FIRST PRESS

APRIL 7TH, 2019

DRESS CLOTHES DONATION NEEDED FOR 13/14 YEAR OLD BOYS AT OASIS, A HAVEN FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN PATERSON, NJ

Each spring, Oasis helps the 35 8th grade boys in their after school program have appropriate clothing to wear to their 8th grade school dance. Most of the boys don't own ties or dress shoes and the other items needed to get dressed up for this big event.

They are looking for donations of new or gently used items such as button down dress shirts, ties, black or grey pants, and dress shoes for 35 teenagers.

Here is a list of what they need:
Grey or black dress pants in sizes small/medium/large/X-large
Button down dress shirts in small/medium/large/x-large/XXL
Dress shoes sizes 6 through 13
Ties appropriate for 13/14 yr old

All donations must be received no later than **Thursday, April 11th.** Anyone having items to donate can contact Ellen Johnson at johnsonellend@gmail.com to coordinate either a drop-off at church or to pick up if necessary. Thank you in advance for your consideration in helping these boys have an awesome 8th grade dance experience!

What has terrific golf, friendly competition, great food, beverages, and prizes — all for a Christian cause? The **11th Annual Board of Deacons Golf Outing** at Farmstead Golf and Country Club! The day will consist of check-in and lunch at noon, followed by a Shotgun Start at 1:30 PM. Reception will follow after the great day on the links!

Register at www.firstprescaldwell.org/golf or by calling the church office at (973) 228-0310.

Please join us for Coffee Hour in Room 120 after the 10:00AM service. Hosting this week is the Golf Committee.

WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

"A kind word is like a spring day"
Russian Proverb

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

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

LENTEN TUESDAY TALKS

Our Lenten Tuesday Talks take place on **Tuesdays in Lent at 11:00am in the Parlor.** The book we are studying is Interrupting Silence by Walter Brueggemann.

FACING RACISM TASK FORCE

The Facing Racism group invites you to join us for a viewing and discussion of the film, “Making Whiteness Visible." We will watch and discuss the first half on **April 8th** and second half on **April 15th**. Both sessions are from **7:00-8:00 PM in room 118**. And of course since this is a movie, we will provide popcorn!

SANDWICH NIGHT

To our family and friends from our congregation, we thank you for your continued support of our Sandwich Night Ministry. Without you we would not be able to continue supporting St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark. That being said, our next Sandwich Night will be this **Wednesday, April 10th at 6:00PM** in Fellowship Hall/Gym. Our host will be the FPC Nursery School. We are excited to have the Nursery School participating in this mission and look forward to seeing our regulars from our congregation attending as well. It's a great ministry and a fun night. Come and enjoy!

DEACONS SPRING COAT AND SWEATER DRIVE

The Deacons are hosting a light coat and sweater spring drive **now through Sunday, April 14th**. Bins will be available for your donations by the Christian Education desk and on the sidewalk at the circle for after hours. All proceeds will go to St. John's soup kitchen.

SOUP KITCHEN

Pans are out for our **April 27th Soup Kitchen** at Our Lady of the Valley. Pick up your pan and prepare a meal to help ease the day of our clients who are less fortunate than ourselves. f you wish to serve in person, please call Joyce McGrath at 201-738-6531 to reserve your spot, all are welcome and we especially love seeing our youth participate. We have a new recipe this month, Mac & Cheese with Spinach. Try this one, hoping our clients like the new dish. Serve in the name of the Lord.

THE CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE HAS AN EMAIL ADDRESS!

Churchlifecaldwell@gmail.com

For any one who is interested in finding out more about our committee, interested in volunteering, or has any suggestions for some fun fellowship events for our congregation please send us an email.
One of our committee members will get back to you.

Want to come to a planning meeting? The next one is **Monday, May 6th at 6:30pm** in the Parlor.

SPRING BLOOD DRIVE IS COMING!

The Board of Deacons will sponsor their Spring blood drive on **Tuesday, April 23rd, from 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM** in Room 120. Please note that 8 weeks must pass between blood donations. If you are able, please plan to come and support this important life-saving effort. Thank you!

