



FIRST PRESS

Sunday, May 24th, 2020



**SAVE THE DATE — THE DEACONS PLAN TO HOST
A SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE ON TUESDAY, JULY
28TH**

The Deacons plan to host a blood drive on Tuesday, July 28th from 4:00PM to 8:00PM. Location and further details TBA as we learn more about COVID-19 guidelines. People in good health and who weigh at least 110 pounds are eligible to donate. Blood donors must be at least 16 years old. Remember, you must wait 8 weeks between blood donations.

A Time To Mourn:

An Ecumenical Memorial Service

for Lives Lost

to COVID-19

Sunday, May 24 at 6:00 p.m. ET

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
CHURCHES TO HOLD
VIRTUAL ECUMENICAL
MEMORIAL SERVICE TO
MOURN THE LIVES LOST
TO COVID19**

The National Council of Churches USA (NCC) will hold a public online memorial service on Sunday, May 24, 2020 to mourn

the more than 300,000 people worldwide who have lost their lives to the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 90,000 of whom were in the United States. The NCC is comprised of 38 member communions ranging from mainline Protestant to historic African American and Orthodox churches.

This service, “A Time to Mourn: An Ecumenical Memorial Service for Lives Lost to COVID19,” will be broadcast on YouTube and Facebook Live. A list of names of those who have lost their lives to COVID-19 is being collected and will be scrolled during the service. Register for the event or add a name to the list by visiting <http://nationalcouncilofchurches.us>.

DONATE TO THE CALDWELL FOOD PANTRY

The Caldwell Food Pantry (14 Park Avenue) is in need of food donations. The pantry is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30am - 4:30pm and food may be dropped off in the foyer. Particular needs include: coffee & tea, cereal, tuna fish, juice, peanut butter, jelly and healthy snacks for children. Additionally, we are collecting monetary donations to be sent to The Caldwell Food Pantry. You may submit your donation online at <https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate/> by clicking the Caldwell Food Pantry designation. You may also mail your donation with Caldwell Food Pantry in the memo.

GIVE ONLINE

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 your offering online at <https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate/>. Knowing that our income could be impacted, we invite those with extra resources to consider making a special gift.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Don't forget to check your email for a Sunday School lesson led by Ms. Amy! If you did not receive the lesson, please contact Lauren Restaino at lauren@firstprescaldwell.org and she will send you the link!

† **The red rose on the communion table today celebrates the birth of ...**

... Madelyn Aurora Willenborg on May 20, 2020 at 5:10pm to Steven and Lauren Willenborg. She was 6 lb 14 ounces, 18 inches.

† **The flowers this morning, are given to the glory of God...**

... In Memory of SP4 Ross Applegate and Sgt. Robert Parker by Ray Liptak.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." John 14:27



**HAVE YOU WONDERED HOW YOU
CAN HELP OTHERS IN OUR
COMMUNITY WHO ARE FACING
CHALLENGES RELATED TO THE
COVID-19 CRISIS?**

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WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY



“The willingness of our America’s veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude.”

Jeff Miller, former Congressman

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.



HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

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

OUR STAFF

Rev. Don Brown, Associate Pastor

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, May 24th

9:30 AM Worship Service, Facebook Livestream
10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting
11:00 AM Illuminate Service, Facebook Livestream

Monday, May 25th

Memorial Day—Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, May 26th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Zoom Meeting

SUNDAY, May 31st

9:30 AM Worship Service, Facebook Livestream
10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting
11:00 AM Illuminate Service, Facebook Livestream