

# Glad Tidings

hearts open to christ - doors open to his world

First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield • AUGUST • 2017



**Rev. Bill Getman**  
Senior Pastor

## Pastor's Notes

Dear Family of Faith Members,

One of the questions the Elders have been asking as they considered for 18 months a possible change in our Sunday schedule is how will a change help us to more faithfully fulfill our vision statement, "Hearts Open to Christ – Doors Opening to His World." We sensed a new schedule was in order, but everyone included in the conversations wanted to be as sure as possible that it would move us forward in our ministries and missions.

I believe the schedule we will introduce in September will move us forward in several ways. It will honor the sense of community those at 8:15 have experienced, young families who want to keep their commitment to church while living with competing commitments every Sunday, and older members who have missed the noise and life children bring to worship. It will provide a very different worship experience on Sunday evenings, hopefully opening our doors to friends never before engaged in church, and it will facilitate new opportunities in adult education and fellowship.

So here it is, the new schedule we will introduce on Sundays September 10 and 17:

- 8:30-9:30 am – Worship in the Chapel and adult education;
- 9:30-10:00 am – Fellowship time in the Parlor and choir warm-ups;
- 10:00-11:00 am – Worship in the Sanctuary, including all Sunday school classes for the first 15 minutes, and then Sunday School;
- 11:15 am – Periodic speakers and educational forums;
- 5:00 pm, starting September 17 – Dinner Church (see Laura Colee's article p.3).

Any change, especially in worship, brings with it some resistance. I've experienced some myself as different options were discussed over the last 18 months. But I'm genuinely excited about this one. I believe the leadership of our church has listened carefully and has discerned a direction that will nurture our growth as a family of faith.

In Christ's peace,

Bill

## August-Sept. Highlights

**August 21**  
**Solar Eclipse**  
**Deacons Fund Raiser**  
**at the Tap Room**

**September 9**  
**Chancel Choir Retreat**  
**9 AM- 3PM**  
**Lutheran Church**

**September 10**  
**Rally Day**  
**All-Church Lunch**  
**11:15 Fellowship Hall**

**September 13**  
**Rehearsals Begin**  
**for Children and**  
**Youth Choirs/Bells**

**September 17**  
**Dinner Church**  
**Begins**  
**5-6:30 PM**  
**Parlor and Chapel**

**Please remember to**  
**bring non-perishable**  
**food items to worship**  
**on Sunday to share with**  
**those in need.**

## Parish Register

### Baptisms

**Taylor Lynn Clark and  
Shane Thomas Clark**

Children of Allison Marie Clark  
and Matthew Douglas Clark

**Nolan Bryan Mascio**

Son of Bryan James Mascio  
and Sheila Maria Shurina

### Joined the Church Triumphant

**Thomas M. Jakeman**

May 28

**Vivian L. Stauder**

June 15

**Beatrice D. Kirk**

June 28

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## Our Mission

First Presbyterian Church is a home for your heart. We honor and care for all people, acting as family in Christ. We are open and welcoming, supporting all people wherever they are in their faith journey. We provide opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship through worship, study, and prayer. We reach out beyond our walls to share the good news of Christ's redeeming power and to help those in need in our community and in our world.

### In Affirmation

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and blesses us with a thankful heart for the wonders of Creation and the joys of life. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Congratulations

**Ellen Berry  
Kaitlyn Bonnet  
Jayne Grabowski**

**Deacons' Scholarship  
Winners**

## Glad Tidings

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Preschool Director

**Ed Hess**  
Director of Social Work

**Ted Barr**  
Organist

**Nancy Ruth Wainwright**  
Children's Choirs

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**Anne Vial**  
Office Administrator

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Receptionist

**Mike Richardson**  
Custodian

### Summer Worship

**10:00 AM  
Fellowship Hall**

Holy Communion  
First Sundays

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non-perishable food items to  
share with those in need.*

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# Christian Education

## Save the date for RALLY DAY

***Sunday, September 10, at 11:15 AM***

Sunday School Registration and an All-Church Lunch will be held at 11:15 AM on Sunday, Sept. 10, in Fellowship Hall. Tables set up around the room will showcase our many mission, fellowship, and educational opportunities. Worship will be at 8:30 AM in the Chapel and at 10 AM in the Sanctuary with the Rally Day Lunch to follow.

## DINNER CHURCH

***Sunday Evening Service begins Sept. 17***

Christian life has always been lived out around a table. We are told that Jesus would gather around tables to bless meals, perform miracles, teach his followers, and serve those he loved. With this understanding in mind, we'd like to invite you to our weekly Sunday evening Dinner Church worship service from 5:00-6:30 PM in the Parlor and Chapel where we hope to feed you in body, mind, and spirit.

