo.com. We feed 65-75 people in need each month in our area.

Monthly Mission Contributions for November

The “Monthly Mission” contributions for November will be used to support “Strength for Service,” which publishes and provides spiritual and inspirational literature for members of the armed services, law enforcement officials, firefighters, paramedics, and other community servants (www.strengthforservice.org). Especially in honor of Veteran’s Day, our Monthly Mission donations (on any envelope marked “Strength Booklets”) will provide material to give spiritual nourishment for our troops and first responders.

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 of God.

In Prayer...

Church Family and Friends Prayer Concerns

- Randy Rossman is on the waiting list for a lung transplant.
- Marilyn Testa is recovering from surgery.
- Fred Kingston is recovering from ankle surgery.
- Several church members going through cancer treatments.
- For a just peace in the Middle East.
- 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

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, Linda Matto, Walter Koroluk, Kristen Henderson, Randy Rossman, Amanda Rivera, Dominic Capello, Rosie Miles, 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 Rifci, Ella Hill, Andrew Nelson, Antonia Concepcion, Adela Manzano, Deb Matthews, , Richard Moore, Ray Vetterlein, Tyler Marcus, Nelson Matos, Barbara Golding, Steve Canonico, Jimmy Richelo, Pablo Estevez, 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, Family of Robert Cook, Family of Burt Schutt, Family of Linda Tittington, Bill Picillo, Family of William Ford Riffle

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

New Baby

Anna Elisabeth Henderson was born on October 5 to Kristen and Tim Henderson. May the Lord bless Anna and her family all their days.

Wedding

Katie Otero and Samuel Gotoff were married on October 7 at North Shore House on Swartwood Lake by Rev. LeDuc. May the Lord bless the Gotoffs in their married life together.

Thank Yous

Dear Vincent Family,
Thank you for holding our dear sister Sue Michaels Sofman in prayer as she passed away leading up to and on June 7th. We love you all so very much!

Yours in Christ,
Jane and Rick DeKovessey

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.

Looking Ahead...

December 3	Advent 1 – Advent Communion Greening of the Church Living Nativity (6:00-7:00)
December 6	UWF Christmas Concert & Dessert
December 10	Advent 2 White Gift Sunday
December 17	Advent 3 Christmas Caroling (12:30-2:30)
December 24	Advent 4 (10:00 a.m.) Christmas Eve Services (4 pm & 9 pm)
December 31	Christmas Sunday
January 7	Epiphany Sunday De-decorate the church
January 9	FPEC Assistance Week 1
January 14	Human Relations Day Dedication of Church Leaders
January 16	FPEC Assistance Week 2



CHURCH STAFF

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GRAB & GO!

PASTA DINNER

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

Tuesday, November 14th
Pick up 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.*

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

MENU: Penne with meat sauce,
salad, bread, and dessert

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

(orders must be placed by Sunday, November 12th)

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

Call, or text, Gaylene Maichuk at 201-463-3026 or gmaichuk@aol.com

ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION

*Those who have entered Life Triumphant
within the past 12 months*

Church Members

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Dawn Spina
Kenneth Bello
Ellen Asselmeyer
David Frieze
Tyre Nichols
Alan Fredrick Hunter
Ginny Smith
Ann Casale
Pam Lindstrom
Catherine Whyte
Richie Gingerelli
Lois Bridge
Stu Perry
Linda Koslin
Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar
Madison Boore
Carolyn Grammer
Maria Tulp
Burt Schutt
Barbara Golding
Irene Nelson
Oscar Gole
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Pastor's Report

"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Vincent Church is a vibrant and vital church engaged in essential and exceptional mission and ministry in the community and the world in the name of Jesus Christ!

We have a story to tell. But we seem to hide it under a bushel. Jesus calls us to "let your light shine!"

Through the guidance of our GNJ conference, we recently completed the "Pathways for fruitful and healthy ministry" process. Through assessment, we were reminded of the many good ways we live and serve as a congregation. Through demographic study, we found that we offer what many people in our community seek for life and faith. Through prayer, we discerned that the missing link is "telling our story" and inviting others to join us.

As we embark on a new church year, may we learn anew how to "let our light shine" and "tell the story" of Jesus, his love, and Vincent Church!

