



The Vincent Voice

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

Greetings in the Name of Our Risen Lord!

Easter means new life! Jesus risen from the grave! We who follow him resurrected into renewed faith! In this Easter season, we transition from death unto life and continue to bask in its glow and glory.

This is also a season of transitions.

One transition is pastoral, as I prepare to retire, and Pastor Sam prepares to arrive. Things have been going well on this front. My family and I have found a house to rent in Hazlet, we've been thinning out our stuff and bringing it to the rummage sale, and we've been preparing for this next step in our lives. Pastor Sam has had several meetings with me and our church leaders to begin to get acclimated to our church and ministry. The Transition Team has been working to provide help and farewell events for us and to provide help and welcoming events for the Park family. Please keep this all-in prayers.

Another transition is of some of our youth into church membership. Seven young people are wrapping up the Confirmation process and will come before us on May 12 to make their profession of faith in Christ. Two will be baptized and all will be confirmed as members of Vincent Church!

Another transition is in our Sunday School as Superintendent Michael Blanchard steps down after 10 years! He has done an amazing job leading the program and impacting the lives of countless children. He also helped see our families through the pandemic with his positive and encouraging messages for which we will always be grateful. A deep and hearty thank you to Michael!

We are still seeking someone to lead the Sunday School through the coming year, or even just through the summer. Let me know if you have any interest or some questions.

May the Lord grace and guide us in this season of transitions.

In Christ Always,
Rev. Dave

MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 5 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Chancel Choir Singing
Sacrament of Christian Baptism
Homily by Rev. LeDuc
“Come and Have Breakfast!”
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

May 12 – Ascension Sunday

Mother's Day
Recognition of Women
Chancel Choir Singing
Wesley Ringers Playing
Sunday School Promotion
Homily by Rev. LeDuc
“A Mother's Prayer”
Service of Confirmation

May 19 – Pentecost Sunday

195th Anniversary Sunday
Recognition of Our 50-Year Members
Dedication of Memorial Gifts
Chancel Choir Singing
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
“A Vincent Church Legacy”

May 26 – First Sunday after Easter

Memorial Sunday
Memorial Day Remembrance
Chancel Choir Singing
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
“A Cross of Iron”

Mother's Day Sunday – May 12

Mother's Day is May 12 when we give thanks for mothers and all the women who have shared their love with us. We will share a time of recognition and appreciation in our service of all the women in Jesus' name.

Confirmation Sunday – May 12

Confirmation Sunday will be May 12. Alexa Bitten, Evan Blanchard, Lee Devine, Cameron Feld, Andrew Hunter, Ben Raughley, and Emma Raughley will be presenting themselves to make their profession of faith in Jesus Christ and to be baptized and/or confirmed as members of our church. Please pray for them as they approach this important day, and join us as we affirm them together!

195th Anniversary Sunday – May 19

Our Vincent United Methodist Church is celebrating its 195th anniversary this month! We started as a Sunday School on Passaic Avenue in 1829 and have grown to become a faithful mission and ministry center for Jesus Christ. We will have a special service that Sunday including the recognition of 50-year members, the dedication of Memorial Gifts, and a message by Rev. LeDuc “A Vincent Church Legacy.” Please plan to join us personally or virtually for this historic day in the life of our congregation!

Memorial Day Sunday - May 26

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

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 smartphone by clicking this link: [Vincent UMC Facebook Live Tab](#) (or for our main page: [Vincent UMC Facebook Page](#)). You do not need a Facebook account to watch the service (you may need to click “Not Now” on the invitation to join Facebook). Click on the service to enlarge it and join in the worship service!

Call In to HEAR the Worship Service!

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

To Enhance “At Home” Worship

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

May Sunday School

The Vincent Church Sunday School wraps up its year in May. May 5 is a Communion Sunday where children stay in church with their families. May 12 is Mother’s Day, Sunday School Promotion Sunday, and Confirmation Sunday. May 21 is Anniversary Sunday and May 28 is Memorial Sunday which will also be Family Sundays. We hope to offer our Summer One Room Sunday School if there are enough volunteer teachers and someone to organize it. Contact the Church Office to volunteer or for more information.

Nursery Room Use

The Nursery Room will now be opened on Sunday mornings for the use of parents with little ones who need a place to feed, change, or rock a child. We ask that everyone clean and sanitize after themselves for COVID-19 safety. Only one family at a time. It is not to be a play area for older children to help maintain its cleanliness.

