FIRST PRESS

APRIL 28TH, 2019

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

WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

"Tears are prayers, too. They travel to God when we cannot speak." Psalm 56:8

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.

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.

Join us for a fun evening on **May 4th at 7:00pm**. John Elliott, CBS Meteorologist will be the Auctioneer! Enjoy good food and wine! Bid on exciting goods and great services! Benefitting charities include: the Caldwell Food Pantry, St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark, Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen in Orange, the Community Food Bank in Hillside, the Oasis Haven for Women and Children in Paterson, Urban Promise in Camden, and the African Dream Academy in Monrovia, Liberia. ***Tickets are $30 in advance and $40 at the door.*** **Please visit www.firstprescaldwell.org/auction-2019 to purchase your tickets.**

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Please join us for some fellowship fun at Horseneck Tavern at **2:00PM TODAY, April 28th**.

We are currently looking for 5 volunteers for **Thursday May 2nd from 10:45am-1:15pm** to come down to Oasis and help serve lunch. Volunteers will set tables, "plate-up" the food and serve. Hopefully we can arrange a car pool from church that departs at 10:15am if there are enough volunteers. If interested, please contact Ellen Johnson at 973-305-1218 or email johnsonellend@gmail.com

PITTSBURGH PROJECT CAR WASHES

We have TWO occasions for you to support our Pittsburgh Project Teams this Spring! Join us for a car wash from **10:00AM-2:00PM on Saturday, May 4th AND Saturday, June 8th**. The cost is $5 Please let Noe Lopez know if you have any questions.

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.

SANDWICH NIGHT

Tuesday, May 7th is our next Sandwich Night, which benefits St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark. Our Junior and Senior High Pittsburgh Kids along with their advisors will be hosting. This is part of their requirement, doing Mini Missions, in preparation for their upcoming attendance to the Pittsburgh Project this summer. Come out and meet some of our amazing young people and support both St. John's and the upcoming Pittsburgh Project. This ministry is a great way to get involved with our church, meet new friends and reconnect with old ones. **Remember, May 7th, 6PM, Fellowship Hall, (Gym).** Come one, come all and lets help make a difference in someone's life by packaging 400 to 450 bagged lunches.

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR PRESENTS URINETOWN, THE MUSICAL

The performance will take place in Fellowship Hall on Friday, May 10th, Saturday, May 11th & Sunday, May 12th at 7:30PM. Get your tickets now - in the church office or online at www.firstprescaldwell.org. $12 in advance / $15 at the door.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Your generous gifts to this Special Offering help provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed. **Here at First Pres we will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Mother's Day, May 12th. Fish banks may be picked up in the church office.**

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.

Sunday, April 28 will be the last day for procuring sponsors for our golf tournament booklet. Please let Ron Masson (Jennron1@Verizon.net) be aware of any new sponsors before that date.

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.

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.

Assisted Parking will be available on an 8-wk trial basis, ending on Sunday, May 26th. It will become a permanent service if there is enough demand.

NEED A NOTARY?
Free Notary Public service will be available every Sunday from 9:00AM - 12:00 Noon in the church office.

OPEN GYM

Have you ever wanted to play pickle ball but find it too daunting to play with more experienced players? Well, we hear you! We are now offering an introductory Pickleball class every Thursday at 7:00pm. Our resident Pickleball "gurus" will be teaching everything from the rules of the game to strokes and strategy. we supply all the necessary equipment, all you need to do is come and learn your new favorite hobby!

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, April 28
9:00 AM Confirmation Class, Room 121
10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:15 AM Coffee Hour
11:30 AM Illuminate Service, Gym
12:30 PM Chapel Handbells, Handbell Room
1:00 PM Urinetown Rehearsal, Gym
5:00 PM First Church Ringers

MONDAY, April 29
4:00 PM Yoga for Bereaved, Room1 20
6:30 PM Volleyball, Gym
7:00 PM Venture Scouts, Youth Room
7:00 PM Yoga, Room 120

TUESDAY, April 30
9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor
7:00 PM Dapper Dan's Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 PM Pickleball, Gym
7:00 PM Session, Room 120

WEDNESDAY, May 1
9:30 AM Crafting Group, Parlor
6:00 PM We Dance Ballet, Gym Stage
7:00 PM Girl Scouts, Room 121
7:00 PM Dealing with Pain in the Opioid Epidemic, Room 120
7:30 PM We Dance Tap, Gym Stage

THURSDAY, May 2
7:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Caldwell Diner
6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Choir, Handbell Room
7:00 PM Pickleball, Gym
8:00 PM Chancel Choir, Choir Room

FRIDAY, May 3
5:30 PM AA Meeting, Room 120

SATURDAY, May 4
8:00 AM Dads With a Mission, Inc. (DWAMI), Rockn' Joe Café
10:00 AM Cherub Choir, Room 120
10:00 AM Sr. High Car Wash, Church Circle
7:00 PM Auction, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, May 5
8:30 AM Worship Committee Meeting
10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:15 AM Coffee Hour
11:30 AM Illuminate Service, Gym
12:30 PM Sr. High Lunch
12:30 PM Chapel Handbell Choir, Handbell Room
1:00 PM Urinetown Rehearsal, Gym
5:00 PM First Church Ringers