



FIRST PRESS

Sunday, November 15, 2020

SHARE THE WARMTH!

As Winter approaches, the Deacons will be sponsoring a cold weather accessory drive to benefit our mission partners at Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen in Orange. **Beginning Sunday, November 15 through Monday, November 30**, a drop off bin will be by the church office. For safety reasons, we are looking for **NEW** cold weather accessories for men, women and children, including hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and warm socks. A bin will also be outside the church during the 2020 Turkey Drive on Saturday, November 21 for convenient, contact free drop off. As we provide warm meals, please help us "share the warmth" by providing additional support to our neighbors in need.



HIKE FOR HUNGER AT JOHNSONBURG CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

All youth in 6th through 12th grades are invited to join us for a "Hike for Hunger" at Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center on **Saturday, November 21st from 1:00pm-4:00pm** (Rain Date: November 22). This will be an active, safe mission opportunity for all middle school and high school youth. This event is hosted by Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center in partnership with Rise Against Hunger and the Presbytery of the Palisades.

All youth will need to provide their own transportation to and from Johnsonburg. Parents and families are welcome to join on the hike! There is a suggested donation of \$20-\$30 per person. The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell will cover the cost of the donations. Please RSVP to this event by contacting Kaitlyn Heun at kaitlynheun@gmail.com and be sure to let her know how many people in your family plan to attend the hike.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Please join us for WEMA's Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, hosted by West Essex Ministerial Association, including several houses of worship from the surrounding community on **Tuesday, November 24th at 8:00pm** via Zoom. Register at [Agudath.org/interfaith-thanksgiving-service.html](https://www.agudath.org/interfaith-thanksgiving-service.html). Zoom information will be emailed upon registration. Rabbi Alan Silverstein of Congregation Agudath Israel will be delivering his final community



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE PROJECT FOR OASIS, A HAVEN FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN

Our giving tree project is to provide Christmas gifts & warm clothing for the children of Oasis, A Haven for Women and Children in Paterson. Please be an angel this holiday season and bring some joy and Christmas spirit into the lives of those less fortunate by participating in this very worthy cause.

This year, due to CoVid-19 we have set up a gift registry at **Target.com** where you can see a list of over 500 items including toys, winter coats, & pajamas along with other "wish list" items for you to select from in a variety of prices. The easiest & most direct way is by entering the link directly at tgt.gifts/Oasisahavenforwomenandchildren

You can also access the gift registry by using the following steps:

1. Go to Target.com
2. Click on the Registry button.
3. Under "search for Organization" enter OASIS.
4. This will bring you to the Oasis gift registry with over 500 items.

Once you select your gift and put it in the cart, you will see that the registry is set up to **send all items directly to Oasis at 59 Mill St. Paterson** so be sure not to change that feature when checking out. Please **DO NOT** wrap your gifts purchased at the Target Registry. The gift registry link will also be made available at the church website too.

If you prefer to provide a financial support rather than purchase a gift, you may do so by going to the church website and clicking on the drop-down tab labeled DONATE in the top right corner and from there you will see another drop down which will show you the OASIS Giving Tree Project. You can also send in a check to the church office and checks should be made payable to 1st Pres Caldwell and be sure to put in the memo section Oasis Giving Tree. All monetary donations must be received no later than DEC 1 to allow us to shop on your behalf.

Last day to order from the Registry will be Wednesday Dec 2nd to provide enough time to process & ship your gifts to Oasis. Please **do not bring any gifts to the church office** as there will be no delivery service offered due to Covid-19.

Thank you for your continued support & generosity of the Oasis Giving Tree Project! Please feel free to contact Ellen Johnson at johnsonellend@gmail.com or phone 973-229-2453 if you have questions or need assistance.

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!)

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.

THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING TURKEY DRIVE

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 **Saturday, 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.



SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

What a wonderful month at Soup Kitchen we had in October, 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 for **Saturday, November 28th** 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.



YOU'RE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRAYER MINISTRY AT FPC

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.

For more information about volunteering, please contact 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.)

We look forward to hearing from you!

With Joy ...

The Deacons, The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell

NEW ADVENT ZOOM STUDY FROM ADULT ED

STARTING THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Advent Conspiracy: Making Christmas Meaningful (Again) is a 4 WEEK book study that examines and promotes these **FOUR tenants** that have proven to recapture the meaning and Spirit of Christmas:



Worship Fully



Spend Less



Give More



Love All

This updated and revised book will share stories of the impact this spiritual recentering has made around the globe, as well as give individuals and churches very practical help in planning the kind of Christmas that truly can change lives.

Join the groundswell of Christ-followers who are choosing to make Christmas what it should be --- a joyous celebration of Jesus' birth that enriches our hearts and the world around us.

2 SESSIONS STARTING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30TH

Monday Mornings: 10-11:30am (November 30, December 7th, 14th, & 21st)

Wednesday Evenings: 7:15-8:45pm (December 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 21st)

Note: The last evening changes to Monday for the Illuminate Christmas Service.

Register by emailing Adult.edu@firstprescaldwell.org with the following information:

Monday or Wednesday Session

Name

Email

Upon sign up you will receive a link to purchase the book!

(If you need financial assistance, we can provide the book for you)

DEADLINE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

"It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change."

Charles Darwin

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

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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.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, November 15th

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

MONDAY, November 16th

7:30 PM Facing Racism Task Force, Zoom Meeting

TUESDAY, November 17th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Zoom Meeting

7:00 PM Deacons Meeting, Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, November 18th

8:30 AM RRC Meeting, Zoom Meeting

THURSDAY, November 19th

6:30 PM Chancel Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Zoom Rehearsal

SATURDAY, November 21st

9:00 AM Turkey Drive, Circular Driveway

1:00 PM Hike for Hunger, Johnsonburg

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