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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.

2018 Lenten Schedule

VINCENT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,
NUTLEY, NJ



Feb 14 **Ash Wednesday**
7:30 p.m. Service of
Repentance and Renewal
Chancel Choir Singing
Imposition of Ashes
Homily by Rev. LeDuc
"The Passion of Christ"
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
(Child care provided)

Feb 18 **"Meet the Cast"**
First Sunday in Lent
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"Mary: Trusting God in Times of Crisis"
Dedication to the Lenten Journey

Feb 25 **Second Sunday in Lent**
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
*"Peter: Overcoming Despair
in Times of Failure"*

Mar 4 **Third Sunday in Lent**
Children's Choir Singing
Homily by Rev. LeDuc
*"Judas: Resisting Temptation
in Times of Trial"*
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Mar 11 **Fourth Sunday in Lent**
Girl Scout Sunday
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
*"Jesus: Following Jesus
in Times of Pain"*

Mar 18 **"Dying Was His Reason for Living"**
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"Hero: Who Was Jesus?"

Mar 25 **Palm Sunday**
8:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Breakfast
9:15 a.m. "Blessing of the Palms"
10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Service
Sharing of the Palms
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"Plot: Why Did Jesus Have to Die?"
Easter Egg Hunt after Worship

"The Passion of Christ"

Mar 29 **Maundy Thursday**
7:30 p.m. Service of
the Last Supper and Garden
Chancel Choir Singing
Homily & Dramatic Reading
by Rev. LeDuc
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
(Child care provided)

Mar 30 **Good Friday**
12:00 noon Community Cross Walk
7:30 p.m. Service of the Tenebrae
Scriptures of the Passion
Chancel Choir Singing
Homily by Rev. LeDuc
(Child care provided)

Apr 1 **Easter Sunday**
7:30 a.m. - Early Service
Drama by Youth Group
Breakfast will follow the service
10:00 a.m. - Traditional Service
Wesley Singers, Chancel and
Children's Choirs
Sermon by Rev. LeDuc
"Twist: What Does Resurrection Mean?"
"Hallelujah Chorus"

Apr 8 **Second Sunday of Easter**
Homily by Rev. LeDuc
"Sequel: Where Is Jesus Now?"
Invitation to New/Renewed
Commitment to Christ
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Join Us in Lent as We Journey to New Life in Christ!

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***“The Passion
of Christ
Study Group”***



The last 24 hours of Jesus' life are commonly called "The Passion" or "the Passion of Christ." In those hours, Jesus shared the Last Supper with his disciples, prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, was arrested, appeared before the Sanhedrin, was sentenced to die, was flogged, carried his cross to Calvary, and was crucified on the cross.

Since cinema began, movie versions of "The Passion" have sought to portray these events. Some have been more critically acclaimed than others. In this study, we will view portions of some of the best portrayals, read scriptural references, and discuss the movie interpretations. But, most importantly, we will seek to discover anew the meaning of Jesus' passion for our lives.

When: Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m.
February 20 – March 27 (6 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. Movie clips to be viewed include "The Robe," "Jesus of Nazareth," "The Passion of the Christ," "Son of God," and perhaps others. All are welcome. For more information, or to sign up, contact the Vincent Church Office by phone or email.

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January 10th, 2018

Dear esteemed brothers and sisters,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept here our heartfelt gratitude for your consistent prayers including your financial support. Peace and Grace of God be with you.



The USA Trip for Itineration

Normally churches we are supposed to visit for fundraising are located in Eastern Pennsylvania and G. New Jersey Annual Conferences; with some in Baltimore/Washington and Central Texas Annual Conferences of which we were not able to visit due to the floods and storms that stroke the area. After the GBGM orientation, we first of all embarked to Philadelphia where we visited 7 churches in Eastern Pennsylvania annual Conference and 6 churches in Greater New Jersey Annual Conference.

We were blessed to meet bishop Peggy of E. Pennsylvania and Bishop Schol of G.NJ and shared presentations about our work in Tanzania at Laity Leadership Academy and during the morning devotion to the G. New Jersey Annual Conference Office.

From Red Back UMC, NJ, we went for few days in New-York hence from there we flew back to Tanzania. We would like to show our mark of gratitude for your warmest welcome and for having hosted us in your churches and families drawing our recent visitation time worthily used to sharing experiences. We appreciate your hospitality.



Visits of Churches in Countryside

After coming back from itineration in USA, Kabaka and I organized trips to visit churches in countryside from Nov 20-30, 2017. Our visit purpose was to oversee the work done by local church pastors, lay leaders and try to deal with challenges they still facing in the leadership of the church. However, Up till now, we use buses, trains, sometimes motorcycles or bicycles when visiting and planting new churches in cities and villages. We traveled by Bus from Dar es Salaam to Mwanza for about 18 hours, once there I organized teachings and sermons at the UMC Wesley College, and meetings with the district lay leaders and pastors. Where as Kabaka was teaching and training women. After Mwanza we went to Mara District in Tarime, then visited Gamasara church and other churches, leading communion services, meeting and encouraging pastors, Women, Man, Youth, and Lay leaders to work hard, love each other and proclaim Jesus for people salvation.



The Guest House Works

We are so thankful to our donors who gave funds for the guest house finishing works. After receiving this financial tranche, we were able to complete the ceiling board work, skimming, fixing windows (aluminum with glasses), fixing electrical switches, lights and building septic tanks. Fixing sinks and tiles will be done this January 2018.

Then, before going to Arusha in March this year to attend the World Church Conference, Bishop Mande will be in Dar Es Salaam and will visit the site. He said the opening worship for the Tanzania 2018 annual conference will be held at the site including the guest house building inaugural ceremony. The next construction works will be for church building and Clinic. And apart these constructions, we have grown three acres of Cassava and some corns in the site to help the needy peoples.



Training Women and Young Gils Nov 17-18, 2017

Women in Africa are struggling for their consideration and rights. Churches and different NGOs are involved in organizing platforms, meetings and seminars, to train women, young girls, boys and other vulnerable people to make them aware of their rights.

Brethren, please bear in mind that the UMC in Tanzania is still being seriously struggling for its establishment and growth, facing different challenges. We urgently once again need your prayers and your healthy financial base to build the remaining projects in the site and for the church activities.

Thank you very much. HAVE A SUCCESS FUL NEW YEAR!

Yours in Jesus Name,

Rev. Mutwale Ntambo-Wa Mushidi

Many women here are illiterate and don't know what to do for their survival. Reason why, Kabaka as the Coordinator of UMC women in Tanzania organizes from time to time seminars and meetings to train women and girls. Last Nov. she organized trainings, in Masurura village regarding: hygiene, housekeeping, malaria and maternal care of little children. For young girls she taught about the consequences of incision, early marriages and pregnancies and abortion. She explained how all these can cause sufferings and even death.



Jerusalem Choir and Evangelization

Jerusalem Choir is the Dar es Salaam first UMC choir. Currently the choir has grown in number and today there are 26 choir members; many are young boys and girls. Proclaiming the word of God, organizing concerts, singing in open spaces and recording disks are best ways to evangelize and open new churches, welcoming new members in our churches here in Tanzania; this is what our choir is doing.

For the last Christmas season, this good choir did a wonderful work, they organized concerts in different churches of the district, singing and evangelizing together with Rev. Mathias Kisimbi the district evangelist. But, yet the choir is not able to make music sounds as they wish, due to the lack of good musical instruments; and instruments used currently are old and does not well function. This makes the all singing system not very good. The choir needs a new Keyboard, Mixer, Guitars, drums and others instruments for choral music to help them perform well.

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Kabaka Ndala-Alphonsine