



FIRST PRESS

Sunday, November 8, 2020

2020 Turkey Drive



*Share the joy a holiday meal can bring
& help feed those in need.*

**Saturday, November 21st
9:00AM-2:00PM**

The collection will take place at FPC and Jack's Supermarket.

It's that time of year again! The leaves are turning colors, the night air is getting cooler and families are making their holiday plans. Unfortunately, too many families cannot plan their holiday. They are too busy wondering how they are going to put food on the table for the rest of the week. We can help! The Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive takes place on November 21st, 2020 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM in our circular driveway and at Jack's Supermarket. Please help by donating a turkey. Many of our local grocery stores are giving turkeys to those who spend a certain \$\$\$ amount. Please plan to donate your free turkey or purchase an extra one to donate. Last year, the Caldwell community helped 342 families celebrate the holidays. We hope to help at least that many families once again. The NJ Foodbank uses all donations to assist NJ families who would otherwise have no means to provide a holiday meal. When sitting down to dinner tonight, please say a prayer for those families and help out on November 21st.

TEMPORARY OFFICE ASSISTANT NEEDED

Our part time office assistant Jennifer Garcia has resigned effective September 30, 2020. While the needs of this position are being evaluated, the Personnel Committee is looking for a temporary/part time office assistant. Hours are 9-1, Monday-Friday. Computer and Power Point skills a must! If you are interested or know someone who is, please submit a resume to: christine@firstprescaldwell.org, be sure to include "office assistant" in the subject line.

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS



What a wonderful month at Soup Kitchen we had and how grateful our committee is for your very generous donations, and as usual our church rose to the occasion. Many thanks to all. We are also serving every Thursday and will soon be reaching out for small donations and VOLUNTEERS, to go with us, as well as item needed to serve.

As we approach Thanksgiving, the facts are people do not have the means to provide a hot meal and are still in need of our help. That being said, THE PANS ARE OUT and we are ready to serve. Pick up your pan and make a difference.

A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL, MANY BLESSINGS AND STAY SAFE.

THE FACING RACISM TASK FORCE

First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell's Facing Racism Task Force is holding a series of monthly Zoom discussions on issues related to structural racism, as our denomination has a strong commitment to addressing this issue. Our next conversation will take place from 7:30 pm-8:45 pm on Monday, Nov. 16, 2020. The topic of discussion will be the third episode of the New York Times podcast: Nice White Parents, To join what will most certainly be another lively conversation, please RSVP by Sunday Nov. 15, 2020 to facingracismfirstpres@gmail.com. Hope to "see" you there! (For security reasons, please do not share this Zoom meeting announcement on social media. Thank you!)



You're Invited to Participate in the Prayer Ministry at FPC

Dear Members and Friends,

Hi!

The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell is excited to share with you the revival of the Prayer Ministry to provide:

- (a) prayers of petition for the interests and needs of others
- (b) an opportunity for all members / friends to participate in the life of the church through the Prayer Ministry.

Please find an overview of the ministry on the next page.

Please read the overview and let us know by responding to Barbara Heil via: Email: prayerministry@firstprescaldwell.org or Phone: 973-227-1343 by Wednesday, November 18th if you are interested in participating in the Prayer Ministry.

Preference:

1. communicating by email (Please provide your name and email address)
2. communicating by phone (Please provide your name, phone number, and USPS mailing address.)

If you have any questions and/or concerns about the Prayer Ministry, please contact Barbara Heil.

We look forward to hearing from you!

With Joy ...

The Deacons, The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell

Prayer Ministry Overview / First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell

A. Spiritual Journey:

To request God to lead and direct a Prayer Ministry at The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell.

B. Purpose:

To provide intercession, a prayer of petition for the interests and needs of others.

To provide an opportunity for all members / friends to participate in the life of the church.

C. Guidelines:

1. Designate Two (2) Deacons as Co-Chairpersons A and B (Optional C / Sub)

(a) Qualifications:

- Good organization skills
- Attentive to details
- Computer skills

(b) Responsibilities:

Co-Chairperson A

(1) Receive prayer requests from:

- Sunday Church Prayer Requests
- Sunday Church Bulletin Prayer Requests
- Prayer Ministry Emails (prayerministry@firstprescaldwell.org)
- Phone Calls to the church office (973-228-0310)
- Notify Minister for intervention for suicidal, severely depressed, child abuse, or other abuse communications.

(2) Compile prayer requests for distribution Sunday / Monday

(3) Email prayer requests to Co-Chairperson B

(4) Email prayer requests to the “Email” Prayer Ministry Members

Co-Chairperson B

(1) Receive email requests from Co-Chairperson A

(2) Phone prayer requests to the “Phone” Prayer Ministry Members
(Phone each individual member in the “Phone” Prayer Ministry)

(3) Back-up: Mail (USPS) the prayer requests to the “Phone” Prayer Ministry Members

2. Recruitment of Prayer Ministry Members:

Send out a Prayer Ministry Invitation (mail / email / First Press) to all members / friends of The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell encouraging the participation of homebound members / friends.

Options: Email Prayer Ministry / Phone Prayer Ministry

3. Chairpersons should provide training (with the assistance of the Minister), recognition, and group bonding opportunities.

Training:

Confidentiality:

Co-Chairpersons / Members should be sensitive to private / confidential requests.

It is advantageous to limit details / avoid gossip.

State first name or initials.

State personal or health concern.

Optional: Include a prayer for family members of the person.

Note:

God knows what they need.

Lift up each person in need and pray for them.

Do not put limitations on God ... trust Him.

Suggested prayers:

“Jesus, please fulfill all the needs of this person (first name or initials) according to Your will. Thank you ... Amen.”

Reference: The Lord’s Prayer

“May (first name or initials) feel Your love and healing power (comfort / support / guidance / wisdom). Thank you ... Amen.”

PLEASE NOTE: Members and Friends of The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell who wish to submit the name of a person(s) to the Prayer Ministry **should request permission from the person(s) to do so prior to submitting his/her/their name to the Prayer Ministry.**

Four Week Advent
Study Offered

By Our Adult Education Committee



ADVENT
CONSPIRACY

Monday Mornings at
10:00am - 11:30am

&

Wednesday Evenings at
7:15pm-8:45pm

To Register Email:
Adult.edu@firstprescaldwell.org

By Monday,
November 23rd

WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

*"Perhaps this is the moment for which you
have been born."*

Esther 4:14

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

Chris White, Building Manager/Head Sexton

Brittany Heun, Sunday Receptionist

Kathleen Carlson, Director

Weekday Nursery School - 973-226-6674

<http://www.firstpresnurseryschool.com>

David Hicock, Superintendent

Prospect Hill Cemetery - 973-228-4410

prospecthillcemetery@firstprescaldwell.org

Dr. Robert R. McGruther, Pastor Emeritus

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.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL

326 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006

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website: www.firstprescaldwell.org

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, November 8th

9:30 AM Worship Service, Facebook Livestream

10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting

11:00 AM Illuminate Service, Facebook Livestream

6:00 PM Youth Choir, Church Lawn

MONDAY, November 9th

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

TUESDAY, November 10th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Zoom Meeting

6:00 PM Finance Committee, Zoom Meeting

7:00 PM Deacons Meeting, Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, November 11th

8:30 AM RRC Meeting, Zoom Meeting

SUNDAY, November 12th

9:30 AM Worship Service, Facebook Livestream

10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting

11:00 AM Illuminate Service, Facebook Livestream

6:00 PM Youth Choir, Church Lawn/Zoom