



FIRST PRESS

Sunday, June 14th, 2020

**PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING PASTOR TOM MALEK-JONES AS OUR
PULPIT SUPPLY PASTOR FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE**

The Personnel Committee would like you to join us in giving a warm welcome to Pastor Tom Malek-Jones. He will be leading us in worship for the next three (3) Sundays as our Pulpit Supply Pastor. Pastor Tom Malek-Jones is Honorably Retired from the Newark Presbytery where he has been a member since 1983 and its Moderator in 1998. He was the Pastor of the Patterson Memorial Presbyterian Church in West Orange, NJ. He then served the VA NJ Healthcare System as a supervisory Chaplain. At the same time, he completed thirty-six (36) years of active and reserve service, retiring from the Air Force in 2011. He has recently returned to New Jersey from California. We feel very blessed to have this opportunity to hear him preach at First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell.

Dear Congregation of First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell,

On behalf of the Interim Pastor Search Committee, we are both pleased and excited to announce that the Reverend William Case Schram will be joining First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 as our Interim Pastor / Head of Staff. The Committee has reviewed the qualifications of many candidates and we truly feel there is a mutual calling from God for Rev. Schram to join First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell in ministry at this time.

The Rev. William “Bill” Schram has distinguished himself as an Interim Pastor, having been trained in this specialized ministry, serving five (5) churches in this capacity in Pennsylvania and New York since 2011. Most recently, Rev. Schram served as Interim Pastor in Albany, NY at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Rev. Schram has served in ministry since his ordination in 1980 after attending McCormick Seminary in Chicago, IL. He completed his undergraduate work at Williams College in Williamstown, MA. He has pastored 12 congregations in 4 states over a career that spans 40 years. In addition to his church work, Pastor Schram has served as Staff Chaplain at the Pocono Medical Center, in East Stroudsburg, for many years.

Pastor Schram resides in East Stroudsburg, PA with his wife, the Rev. Jenny Schram. He will be temporarily relocating to the Caldwell area for this interim period.

As the coming weeks unfold, Session, Deacons, Clergy, and staff will be formulating plans to welcome Pastor Schram and provide opportunities for you and him to meet and become

acquainted. Please check the online weekly worship bulletins and/or the First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell website – www.firstprescaldwell.org – for information as it becomes available.

We are continually grateful to Rev. Barbara Piercy, for her leadership during this time of transition. Her steady hand continues to be a blessing to this congregation. We also thank the PC (USA) and the Newark Presbytery for their support through this process.

Meanwhile, all of us on the Interim Pastor Search Committee thank you – the members of First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell – for your prayers and ongoing support as we embark on this next phase of our faith journey.

Peace and Blessings in Christ,

Anthony D’Annunzio, Nancy Hauser, Lisa Stein, Paul Califf

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

During the Covid-19 crisis, the Mission Committee has been meeting twice a month and doing all it can safely. The food insecurity needs in the communities we serve have only increased. The church has ceased any physical Sandwich Nights in the building in which sandwiches are prepared in a group setting. This activity benefited St. John’s Soup Kitchen. However, the committee and Church have continued to support this ministry by allotting and disbursing funds to St. John’s for the purpose of purchase (upon St. John’s request) of some prepared sandwiches from a local deli for disbursal through St. John’s Soup Kitchen. The committee has also disbursed additional funds to St. John’s Soup Kitchen for general support of this continued ministry which helps alleviate food insecurity in Essex County.

The church has ceased our normal procedures of providing prepared food assistance to Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen in Orange. However, the mission committee has continued to support Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen with some financial disbursements. In addition, the committee has started an alternative way of helping this ministry. Individuals and families can volunteer to prepare a dish in their home and then transport to church at a designated time. So far, the Soup Kitchen/San Committee, the Deacons and Elders have contributed.

Now there is a role for the congregation to help with Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen prep for June 17th and June 24th. If you would like to prepare one of the usual meals (It will be either chili or Beef-a-Roni or Sloppy Joes) and a dozen hard boiled eggs, please email Joyce McGrath at jlmlamby@aol.com. You will be asked to drop off your contribution to First Pres between 8:45 and 9 am that day and Joyce will transport the food to OLV. If drop off is a problem, one of the volunteers can pick it up from your home. All current sanitary food prep guidance must be adhered to; for example, frequent hand washing, no touching of face, sanitizing food prep surfaces, etc. Masks must be worn and good hand hygiene must be maintained while handling and transporting cooked food. Physical distancing will be maintained during drop off.

Another organization that has been doing a wonderful job in serving the community is Oasis. Oasis is now designated as a community food pantry and is open Monday - Friday from 10am-2pm to help feed the thousands of people in Paterson who lost their jobs and are affected by the pandemic and for many, it is the first time they have had to stand on a line and receive support from Oasis. This past month they have averaged distributing 1158 meals and 150 food bags daily. On May 1, Oasis surpassed this and served an incredible 2,000 hot meals to the community! Oasis could very much use financial contributions to meet all the needs that are coming to them. In addition to food, they are distributing diapers and baby food.

You can help Oasis by donating to Oasis through our donation page on our website — www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate.

Thank you so much for helping those in such great need during this time!!!



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.

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.

WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY



“Martin Luther King Jr. didn't carry just a piece of cloth to symbolize his belief in racial equality; he carried the American flag.”

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.

****Please join us on livestream next Sunday, June 21st as we recognize and celebrate our high school graduates during the 9:30am worship service.****



**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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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 dropped off in the foyer. 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/>. You may also mail your donation with Caldwell Food Pantry in the memo.

OUR STAFF

Rev. Tom Malek-Jones, Pulpit Supply Pastor

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

Jennifer Garcia, Administrative Assistant

Brittany Heun, Sunday Receptionist

Kathleen Carlson, Director

Weekday Nursery School - 973-226-6674

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David Hicock, Superintendent

Prospect Hill Cemetery - 973-228-4410

prospecthillcemetery@firstprescaldwell.org

Dr. Robert R. McGruther, Pastor Emeritus

**HOW CAN WE
PRAY FOR YOU?**

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

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, June 14th

- 9:30 AM Worship Service, Facebook Livestream
- 10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting
- 11:00 AM Illuminate Service, Facebook Livestream
- 12:00 PM Christian Education Meeting, Zoom Meeting
- 12:00 PM Choir Meeting

TUESDAY, June 16th

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Zoom Meeting
- 7:00 PM Session Meeting, Zoom Meeting

SUNDAY, June 21st

Father's Day

Senior Recognition Sunday

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