Rev. Gerald Muller New Appointment

Rev. Gerald Muller, whom our church has affirmed as a candidate for ministry, will be appointed to a new church as of July 1: Deerfield UMC in Deerfield, NJ. Congratulations to Rev. Gerald and we pray for him in this next chapter following his call to ministry.

Elementary Youth Fellowship

The Elementary Youth Fellowship is for children in grades K-5 and their families. The group will be led by Kira Wallisch (kira.wallisch@gmail.com) and Marissa Devine (marissaloomis@yahoo.com), who have experience leading children’s programs. A monthly activity or outing will be planned. All children and families are welcome to come and bring friends!

“Context” Study

“Context: Putting Scripture in Its Place” by Josh Scott is the study being used for the Monday morning study group from 9:30-11:00 beginning April 22. The study delves into well-known Scripture verses, exploring their true meanings by examining them in their original biblical context. The class meets on Zoom: [Monday Morning Study Group](#) or Meeting ID 839 9664 0145. For more information, contact Pam Rossman (973-534-6636) or Becky Olivo (201-657-0204). All are welcome.

National Day of Prayer - May 2

Thursday, May 2 is the National Day of Prayer. People of all faiths are invited that day to spend some special time in prayer for our world, our country, and our leaders. The Nutley Clergy Fellowship will hold a short Prayer Service at 12 noon in front of Nutley Town Hall. All are invited. Whether it is here or at home or any place you find some time, all are invited to lift prayers to God for our communities, our country, and our world.

Rummage Sale HELP NEEDED!

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

Vincent Church Rummage Sale – May 3-4

Vincent United Methodist Church will hold their annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a Preview Night Sale on Friday, May 3 from 7-9 p.m. for a \$5 admission. Items for sale will include jewelry, bric-a-brac, clothing, toys, kitchenware, home décor, bedding, small appliances, and more. A café will be open as well on Saturday. The Church is located at 100 Vincent Place in Nutley. All are invited.

5K Fun Run Traffic Plan – May 5

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

challenges, far outweighed by the blessings, of being “The Church in the Heart of Nutley.”

Mother’s Day Drive for UM Communities

As Mother’s Day approaches, let us honor the women who have done so much to nurture and love us by making a special donation in their honor or loving memory to support the United Methodist Communities’ Gift of Care Circle (formerly Fellowship Fund). By recognizing our own mothers and women special to us, your support of this ministry will help provide quality and caring services to elders living in the UM Communities in New Jersey who have exhausted their financial resources. To participate, we ask your consideration to contribute \$5.00 for each name you submit. We will need the names by Monday, May 6, in order to honor them in a special Mother’s Day flyer in the May 10 VUMC Update and for pickup on the Usher’s Table on Sunday, May 12. Place your donation and the form in the church offering plate, mail it to the church, or email your tribute to the Church Office at vincentumc@verizon.net and make your donation at [Vincent Church Online Giving](#). Please make checks payable to “Vincent UMC.”

Take-Out Ham Dinner – May 14

Vincent Church will be having a Take-out Ham Dinner on Tuesday, May 14, including ham, macaroni and cheese, vegetable and dessert. Dinners can be picked up at the church from 4:30-6:30. To place an order, fill our and submit a form or contact Gaylene Maichuk at 201-463-3026 or gmaichuk@aol.com.

In Search of 50-Year Members

As part of our Anniversary Sunday Celebration on May 19, we will be honoring those in our church who have been members of this church, or any combination of churches, for at least 50 years. Membership begins when someone makes their profession of faith and joins a church as a youth or adult. We will honor again those who were listed last year and anyone else who is eligible. If your membership tallies over 50 years now, contact the church office and let us know by May 10. We give thanks for all those who have served the Lord so faithfully through the years!

GNJAC – May 19-21

Our Greater New Jersey Annual Conference will be held at Wildwood Convention Center from May 19-21. People are welcome to attend as observers to the conference and participate in the worship services either in person or online. Much of the conference and services will be available online through the Conference

website at www.gnjumc.org. Rev. LeDuc and Gene Carlson, our Lay Delegate, will be attending. Please pray that God will guide and bless the delegates at the conference.

Rev. LeDuc's Retirement

Rev. David LeDuc will be retiring as of June 30 after 39 years of full-time pastoral ministry for Christ through the United Methodist Church. On June 2 at 2:00, Vincent Church will host a Celebration of Ministry for him. There will be a service in the sanctuary followed by food and fellowship. Then, Sunday, June 9, at 10:00 a.m. will be Rev. LeDuc's last service and sermon. Rev. Dave and his family are scheduled to move out of the parsonage the following week. While he will continue to be available to us through June 30 for pastoral needs, the following three Sunday services will be covered by our church leaders. Let us keep Rev. Dave and his family and our church family in prayer during this time of pastoral transition.

