

Glad Tidings

hearts open to christ - doors open to his world

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Rev. Bill Getman
Senior Pastor

Pastor's Notes

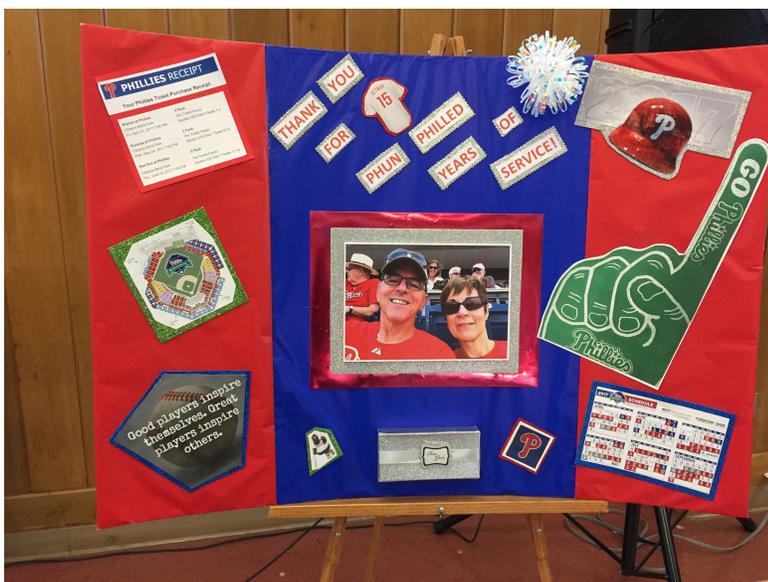
Dear Family of Faith Members,

I can say with absolute certainty that this will be the shortest Pastor's Notes I've ever written! My only message to you this month is Thank You!! The 15th anniversary event you held for me on January 8 was one of the richest experiences I have had since coming to Haddonfield in 2002.

Thank you for your presence, your presents and most of all your notes. I will treasure them as they provide reminders for me of how truly blessed I am to be part of this church family.

I love you very much!

In Christ's peace,
Bill



FEBRUARY Highlights

February 5
Holy Communion
Souper Bowl of Caring

February 11
Youth Choir Trip
to NYC

February 12
Confirmation Class
lead Worship
Congregational Meeting
in Fellowship Hall
after 11 AM Worship

February 23
IHOC Dinner

February 26
Laura Colee Ordination
Sanctuary at 3 PM

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

Justice and Advocacy

Many thanks!

We are blushing from the Rev. Lewis Moore's kind words about us in the January issue of *Glad Tidings*. Our work on the Justice and Advocacy Committee has always come from a place of joy and conviction about Christ's call to love and speak for those society ignores.

We would like to express our deep gratitude to Lewis for holding the reins of JAC with grace, patience, and good humor through a time of transition. His rock-solid commitment to God's justice and righteousness have opened our conversations to new depths and are impelling us into the study and actions our congregation will need in challenging times.

We know that the best way to thank Lewis for his leadership (and his wife, Judy, for her wise counsel) is to act, arm in arm, for the good of God's world. The work continues.

Sincerely,
Ginny "Yardbird" Ritchie and
Anne "Earnest Effort" Vial

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for attending - or being interested in - our First Presbyterian Church, Haddonfield, **Respect for Diversity Forum** this past Tuesday evening! It is reassuring in these uncertain times to be in community with others. We have over 40 participants! ... We will meet again on Tuesday, February 21st at 7:30 pm.

Here is what was read at the beginning of our meeting:

Justice, love, humility

Act justly. *What exactly does that mean? I don't know, but to treat others as we would have them treat us is a very good guideline in all our dealings... the most important and effective work any of us can do for the promotion of justice is to start on the roots of injustice within ourselves.*

Love tenderly. *Do you ever feel your life is blighted because you have never been sufficiently loved? If we can turn our attention to our need to love, ignoring the fact that we feel that we ourselves feel unloved, the effect can be amazing and we can find a great load falling from us.*

Walk humbly before your God.

Humility derives from the Latin word "humus", meaning earth. Humility is about seeing the truth of things, seeing ourselves in perspective, so that we are no longer the centre of the universe, but an element in its dance, with God as the choreographer.

—George W. Hughes, *God of Compassion* (London: CAFOD and Hodder & Stoughton, 1998), pp. 53-54.

Peace,
Becky Bryan
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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 MINISTRY

Please look below to find out when your ensemble will ring/sing. NB: Moore Bells and Kirk Ringers have traded positions in the schedule that was handed out at the start of 2017.

Peter Leibensperger
Music Director

Worship Participation Schedule

Chapel Choir	2/5/17	9:30am
Thomas Sherrerd	2/12/17	11:00am
Whitechapel Bells	2/19/17	9:30am
Moore Bells	2/19/17	11:00am
Alleluia Bells	2/26/17	9:30am
Kirk Ringers	2/26/17	11:00am

Thank You, Donna Wasik!

