FIRST PRESS

February 9th, 2020

CHOIR TOUR PRE-SHOW PERFORMANCE

The pre-show (open dress rehearsal) of ***Fiddler on the Roof*** is **today, February 9th at 3:00 PM** in the gym/fellowship hall. Admission: Donation of hygiene items for our tour mission project, Orlando Union Rescue Mission. Items needed: toothpaste, toothbrush, dental floss, baby wipes, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, body wash, deodorant, bar soap, mouthwash, lip balm/Vaseline, razors, shaving cream, combs/brushes, hand sanitizer, tampons, and sanitary napkins.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Thank you to all who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring this past Sunday. We collected 353 cans of soup (3x more than last year!) and $421 for the Caldwell Food Pantry. Many thanks to members of our community who provided us with delicious soup during coffee hour. It was certainly a treat before the big game!

THE INQUIRER'S GROUP

TAKE A LEAP OF FAITH: BECOME A MEMBER

Want to meet other newcomers and find out more about us? We offer an orientation to our church called THE INQUIRERS GROUP. Join us **today, February 9th and Sunday, February 16th** in the Parlor at 12:00PM. Through fun and friendly discussion, we will explore membership questions and learn more about our denomination and First Pres in particular. The Inquirer's Group will join us for Sandwich Night on **Tuesday, February 18th at 6:00 PM**.

Please join us for Coffee Hour in Room 120 after the 9:30am service.

WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

"You who have received so much love, share it with others. Love others the very way God has loved you."

- Mother Teresa

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.

Church Life Corner

Leap Day

Saturday,
February 29th
Doors Open at 5
First Call at 6

Entry Fee:

Food for the Caldwell Food Pantry
and
And Appetizer or Dessert to share!

Come Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

Corned Beef & Cabbage Lunch

Sunday,
March 15th at 12pm
Fellowship Hall

$5 per person
$15 per family
and a dish to share

Sign up in the church office
Online sign ups to follow via email

Family Fun Night

Friday,
March 27th

7pm-9pm

Hanover Lanes
$21 per person,
includes shoe rental

Sign up in the church office
Online sign ups to follow via email

Join us for a special Coffee Hour to celebrate the beginning of Holy Week!

Sunday,
April 5th
10:30 am
Room 120

Interested in the Church Life Committee! All are welcome to volunteer and help out. Come join us at our next monthly meeting Sunday, March 1st, at 12pm. Check the bulletin for location. Want more information contact, Bob Maxwell via email rmaxwell@isgus.com

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

The pans are out! We have 2 soup kitchens because of 1 extra day in February for leap year! We will be stepping up our game, as it seems our client base has increased. With that being said, we need your help once again. Please pick up a pan and continue to support this ministry.

The sign up and recipe sheets for February 22nd are GOLD colored and will be on the shelf under the Bulletin Board. Main dish will be Sloppy Joe's. **The sign up and recipe sheets for February 29th are ORANGE** colored and will be on the Christian Ed Desk. This main dish will be Sausage & Peppers.

All of our efforts go to support Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen in Orange. Please consider preparing a dish or getting involved on a one to one level and come and work with us to serve our patron. You will enjoy this experience and it is another way to get involved in church activities.

SOUP KITCHEN ALERT

For Saturday morning drop-offs, there will be a cart placed at the top of the stairway leading down into fellowship hall (gym) for you to place your completed pans. You will not have to come down into the kitchen. Just remember to put your name on your pan so we can cross it off the sign up sheet.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our Jr. High Youth Group is open to all 5th through 8th graders and our Sr. High Youth Group is open to all 8th through 12th graders. **Please let Kaitlyn Heun know if you plan to attend an event by emailing her at kaitlynheun@gmail.com.**
**If you have a financial concern for any of our events, please speak with Kaitlyn.*

SR. HIGH OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL

Stop by and enjoy a few games of pick up volleyball on **Thursday, February 13th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM** in the gym.

SR. HIGH COFFEE HOUSE

Join us for an open mic night/coffee house on **Friday, February 21st from 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM**! If you or someone you know would like to sign up to perform, please send Kaitlyn an email, text, or private message and she will put you in the line up! Whether you are a performer or an audience member, come enjoy a fun night, listening to the music and art of your peers. Coffee and homemade snacks will be provided. This event is open to ages 13-20. Feel free to bring a friend!

JR. HIGH ESCAPE ROOM AND OVERNIGHT

Join us for an escape room, dinner and overnight at church. We will meet in the church lobby at **5:00 PM on Friday, February 28th** and carpool to dinner and then Garden State escape rooms. Assuming we make it out of the room, we will come back to church for an overnight filled with games, movie, and of course sardines. Pick up will be at 10am on Saturday morning. The cost of this event is $40 and includes dinner, entrance into escape room, late night snacks and breakfast. **RSVP REQUIRED: kaitlynheun@gmail.com.**

SR. HIGH BOARD GAME NIGHT

Come hang out and play games in the youth room on **Saturday, February 29th from 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM**. We have plenty of board/card games to choose from so there is something or everyone. Feel free to bring your own, as well!

JOHN R. AND INGE P. STAFFORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

On March 18, 2014 the Session at the First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell established the John R. and Inge P. Stafford Memorial Scholarship. We are excited once again to be able to offer Scholarships for the 2020– 2021 academic school year. This scholarship is open to anyone planning to attend or who is already attending a 2 or 4 year accredited college. Applications will be available online and can be dropped off in the main office or can be submitted online by emailing Kaitlyn Heun at kaitlynheun@gmail.com. **Application Due Date: 5:00 PM April 15, 2020**

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thank you to those of you who have already submitted your pledge to the work of Christ through FPC for the year 2020.

