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We always welcome new sponsors for our Vincent Voice newsletter. Church members, friends, contractors, and suppliers are invited to help support or renew their support of the production of the Voice which reaches over 50 families by mail, over 400 people by email, and more via the church website. This enables us to get to know our church members who have businesses and the local businesses that support our church. The donation is \$150 per year for 11 issues, which is prorated depending on the number of issues through October. Those interested are asked to contact the Church Office for more information. May this be one way we can support the mission and ministry of Vincent Church.



What is baptism?

How does that water mark us as Christians?

How does God's grace invade our lives in baptism?

Is it for a lifetime?

We'll be exploring all these questions and more

in a three week worship series

here at Vincent Church starting on January 14.

"Water and Roots"

In January, Vincent Church will join with thousands of United Methodists in Greater New Jersey by sharing in a three-week worship and sermon and small group experience entitled "Water and Roots." As we celebrate our baptism and life in Christ, we will re-center, reclaim, and reaffirm our faith by reflecting on the gift of baptism. The highlight will be an opportunity to make or renew our baptismal vows as followers of Jesus Christ. Please plan to join us for this adventure of faith and grace!

Vincent United Methodist Church

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“A Study Group”

What is baptism? What is the United Methodist understanding of baptism? What does baptism mean to me? These questions and more will be a part of this study and discussion group.

Using “By Water and the Spirit” by Gayle Carlton Felton and materials provided by the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference’s “Water and Roots” emphasis, we will discuss the meaning of baptism for our lives. We will explore Bible passages, our United Methodist understanding, our Baptismal Liturgy, and our own experiences to rediscover the power of this transformational experience and act of grace in our lives.

When: Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m.
January 9 – 23 (3 weeks)
Where: Vincent Church Library
Who: Led by Rev. David LeDuc
Cost: Free

The study will be led by Rev. David LeDuc, pastor of Vincent Church and United Methodist pastor for 32 years. The study will use videos, scripture, and open discussion to delve into the topic. All are welcome. For more information, or to sign up, contact the Vincent Church Office by phone or email.

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IHN Hosting Weeks for Vincent United Methodist Church

January 7 – 21, 2018

January 14-21 staffed by Grace Church

Your help is needed!

Our church family will host IHN guests beginning Sunday, January 7th. We are in need of people to help cook and serve dinners (5:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M.), sleep over (from 8:30 P.M. to 7:00 A.M.), do laundry, shop for some food, transport families to a Laundromat, help set up and clean up, and staff weekend days.

***A sign-up sheet is on the table
on the way to Philhower Chapel.***

Sign up for one thing or several, but everyone's help is needed and appreciated for this wonderful and vital outreach ministry of our church. Please give this your prayerful consideration. If you have any questions call Jackie Simmons (973-477-9289 or jscita@yahoo.com) or Nicole Brown (973-773-0503 or nbrown720@yahoo.com).

VINCENT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2017-2018 GOALS

Goal – Successfully Deliver on Team Vital Action Plans

A. Small Groups

- Develop an intentional small group ministry to help our congregation grow deeper in faith and relationships among church members and friends
- Increase the number of members and friends participating in small groups that meet the standards recommended in the Team Vital material
- Include small groups focusing on parents
- Include a male-focused small group

B. Worship

- Increase the vitality of our worship services by using the gifts, talents, and enthusiasm of our children and youth
- Have children and youth involved in worship roles at least monthly

C. Making New Disciples

- Continue to grow the church through a well-organized, well-staffed, and well-implemented Sunday School, providing quality education and childcare for students from 2 to 18 years old
- Ensure that a consistent and inviting message is received by potential visitors through consistent branding of VUMC
- Promote VUMC ministries and activities through videos/slide shows in various areas to tell the story of the mission and ministries of the church
- Increase percentage of return visitors, and number of new members, by providing radical hospitality to guests and exceptional follow up with visitors

D. Mission

- Increase the number of church members and friends who are actively engaged in local and global mission programs in order to deepen the commitment to mission work
- Improve resources for the homeless in Nutley

E. Giving

- Retain the ability to fund a growing and vital ministry while operating on a balanced budget and increasing our current level of reserves
- Conduct a building fund campaign based on an intentional effort to estimate likely future expenses to ensure that repair and maintenance expenses do not disrupt our plan for balanced budgets

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