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DEACONS' FALL COAT & SWEATER DRIVE ENDS TODAY, OCTOBER 20TH

Bring your clean, gently used winter coats and sweaters for the semi-annual Deacons' Coat & Sweater Drive. The Coat Drive **will end today, October 20th.** The Deacons are partnering with St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark as the beneficiaries of this drive and any **warm coats and sweaters** will be greatly appreciated.

OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK

The Westminster Choir (Grades 8 - 12) is a sponsor of the *Out Of The Darkness Walk* at Verona Park today, October 20. Members of the Westminster Choir & from the congregation are participating in support of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's mission to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide. Westminster Choir walks in memory of Vanya Citrano, brother of choir alum, Patrick Citrano. Please consider a donation to this very important cause by visiting the following link: https://afsp.donordrive.com/participant/2165413

FALL BLOOD DRIVE IS COMING THIS WEEK

The Deacons' Fall blood drive is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 22nd from 3:00PM – 8:00PM.** People in good health are eligible to donate. Blood donors must be 17 years of age or older. There are no upper age limits provided all health requirements are met. ***Remember, you must wait 8 weeks between blood donations.***

If you like to bake … but don't like the calories, then you can donate your yummy cookies or bars to the Deacons for this important mission. The donors will be most appreciative.

Please join us for coffee hour in Room 120 after the 9:30am service.
Hosting this week is Lisa Edwards.

WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

"We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear; and
often for each other
flows the sympathizing tear."
From the hymn, "Blest be the Tie That Binds"

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.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S WOMEN4WOMEN invites you to join us for some fellowship time at Horseneck Tavern in Caldwell on **Sunday, Today, October 20th at 2:00PM.**

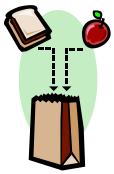
THE FACING RACISM TASK FORCE

This fall, we will host a book study of *Anxious To Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully about Racism* by Carolyn B. Helsel. Rev. Helsel is a minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and her book received the Book of the Year 2018 Award by the Academy of Parish Clergy. We will be discussing the book from **7:00-8:00PM in Room 118** on the following dates:

Monday, October 21 Book Chapter 1 & Introduction
Monday, October 28 Book Chapter 2
Monday, November 18 Book Chapter 3
Monday, November 25 Book Chapter 4
Monday, December 9 Book Chapter 5
Monday, December 16 Book Chapter 6

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

Pans are out and we are getting ready for our **October 26th** soup kitchen at Our Lady of the Valley. Please pick up a pan and prepare a meal for those less fortunate, or if you would like, come and serve with us. Call Joyce McGrath 201-738-653, to reserve your spot to serve. We especially love to have our youth come to represent our church making a difference in our youth's lives and in the lives of our clients at OLV. This is also one way to get involved in church activity, meet new people and help those in need. Make a difference. Come serve in the name of the Lord.



SANDWICH NIGHT

Our next Sandwich Night will be on **October 29th at 6:00PM** and James Caldwell Soccer Booster Club will be hosting. Come out and enjoy the time with friends and family, meeting new people and reconnecting with older friends. We will be preparing and bagging 400 to 450 lunches to send down to St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark. This Mission has grown and only because of the participation of our congregation. We thank you all for your support.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE LUNCH AT OASIS

We are currently looking for 5 volunteers for Thursday, November 7th and Thursday, December 5th from 10:45am-1:10pm 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 and someone offers to be the driver. If interested, please email Ellen Johnson at johnsonellend@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SCARY WALK AND HALLOWEEN PARTY
Wednesday, October 30th from 4:00PM to 6:00PM
Put on your Halloween costume and join us for a "not-so-scary" walk through the church followed by a Halloween pizza party! This event is open to children in 1st through 7th grades.

Deadline to register: Please let Susan Jones know if your child will participate by Sunday, October 27th - sjjones127@yahoo.com

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FALL CHOIR PROGRAM BEGINS TODAY: 1ST THROUGH 5TH GRADES
Rehearsals are in the Choir Room immediately following Sunday School. Children will be brought to Room 120 to meet their parents in Coffee Hour at the end of rehearsal.
Sunday, October 20th: 10:30am-10:55am Rehearsal
Sunday, October 27th: 10:30am-10:55am Rehearsal
Sunday, November 3rd: Sing for the 9:30am Worship Service
(meet in choir room at 9:00am)
Sunday, November 10th: 10:30am-10:55am Rehearsal

YOUTH MINISTERY

YOUTH ROOM DROP-INS: 5TH THROUGH 12TH GRADES
SUNDAYS FROM 4:00-8:00PM
Stop by the youth room anytime between 4:00-8:00pm on Sunday, October 20th and Sunday, October 27th. Snacks, soda, coffee/tea are available for you as you come take advantage of the space to do homework, read a book, play a game, or simply watch tv. No need to sign up in advance, just drop in and hang out

HAUNT AT DORNEY PARK: (14 YEARS OR OLDER)
Join us on **Friday, October 25th** as we experience Dorney Park's transformation into a Halloween Haunt. It will feature mazes, haunted areas, and rides. There will also be monsters roaming around the park for some added Halloween Fun. This will be a late night event, with us **leaving the church at 6:00pm and returning around 11:30pm**. Please bring money to spend while you are in the park.

Deadline to sign up: Please let Kaitlyn Heun know if you'd like to come to our Dorney Park Halloween trip by Wednesday, October 23rd.

Please join us for our upcoming series on Believing Jesus.—An 8 week study on the book of Acts. Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 23rd. We meet every other Wednesday from 7:00-8:30PM in Room 120.

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Church Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, October 20
9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:30 AM Confirmation Class, Room 121
10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120
10:30 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Chapel
2:00 PM Women4Women Gathering, Horseneck Tavern
4:00 PM Youth Room Drop-Ins (Grades 5-12), Youth Room
4:00 PM Chapel Bells Rehearsal, Handbell Room
4:45 PM Pilgrim Choir, Choir Room
6:00 PM Westminster Choir, Choir Room
7:30 PM First Church Ringers, Handbell Room

MONDAY, October 21
5:15 PM Yoga for Bereaved, Room 120
6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Supervision, Parlor
7:00 PM Venture Scouts, Youth Room
7:00 PM Yoga, Room 120
7:00 PM Facing Racism Task Force, Room 118

TUESDAY, October 22
9:30 AM Staff Meeting
2:00 PM Blood Drive, Room 120
6:00 PM Pickleball for Beginners, Gym
6:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor
7:00 PM Dapper Dan's Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 PM New Beginnings Meeting
7:00 PM Pickleball, Gym

WEDNESDAY, October 23
10:00 AM Crafting Group, Room 121
6:00 PM We Dance Zumba, Room 120
7:00 PM Girl Scouts Meeting, Room 210
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study, Room 121

THURSDAY, October 24
7:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Caldwell Diner
6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room
7:00 PM Volleyball, Gym
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, October 25
5:00 PM Youth Trip to Dorney Park
5:00 PM Confirmation Retreat
5:30 PM AA Meeting, Room 120

SATURDAY, October 26
8:00 AM Dads With a Mission, Inc. (DWAMI), Rockn' Joe
8:30 AM Soup Kitchen, Our Lady of the Valley

SUNDAY, October 27
9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120
10:30 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Chapel
12:00 PM Visitation Committee, Parlor
2:00 PM Sunday School Teacher Gathering, Horseneck
4:00 PM Youth Room Drop-Ins (Grades 5-12), Youth Room
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