

# Glad Tidings

hearts open to christ - doors open to his world

First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield • April 2017



Rev. Bill Getman  
Senior Pastor

## Pastor's Notes

Dear Family of Faith members,

I have commented periodically that the time between Thanksgiving and the end of January always finds me holding my breath. Talk to pastors or funeral directors and they will tell you it is the season when the most people die.

But that was not true during that recent time period. Thankfully, our church family experienced very few losses. However, the last part of February and first few weeks in March met us with some painful goodbyes. Evidently, the dying season was just late.

Reminding me that life is utterly unpredictable, and so we cannot know what the days will bring. We do know this, that April brings our celebration of Easter and the promise that God is faithful to us throughout life and even in death. As St. Paul proclaims, "Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:39)

Whatever you are experiencing right now - joy or pain, happiness or sorrow - I hope you will join with us on Easter Sunday to hear again the promise that because of Christ's victory over the grave, you and I always live within the shelter of God's love - always!

In Christ's peace,  
Bill

## APRIL Highlights

April 2  
Holy Communion

April 3  
Youth Mission Fundraiser  
Tap Room 5:00 - 8:00 PM

April 9  
Palm Sunday  
8:15 • 9:30 • 11:00 AM

Interfaith Unity Rally  
Kings Court • 2:00 PM

April 13  
Maundy Thursday  
7:30 PM  
Sanctuary

April 14  
Good Friday  
Community Service  
Methodist Church  
12 - 3:00 PM

April 16  
Easter Sunday  
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM  
Sanctuary

## Inter-Faith Unity Rally

Members of the Haddonfield community and concerned friends are invited to join others on **Sunday, April 9 at 2:00 in Kings Court** for an Inter-Faith Unity Rally.

Representatives from the Jewish, Islamic, and Christian Faiths will offer readings from their scriptures and brief reflections on what they communicate about our common identity as God's children. Special music will complete this inter-faith event.

If you have questions about our time together, please contact Ft. Pat Close at Grace Episcopal Church at 856-429-0007 or Bill Getman at First Presbyterian Church at 856-429-1960. Come stand together as we witness to our unity!

**Remember to bring non-perishable food items when you come to worship each Sunday.**

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## Deacons Bench

The Deacons wish to thank the members of the congregation for their support of the Deacons' Fund. So far this year, contributions are running ahead of last year's and this will help us to continue to support the many worthwhile community programs in our budget.

Besides filling those little blue envelopes on the first Sunday of the month, you can support the fund by having **dinner at the Tap Room in Haddon Township on Monday, April 3. Between 5 and 8 p.m.** Fifteen percent of all sales will be donated to the Deacons' Fund. That applies to all meals, whether you eat in or take out. The address of the Tap Room is 427 West Crystal Lake Ave. The phone number is (856) 854-4255, and the website is [www.taproomgrill.com](http://www.taproomgrill.com). Encourage your friends and extended family members to stop in and enjoy a meal.

Recently the church hosted the Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council shelter. Many church members provided meals and served as overnight and weekend hosts. You can continue to help the homeless by filling a shoebox with toiletries and personal care items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, underwear, shaving cream, hand lotion, razors, soap, washcloths, combs, brushes or socks.

Once you've filled your shoebox, put a rubber band around it and label it either MAN, WOMAN, BOY, GIRL or BABY. You can drop off the "Adopt-a-Box" at the church between March 26 and 31 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The final dropoff will be Sunday, April 2 at the Dumbly House, 12 Warwick Road, Lawnside.

## Glad Tidings

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### Worship

8:15 - Chapel  
9:30 - Sanctuary  
11 AM - Sanctuary

Holy Communion  
First Sundays

### Sunday School and Adult Education

Sundays 9:30-10:30 AM

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**Music Director**

# MUSIC MINISTRY

## Worship Participation Schedule

Cherub Choir	4/9/17	11:00am
Carol Choir	4/9/17	11:00am
Kirk Ringers	4/9/17	9:30am
<b>Chancel Choir</b>	<b>4/13/17</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>
Moore Bells	4/16/17	9:00/11:00am
Whitechapel Bells	4/30/17	9:30am
Alleluia Bells	4/30/17	11:00am

### Haddonfield Church Choir Festival

On Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm, our church hosted a choral festival featuring ten adult and children’s choirs from our community to raise money for Feed My Starving Children. We had been planning this event since September, and it was a joy to watch it unfold as caring singers and congregants from around Haddonfield gathered to make music and support a great cause. Reports are that at least \$4100 was raised to feed hungry children around the world. My personal thanks goes out to the Chapel Choir and Chancel Choir for their hard work and participation, to the hundreds of people who came to support the event, and to the pastors and music directors who helped to organize it.

### Children’s Musical

On May 7<sup>th</sup>, the Cherub Choir, Carol Choir, and Chapel Choir will present this year’s musical, *100% Chance of Rain* (the story of Noah’s Ark) at 4:00pm. Please invite family in friends to attend this jazzy telling of one of the Bible’s best-known stories.