Worship and Sacrament

Vincent Church offers inspiring worship services where the music is uplifting, all are welcomed, the sacraments are shared monthly, and the sermon is Biblical, accessible, and encouraging for the journey of faith in the Lord. We accentuate special church seasons and work to use thematic series, including this year a Lenten series using the music of "Jesus Christ Superstar." We have hybrid worship through in-person, phone in, and Facebook vehicles. Our attendance has remained steady through these vehicles at 95-100. We continue to reach out to those we have missed and those who visit with us.

Evangelism/Making New Disciples

We warmly welcome and follow up with visitors at church. On Facebook, we have a greeter who welcome all participants and follow up with guests. We have community activities to connect especially with families in the community, like the Trunk or Treat and the Living Nativity. We host a Care Pantry and a Care Kitchen to help and connect with those who are poor. We invite the use of our building for community events and services, like the Nutley Winter Market and the Nutley Thanksgiving Service. We connect with our nursery school families in multiple ways. Through Facebook, we have advertised and connected with more people both in our area and out of the area. We received nine new members this past year from other churches.

Discipleship and Faith Formation

Our Church School has been slow to rebound from the pandemic. We continued to have a two-room Sunday School through the year. This fall, we are working to grow to a three-room school. We are excited that our youth program is moving into a dynamic phase, including an annual mission trip to RISE. We have very active UMW circles, a prayer shawl group, weekly study groups, and choir fellowship groups.

Congregational Care

The congregation is deeply caring to those going through difficulties and has an active prayer ministry. This was especially meaningful in the surrounding in prayer eight of our members and our beloved former Office Administrator, who went home to the Lord. The membership team monitors attendance and reaches out to folks who have been missing and offers support. The Sunshine Ministry Team keeps in touch with our seniors and visits with altar flowers and greetings. Rev. LeDuc visits those in the hospital and keeps in touch with those facing illness and our homebound.

Mission and Community Outreach

We have a Care Pantry for a growing number of people in need and have resumed the Care Kitchen feeding program on a takeout basis for three Saturdays a month in connection with area churches. We

support and partner with Nutley Family Service Bureau, CUMAC, CAMP-YDP, CFBNJ, and Family Promise of Essex County. We lead in organizing a CROP Hunger Walk in Nutley raising over \$3000 each year. We were delighted to send a youth mission team to RISE in NY state this summer. We also continue to offer extensive support to Tanzania UMC mission work. We support our missionaries, a young pastor and helped him build a school, the Hope Center construction, and the women and children's programs.

Generosity and Stewardship

We continue to encourage generosity and faithful stewardship through an annual stewardship program ("Releasing God's Blessings") and reminders through the year in various means. We continue to pay our apportionments in full and support mission work around the world. We collect funds monthly for mission programs. We recently established an Endowment Fund to invite estate and other gifts to help ensure the financial future of our church. Additionally, we raised over \$120,000 in a "Raise the Roof" Capital Campaign to replace our roof and gutters this summer.

Leadership Development

Our church leaders participate in GNJ training as offered, especially the regional foundational training day. We also look for and invite new and younger people to participate in leadership within the church. In doing so, we work to teach them and encourage their leadership development. This helps ensure the next generation of faithful and capable leaders for the church.

Administration

Our church continues to use a committee structure for administering the ministry of the church. The Church Council oversees all the work of the congregation and discusses and sets annual church goals. Trustees, Finance, SPRC, and Nominations handle the administrative items. Membership, Music, Nurture, Outreach, and Worship Committees help organize and advance the ministries of the church. Rev. LeDuc participates in most of these committees and helps keep things coordinated.

Journey of Hope

Vincent Church continues to work at ending the sin of racism. This issue continues to be lifted weekly in our Sunday prayers and on our prayer list. Rev. LeDuc led two "Conversations on Race" groups. Two study groups were held about the issue. Rev. LeDuc shared a two-part sermon series on "Learning on Racism" that were powerful and deeply affirmed by the congregation.

Other

These last years have been incredibly challenging for life and ministry. We have worked hard and succeeded by the grace of God to weather the storm. Our church and virtual attendance is the same as before the pandemic, our finances have been pretty steady, and our ministries are on the rebound.

A word of thanks to the Finance Team for their diligent work and to the Trustees for tackling some important projects both large and small. And thank you to our Staff-Parish Team as we have transitioned in two of our staff positions. And thank you to everyone who has contributed to the mission and ministry of Christ at and through Vincent Church!