Rev. LeDuc Retirement Celebration – June 2

Help us honor Rev. David Scott LeDuc for his 39 years of pastoral ministry for Christ through the United Methodist Church. Sunday, June 2 - 2:00 pm; Service & Program in the Sanctuary, followed by Food and Fellowship, Vincent Church, 100 Vincent Place, Nutley, NJ. Service and Program will be livestreamed on the church Facebook page. Gifts in honor of Rev. LeDuc can be sent to the church by check (made to "VUMC" noting "Rev. LeDuc Gift") or made at www.Vincentumc.org at "Giving." Gifts will be donated by his request to VUMC Care Ministries and Tanzania UMC Ministries. Reflections, notes, or pictures for a Gratitude Album (no larger than 8.5" x 11") can be emailed to the church at vincentumc@verizon.net or mailed to Vincent UMC, 100 Vincent Place, Nutley, NJ 07110. Please RSVP for Service and/or Light Luncheon by May 26 to: Vincentumc@verizon.net or (973)667-5440.

Next Pastor – Rev. Dr. Samuel Park

Bishop John R. Schol has appointed Rev. Dr. Samuel Park as the next pastor of our congregation following Rev. LeDuc's retirement on June 30. Rev. Park will begin his new responsibilities on July 1st of this year. As a United Methodist Church we are a part of an appointment system. Our Staff Parish Relations Committee met with the district superintendent to identify our congregation's needs and the needed skills in a pastor. Pastor Sam was born and raised in NYC. He felt God tug at his heart to be in pastoral ministry at a mission trip in Mexico. He received an M.Div from Drew and D.Min from Wesley while serving churches in NY, MD, NJ, most recently at Delran UMC. He has a heart for preaching, teaching, the local church, missions,

and he loves to see disciples of Jesus making disciples of Jesus. He and his wife Grace are blessed with two wonderful children. Our new pastor will work with us and the conference so that we continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Bishop Schol and the leaders of the Greater New Jersey Conference will work with us to continue to grow as a vital congregation.

Church Member and Family Pictures

We will be taking or updating pictures for the photo boards in the hallway to the Chapel. See Rich Baumann after worship to have your picture taken!

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.

Chapel Corner Repair Work

We are working on fixing the northeast corner of the Philhower Chapel wall. It has been patched several times over the decades. We recently added an additional downspout to help prevent overflow rainwater from going down the outside brickwork and possibly finding its way in through the mortar. We will have to wait for a heavy rain with wind from the northeast to be sure. Otherwise, we might need to do mortar work. In the meantime, we are removing paint and plaster that has been damaged to be sure the wall dries out and, hopefully, stays that way. Then we can repair and paint it once and for all. We thank Wendell Grimm for his work on this. So please pardon the Chapel appearance during this wholly and holy work!

Vincent Church Google Drive

Vincent Church has set up a Google Drive to make documents accessible to our church community. These include our Safe Sanctuaries Policy (for youth protection), our Safety Protocol, the Schedule of Events, the Church Calendar, and other documents to be determined. Here is the link: [Vincent Church Documents - Google Drive](#). Please do not share this link beyond our church family. May it be one way we can keep informed and connected in our ministry for Christ!

In Prayer...

Church Family and Friends Prayer Concerns

- Randy Rossman is recovering at home from double lung transplant.
- Diane Schmolze is recovering from a hospital stay.
- Mildred Evans is home after a hospital and rehab stay.

- Our church Confirmation Class students.
- Several church members going through cancer treatments.
- For our church in the midst of a pastoral transition.
- For a just peace in Ukraine and the Middle East.
- 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, Paul Rossman, Randy Rossman, Diana Spangenberg, Jack Casale, Sue Casale, Helen Tress, Bob Hosking, Evelyn Hosking, Pam Alfano, Stephen Delaney, Anita McCrea, Sharon Lautenbacher, Marilyn Testa, Sue Brogan, Kristen Henderson, Amanda Rivera, Dominic Capello, Rosie Miles, Catherine Abate, Imre Kovacs, Vincent DeNunzio, Cindy Keiss, Bob Parran, Charles Kuczinski, Cindy Keiss, Jeannie Noble, Kaitlin Rifici, Antonia Concepcion, Deb Matthews, Nelson Matos, Steve Canonico, Pablo Estevez, Kim Brown Cofield, Rev. Doug Miller, Gail Rasieleski, Bill Picillo, Lucy Olivo, Moeses Guzman, Cora Paris Ponnwitz, Catriona Caithness, Carol Greengrove, Tom Bingham, Peggy Rice, Mike Turner, Evan Blanchard, Kim Hosking, Mildred Evans, Harry Watters, Mike Renoll, Elliot Grimm, Family of Gwen Canfield, Brenda Bennett, Steve White, Leo Halpin, Lucia Batchelder, Julie Reda, Dr. Spencer Schwartz, Lisa Colglazier, Diane Schmolze, Carl Fischer, Family of Ed Bennett, Joyce Verzi

