



# FIRST PRESS

**Sunday, August 9, 2020**

To Benefit Our Lady of the Valley

## Diaper Drive

Drop-off in church parking lot on  
Saturday, August 15th from 10:00am-11:00am  
All diaper sizes needed (except newborns)

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 disbursement through St. Johnson Soup Kitchen. The committee has also disbursed additional funds to St. John's Soup Kitchen for general support of this continuous ministry which helps alleviate food insecurity in Essex County.

The church has ceased our normal procedures of serving food at 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, Deacons, the Mission Committee, the Soup Kitchen/Sandwich Committee and members of the church have prepared meals that Joyce McGrath has dropped off at the Soup Kitchen throughout the summer until it closed for a period until the fall.

**We have been informed by Our Lady of the Valley that there is a great need for diapers. On your next trip to Costco or wherever you shop, won't you please pick up some diapers? Any size, except newborn is needed. There will be a drop off at the church parking lot on Saturday, August 15, from 10:00am—11:00am. If you are not able to participate at this particular time, and wish to donate, please call Joyce McGrath, 201-738-6531, arrangements will be made to collect your donation. Thank you so much for helping those in such great need during this time!!!**

Gratefully,  
The Mission Committee at First Pres



We have partnered with the First Presbyterian Church of Verona for a special **"Middle School Mission Week,"** open to all students entering 6th - 8th grades, and those who have recently graduated 8th grade! The program will take place **Wednesday, August 12th - Thursday, August 13th, from 9:45am-12pm, with an optional day trip on Friday, August 14th to Johnsonburg Camp and Retreat Center.**

On Wednesday and Thursday, we will meet in person at the First Presbyterian Church of Verona from 9:45am - 12pm. After the noon pick up time, there will be a two-hour long break for lunch (at home), after which we will have a Zoom devotional from 2:00-3:00pm with Rev. Katherine Scott-Kirschner from The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair. For more information, including safety protocols and registration, please visit [www.firstprescaldwell.org](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org).

The only cost for this program is \$50 for the OPTIONAL trip to Camp Johnsonburg on Friday. At Johnsonburg, we will do another small service project, as well as enjoy some of their amenities (pool, lake, hiking, etc). If you are interested in learning more about the trip to Johnsonburg, please send an email to [youthministry@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:youthministry@firstprescaldwell.org). If you choose to participate, you will need to arrange transportation for your child to and from Johnsonburg.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, FPC is inviting you to it's very first (and hopefully last!) virtual VBS program: Compassion Camp: Be Loved. Be Kind. Be You. The theme is compassion for others, ourselves and the world.

FPC will provide your family with all the materials for our virtual VBS program. The great thing about this program is that you decide when and where you want to do your VBS activities. And it's free!



Once registered, you will receive a Family Pack with all activity instructions via email, including any links necessary for the day's activities. All necessary supplies will be delivered to your door in a contactless manner.

Additionally, there will be an opportunity to spend the day at Johnsonburg on August 14th. The cost for Johnsonburg is \$40 per child, which includes access to programmed outdoor activities and lunch. All participants must arrange their own transportation. All CDC and NJ guidelines will be followed.



All children entering grades K through 8 are invited to join us for an outdoor Choir Camp on Monday, August 17th through Friday, August 21st. We will meet from 7:00PM—9:00PM each night, with a rain date scheduled for Saturday, August 22nd from 10:00AM-noon. All church guidelines will be followed including wearing masks, physical distancing and no eating.

We will be doing a musical, "THE SAILOR'S BIBLE" by our favorite choir camp composer & lyricist, Allen Pote & Tom Long. The Bible stories include Noah's Ark, Jonah & the Whale, and the Apostle Paul's journey on a boat.

While this year is a little different, there is still plenty that will be the same, including games, crafts and lots and lots of fun as we work on the musical. We will be recording our scenes outside and our video will be featured in our livestream service on Choir Camp Sunday, August 23rd at 9:30am. Register online at [www.firstprescaldwell.org](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org).



### COVID CONCERT SERIES

Join us for a "Covid Concert Series!" A new link will be posted each Sunday evening on Facebook and will later be sent out via email. This 30-40 minute recital will feature favorite FPC musicians performing a variety of music both sacred and secular. This week's performers are Michael Hardenberg, Lauren Restaino, Nick Farro, John Kreil and Paul Salierno.

"Encounters With..."

**YOUTH**  
Online Devotions

**WEDNESDAYS** *beginning August 5th  
grades 6-12*

**2:00PM**

Led by Rev. Katherine Scott-Kirschner  
from the Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair

EMAIL: YOUTHMINISTRY@FIRSTPRESCALDWELL.ORG TO SIGN UP

## **NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH** **"Encounters with....."**

All incoming middle school and high school students are invited to join us each week as we take a look at what it might mean to have an encounter with God. Guest speakers will record videos telling the tales of their encounters with God and with Christianity, and what it has meant for their lives. Each Wednesday at 2:00PM, Rev. Katherine Scott-Kirschner from the Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair, will help us dive into the stories to see what kind of lessons can be learned, and how to look for "Encounters " in our own lives.

Videos will be posted each Sunday for you to watch at your convenience, after which a Zoom link will be sent out for the discussions on Wednesday. We will meet virtually each Wednesday until September 2nd. Please email [youthministry@firstprescaldwell.org](mailto:youthministry@firstprescaldwell.org) to sign up. We look forward to seeing you!

SUBMIT A HYMN REQUEST FOR OUR SUMMER

# HYMN SING

The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell  
9:30am Livestream Sanctuary Service

## SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR OUR SUMMER HYMN SINGS

Summer hymn sings have always been very popular at First Presbyterian. Each week members of the congregation eagerly call out the number of their favorite hymn. Well - this summer we shall once again seek your hymn favorites for Sunday morning worship. Submit your hymn request through the church website. Click on this link to see a full-listing of hymns in GLORY TO GOD: <https://hymnary.org/hymnal/GG2013?page=1>

Do you like to hold a hymnal when you sing during worship? Do you enjoy reading hymn texts for prayer and inspiration? Do you enjoy playing hymns on your piano or keyboard? Call the church office (973-228-0310) and we will make arrangements to bring a hymnal to you as a loan during this time of livestream worship.



## WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

*“Nature does not hurry, but everything is accomplished.”*

Lao Tzu

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](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org/prayer-request)

## 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.

## OUR STAFF

**Rev. Bil 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  
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## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### SUNDAY, August 9th

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

### TUESDAY, August 11th

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Zoom Meeting  
7:00 PM Deacons Meeting, Zoom Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, August 12th

9:45 AM Middle School Mission Week, FPC Verona

### THURSDAY, August 13th

9:45 AM Middle School Mission Week, FPC Verona

### FRIDAY, August 14th

9:45 AM Middle School Mission Week, Johnsonburg

### SUNDAY, August 16th

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