We will begin every service together around tables in the Parlor for a simple dinner meal. We see this meal as a central part of our worship service and as an extension of the Lord's Table. We will then move into the Chapel for a time of prayer, liturgy, reflection, discussion, music and the Lord's Supper.

Some parts of the service may feel similar to our morning services at FPC — reading scripture, offering prayers, singing old hymns, and celebrating the Lord's Supper. Other parts may feel different as we try out new forms: prayer stations, new worship music, and time for conversation after a condensed sermon.

All are welcome to our Dinner Church service, including nonmembers and children. Everyone who joins us is encouraged to take on a role in the service, whether reading liturgy, cleaning up tables, leading songs, leading prayers, or sharing a story. We believe everyone has something to add to our gatherings.

If you would like more information about Dinner Church at FPC, please contact Laura Colee at [local@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:local@haddonfieldpres.org). We look forward to seeing you there!





**Peter Leibensperger**  
**Music Director**

## MUSIC MINISTRY

As we look toward the end of summer, we anticipate the beginning of a new musical season. Please find your choir below so that you can put that all-important first rehearsal on your calendar!

### First Rehearsals for Children and Youth Choirs

- Cherub Choir (ages 4–5): Wed., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>; 3:45–4:25pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
- Carol Choir (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade): Wed., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>; 4:30–5:15pm, Choir Rm
- Chapel Choir (3<sup>rd</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> grade): Wed., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>; 3:45pm–4:30pm, Choir Rm
- Alleluia Bells (4<sup>th</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> grade): Wed., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>; 4:30–5:15pm, Bell Rm
- Thomas Sherrerd Choir (7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade): Wed., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>; 6:30–7:30pm, Choir Rm
- Kirk Ringers (9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade): Wed., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>; 7:30pm–8:15pm, Bell Rm

### First Rehearsals for Adult Choirs

- Chancel Choir: Thurs., Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>; 6:30pm–7:30pm, Bell Rm
- Moore Bells: Thurs., Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>; 7:30pm–9:15pm, Choir Rm

### Chancel Choir Retreat

Our Chancel Choir Retreat will be on **Saturday, September 9, from 9:00am–3pm** in the (air-conditioned) Lutheran Church of Our Savior (204 Wayne Ave, Haddonfield). We'll borrow their choir room to catch up, enjoy snacks and lunch, work on the music that will begin our season, and renew our purpose together.

I am looking for volunteers to provide light breakfast items, water bottles, side dishes for lunch. Please email me if you would like to bring any of those things. (I'll send out a reminder as we approach the date if more volunteers are needed.)

# Dinner Church

weekly worship service beginning 9/17/17



**5:00-6:30pm — dinner and worship  
in the parlor & chapel**

## Summer Reading

Take a poem to the beach, or tape one to the front of your kayak, or keep a slim volume in your car door pocket. Poems are usually a short read but a long thought, so you can look up to check on your children playing in the surf, or watch for a snag in the creek, or sit quietly for a moment in the shade at a “rest stop.” No reading while driving, please.

Here are some suggestions; no doubt you have many of your own. Share and enjoy!

### *The Peace of Wild Things*

*When despair for the world grows in me  
and I wake in the night at the least sound  
in fear of what my life and my children's lives  
may be,*

*I go and lie down where the wood drake  
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great  
heron feeds.*

*I come into the peace of wild things  
who do not tax their lives with forethought  
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.  
And I feel above me the day-blind stars  
waiting with their light. For a time  
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.*

—Wendell Berry, *Openings*

### *Logos*

*Why worry about the loaves and the fishes?  
If you say the right words, the wine expands.  
If you say them with love  
and the felt ferocity of that love,  
and the felt necessity of that love,  
the fish explode into many.  
Imagine him, speaking,  
and don't worry about what is reality,  
or what is plain, or what is mysterious.  
If you were there, it was all those things.  
If you can imagine it, it is all those things.  
Eat, drink, be happy.  
Accept the miracle.  
Accept, too, each spoken word  
spoken with love.*

—Mary Oliver, *Why I Wake Early*

## Preschool News



**Barbara Sewall**  
Preschool Director

### “Morning and Evening Prayers”

“Sunflowers are my favorites. They raise their faces to the dawn every morning and look to the sun as it moves across the sky, never wavering. At day’s end they watch patiently as the sun sets, heads bowing in prayer.

