



FIRST PRESS

Sunday, January 24th, 2021

SERMON QUESTIONS FOR JANUARY 24th

1. What groups have you been part of?
2. How has organization helped them work well?
3. When have you experienced the truth of Paul's words: "the whole body joined and held together by every supporting ligament grows and builds itself up in love?"
4. How do we allow room for the input and gifts of others?
5. Which kind of honking from behind have you shared in - encouragement or negative comments?
6. Have you, in the past, simply waddled as a church member? How will you help the church fly?

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Annual Congregational meeting and election of officers will take place **TODAY, January 24th, at 10:30am**. It will be a virtual meeting via Zoom. Follow the link and information below to access the meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84407070567?pwd=VWNMTk5XUTFIQWtBMmpHdVRIN2R6dz09>

Meeting ID: 844 0707 0567

Passcode: 295149

Dial by your location: +1 929 205 6099 US

A HAPPY BIRTHDAY PARTY TO BILL TRAFTON

Today is Bill Trafton's birthday and it's time to shower him with love! His address is THE CLIFFS - 707 Eagle Rock Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052. There will be a birthday drive by at 1:30pm at The Cliffs on **Sunday, January 24th**. Bill will be sitting outside to wave to the cars that drive by! SHH - This is a secret!



If you would like to be part of an organized line of cars, you may park in the empty parking lot next to Our Lady of the Lake RC church, on Lakeside Avenue, across from Verona Park at 1:15pm. Then you can drive down in a line from there for the drive by. Otherwise, you can jump in on the line at some point after 1:30pm. If you have cards or gifts to give to Bill, you can hand them out the window and there will be someone who will come over and collect it.

New Adult Ed LENTEN Offering **WE NEED YOU!**

Dear Members of First Presbyterian Church,

I am writing to you as chair of the Adult Education Committee to explain a new initiative and to ask each of you individually to consider helping us make this new endeavor a fun-filled and rewarding success!

THE NEW INITIATIVE: The Adult Education Committee wants to expand our regular small group studies in 2021 to include congregational studies. “Congregational studies” may sound dull BUT we believe that they can help us grow together spiritually by creating an interesting focus for common study AND provide opportunities to share enjoyable fellowship time with old and new friends. This new initiative’s format still relies on smaller groups in order to build relationships and to promote study that encourages discussion.

The new undertaking will begin with our 7 week Lenten Study “The Seven Deadly Sins,” based upon Pastor Bill Schram’s sermon series of the same name. It will run through the season of Lent which begins the week of February 14th. Pastor Bill has already been publishing a series of questions in the Sunday bulletins founded on his Sunday sermon. They are examples of the format that will be provided during Lent for easy reference and accessibility. Members will be asked to consider these each week, and we will be encouraging everyone to consider joining a regular small group at a time of their convenience sometime mid-week for fellowship and study. The study will be the same, but the character of each group will be unique based upon the people who join in.

HERE IS OUR REQUEST: To make this format work, we need people to volunteer to be “hosts” or “co-hosts” for the course of study. You decide a regular time that works for you, day or evening, and the hope is that there will be church members who desire to meet at the same time – having several times, we hope will encourage forming several small groups (no more than 10 people per group).

If you have a ZOOM account or use GOOGLE MEET (here’s a video about GM) https://support.google.com/a/users/answer/9282720?hl=en&ref_topic=7306097&visit_id=637467674465189927-2404526650&rd=1 and have a regular weekly time available for the 7 weeks of Lent, please consider being a host. Try to find a friend to cohost with you. We think it will involve 1 to 1 ½ hours during a day or an evening of your choice. Ask your friends to join your group, and/or we can help populate your small group with people who register and find your weekly schedule convenient for them.

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We want ALL participants to be comfortable with this, especially hosts. So it is VERY important to know, that we are NOT expecting hosts to be Bible study leaders. We believe that the questions themselves should help the conversation flow. Hosts simply provide the virtual space and, if necessary, support time management for fellowship (about one third of the group's time) and for study discussion.

If you can offer to be a host or co-host team, please email me, Jeannine Archibald, at your earliest convenience at adult.edu@firstprescaldwell.org. Once small group hosts or host teams have been established we will be publishing times to the congregation and working with hosts/cohosts to build and manage "The Seven Deadly Sins" small groups.

Timing is always important to ensure program success. Since this study begins the week of February 14th, we want to make sure that we have our host times in place at least 2 weeks before we begin. This should provide enough time for a smooth registration process. January 28th is our preferred time to open registration.

Please take the time to pray about our offering and seriously consider helping us grow together spiritually and reconnect in fun fellowship in the new year. If you have any further questions Adult Education is happy to answer them.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

May God be with us all as we work to grow together as the body of Christ at FPC.
The Adult Education Committee

Jeannine Archibald (chair)
Barbara Bruchac
Bonnie Chiappetta
Anthony D'Annunzio
Scott Westenberger

"TIME TO TALK"

The Reopening and Revitalizing During COVID-19 Session Subcommittee (RRC) will host a "Time to Talk" (open house / drop-in format) via Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. A few members 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. Please note that the time for the 4th Wednesday Zoom event has been moved to 6:30-7:30 pm. The second Wednesday of the month meeting time will remain from 5:00-6:00 pm. The Zoom link for this Wednesday's (1-27-21) "Time to Talk" (open house / drop-in format) from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82965137916?pwd=REhiSXpBTWtZWVhJmMk2d0EvTmsyZz09>
Meeting ID: 829 6513 7916 Passcode: 627474 // or +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)



SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

The pans are out and ready for pick up for our second soup kitchen on **Saturday, January 30th**. The pans are available for pick up on the Christian Ed Desk and they are gold in color. Please be aware of your date and when to drop off. Thank you for your support!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

This year is different for many reasons. But, one thing that is the same: the need to tackle hunger with the Souper Bowl of Caring. This year, the need for hunger relief in our country has grown exponentially. Our local food charities need our help!