STEPHEN MINISTRY

DEALING WITH PAIN IN THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

May 1st, 2019 at 7:00 PM in Room 120

Nunzio Gubitosa, from Grace Counseling Center in Madison, NJ, will speak on the issues that face families and friends as they are touched by the pain of opioid addiction. Please register by calling (973) 228-0310 ex. 229. Leave a voicemail with your name or names of those attending.

Nunzio D. Gubitosa, M.A., M Phil. My approach to therapy is psychoanalytically based. My therapeutic style makes room for a person's faith tradition, knowing how deeply this can inform a person's life. I work with teens, individuals, families and groups.

Manhattan College, Hunter College; Master of Arts in Psychology, CUNY; Masters of Philosophy in Psychology; Blanton-Peale Graduate Institute. Member, American Psychological Association and Eastern Group Psychotherapy Association. Licensed in psychoanalysis and mental health counseling in NY.

ASSISTED PARKING IS HERE!

If you have ever had difficulty attending church because you are physically challenged and couldn't find parking close enough to a church entrance, Assisted Parking is for you.

We all know that finding a parking spot can be challenging on Sunday mornings at First Pres. In keeping with our motto of "First Pres: Changing Lives", we would like to offer a solution.

Beginning Sunday, April 7th, the staff parking lot on Westville Avenue will be reserved for those who are able to drive themselves to church, but may have physical limitations that make it difficult to walk long distances.

Simply drive into the church semicircular driveway on Westville Avenue any time after 9:15am where a representative will be waiting. Indicate to the representative that you are in need of Assisted Parking and you will be directed to a space.

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, April 14th

Join us at our 10:00AM Service in the Sanctuary and
11:30AM Illuminate Service in Fellowship Hall.

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Church Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, April 7
8:30 AM Worship Committee, Parlor
9:00 AM Confirmation Class, Room 121
10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:15 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120
11:30 AM Illuminate, Gym
12:30 PM TPP Mini Mission Church Clean Up
4:00 PM Chapel Handbells, Handbell Room
4:45 PM Pilgrim Choir, Choir Room
5:30 PM Jr. High Cupcake Wars, Kitchen
6:00 PM Westminster Choir, Choir Room

MONDAY, April 8
6:30 PM Basketball, Gym
6:30 PM Facing Racism Meeting, Room 118
7:00 PM Venture Scouts, Youth Room
7:00 PM Yoga, Room 120

TUESDAY, April 9
9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor
11:00 AM Lenten Tuesday Talks, Parlor
5:00 PM Finance Committee, Parlor
6:15 PM Mission Committee, Parlor
7:00 PM Dapper Dan's Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 PM Pickleball, Gym
7:00 PM Deacons Meeting, Room 120

WEDNESDAY, April 10
9:30 AM Crafting Group, Parlor
4:00 PM Children's Lenten Program, Room 120 + Choir Room
6:00 PM Sandwich Night, Gym
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study, Parlor

THURSDAY, April 11
7:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Caldwell Diner
6:30 PM Chancel Handbells, Handbell Room
6:30 PM Girl Scouts Meeting, Room 121
7:00 PM Volleyball, Gym
8:00 PM Chancel Choir, Choir Room

FRIDAY, April 12
5:30 PM AA Meeting, Room 120
7:00 PM Jr. High/Confirmation Overnight, Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, April 13
8:00 AM Dads With a Mission, Inc. (DWAMI), Rockn' Joe Café
10:00 AM Preparation of the Palms, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, April 14 — Palm Sunday
8:30 AM Communications Committee, Parlor
9:00 AM Confirmation Class, Room 121
10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:15 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120
11:30 AM Illuminate, Gym
12:30 PM Jr. High Bowling, Hanover Lanes
4:00 PM Chapel Handbells, Handbell Room
4:45 PM Pilgrim Choir, Choir Room
6:00 PM Westminster Choir, Choir Room