

**EVENT CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, January 28**

8:30am - Final Worship Service at Pleasantdale  
 9am - Confirmation Class: Reformation & Pancakes, Confirmation Classroom  
 10am - Worship Service  
 11:15am - Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall  
 11:15am - Chapel Handbells, Handbell Room  
 11:30am - "Screenagers" movie, Sanctuary  
 1pm - Westminster & Pilgrim Choir, Gym  
 5:15pm - First Church Ringers, Handbell Room  
 5:30pm - Jr. High Fellowship, Youth Room  
 6pm - Nunsense rehearsal, Sanctuary

**MONDAY, January 29**

7pm - Nunsense, Sanctuary  
 7pm - Venture Scouts, Youth Rm  
 7pm - Yoga, Rm 120  
 8pm - We Dance, Gym Stage

**TUESDAY, January 30**

9:30am - Staff Meeting, Parlor  
 11am - World Religions, Parlor  
 7pm - New Beginnings Advisory Board

**WEDNESDAY, January 31**

9:30am - Crafting Group, Parlor  
 5:30pm - Caldwell Team B-ball Practice, Gym  
 7pm - World Religion Study Group, Parlor  
 7:30pm - We Dance, Gym stage  
 7:45pm - "An Inconvenient Sequel", Agudath

**THURSDAY, February 1**

7am - Men's Flshp Breakfast, Caldwell Diner  
 6:30pm - Chancel Handbells, Handbell Room  
 7pm - Nunsense rehearsal, Gym  
 8pm - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm

**FRIDAY, February 2**

10am - Yoga, Choir Room  
 5:30pm - AA Meeting, Room 120

**SATURDAY, February 3**

8am - Dads With a Mission, Inc., Rock N Joe's Cafe

**SUNDAY, February 4**

10am - Family Worship Service - SOUPer Bowl of Caring/Church Plaza Minute for Ministry  
 11:15am - Chapel Handbells, Handbell Room  
 11:30am - Confirmation Mentor Lunch - Statements of Faith Rm 121  
 1pm - Westminster & Pilgrim Choir, Gym  
 1 - 4pm Nunsense rehearsal, Sanctuary  
 5:15pm - First Church Ringers, Handbell Room  
 5:30 - 7pm, Jr. High Fellowship, Youth Room

## Dads With A Mission, Inc.

Every Saturday morning – rain or shine, snow or heat, Dads With A Mission, Inc. (or "DWAMI" for short) get together at the Rock 'n' Joe Cafe, adjacent to the church, to discuss life and its myriad complexities, challenges, and celebrations.

Although it has "Dad's" in the Title, this group is not just for Dads. Originally founded as a group of Christian men who get together to focus on how to become better husbands and fathers, the group has since blossomed into an organization that makes performing various outreach and assistance projects a central part of its purpose, seeking to always be available to the congregation of FirstPres, the Caldwell community, and beyond, whenever need arises.

In meeting this purpose, the group has helped flood victims with demolition and rebuilding, along with helping out with projects around the church – like setting up large tents for our outdoor events; putting up an outdoor Christmas tree for the church at Christmastime; along with erecting the Crèche and the setup for the church's Live Nativity.

With all that the group is up to, the heart of the DWAMI experience is still discussion and dialogue. Each week the group discusses some of the current issues that face us, both in the nation and in the life of faith. All of the discussions are connected to scripture and deal in a very relevant and intentional way with the spiritual implications of what's going on in the world.

If you'd like to connect with this group, they meet each and every Saturday morning, 8:30am, at Rock 'n' Joe's Cafe, just a block down and across Bloomfield Avenue from the church. ■



## The Washington and Lee University Singers in Concert



The Department of Music at Washington and Lee invites you to join the award-winning University Singers under the direction of Shane M. Lynch in their concert at 7:30pm on Friday, February 24 in the church sanctuary. Recognized as one of the finest collegiate cappella choirs on the east coast, the University Singers, tour nationally or internationally every year, performing a wide variety of literature at major venues across the globe while serving as artistic ambassadors for the University in concert series, music festivals, conventions, and University outreach events. Admission

is free. Featured in the concert is FPC member, Michael Colavita. Michael – a senior at Washington and Lee and the tenor section leader for the University Singers – grew up in the choir program at the FirstPres and is often a featured soloist in worship. Come and enjoy a wonderful evening of music and welcome Michael home to FPC.