I also want to express my thanks to our staff who do so much for us and to Bishop Schol and District Superintendent William M. Williams III for their leadership and support. And finally a big "thank you" to my family. Billy, his wife Chelsea, and their beautiful daughter Maya are all doing well. Scott has been an invaluable help with our technology since COVID hit. And I thank my wife Karen for her steadfast love and support and encouragement in life and in ministry!

May the Lord continue to grace and guide and inspire and challenge us for faithful and vibrant mission and ministry together as we "let our light shine" and "tell the story" of Jesus, his love, and Vincent Church!

Faithfully yours,
Rev. David LeDuc

B3. You Choose Eeked Good! Tricia Blanchard will bake for you! Choose from a cake (any kind), brownies, cookies or cupcakes. Tell her what kind you would like and she will provide. Offered for 3 people to purchase. (973-223-1330)

B4. Fresh Veggie Platter - A party treat. Rick DeKovessey will arrange a wonderful array of fresh seasonal vegetables to serve 10 people. Don't miss this! Not before any major holiday. (973-667-2404)

B5. Sour Cream Coffee Cake - Marge Bammann's delicious moist cake with swirls of cinnamon, sugar and walnuts is perfect for any occasion and great for breakfast. Don't pass this up! Six cakes are available. (973-667-4665)

B6. Fresh Fruit Platter - Rick DeKovessey will create a beautiful fresh fruit platter for your next party. Delicious seasonal fruit (enough for 10 people) will be arranged creatively and taste scrumptious. (Not before any major holiday.) (973-667-2404)

B7. Pumpkin Bread - Linda Baker Grinn will bake a loaf pan size pumpkin bread for 2 people. A wonderful autumn treat. (973-744-9179)

Price: \$20 each

Culinary Events

C1. Sunday Afternoon Tea - The Honorable Lady Gaylene invites you to a Sunday afternoon tea at her manor house on April 14th at 4pm. This tea can accommodate 10 people. (973-667-3346)

C2. Mardi Gras Dinner - Come celebrate Mardi Gras with a New Orleans dinner at the home of Barbara Carrino. Beads will be provided! Saturday, February 10 at 5pm. For 9 people. (973-919-0077)

Price: \$40 per person

C3. Dinner on the Deck - Kick off the summer with a delicious al fresco barbecue at the home of Gaylene Maichuk. This delicious treat is for 8 people on Sunday, June 2 at 6pm. (973-667-3346)

Price: \$40 per person

C4. Holiday Hot & Opened Sampler - Start the holiday season off with a delicious sampling of holiday hors d'oeuvres accompanied by beverages at the home of Barbara Carrino. A yummy dessert will also be offered. This event is for 15 people on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at 6:00pm. (973-919-0077)

Price: \$40 per person

C5. Eat Like a Pilgrim Dinner - Come meet a descendant of the Mayflower! Enjoy a dinner based on the foods eaten at the Plymouth settlement in 1620. This dinner is on Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 6pm for 8 people at the home of Gaylene Maichuk. (973-667-3346)

Price: \$40 per person

C6. An Evening in Italy Dinner - Come be transported to Italy as you enjoy a delicious 4 course Italian dinner which will include homemade pasta and much more. This dinner is for 9 people at the home of Barbara Carrino on Saturday, April 27 at 6pm. (973-919-0077)

Price: \$40 per person

C7. Hibiscus Pavilion Dinner - Liz and Walter Korolik will host a group of 4 people for an elegant dinner at the Highlam Pavilion on Saturday, March 2 at 5:00pm. Come enjoy good food, companionship, and a wonderful view of the New York skyline. (973-432-1809)

Price: \$75 per person

Adventure

D1. St. Thomas Get-Away - Don't miss a 10 day stay at Crystal Cove Condos in St. Thomas. The condo accommodates four people and is a non-smoking unit. Enjoy the beach, palm trees, blue water and fine dining of St. Thomas and St. John for ten days at a mutually agreed upon time between April and December 2024. Donated by the Green family. Contact person Liz Green Korolik. (973-432-1809)

Price: \$1,000

Autumn Marketplace

The United Methodist Women/United Women of Faith wish to thank all those who contributed to our Marketplace and all who made purchases to support our mission.