In preparation for this event, the following special rehearsals will be held:

- **Lead Rehearsals:** Tuesday 6:30pm-8:00pm in the sanctuary during April
- **Full Cast Rehearsal:** Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 1pm–3:30pm in the sanctuary (pizza in the Choir Rm. 12:15pm)
- **Dress Rehearsal:** Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:45–5pm in the sanctuary
- **Performance Call Time:** 3:30pm on May 7<sup>th</sup> in the Choir Room.

Parents, please mark your calendars to ensure full participation! Thank you!

# Christian Education

## 2017 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for VBS 2017 will begin on **Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**! VBS will be held from **8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., June 19-23 at First Presbyterian Church**. Registration forms will be available April 12<sup>th</sup> online at [www.haddonfieldpres.org](http://www.haddonfieldpres.org).

Volunteer station leaders and teenage shepherds (starting at 6th grade) are needed! Please contact Laura Colee at [lcolee@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:lcolee@haddonfieldpres.org) for more information.

## HOLY WEEK PRAYER LABYRINTH MONDAY-FRIDAY 4/10-4/14 GUIDED WALKS EVERY EVENING 5-7pm

To help us prepare for Easter morning, we will set up our large canvas prayer labyrinth in Fellowship Hall during Holy Week. Everyone is welcome to walk the prayer labyrinth on his/her own at anytime during the week. Instructional, Prayer, and Bible resources will be available on a table next to the labyrinth. Guided walks with music will take place every evening of Holy Week from 5-7pm. Adults, families, and children of all ages are welcome to walk our beautiful labyrinth during this sacred week. Please remove your shoes when walking the labyrinth.

## LENT CLASS ON THE TRINITY FOR 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> GRADERS

During the final four Sundays of Lent (March 19, 26, April 2, 9), we are offering a special class on the Trinity for our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School classes during the 9:30am Sunday School hour in the Hospitality

Center. During our Trinity class, students will learn about each person of the Trinity—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—about each of their roles, and how they work together. Students will also work on creating an artistic representation of the Trinity throughout the class and present their creations to the church congregation on **Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> during the 9:30am service**. DCE Laura Colee will teach our Trinity class.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

### CHURCH PARLOR 10:30-11:45am

Join us during the month of April as the Wednesday Morning Bible Study dives into the book of Colossians. We meet Wednesday mornings from 10:30-11:45am in the Church Parlor. Dan Colombi serves as our Bible Study leader.

## UPCOMING SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** — Third Grade Communion Sunday, during the 11am service

**Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** — Palm Sunday! All Sunday School classes meet in the Sanctuary at 9:30am for worship. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Graders present on their Trinity Class creations during the 9:30am service.

**Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** — No Sunday School — Happy Easter!

**Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** — Youth Sunday!

**Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** — Last Sunday School Class of the year

**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** — Sunday School Teacher's Breakfast (8:45am)

**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** — Closing Worship — All Sunday School classes meet in the Sanctuary to help lead the closing worship service!



**CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CLASS**  
**BACK BOARD ROOM**  
**9:30-10:40am David Stedman, Leader**

April 2 "Those Crazy Quakers": The Bible and the "Holy Experiment". The Quakers were well known for their disturbing behavior and for their meetings where in silence they awaited the Spirit to speak to them through the "Inner Light." But Quakers were also profound Bible readers--even if they had no readings or sermons at worship. William Penn was a noted Bible reader and we will examine his role in establishing New Jersey and Pennsylvania on biblical principles. His vaunted "toleration" went only so far... lecture/video

April 9 and 16 NO CLASS

April 23 "The Fateful Year 1685": Defending the "Protestant Cause" in Britain. Both the Young, handsome Duke of Monmouth (natural son of Charles II) and the 9th Earl of Argyll had a personal animus against King James II. They saw that despite his pledge to the contrary he was intent on imposing Roman Catholicism on his three kingdoms.

In exile in Holland, they agreed to lead simultaneous invasions of Great Britain in 1685. While the common people came out to support them, the gentry hung back and the cause of lost with great slaughter. Although they failed to unseat James II, William of Orange followed them three years later with an armada and a sizeable force and drove James into exile. Thus the Protestant Faith was secured in Great Britain and its colonies. lecture/video

April 30 "The Bible..and the Great Revival": Britain and America Revere the Scriptures--It's the Patriotic Thing to Do.. Holy Scripture underlay all of life and affairs in the several English colonies in America. Under British aegis, there was little sectarian squabbling in America as religious toleration was guaranteed by the Crown and the fervently Protestant colonists sought still greater freedoms. Protestantism was only emphasized as Britain warred with Roman Catholic France and Spain. Beginning in 1739 a great religious revival swept over Britain and America with profound results in the attitudes of many people. lecture/video

## **PW SPRING LUNCHEON**

**May 9, 2017      12:30 PM      Tavistock Country Club**

Presbyterian Women will be returning to Tavistock for their annual spring luncheon on Tuesday, May 9. The occasion provides the opportunity for all Circles to get together to celebrate their accomplishments and commitments and to invite members of the church and friends to join in fellowship.

