



FIRST PRESS

Sunday, June 6, 2021

RAIN GARDEN AT FIRST PRESS

A year ago First Pres. was approached by a member of the Environmental Commission for the Borough of Caldwell informing us that we were identified as a potential site to install a “rain garden” with a grant to the Borough of Caldwell through Rutgers University. This idea was presented to the Session and approved to move forward. The cost to the Church was zero. A site was selected along the Bloomfield Avenue side of the church where the garden would thrive fed by roof water draining into the garden.

The plan came to fruition this week in a combined effort between the Rutgers University School of Environmental Studies, the Borough of Caldwell and members of the First Pres. Buildings & Grounds Committee. Following a specific schematic plan designed by Rutgers, workers from the town maintenance dept. dug out the space to be filled with a layered mix of dirt and topped with mulch that would receive 70 plants to beautify both the church grounds and Bloomfield Avenue while benefitting the environment. Have a look for yourself! Stop by and view the project.

JOIN US FOR THE FOLLOWING IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sanctuary Service at 9:30am in the sanctuary

Illuminate Service at 11:00am in the old burial ground

Advance registration, at this time, is not required. All registration will be done onsite, beginning at 9:00am for the Sanctuary service, and 10:30am for the Illuminate service.

Updated indoor and outdoor worship guidelines are available through the below links. Please review these guidelines prior to arriving at either service.

<https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/indoor-sanctuary-worship-guidelines/>

<https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/outdoor-worship-guidelines/>

CHURCH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS HAVE BEGUN

The church office will be open on Mondays through Thursdays from 8:00am until 3:00pm and Fridays from 8:00am until 2:00pm. The new hours started on June 2nd and will continue until Tuesday, September 7th.

NEW OFFERINGS FROM ADULT EDUCATION

REGISTER BELOW to have FREE, instant access to ALL STUDYGATEWAY materials

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- 1. EMAIL adult.edu@firstprescaldwell.org with your name and email address**
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- 3. You accept the invitation and create your personal Username and Password. (KEEP THEM in order to LogIN)**
- 4. THAT'S IT. You will have FREE immediate access to ALL StudyGateway.com content as an FPC church member.**

NEW OFFERINGS FROM ADULT EDUCATION

NEW ZOOM Weekly Adult STUDY “The Wired Word”

Wednesday Nights 7:00 – 8:30pm

OPEN REGISTRATION THROUGHOUT

Each week’s study is independent of the others, so come when you can.

- 1) Let Adult Ed know before each session to receive study materials. adult.edu@firstprescaldwell.org
- 2) ACCEPT the ZOOM invitation via email each week – JUST LIKE COFFEE HOUR.
- 3) SAMPLE: <https://www.thewiredword.com/samples>

Bringing adult Bible study lessons and class discussions to life.

The lessons presented each week could spark the most stimulating class discussion you've ever had! When you show students that the Bible is alive today by relating it to news events happening here and now, you can make a real difference in people's lives.

Extract hope from the news.

News is inevitable--whether it be good or bad, but what better way to extract hope from this input, is to juxtapose Scriptures as tools to persevere and navigate our daily walk in Christian faith.

No workbooks or student materials to purchase.

All class materials are provided for the teacher the Thursday before Wed. class. You'll receive a weekly lesson email from the lesson leader(s) when you register for that week.



SAVE THE DATE

HERE COMES THE SUN

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AUCTION

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021
7:00 PM**

**TO BENEFIT OUR MISSION PARTNERS: CALDWELL FOOD PANTRY,
COMMUNITY FOODBANK, OASIS, OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY SOUP
KITCHEN, ST. JOHN'S SOUP KITCHEN, URBAN PROMISE, AND
AFRICAN DREAM ACADEMY**

We decided to move the auction to the fall in the hopes of having it both in person as well as online. If you would like to volunteer with donations, tricky tray baskets, decorating and display, staffing, or food and beverages, please email Lydia Spinelli, lspinelli.summersteps@brickchurch.org



WALK-IN VACCINATION APPOINTMENTS NOW AVAILABLE AT TWO ESSEX COUNTY SITES

Two Essex County Vaccination Centers, including Kmart at 235 Prospect Avenue in West Orange and Essex County College at 177 West Market Street in Newark, are now open for walk-in appointments from 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday to anyone who resides, works or attends school in Essex County. [Click here for more information.](#)

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

We have come to the end of another successful Soup Kitchen on Saturdays. We ended this past Saturday and assured our patrons we will be back in full force in September. Mission, Deacons and the Soup Kitchen/Sandwich Night Committees wish to once again thank you for your on going support of these ministries. To our family, friends and congregants, we could not come close to fulfilling our service without you to provide the donations. To our committee, Susy Vivano, Susan Dusinberre, Kaitlyn Heun, Teresa Akersten, Lisa Stein, Laura Schalles and Joyce McGrath. Thank for your on going service to Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen. See you all in September. Stay safe, stay healthy, and God Bless.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP FATHER'S DAY CARDS

The Women's Fellowship is selling Father's Day Cards to benefit the Church World Service. Cwsglobal.org CWS helps families around the world recover from disaster, displacement, and build viable sustainable lives and communities.

The Women's Fellowship is once again offering a special gift idea for Father's Day or any other special occasion. Specifically for Father's Day, donations benefit tool purchases for such things as carpentry and farming. Other special occasion donations will benefit blanket purchases. For only \$5.00 you can help provide tools that empower families and strengthen communities, or provide a good wool or cotton blend blanket to provide warmth and protection to both children and adults.

You will receive a lovely note card suitable for mailing to the person who is special to you letting them know about the way your have honored them and helped others in their name. Keep in mind you may also order Special Occasion or Memorial cards any time of the year!

You can order and purchase via our online link below or call the church office at 973-228-0310 to order and mail a check. If you order online, be sure to choose the drop down tab that says "Father's Day Cards/Special Occasion." The number of cards that you order will be mailed to your home for you to personalize for your loved ones.

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER](#)

DO YOU HAVE A CHURCH PROGRAM OR EVENT THAT NEEDS TO BE ADVERTISED?

The deadline for the next First Press is tomorrow (Monday) at 3:00pm. We cannot guarantee inclusion of material submitted after that. Please email Lauren Restaino at lauren@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.



WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."
Ephesians 4:2

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*

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Christine Brunner, *Office Manager*

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<http://www.firstpresnurseryschool.com>

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, June 6th

9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service, Sanctuary/Livestream
10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting
11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Facebook Livestream,
Outdoor Worship
5:00 PM Youth Handbell Choir, Sanctuary
6:15 PM Youth Choir, Church Lawn

MONDAY, June 7th

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study, Zoom Meeting

TUESDAY, June 8th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Room 120
6:00 PM Finance Committee, Zoom Meeting
7:00 PM Deacons' Meeting, Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, June 9th

8:30 AM RRC Meeting, Zoom Meeting

SUNDAY, June 13th

Senior Recognition Sunday

9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service, Sanctuary/Livestream
10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting
11:00 AM Illuminate Worship Service, Facebook Livestream,
Outdoor Worship
5:00 PM Youth Handbell Choir, Sanctuary
6:15 PM Youth Choir, Church Lawn

"You Asked For It" will be the theme of sermons in July and August and Pastor Bill needs your help. Between now and the end of June, please turn in topics, or scripture passages you would want explored in a sermon. Email Bill at bill@firstprescaldwell.org with your requests, or contact the church office.