More than 30 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: “Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.” Since that day, more than \$100 million has been raised for local charities across the country through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Souper Bowl weekend into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and serving. Be part of this movement that is sharing God’s love with those in need.

Each year, our FPC middle schoolers collect and organize donations for the Caldwell Food Pantry. In 2020, we collected \$353.00 and 410 cans of food. Our goal for this year is \$360.00 and 500 cans of food! **Our collection begins today, January 25th and will run until the Big Game Day on Sunday, February 7th.** There are three ways in which you can help us reach our goal and donate to the Souper Bowl of Caring initiative:

1. Direct food donations (contactless) can be made via <https://yougivegoods.com/FPCCaldwell>. Shop online using the link provided and all donations will be delivered to the Caldwell Food Pantry after the drive is over.
2. Monetary donations will be accepted online and through the church office. To donate online, please visit www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate and click ‘Souper Bowl of Caring’ in the drop down menu. You may also mail checks to the church office made out to The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell, or drop off a monetary donation during church office hours. If writing a check, please indicate “Souper Bowl of Caring” in the memo.
3. There will be a bin at the Christian Ed Desk to drop off canned goods during church office hours.

We invite you to be a part of the tradition of using the energy of the Big Game to tackle hunger. Every dollar and can of soup donated goes to the Caldwell Food Pantry. Thank you for helping make a collective impact on hunger!

2021 MLK JR. DAY OF SERVICE PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2021 MLK Jr Day of Service Project! The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell was able to bring three full car loads of donated food and personal hygiene items to Oasis this past Tuesday morning. An additional \$2256.00 has also been donated which will enable FPC to purchase and deliver additional amounts of the requested items in the coming weeks. A big shout out to members of the Confirmation Class, their advisors and mentors, members of the Facing Racism Task Force, the church staff, and our congregation who all helped to make this year's MLK Jr. Day of Service a success!



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 65 and older, those with underlying medical conditions, immunocompromised, incarcerated, homeless shelters, 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
283 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 07006

Municipalities Served:
Bloomfield, Caldwell, Fairfield, Glen Ridge,
Newark, North Caldwell, Roseland &
West Caldwell

For information in other languages visit: EssexCOVID.org

IT'S NOT EASY TO SIGN UP FOR THE VACCINE, BUT HERE ARE A FEW WAYS:

1. [Covid19.nj.gov](https://covid19.nj.gov).

Visit the site and register for the vaccine, if you already haven't. Once registered, you will receive an email with a place to click "Here" and you will have appointments to sign up for. Be sure to save the email as you will need it to sign up again if the first place does not work out. Don't pick a close distance, as you won't get anything. One known experience was choosing 25 miles which came up with a list with all close places filled. The choices were Elizabeth or Raritan Valley Community College in Somerset. But two drives to Somerset may be worth vaccine.

If you click on how and where can I get vaccinated, you will come up with a list of places.

Under "Click here to view a full list of these designated vaccination sites" click.

Go to Morris County and find Morris County Megasite, and click on the link to health.morriscountynj.gov. Once in that site go to the very bottom and click on <https://bit.ly/3onkSkC>, and this will take you to the place to pre-register with Atlantic Healthcare for the Megasite at the Sears at Rockaway Townsquare Mall.

2. [Essexcovid.org](https://essexcovid.org).

You have to keep going in as they keep adding dates, and you may have the site tell you no vaccines are available on a given date, and as they get vaccines, it may change. So right now it is saying no vaccine on any of the dates they have listed, but as vaccines come in that will change. People are going in a few times a day and eventually getting a slot. This is an annoying site as you have to put in a lot of information each time. It is your way to the school on Passaic Ave or the Kmart in West Orange.

3. Both Vanguard and Summit Medical are contacting their patients to schedule. They call you rather than you initiating the call.

4. Shop Rite, CVS, and other sites are available with more limited numbers.

Persistence pays.

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.

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](#)

Abundant Life



Joyous Generosity

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Submit a prayer request at
www.firstprescaldwell.org/prayer-request

WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”

Anne Frank

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 & Communications Coordinator

Christine Brunner, Office Manager

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<http://www.firstpresnurseryschool.com>

David Hicoek, 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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website: www.firstprescaldwell.org

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, January 24th

9:30 AM Worship Service, Livestream

10:30 AM Annual Congregational Meeting, Zoom Meeting

6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, Church Lawn

TUESDAY, January 26th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Room 120

7:00 PM Worship Committee, Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, January 27th

8:30 AM RRC Meeting, Zoom Meeting

6:30 PM "Time to Talk," Zoom Meeting

THURSDAY, January 28th

6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Zoom Meeting

SUNDAY, January 31st

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