## Welcome New Staff for Youth & Children

As we say goodbye to Jaime Staehle, we welcome new staff members to help us in our time of transition in the area of Youth & Children's Ministries. Beginning February 1, 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.



Sunday, Jan. 28, 2018

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### SOUPer Bowl of Caring, Sunday, Feb. 4

All youth are invited to join us as the Jr. High Youth Group hosts Coffee Hour for the SOUPer Bowl of Caring. Sign up with Lauren to bring Soup or Serve Soup during Coffee Hour.

#### Ash Wednesday Service of Worship and Imposition of Ashes

On Wednesday, Feb. 14, there will be a service of worship in the sanctuary to observe Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Season of Lent. The service is scheduled to begin at 7pm.

## Church Plaza Project

On February 4, a member of the FPC Capital Commission will make a short presentation during the 10am worship service to describe Phase 1 and introduce Phase 2 of the church plaza 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 project. His presentation, scheduled to begin at 10:45am, will elaborate on the ways in which the plan is intended to benefit the church and the surrounding community.

## 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.

## Music & Poetry – “Fat Tuesday”

On Sunday, February 11, come out and enjoy some great music and some beautiful readings that revel in the celebration of “Fat Tuesday,” better known as Mardi Gras. We’ll meet at 5:00pm in the church sanctuary to “Laissez les bons temps rouler,” or, as you might say: “Let the Good Times Roll!”



## “SCREENAGERS” Showing Today

This morning, Jan. 28, after Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall, you're invited to return to the sanctuary for an 11:30am showing of the movie, “Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age.” After the movie, join in on the discussion, and share your own questions and observations about this new and often undiscussed issue facing young people and parents today.

## 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. During the four weeks leading up to Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent, come with your 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. We will meet in the church parlor.

## 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.

## “Nunsense” Musical Offering Discounted Tickets to FirstPres Members

From February 22–25, in the Fellowship Hall, Pleasant Valley Productions will present the musical comedy “Nunsense.” This hilarious spoof tells of the misadventures of the five nuns belonging to the fictional order of the Little Sisters of Hoboken. Nunsense will be a production guaranteed to relieve those mid-winter blues! Performances are Feb. 22, 23, & 24 at 8pm, and Feb. 25 at 2pm. You can purchase tickets online at BrownPaperTickets.com (<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3224152>). FirstPres members can purchase discounted tickets by entering the code “FPCC” during checkout.

## Submit Information for First Press

If you have information about church and community events, or personal interest stories that you would like to see printed in First Press, please send the information, along with any pictures or artwork, in an email to [todd@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:todd@firstprescaldwell.org) by 12:00 noon on Thursdays. Please use only .jpg, .png, or .pdf files for submitting pictures and artwork.

### WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY:

**“Rejoice with those who rejoice, and mourn with those who mourn.” - Romans 12:15**

To find out more about this caring, listening, confidential ministry, call our confidential line at 973-228-0310, ext 235, or speak to one of the pastors.

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### COFFEE HOUR IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL 1/28/18

Please join Confirmation Student  
Jessica Day for coffee  
in Room 120, following the  
10am service.

### REMEMBER:

You can check out the  
church calendar online at  
[www.firstprescaldwell.org](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org)

### OUR STAFF

Dr. Richard N. Sommers, Pastor/Head of Staff • Rev. Don Brown, Associate Pastor • Rev. Barbara Jo Piercy, Minister of Music • Rev. Todd Shumpert, Pastor of Communication & Spiritual Engagement • Jaime Staehle, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries • Karen Pouy, Secretary/Receptionist • Chris White, Building Manager/Head Sexton Noel Piercy, Associate Director of Music • Lauren Restaino, Youth Intern • Brittany Heun, Sunday Morning Receptionist • Kaitlyn Heun, Sunday Morning Sexton • Kathleen Carlson, Director Weekday Nursery School - (973) 226-6674, [firstpresnurseryschool.com](http://firstpresnurseryschool.com) • David Hicock Superintendent, Prospect Hill Cemetery - (973) 228-4410, [prospecthillcemetery@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:prospecthillcemetery@firstprescaldwell.org) • Dr. Robert R. McGruther, Pastor Emeritus • Rev. Robert Pryor, Parish Associate