

Church Plaza Project

Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018

At the November 2017 Session meeting, Earl Jackson, a partner with the architectural firm Cooper Robertson, unveiled a multiphase plan for improving and redesigning areas of the church's building and grounds. The first phase of the plan, which focuses on accessibility improvements for the church building, was

approved. Phase 1 of the Church Plaza Project includes two new handicap access ramps, improvements to the driveway access and sidewalks in the area of the elevator, raising the walkways leading to the education building, and improvements to three of the four entrances to the Sanctuary.

On February 4, a member of the FPC Capital Commission will make a short presentation during the 10am worship service to more fully describe Phase 1, outlined above, and to introduce Phase 2 of the project. The following Sunday, February 11, Earl Jackson, the architect retained by the Capital Commission, will be present to make a detailed presentation explaining the significance of the Church Plaza Project. His presentation is scheduled to begin at 10:45am. Mr. Jackson will elaborate on the plan for the church plaza and the ways in which the plan is intended to benefit the church and the surrounding community.

Plans for Phase 1 and proposed plans for Phase 2 will be available for review by the congregation, with ample time provided for input and questions from the congregation. While Phase 1 has already been approved by the Session, Phase 2 has not, as the Session desires congregational input before moving forward. Funding for Phase One will come from the West Caldwell Fund, which was created by the sale of the West Caldwell campus. ■

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Phase 1 Discussion: Feb 4, 10am

**Phase 2 Discussion: Feb 11,
beginning at 10:45am**

HIGHLIGHTS

Facing Racism Task Force

Come be a part of the Facing Racism Task Force at FirstPres. Our guiding principles are: To educate ourselves as to how racism was created and how it plays out in our society; To take action, where we are able, to do our part in creating a just and equitable community and society. Our next meeting is TOMORROW, Jan. 22, at 7:00pm in the Heritage Gallery.

Jaime Staehle Recognition

We will recognize Jaime and her 9 years of service on Sunday, January 28th, at the 10am worship service and are planning a few special mementos to present to her at this time.

FPC CALDWELL

EVENT CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, January 21

8:30am - Worship Service with Communion, at Pleasantdale Campus

9:00am - Confirmation Class, Rm 121

10:00am - Worship Service / Sunday School with Ordination and Installation of Officers

11:15am - Stephen Ministries, Rm 118

11:15am - Worship Committee

11:15am - Chapel Handbells (Handbell Room)

11:30am - Meaning In Movies ("Arrival"), Chapel

11:30am - Pittsburgh Project Meeting, Sanctuary

1:00pm - PVP Rehearsal, Room 120

1:00pm - Westmin. and Pilgrim Choirs, Gym

5:00pm - Parents' Night Out, Room 120

5:15pm - First Church Ringers (Handbell Room)

MONDAY, January 22

7:00pm - Venture Scouts, Youth Room

7:00pm - Yoga and Meditation, Rm 120

7:00pm - Facing Racism Task Force, Heritage Gallery

7:00pm - Recreation Committee, Rm 118

8:00pm - We Dance, Ballet - Stage

TUESDAY, January 23

9:30am - Staff Meeting, Parlor

11:00am - World Religion Study, Parlor

7:00pm - Session Meeting, Rm 120

7:00pm - PVP Musical Rehearsal, Gym

WEDNESDAY, January 24

9:30am - Crafting Group, Parlor

7:00pm - World Religion Dialogue, Parlor

7:30pm - We Dance, Tap - Stage

THURSDAY, January 25

6:30pm - Chancel Handbells (Handbell Room)

7:00am - Men's Fishp. Breakfast, Cald. Diner

8:00pm - Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

10:00am - Old Guard, Rm 120

FRIDAY, January 26

10:00am - WE DANCE (Yoga - Choir Room)

5:30pm - AA Meeting, Room 120

5:30pm - All Youth Snow Tubing Trip

SATURDAY, January 27

8:00am - DWAMI, Rockn' Joe Café

8:30am - Soup Kitchen, Our Lady of the Valley

WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY: "Give God your weakness and He will give you his strength."

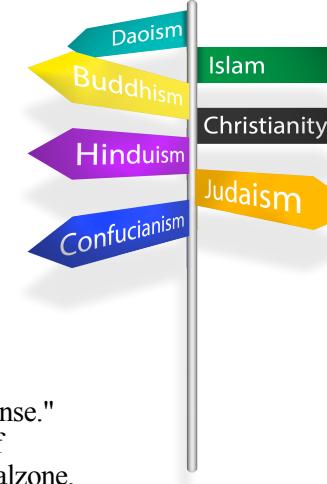
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Music & Poetry – Take 2!

Last week our event was cancelled due to a lack of heat in the church building. So, tonight we intend to heat things up with some great music! Come out tonight and enjoy some great music and some beautiful readings. The theme will be “Everything Old Is New Again!” We’ll meet this evening in the church sanctuary at 5:00pm.



A Dialogue About World Religions

Continuing this week, the Spiritual Engagement Committee invites you to take on the task of becoming more knowledgeable about the faiths of the world and their differences. Loosely guided by the book *God Is Not One* by Stephen Prothero, we will come with our questions and a desire to learn about faith traditions other than our own. You'll have two opportunities to take advantage of this opportunity: Tuesdays at 11:00am, and Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. Both groups will meet in the church parlor.