The speaker for the afternoon will be David N. Rauer of the National Response Team for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, an emergency and relief program of the Presbyterian Church (USA). David's talk will fill us in on the performance of his team in providing care, love and support to areas going through disasters. PDA works beside FEMA and other relief organizations in rebuilding lives during those difficult times. PDA does not charge and does not receive fees. Gifts from One Great Hour of Sharing along with other undesignated gifts help in making it possible for them to continue their assistance.

All women of our church and friends are invited to attend. The cost of the luncheon is \$20.00. More information, including the menu, will be publicized in later church bulletins.

### **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

Circle Friday, June 2, with your red pencil! Presbyterian Women will be hosting a Strawberry Festival from 6:00 to 8:00 that evening. You'll be able to enjoy fresh strawberries served on delicious homemade pound cake topped with ice cream. And, at the same time, you'll be entertained by a musical treat. The choir will be performing as well as smaller ensembles and soloists. Peter and Ted will be at the piano, all ready to present us with an evening of fun.

Start June with a happy smile!



## Preschool News

"I am eating all the snow so it will be summer!"

Lauren – age 4

**"It's April!"**

**"Happy Easter!" – April 10 – 17, No Preschool Classes.**



**Barbara Sewall**  
Preschool Director

**The Farm Visitors arrive – April 21, Friday.** Classes will be visiting the area from 10 – 11:30 am and from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. Church members bring your children/grandchildren for a visit at 11:40 am to 12:15 pm.

**School Group Pictures – April 24 – 26.**

Fellowship Hall will be transformed into a roadway on **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** to begin the **Bike Rodeo Week, May 1 – 5**, for Preschool. If you are in Creative Movement remember bike and helmet on your child's attending day. This week is the last week for Creative Movement, Art, Yoga and Music.

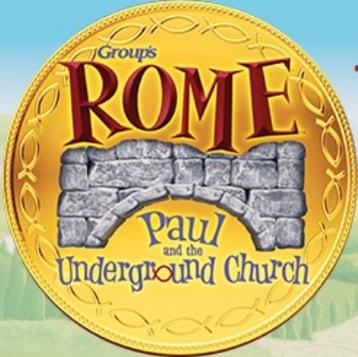
**"Surprise, it's May!"**

**Flower Sale – May 9 – 11, Come shop in the Courtyard, 9:15 – 3 pm.**

**Nursery School Year End Picnics – May 16 - 19**, check your bulletin boards for your class day.

**May 19 – Last Class Day for 2016 – 17** for the school year.

**Summer School: May 30 - June 16, 9:30 – noon.** Classes for those children "going into 2 ½ Class ; going into 3's Class; going into 4's Class; going into Pre-K Class; and going into Kindergarten in the school year of 2015 – 2016. Please come to the office for information, or call.



**First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 19-23, 2017**  
**8:30am-12:00pm**  
**Registration begins online April 2nd!**

# Mission Opportunities

## One Great Hour of Sharing

### Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

Did you know that One Great Hour of Sharing started as an hour-long radio appeal in 1949? Over the years, up to 29 different denominations have participated and raised funds for millions of people around the world lacking access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and economic opportunity. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. If necessary, donations may also be placed in the offering plates or in the office during Holy week or on Easter, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Please be generous.

We will be helping three impactful programs make a difference in the world. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters. The Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) takes action to alleviate hunger and systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed. Self-Development of People (SDOP) invests in communities responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these societal ills.

## Can We Be an Earthcare Congregation?

As April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Earth Day, approaches, it is only fitting that we take a look at how well our church cares for

God's wondrous creation. Over the years, we have engaged in a few projects such as clean ups at Mountwell Park. We have not had a focused effort to seek out and implement positive steps to become better stewards. Our denomination offers resources to help congregations expand their efforts. You can learn more at [www.pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations](http://www.pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations). Original ideas are always welcome. If you are willing to help, please contact Rita Brown, Mission Committee Chairperson, at 856-768-3293 or [rbrown6115@verizon.net](mailto:rbrown6115@verizon.net).

## Warmer Weather Does Not End the Need for Food or Assistance

St. Wilfrid's Open Door Clinic continues to serve over 50 people / month. Volunteers of all ages are needed to do health screenings, help with paperwork, distribute food and care for children waiting for parents being screened. Special date: Sat. **April 8<sup>th</sup> 11-1pm**

Cooking for New Visions will be on **Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**. Drop off your Sweet Eats homemade or store-bought cookies in the kitchen before we cook.

Full Size and Large Size Toiletries are needed all year. Thank you to those donating to the IHOC Adopt-a-Box. Please drop off new donations for others in need in the open mission closet behind the parlor.



Spring flowers herald the coming of Easter. Vivid reminders of the Resurrection, the Hellebore, on the right, is called the Easter Rose. They bloom very early, even in the snow, and are followed by jonquils, cousins of Wordsworth's daffodils.



I Know  
That My  
Redeemer  
Lives!

Joseph Routon

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