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, Erin Brennan, our Veterans

Remembering the Enslaved of Nutley

The Nutley Clergy Fellowship, with the support of the Township Commissioners, Nutley Cultural Diversity and Inclusion Council, and the Kingsland Trust, are raising money for the installation of a memorial stone and commemorative plaque to honor the African American men and women who were historically enslaved in the Township. It will be dedicated to recognizing the enslaved in Nutley who helped build our community. The recognition and unveiling is planned for Juneteenth, 2024. Donations can be made out to “Vincent United Methodist Church” noted for “Enslaved Marker” (mailed or brought to 100 Vincent Place, Nutley, NJ 07110) or online at www.vincentumc.org using the “Giving” tab. All donors providing contact information will be acknowledged and invited to the unveiling.

Story Team

We have a new Story Team that is working to help us gather and tell the story of God’s activity in our lives and in our church. Our reporters will be out and about seeking input and stories. If you have a story to share or might like to join the Story Team, contact the Church Office.

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

“Care Notes” Available

“Care Notes” are pamphlets that offer help and hope in practical and faithful ways for life’s struggles. We now have a display rack that includes titles on stress, worry, illness, grief, addiction, cancer, retirement, abuse, and more. They are 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.

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.

May Birthdays

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| 1 | Luke Raughley |
| 2 | Erica Beebe |
| 3 | Paul Raines |
| 4 | Lorry Exil-Chery |
| 4 | Paul Gonnella |

7 Bennett Feld
 7 Eric Rauschenberger
 8 Michael Blanchard
 8 Jane De Kovessey
 9 John Olsen
 10 Gwyneth Miles
 12 Josh Kuczek
 13 Bill Gripp
 14 Ashley Dziura
 14 Connor Longo
 15 Paul Gallagher
 16 Eryn Brogan
 16 Heidi Weseloh
 17 Susan Fojas
 18 Jeremy Maichuk
 19 Owen Blanchard
 20 Beverly Grady
 20 Becky Raines
 22 Linda Buset
 22 Besty Czaya
 24 Landon Smith
 27 Judy Mitschow
 28 Amy Canova
 29 Gina Beresford
 29 Andrew Marshall
 29 Jim Novotny
 30 Lil Gripp
 30 Wendy Whiteside
 31 Patrick Brown

May Anniversaries

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

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.

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.

Online Giving!

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

Stock Donations Welcome

Vincent Church has an account with Schwab and welcomes stock donations to the church. After a stock has grown, cashing it in means paying income tax on the capital gain. By donating it to the church, the church can cash it in for full value and the donor receives an income tax benefit as a charitable donation for that full value. Anyone who might like to explore this or donate stocks to the church should contact our church Financial Secretary Rich Baumann at force5@verizon.net. This is one way to support the work of Christ through Vincent Church.

Remember Your Church in Your Will

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.

“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.

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!

Care Kitchen Help Needed – May 25

The Care Kitchen serves hot meals most Saturdays from 11:30-12:30 at our church. On Saturday, May 25, help will be needed as our Vincent Church team gathers from 9:15-1:15 for prep work, setting tables, serving 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 40-50 people in need each month.

Community Care Kitchen

The Community Care Kitchen serves hot meals at Vincent United Methodist Church (100 Vincent Place in Nutley) on the second, third, fourth and last Saturdays of each month from 11:30-12:30. Prepared and served by people from Vincent Church, Grace Church, Holy Trinity Church, St. Mary’s Church, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and St. Phillip the Apostle Church, the meal might be chicken or beef or pasta with delicious sides and vegetables. Everyone is welcome to come to the Community Care Kitchen, including families and seniors. Take-out meals are also available, one per person. 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. 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.

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 it 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)

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.

