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The Cookie Walk Book

A Collection of your Favorite Sweet Treats



Sponsored by
The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell
Board of Deacons

**Preorders begin Sunday,
November 22nd, 2020!**

**Available for Pick Up or
Shipping*
around December 5th!**

For ordering information go to
www.firstprescaldwell.org

Cost: \$ 20 per book

**Plus shipping if you choose this option*

If you have questions please email:
1stpres.cookiewalk@gmail.com

A SWEET SURPRISE!

The December Cookie Walk at The First Presbyterian Church of Caldwell is a beloved and anticipated tradition in the West Essex Community. It also is a vital fundraiser for a variety of ministries during the following program year. Since 2020 presents many challenges with regard to safe gathering, the Board of Deacons has prepared a collection of recipes in the form of a "Cookie Walk Book" in hopes of spreading cheer, while still providing support to FPC. Orders may be placed on the church website at www.firstprescaldwell.org/cookie-walk-book, at a cost of \$20 per book. Please consider purchasing a cookbook for yourself, family members, neighbors, or friends near or far. It will be the perfect stocking stuffer or holiday treat as they will be available for pick up, or shipping, around December 5th. Wishing you a sweet and blessed holiday season!

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 <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 Thanksgiving sermon.

CHURCH OFFICE DURING THANKSGIVING

Please note that the church office will be closed on **Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th** in observation of Thanksgiving.



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. Please note that the church office is closed on Friday, November 27th. Drop off is only available on Saturday morning, November 28th.

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



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. **Now 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. As we provide warm meals, please help us "share the warmth" by providing additional support to our neighbors in need.



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



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 1st 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.



CHRISTMAS COVID CONCERT

A special Christmas COVID Concert will be released on Sunday, December 6th—so be on the lookout for the video on Facebook and your email inbox!

THE MITTEN TREE PROJECT

Our First Pres Nursery School is proud to partner with a local chapter of the Salvation Army to provide hats and mittens for children in need. We have set up a Christmas tree at the top of the stairs at the Nursery School entrance. If you would like to participate, please purchase a new hat or pair of mittens for your child to hang on the tree. Each classroom teacher will explain what the Mitten Tree is all about and we invite you to do the same at home. The Mitten Tree Project will run until **Friday, December 11th**. Thank you for joining us in our efforts to teach children to be kind and caring and to help others.



You are invited to join us at
A Service of Peace and Hope
Sunday, December 13
7:00 PM

In a year marked by anxiety, tensions,
losses, and limitations

Let's share in a time of quiet and calmness
prayer, soft music, candle lighting
Watch for more information on how to
participate.

WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

*“Let us come into his presence with
Thanksgiving; let us make a
joyful noise to him with songs of praise.”*

Psalm 95:2

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

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Noel Piercy, Associate Director of Music

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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 22nd

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, Zoom Meeting

MONDAY, November 23rd

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

TUESDAY, November 24th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Room 120

7:00 PM Worship Committee, Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, November 25th

8:30 AM RRC Meeting, Zoom Meeting

THURSDAY, November 26th

THANKSGIVING

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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SATURDAY, November 28th

8:00 AM Soup Kitchen, Our Lady of the Valley

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10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting

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6:00 PM Youth Choir, Church Lawn/Zoom