



FIRST PRESS

Sunday, January 17th, 2021

SERMON QUESTIONS FOR JANUARY 17TH

1. When have you acted like Nathanael and reacted out of negative assumptions?
2. When have you accepted an opportunity to “Come and see?” What new understanding has that brought you?
3. When have you resisted an invitation to “Come and see” and stuck to an already formed opinion?
4. Bill drew a distinction between being or not being individually racist and being impacted by the ongoing effect of racism in our lives. Is that a helpful distinction for you?
5. How do Paul’s words from Romans relate to you and your self-awareness?
6. Do you trust the grace of Christ enough to be honest before God?

WEST ESSEX MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION

You and your family are invited to join in a community-wide prayer service on **Monday, January 18 at 10:00 AM via Zoom**. Members of WEMA are offering a place to gather and set your minds and hearts to prepare for a day of action and to pray for peace in our nation in anticipation of the inauguration. The prayer service will be recorded for later viewing.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87071363939?pwd=VHp3eHJQR2Q4S3hRS1lLcFFSTG5NQOT09>

Meeting ID: 870 7136 3939

Passcode: 476732

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

The pans are out and ready for pick up for January! We have two Saturdays this month — **Saturday, January 23rd & Saturday, January 30th**. The pans for the 23rd are on the shelf under the bulletin board, they are orange in color, pans for the 30th are on the Christian Ed Desk, gold in color. Please be aware of your date and color and when to drop off. BLESSINGS FOR A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR, peace, love, happiness and health.
Soup Kitchen/Sandwich Night Committee

FPC's MLK Jr. Day of Service Project 2021—TODAY AND TOMORROW

Since 1994, the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday has been designated as a national day of service. This year, the Facing Racism Task Force and Confirmation Class of First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell invite you to participate (in-person or remotely) in a MLK Jr. Day of Service Project benefitting the food pantry for Oasis – A Haven For Women And Children.

We will be collecting any of the requested items to help restock the food pantry of Oasis, which is a mission partner of FPC. Since the start of the pandemic, Oasis has been facilitating a very large food distribution effort by providing for families in need and impacted by COVID-19, both hot-meals-to-go, as well as bags of shelf-stable foods and other needed items.

Requested items:

Food (Please check expiration dates, and if possible, choose low sugar/ low salt and whole grain options. Thanks!)

Dry beans -1 pound bag Black or Red Beans,
Canned Beans such as Kidney, Black, Pinto
or Chick Pea
Rice – one pound bags or Box
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Spam/Vienna Sausages in a can
Canned Vegetables (low salt)
Canned Soups
Cereal - Oatmeal
Pancake Mix & Pancake Syrup
Canned fruit in natural juices
Canned Tuna, Salmon, or Chicken
Macaroni and Cheese -7.25oz Boxes
Pasta / Spaghetti
Spaghetti Sauce & Tomato Sauce – **no glass jars**
Peanut Butter and Jelly
Beef Stew or Chili
Milk (Parmalat)
Baby Formula – all varieties

Personal Hygiene Items

Toilet Paper
Laundry
Detergent
Toothbrush & Toothpaste
Shampoo & Conditioner
Deodorant

We will be stationed outside of FPC on circle/staff parking lot to receive drive-by donations:

Dates: Sunday 1-17-21

Monday 1-18-21 (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Times: From 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (both days)

How: Socially distanced and following COVID-19 prevention protocols

If you would prefer to participate 100% remotely, there will be a donate button for monetary donations towards this project on the church website. FPC will be happy to do the shopping for you!

In addition, members of the Task Force will also be stationed in the parking lot of Jack's Foodtown to collect donations from the community from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on 1-18-21. Please also note that there will be a rain date of 1-23-21 if either collection dates (1-17-21 or 1-18-21) are cancelled due to inclement weather. We would love for you to partake in 2021's MLK Jr. Day of Service Project in whatever way you feel comfortable; and in doing so, assist FPC continue to help realize Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community."

For questions or more information, Please email facinigracismfirstpres@gmail.com.

John 13:34 A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Annual Congregational meeting and election of officers will be on **Sunday, January 24, at 10:30am**. It will be a virtual meeting via Zoom. Follow this link to access the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84407070567?pwd=VWNMTk5XUTFIQWtBMmpHdVRlN2R6dz09>

REGISTER TO RECEIVE YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE TODAY

We hear that one of the steps to being back together is to be vaccinated for Covid19. On Tuesday, January 5, the state opened a portal for you to pre-register for vaccine if you are 16 or older. Each person in a family must register. This registration will help the distribution of vaccines since the state will be able to see how many doses are needed, where and when. This portal will send you an email when your turn arrives. It may be for vaccine at one of the state sites or it may list other sites where you can then make an appointment. Please remember to register at covid19.nj.gov or follow the Essex County information below today so you don't forget this important step towards being together again.