Parish News

Baptism

Anna Elisabeth Henderson, infant daughter of Kristen and Tim Henderson, was baptized by Rev. LeDuc during worship on April 7. We pray God’s blessing on Anna and her family.

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.

Handicapped Parking

Our church has three handicapped parking places, two by the lower door to the Education Building and one at the very top of the upper lot. It is requested that everyone respect those spaces and leave them for those who need them. It is one way that we can show hospitality and compassion as followers of Jesus.

Vincent UMC Safety Protocol

Our church has developed some safety protocols in case of a fire, medical or security emergency. Our ushers and Church School staff have been trained as to how to proceed with different situations. If you see a situation that needs attention, please speak to one of the ushers for assistance. This might include smoke or fire, someone in medical distress, or someone whose behavior is erratic or makes one uncomfortable. If you see something, please say something to an usher who will then address the situation. We want our church to be a welcoming, safe, and peaceful setting for our worship and service of God.

AED Available for Emergency Use

Our church has an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) which can diagnose and defibrillate someone having a heart attack. On opening it, the AED has simple audio and visual commands that are designed to be used by any layperson. It is located in a marked metal box in the hallway to the chapel. While we pray it will never be used, it is available if a heart emergency arises.

Emergency Kit in Usher's Closet

Our church has an Emergency Kit located on the door in the Usher's Closet opposite the Ladies Room. The kit includes a First Aid Kit, a "Stop the Bleed" Trauma Kit, and Narcan nasal spray opioid overdose treatment. While we pray they never need to be used, they are available in case of a medical emergency.

Church Policies Available

Vincent Church is committed to providing a safe and protected environment for our children, youth and adults. We have a "Safe Sanctuaries Policy" to help reduce the risk of abuse through background checks, youth protection training, and other procedures and protocols. We also have a "Sexual Harassment Policy" to help reduce the risk of harassment in our church. A

copy of these policies are available through the Church Office.

"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.

"Monthly Mission" Contributions for May – Tanzania Hope Center

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

Upcoming Events

- 6/2 Rev. LeDuc Retirement Celebration (2:00)
- 6/9 Rev. LeDuc Last Service
- 6/16 Father's Day
- 6/20 NHS Graduation – ring church bell
- 6/23 Recognition of Our Graduates
- 6/23 Dedication of RISE Team

- 7/7 Rev. Park First Service
- 7/7-13 RISE Mission Trip



CHURCH STAFF

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COME TO SHOP WITH US!

Friday, May 3 - 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Pre-sale (\$5.00 entrance fee)

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

Vincent United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall

100 Vincent Place, Nutley (across from the library)

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

Please bring shopping bags.

Visit our café for lunch!

Get dessert at our bake sale.



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TAKE OUT TUESDAY!

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

HAM DINNER

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

Tuesday, May 14th

Pick up: 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.*



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



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

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

GIVE YOURSELF THE NIGHT OFF!

Orders must be placed by Tuesday, May 7th

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



United Methodist Communities
Gift of Care Circle
Mother's Day Drive
May 12, 2024

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

To participate, we ask your consideration to contribute \$5.00 for each name you submit. We will need the names by Monday, May 6, in order to honor them in a special Mother's Day flyer in the May 10 VUMC Update and for pickup on the Usher's Table on Sunday, May 12. Place your donation and this form in the church offering plate, mail it to the church, or email your tribute to the Church Office at vincentumc@verizon.net and make your donation at [Vincent Church Online Giving](https://www.vincentchurch.org/online-giving). Please make checks payable to "Vincent UMC."

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Rev. David Scott LeDuc
Retirement Celebration

Help us honor Rev. David Scott LeDuc for his 39 years of pastoral ministry for Christ through the United Methodist Church.

Sunday, June 2 - 2:00 pm
 Service & Program in the Sanctuary
 Followed by Food and Fellowship
 Vincent Church, 100 Vincent Place, Nutley, NJ.

Service and Program will be livestreamed on the church Facebook page.

Gifts in honor of Rev. LeDuc can be sent to the church by check (made to "VUMC" noting "Rev. LeDuc Gift") or made at www.Vincentumc.org at "Giving." Gifts will be donated by his request to VUMC Care Ministries and Tanzania UMC Ministries.

Reflections, notes, or pictures for a Gratitude Album (no larger than 8.5" x 11") can be emailed to the church at vincentumc@verizon.net or mailed to Vincent UMC, 100 Vincent Place, Nutley, NJ 07110.

Please RSVP for Service and/or Light Luncheon by May 26 to:
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