They remain patient, waiting through the darkness to lift their faces in worship come the next day’s light. I think faith ought to be like that.”

**September 11 – 15 Our first week of school for 2017–18**  
Our beginnings are somewhat noisy! Teachers will be bustling from supply closets to copier to classrooms. Now quiet hallways will be filled with parents looking for children’s rooms. Some of the youngest Mother’s Morning Out children will be crying, which lasts a short time till they cry because they want to stay and play!

I have missed all the noises and activities during the summer months. It is wonderful to begin celebrating our 47<sup>th</sup> year for Preschool. The year is guaranteed to be filled with **smiles**.

**What sunshine is to flowers..... smiles are to humanity.**



**BE THE**  
**CHURCH:**  
 Protect the  
 Environment  
 Care for  
 the Poor  
 and the  
 Prisoners  
 Forgive Often  
 Reject Racism  
 Fight for the  
 Powerless  
 Share Earthly  
 and Spiritual  
 Resources  
 Embrace  
 Diversity  
**LOVE GOD**  
 Enjoy This  
 Life

## Kids Alley Back to School Requests

Erasers  
 Pocket Folders  
 Backpack  
 Colored Pencils  
 Crayons  
 Glue Stick  
 Handheld Pencil Sharpener  
 Pencil Box  
 Pencil Pouch  
 Tissue Packets  
 Washable Markers  
 Watercolor paint  
 Art Smock  
 12" Ruler  
 5" scissors with blunt tip  
 Looseleaf Paper - Wide Ruled  
 Looseleaf Paper - College Ruled

3 Ring Binders-1" or 1.5"  
 Composition Notebooks  
 Book Covers/Book Sox  
 Pen  
 Combination Lock  
 Index Cards  
 Calculator  
 Dictionary

Grades 3 through 8 especially need backpacks. This year both school supplies and backpacks may be donated individually. Donations may be dropped off at the church office.

### Dine and Donate for the Deacons Fund

On Monday, August 21, not only is there a solar eclipse, but there is also a Dine and Donate at the Tap Room. From 5-8 pm, dine inside, outside, or take out. No certificate needed and 15% of all sales will go to the Deacons Fund. The Tap Room is at 427 W. Crystal Lake Avenue.

### THE WEATHER IS HOT, SCHOOL IS CLOSED, AND FEWER OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE IN NEED.

We can help. Baskets at the entrances to worship are waiting for FOOD donations. (Peanut butter, tuna, canned meats and beans are important). During the week, you can place your donations in the open mission closet on the first floor. **Regular & Travel Size Toiletries** are also needed all year but especially in the summer.

### CHECK OUT THE MISSION BULLETIN BOARD

Do you want to learn about some of the mission work our members do and the agencies we team with to help those in need? The mission bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall has information on our partner agencies and ways you can help now and throughout the year.

Please note: Kids Alley has moved. Its new location and contact info are on the school supply request lists on the board. Go to any of the agencies' websites or give them a call. There is a place for everyone to join in!

# Youth Group Mission Trip to New Orleans



## Youth

Payton Anderson  
Jack Ballard  
Nick Bateman  
Ava Berzanski  
Kaitlyn Bonnet  
Rachel Bonnet  
Jack Brubaker  
Jake Hourani  
Thomas Casper  
Gabi Connor  
Lauren Crumley  
Gianna Cucinotta  
Sophia Cucinotta  
Christa DeCoursey  
Eric DeCoursey  
Christina Dante  
Nick DeNinno

Maura Dodson  
Philip Edmonston  
Grace Elgart  
Harry Fonshell  
Bri Gess  
Derek Gess  
Alex Gilbert  
Lianne Gormley-Devine  
Anna Haley  
Liam Heslin  
Sam Hoffman  
Sean LaBrie  
Aidan Malady  
Connor Malady  
Liam McGurrin  
Flynn McNamara  
Jack McNamara  
Quinn Plunkett

Max Pollack  
Ben Scott  
Jenny Scott  
Amy Poliero  
Katie Poliero  
Ben Schroeter  
Chris Schroeter  
Meg Schroeter  
Mike Schroeter  
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Taryn Rochford  
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Ethan Tranfalia  
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Olivia Willison  
Katherine Warner

## Chaperones

Laura Colee  
Claudette Fonshell  
John Hourani  
Glenn Manochi  
Peg Manochi  
Mandy Morgan  
Jack O'Malley  
Michael Plunkett  
Andrew Reinicker  
Daneen Scott  
Lindsay Sommers  
Jeffrey VanderKuip  
Larissa Willison



**MISSION TRIP '17  
New Orleans**