“Nonsense” Coming to Caldwell

From February 22–25, in the Fellowship Hall, Pleasant Valley Productions will present the musical comedy “Nonsense.” This hilarious spoof tells of the misadventures of the five nuns belonging to the fictional order of the Little Sisters of Hoboken. Directed by Camille DiLorenzo, along with Music Director David Maglione, and Choreographer Amy Calzone, the show features an amazing ensemble, including Lorraine Ford DeMan, Julie Galorenzo, Jenn Bedell, Jaclyn Ingoglia and Danielle Meola Valencia. Nonsense will be a production guaranteed to relieve those mid-winter blues! Performances are Feb. 22, 23, & 24 at 8pm, and Feb. 25 at 2pm.

SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age

On Sunday, January 28, at 11:30am, FirstPres will be offering a viewing of the movie “Screenagers” in the sanctuary. You’re invited to come watch and join in on the discussion, and share your own questions and observations with the community.

Our Local Food Pantry Needs Your Help

Did you know that the Caldwell Food Pantry serves over 80 families with children each week? Due to increased need, The Caldwell Food Pantry is experiencing a shortage of staples important for each needy family. In January and February we will be collecting HEARTY SOUPS, but any donations are always welcome. You can help the Hungry in Caldwell and West Caldwell. Please drop off the items in the marked bins located throughout the church.

Soup Kitchen

FirstPres is sponsoring lunch at the Our Lady of the Valley Soup kitchen on Saturday, January 27. If you would like to Pans are out, stop by and pick up your pan for Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen.

We will be serving one of our patrons favorite, Chili, Corn Bread and Salad, so grab a pan and prepare a dish.

If you wish to serve in person, please call Joyce McGrath, 201-738-6531 to reserve your spot.

Free Movie Screening

On Wednesday, January 31, The Congregation Agudath Israel in Caldwell will be offering a free screening of the movie, “An Inconvenient Sequel.” The screening will be followed by a discussion on the topic: “Honoring our commitment to sustain the environment. This program is provided free of charge, and refreshments will be served. Wednesday, Jan. 31, 7:45pm, at Congregation Agudath Israel (in the Adult Longe), 20 Academy Rd., Caldwell, NJ, 07006. Please RSVP on the events page of Agudath.org.

Welcome New Staff for Youth & Children

Beginning February 1, we welcome new staff members to help us in our time of transition in the area of Youth & Children’s Ministries. Susan Jones will serve as our Interim Children’s Ministry Coordinator; Lauren Restaino, our Youth Intern, will be focusing on Middle and High School Ministry; and Emily Archibald will serve as our Interim Pittsburgh Project Coordinator. Please welcome these ladies and show them your appreciation.

Children’s Ministry News

Space for Grace and Kids Kart - We welcome children in worship and understand that it is sometimes hard for them to sit quietly for the entire time. Space for Grace is located in the right hand side of the balcony and is a quiet space for young children and their parents to sit during worship. There you will find quiet books and worship activities as well as space to move around. Older children are invited to check out the Kids Kart located in the back of the sanctuary. The Kids Kart has books and worship activities for elementary aged children.

Rotation Sunday School

Our Sunday School theme for this month's Rotation Sunday School is "The Prodigal Son". We will be doing Art, Music, Cooking and Bible Skills and Games to discover the story of The Prodigal Son.

Lenten Blaze

All children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us each Wednesday in Lent (February 14th - March 28th) from 4:30-6:15 for a fun time exploring our faith. We will have some fun recreation, crafts, time for music and Bible study! Registration forms are available on the church website or on the Christian Ed desk! The cost for the program is \$25. Please contact Susan Jones for more information.

Pittsburgh Project Meeting

Our first meeting for those interested in taking part in this year’s service trips is set for Sunday, January 21, at 11:30am in the sanctuary. All interested students, along with their parents, should attend this meeting! A deposit of \$100 and paperwork is required, if you wish to reserve a spot. These spots fill up fast, so please make sure to bring your deposit and paperwork to the meeting. Please let Jaime Staehle know if you have any questions.

All 6th - 12th graders are invited to join us for a fabulous week of serving others this summer, doing minor home repairs for elderly and disabled homeowners in Pittsburgh. The Jr. High trip, for those entering 7th-9th grade, is scheduled for the week of July 8th-13th; the Sr. High Trip, for those entering 10th grade—college, is scheduled for July 21st-28th.

Parents Night Out

Looking for a little time out tonight?? Parents are invited to drop off their children (infant through 5th grade) for our Parents Night Out tonight from 5-8pm. Whether you want to go out to dinner or just need some time to clean up the house, we’d love to help you out. Adults and teens from our congregation will lead a fun evening for your kids. There is no cost to you. Please enter through the main glass doors to register tonight.

Jr. High’s: We hope you’ll join us in serving God by serving others tonight! Come help out with the little ones of our congregation. Meet at the Christian Ed desk at 4:45pm. (Those in choir are welcome to join us after choir is over!)

All Youth Snow Tubing Trip

On Friday, January 26th, from 5:30-11pm, all 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for a trip to Campgaw Mountain for a fun night of snow tubing. The cost is \$30 plus \$\$ for dinner on the way. TODAY is the last day to sign up. Don’t miss out!