To make a purchase, contact Marge Bammann @ 973-800-5026 or email bammannm@umw.org. All orders must be in by November 1st. Please note purchases are on a first come basis and some items have limited slots. Order early!

We will announce who the lucky people are who purchased services, delicious treats, or culinary events on Sunday, November 5 during coffee hour.

Payment for items purchased can be given to Gaylene Maichuk on November 5 or before. Checks can be made out to YUMW.

Services

A1. Banjo Music - Marge Bammann will provide one hour of banjo sing-along songs for your party. Don't miss out on a fun time! (973-800-5026)

Price: \$80

A2. Hand Printed Note Card Set A set of 5 beautifully hand printed note cards. Each card has a different watercolor design crafted by Marilyn Smith. Note cards are blank for your personal message. Six sets are being offered. (973-661-2817)

Price: \$15 per set of 5 cards

A3. Flower Arrangement - A beautiful, upscale flower arrangement in a bubble bowl, (round fishbowl style), designed by Jane DeKovessey. Perfect for dinner table, side or coffee table. To be picked up at Jane's by purchaser. Not to be offered before any major holiday. (973-667-2404)

Price: \$30

A4. Alterations - Charlyn Kennedy will tailor them up to 4 garments. (973-771-1768)

Price: \$20

A5. Cleaning/Organizing - The Youth Group will clean or organize a space at your home. Leave the work to them! Contact person, Tricia Blanchard (973-223-1350)

Price: \$100

A6. Painting Project - The Youth Group will paint a small room/closet/bathroom for you. Leave the painting to them! Contact person, Tricia Blanchard (973-223-1350) **Price: \$150**

A7. Transport to/from Newark Airport - Fiona Callness will drive 2 people round trip to/from Newark Airport. Date to be determined. Must give at least one week's notice. (973-573-2423)

Price: \$80 round trip

A8. Mary Kay Skincare - Colleen Kingston will offer a lovely skincare pampering gift basket filled with wonderful Mary Kay products. The basket will include White Tea & Citrus Body Shower Scrub, Body Shea Shower Gel and Body Shea Lotion, White Tea & Citrus Shea Lip Scrub and Shea Lip Balm and a Hydrating Face Mask.

Price: \$80

A9. Computer Application Training - Sue Ergan will offer 3 hours of computer application training in the use of Word, Excel, PowerPoint or Outlook. Purchaser will determine which app they'd like her to teach. Can be done in the purchaser's home or at church. This can be done in a 3-hour session or broken into 3-one hour sessions.

Price: \$75

Delicious Treats To Go

B1. Deep Dish Apple Pie - Too busy to bake? Have Marge Bammann bake a delicious deep dish apple pie for your next dinner party. Sixpies available. (973-667-4665)

Price: \$25

B2. Christmas Cookies - Barbara Wood will bake a tray of Christmas cookies suitable for gift giving or to serve at home. One dozen each of 6 cookie varieties. (973-667-8514)

Price: \$75



Thanksgiving Food Drive

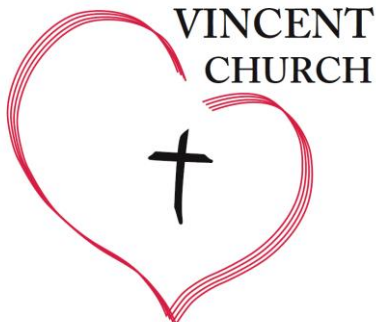
Can you help feed someone who is hungry? Our food drive will supply food to CUMAC in Paterson. CUMAC's mission is to fight hunger and its root causes through a holistic, trauma-informed approach that provides groceries and basic necessities to families and individuals in need.

Most helpful items needed

Pasta, tomato sauce (plastic jars preferred), rice, beans, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, cereal, vegetables, canned meats

Please fill a bag and bring it to church by Thanksgiving Sunday, Nov. 19.

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LEAF RAKING DAY
AT
VINCENT UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH CEMETERY
213 PASSAIC AVENUE, NUTLEY
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH
FROM 10 AM - 3 PM

COME ALL DAY OR COME FOR A FEW HOURS!

- BRING RAKES AND BLOWERS
- RAKE THE CEMETERY PROPERTY
- LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

**A GOOD COMMUNITY
SERVICE
OPPORTUNITY**

**RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
FROM 1PM - 4 PM**