VACCINE INFORMATION

Starting soon, limited vaccine doses will be available. **Vaccines will be distributed according to the NJ State Department of Health's phased guidelines.**

- **Frontline healthcare workers will receive the first available doses.**
- **As more doses become available, other critical populations will receive doses. These populations include, but are not limited to:**

Healthcare Workers (hospital, long-term care, home care, urgent care and clinics, dialysis centers, dental offices, funeral homes, pharmacies, public health, group homes, and EMS)

High-Risk Adults (long-term care residents, people ages 63 and older, those with underlying medical conditions, immunocompromised, incarcerated, homeless shelter, group homes, and other congregate settings such as psychiatric facilities)

• **First Responders** (law enforcement & fire)
• **Food and Agriculture Workers**
• **Transportation Workers**
• **Education and Child Care Workers**
• **Energy, Water & Sanitation Workers**
• **Government Employees**

Other High Risk Groups (communities that have disproportionately acquired or died from COVID-19, colleges and universities, people with disabilities, and people who are under or uninsured)

- **After critical populations are vaccinated, vaccinations will be available for the general public.**

APPOINTMENTS & INSURANCE

- When vaccinations are available, the sites will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Residents can make appointments at www.EssexCOVID.org or by calling 973-877-8456.** Appointments can only be made after the County receives the vaccines. **Vaccinations will be given in two doses. Residents making reservations to receive the vaccination will receive two appointments. It is critical that residents attend both appointments.**
- Residents will be asked to provide their medical insurance information and their insurance provider will be billed \$16.94 for the first dose and \$28.39 for the second dose. If a resident does not have insurance, the cost of the vaccine will be covered by the Health Resources and Services Administration's Provider Relief Fund. **There will be no out-of-pocket expenses charged to residents.**

ESSEX COUNTY VACCINATION SITES



Essex County College
303 University Ave., Newark, NJ 07102
Municipalities Served:
East Orange, Irvington & Newark



Essex County Donald M. Payne, Sr. School of Technology
408-544 W. Market St., Newark, NJ 07105
Municipalities Served:
East Orange, Irvington & Newark



Livingston Mall (Sears)
112 Eisenhower Pkwy., Livingston, NJ 07039
Municipalities Served:
Belleville, Livingston, Millburn, Maplewood, Newark, Orange & South Orange



Kmart West Orange
253 Prospect Ave., West Orange, NJ 07052
Municipalities Served:
Cedar Grove, Essex Fells, Montclair, Newark, Nutley, Verona & West Orange



West Caldwell Tech
620 Passaic Ave., West Caldwell, NJ 07066
Municipalities Served:
Bloomfield, Caldwell, Fairfield, Glen Ridge, Newark, North Caldwell, Roseland & West Caldwell

For information in other languages visit: EssexCOVID.org

MASKS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

The church has received a generous donation of disposable surgical masks from Sean and Kristen Glasser through Sean's company Blue Track, Inc. This donation was made to assist members of our congregation individually, as well as being a resource for the church when we are able to safely resume in person worship. If you are in need of masks, please call the office at 973-228-0310 to arrange a pick up time.

"TIME TO TALK"

The Reopening and Revitalizing During COVID-19 Session Subcommittee (RRC) will host **"Time to Talk" on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 pm via Zoom.** Pastor Bill and a member or two of the RRC will be present to engage in conversation, hear any concerns or questions regarding reopening for in-person worship, revitalizing the church during COVID-19, or just to chat. The Zoom link for this is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82965137916?pwd=REhiSXpBTWtZWVhJmIk2d0EvTmsyZz09>

JANUARY COVID CONCERT

In honor of Epiphany (January 6), the COVID CONCERT series features special selections from Advent worship services and Christmas Eve 2020. Enjoy listening to your holiday favorites as we officially end the Christmas season. Thank you to the 50 singers, ringers and instrumentalists who blessed us with their musical talents during the Christmas Season. Not only can you enjoy watching the concert as a video but also enjoy listening to just the audio. A wonderful treat while driving!! The January COVID Concert features Chancel Handbell Choir, Chancel Choir, Westminster & Pilgrim Choirs, Soloists: Rae de la Cretaz, Madison Goodson, Micki Hardenberg, Paul Salierno, Alan Smulen, Dancer: Chloe Wynne, Brass, Organ & Timpani. [Click here to view the full video.](#)

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thank you to those of you who have already submitted your pledge to the work of Christ through FPC for the year 2021.

As of Friday, January 15, 2021, we have received 73 pledges totaling \$265,460.00.

For the 2020 year, there were 124 pledges received, totaling \$414,057.11.

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR 2021 PLEDGE ONLINE](#)

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WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

*"Faith is taking the first step even when
you do not see the entire staircase."*

Martin Luther King Jr.

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.*



OUR STAFF

Rev. Bill Schram, Interim Pastor/Head of Staff

Rev. Barbara Jo Piercy, Minister of Music

Noel Piercy, Associate Director of Music

Kaitlyn Heun, Interim Director Youth Ministries

Susan Jones, Interim Director Children's Ministry

Scott Westenberger, Worship Leader

Lauren Restaino, Youth Ministry &
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David Hicock, Superintendent

Prospect Hill Cemetery - 973-228-4410

prospecthillcemetery@firstprescaldwell.org

One of the implications of
suspending public worship
is that our regular offering
isn't being collected. As it



is essential to pay our staff and meet our current
obligations, we ask if you are able, please mail your
offering to the church or submit online at
www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate. Knowing that our
income could be impacted, we invite those with
extra resources to consider making a special gift.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, January 17th

9:30 AM Worship Service, Livestream
10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting
11:00 AM Illuminate Service, Facebook Livestream
1:00 PM MLK Jr. Day of Service Collection, Driveway
6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Church Lawn or Zoom

MONDAY, January 18th

1:00 PM MLK Jr. Day of Service Collection, Driveway
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study, Zoom Meeting

TUESDAY, January 19th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Room 120
7:00 PM Session, Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, January 20th

8:30 AM RRC Meeting, Zoom Meeting

THURSDAY, January 21st

6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Choir, Sanctuary
7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Zoom Meeting

SUNDAY, January 24th

9:30 AM Worship Service, Livestream
10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting
11:00 AM Illuminate Service, Facebook Livestream
6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Church Lawn or Zoom