As of Thursday, February 6th, 2020, we have received 122 pledges totaling $412,407.11 .

For the 2019 year, there were 149 pledges received, totaling $464,527.00.

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Church Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, February 9th
9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120
11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Chapel
12:00 PM Inquirer's Class, Parlor
1:00 PM Westminster Choir Rehearsal, Gym Stage
3:00 PM Fiddler on the Roof Pre-Show, Gym

MONDAY, February 10th
7:00 PM Venture Scouts, Lower Level Youth Room
7:00 PM Yoga, Room 120

TUESDAY, February 11th
9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Parlor
5:00 PM Building & Grounds, 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, February 12th
9:30 AM Crafting Group, Room 121
7:00 PM Girl Scouts Meeting, Room 218

THURSDAY, February 13th
Choir Tour Departs
7:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Caldwell Diner
5:00 PM Sr. High Volleyball, Gym
7:00 PM Volleyball, Gym

FRIDAY, February 14th
Choir Tour
5:30 PM AA Meeting, Room 120

SATURDAY, February 15th
Choir Tour
8:00 AM Dads With a Mission, Inc. (DWAMI), Rockn' Joe

SUNDAY, February 16th
Choir Tour
9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:30 AM Coffee Hour, Room 120
11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Chapel
12:00 PM Inquirer's Class, Parlor
2:00 PM Women4Women, Horseneck Tavern
3:00 PM Youth Drop-Ins, Youth Room
4:00 PM Chapel Bells Rehearsal, Handbell Room

SUMMER DATES TO SAVE!

Sr. High Mission Trip:
Saturday, July 18th — Saturday, July 25th
Information Meeting: Sunday, February 23rd at 1:00PM in the chapel.

Jr. High Mission Trip:
Sunday, July 26th — Saturday, August 1st
Information Meeting: Sunday, February 23rd at 12:00PM in the chapel.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) with Johnsonburg on the Road:
Monday, August 10th — Friday, August 14th

Choir Camp
Monday, August 17th — Sunday, August 23rd

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

FEBRUARY FOUNDATIONS

Our Sunday School children are currently spending 4 weeks discovering some foundations of our faith. Kindergarten and 1st grade are learning The Lord's Prayer, 2nd grade is learning about Communion, 3rd grade is learning the 23rd Psalm, 4th grade is learning the Beatitudes, 5th grade is learning the Apostle's Creed, and 6th and 7th graders are learning about the Sermon on the Mount. We are excited for the opportunity to both teach and learn with the children! Please help by keeping us in your prayers as we learn these new things and encourage your child throughout these weeks as we grow together in faith. **Be sure to join us on Sunday, March 1st when the children share what they've learned in our Family Worship Service.**

CHILDREN'S LENTEN MIDWEEK PROGRAM

All children, Grades K-5, are invited to join us for our Lenten Children's Program on **Wednesdays, 4:00-5:30PM, from March 4th through April 1st**. This mid-week program includes recreation, worship arts, and a Bible study on Jesus' parables. Children will rehearse each week to prepare for singing in Worship on Palm Sunday, April 5th and Easter Sunday, April 12th. There will be a Good Friday Program on Friday, April 10th from 9:00AM-12:00PM, which will include rehearsal for Easter Sunday. Registration forms will be available on the Christian Education desk in the main lobby and online at www.firstprescaldwell.org.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR USHERS

Would you be interested in being an usher? Please call the main office at (973) 228-0310 and ask to speak to Rev. Don Brown for more details.

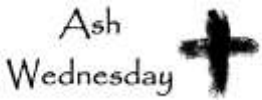
PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT IS DUE ON FEBRUARY 23, 2020

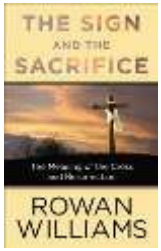
Per Capita Apportionment is the amount of money paid to the presbytery, synod and General Assembly by every Presbyterian Church to share in the cost of coordinating and evaluating mission. **Per Capita** is calculated on church membership, based on the assigned amount for **2020 of $32.00 per active member** (active members include confirmed youth, as well as adults).

On **February 23rd**, the **"Per Capita Special Offering"** will be received and you are invited and encouraged to participate by contributing the amount of **$32.00** for each active member in your family. For each of us to give our per capita apportionment is a special gift to our church and contributes to its overall mission. If you use **offering envelopes**, there is a **special one with red border** dated **February 23rd** for our per capita offering. Or just mark your check "per capita." Please join us in giving this special gift.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE OF WHOLENESS

An Ash Wednesday Service of Wholeness will be held **Wednesday evening, February 26th at 7:00PM** in the Sanctuary. In addition to the imposition of ashes, prayers will be offered for those in need of healing, reconciliation, and wholeness, including the laying on of hands for those who so desire.





TUESDAY TALKS—LENT

Our Lenten Tuesday Talks will begin on **Tuesday, March 3rd through Tuesday, April 7th at 11:00AM in the Parlor.** The book we will study is "The Sign and The Sacrifice: The Meaning of the Cross and Resurrection" by Rowan Williams.

SANDWICH NIGHT

Please come and join us for our next Sandwich Night on **Tuesday, February 18th** in Fellowship Hall (gym**)**, hosted by The Facing Racism Task Force. This is a great opportunity to for our congregation to get involved with our church activities. Come, bring the kids for a fun and fast night of preparing 400 to 450 bagged lunches to benefit St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark. If you, your committee or organization would like to participate by hosting a Sandwich Night, please reach out to Joyce McGrath, 201-738-6531, for more information.