



IHN Hosting Weeks for
Vincent United Methodist Church

January 13 – 27, 2019
January 20-27 staffed by Grace Church

Your help is needed!

Our church family will host IHN guests beginning Sunday, January 13th. 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 (973-223-8841) or nbrown720@yahoo.com.

Interfaith Hospitality Network for the Homeless of Essex County provides services to homeless families with children to help them gain self-sufficiency. We deliver services to families through volunteers of all faiths who share our goal.

Our network of 80 congregations throughout Essex County provides emergency overnight shelter and meals to families in need. Our program operates 365 days per year and families in crisis usually stay in a hosting congregation's building for one week before moving on to the next hosting congregation.

Our transitional housing facility opened on April 15, 2007 and has two apartments. These supportive housing units provide affordable housing for two families working towards self-sufficiency. We are working towards providing additional units in the future.

Coming in January...

THE ANATOMY OF PEACE

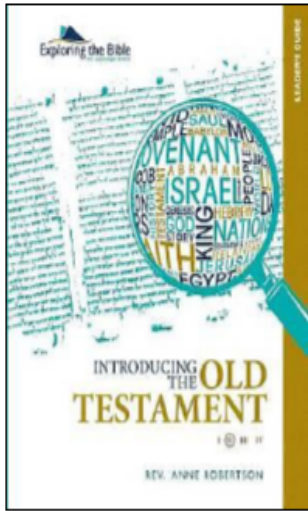


*resolving the heart
of conflict*

What if all the conflicts
at home and in the world
had the same root cause?

What if there could be peace –
peace in our lives and peace in the world?
Based on the work of the Arbinger Institute,
Rev. LeDuc will share a sermon series on
“The Anatomy of Peace.”

Join us on January 13 and 20 as we
consider a way that makes for peace.



“Introducing the Old Testament” Study Group

The Old Testament is the story of the Jewish people and their distinctive God, giving us a glimpse through story, song, history, and law of the rocky, raucous, faithful, fumbling beginnings of one of the oldest religions on earth.

The “Introducing the Old Testament” study will help the participant better understand this part of the Bible in the context of the world in which it was written. It assumes no prior knowledge of the Bible but can also be a great way for those more experienced to learn and wrestle anew with these texts. All can draw closer to the God who longs for us to live more deeply into the messages conveyed in the Word.

This is the second course in the popular set of Bible studies “Exploring the Bible: The Dickinson Series.” The fall series was an overview of the Bible and the spring series will be on the New Testament, also a six week study each. You can learn more about the series and how you can earn a Certificate in Biblical Literacy at www.exploringthebible.org.

When: **Tuesday evenings** from 7:30-9:00 p.m.
January 8-22, February 5-19 (6 weeks)
Or Wednesday mornings from 10:30-12 noon
January 9-23, February 6-20 (6 weeks)

Where: Vincent Church Library
Who: Led by Rev. David LeDuc
Cost: \$15 for book

The study will be led by Rev. David LeDuc, pastor of Vincent Church, graduate of Drew Theological School, and pastor for 33 years. All are welcome. For more information, or to sign up, contact the Vincent Church Office by phone or email so that books can be ordered ahead.

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VINCENT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2018-2019 GOALS

II – Build on Team Vital Action Plans

A. Small Groups

- Renew our efforts to achieve the following:
 - 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

- Grow worship attendance toward 125 people over the next three years
- 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
- Increase the promotion and marketing of VUMC to the community
- 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 those in our community who are under-resourced or otherwise in need
- Complete the process of having our community care ministries become a HOPE Center
- Strengthen our support of the Tanzania mission programs

E. Giving

- Retain the ability to fund a growing and vital ministry while operating on a balanced budget and increase our current level of reserves – assess our long-term ability to continue this plan over the next 10 years and identify solutions in the event of a projected shortfall
- Conduct a building fund campaign to successfully obtain pledges of \$110,000 to fund the Trustees' plans for needed building maintenance and enhanced building security