For over a year now, Donna has been volunteering her time to tend to the handbell gloves that protect our instruments. She carefully washes, sorts, and labels the gloves to ensure that they are clean and that precious rehearsal time isn't wasted digging through hundreds of gloves trying to find a match. This year, the Wasiks went even further, providing brand-new performance gloves for each child in our bell choirs in time for our Candlelight Service. My personal thanks goes to Donna and Jim for their generosity and thoughtfulness.

Youth Choir Trip

On Saturday, February 11th, the Thomas Sherrerd Choir and Kirk Ringers will meet at the church at 11:00am to embark on their annual New York City trip. Each year this trip provides an exciting opportunity for the youth to spend time in fellowship in an adventure beyond our church's walls. We look forward to the conversations that will be shared on the bus ride, the fine music that we will enjoy together, and the good food at Planet Hollywood. We will return to the church by 8:30pm, in time for the youth to get some rest before Confirmation Sunday.

On the Bus with Betsy B!

A new year is starting and exciting new trips are ready for you.

Vegas Legends - American Music Theatre presents "Vegas Legends" featuring the music of yesterday's and today's legendary musicians like Elvis Presley, Paul Anka, Tom Jones, Garth Brooks and more.

Join us on Friday, April 28th to see AMT's great league of talent. A lunch at Hershey Farm Restaurant and a visit to Kitchen Kettle Village is included in the \$99. price. Call Betsy at 856-546-0695 or email her at betzb26@gmail.com. Deadline for reservations is March 15.

Nova Scotia - We've finally got a great itinerary together for this fall trip. The 9 day, 8 night from September 14-22 includes Nova Scotia's famous sites such as Peggy's Cove, Halifax, Prince Edward Island, Hopewell Rocks, Bay of Fundy and St. John among others. We'll visit Campobello Island, the beloved isle of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and have "Tea with Eleanor", who will tell stories of her life there. Call Betsy B! at 856-546-0685 or email her at betzb26@gmail.com for a flyer. A passport will be necessary for this trip. A \$200. per person deposit is required to secure your reservation.

Christian Education

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Our 9th grade Confirmation Class will lead all three worship services on **Sunday, February 12th, 2017**. After sharing their faith stories, the students will be confirmed at the 11:00am worship service. There will be a reception held in their honor after this service where you will have an opportunity to meet them, congratulate them, and welcome them to full membership of the church.

APPLYING THE BIBLE TO DAILY LIFE GATHERING

Join on **Wednesday, February 15th at 7:30pm** at the Mascena household (118 Uxbridge, Cherry Hill) for fellowship and conversation. Contact Jill and Tony Mascena at amascena@msn.com or more information. We'd love to have you join us for a time of great fellowship and learning together!

GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY

Join us on **Sunday, February 26th** as women from our congregation and community will lead us in worship for

Gifts of Women Sunday. Our preacher this Sunday will be Rev. Sara Lilja who is the Executive Director of Lutheran Episcopal Advocacy Ministry New Jersey. We are able to celebrate this wonderful service every year thanks to the dedicated work of Presbyterian Women. We hope to see you in worship on February 26th!

FACING RACISM ADULT EDUCATION STUDY FEBRUARY 5, 12, 19 & 26

During the Sundays of February, the **Facing Racism Adult Education Study** will gather from 9:30-10:30am in Room 304. We will be using a curriculum created by the PCUSA to have conversations around the topics of race, discrimination, privilege, and racial reconciliation. We will explore Bible passages, portions of PCUSA creeds, statements from the denomination, writings by people of color, and documentaries in our conversations. DCE, Laura Colee, and members of the Justice and Advocacy Committee will facilitate our conversations each week. Everyone is welcome to join us as we discuss these important issues.

Deacons Bench

The Board of Deacons is off to a new year under new leadership. Glenn Manochi has taken the helm as moderator, and we thank him for taking on this major responsibility.

We welcome the members of the Class of 2019 to the board. They are Kendall Annable, Zach Bissinger, Lesley Kirsch, Andy Levering, Dotti Peatman, Michele and Quinn Plunkett, Andy Reinicker, Emma Skey, Maggie Sell and Lori Ziders.

The deacons are charged with distributing funds to many community organizations that help the church to carry on its mission to help the poor, the homeless, the sick and the young in our area. Please don't forget to make your contribution to the Deacons' Fund using the little blue envelope in your packet on the first Sunday of each month. With your help, the deacons can fulfil their mission to do God's work in the larger community.

Youth Ministry

February 5th
Souper Bowl Party! 6 - 9pm
Students and Families

February 12th
Youth Group
Grogg

February 19th
Gifts of Women Sunday
Youth Group - Escape the Room

February 26th
Youth Group
Race Day

March 4th
(Saturday)—MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER DINNER
Fellowship Hall

Congratulations to Our Newly Elected Elders and Deacons

Session-Class of 2019

Ann Vial
Bud Miller
Lisa Hurd
Lindsay Sommers
Lee Federline
Rita Brown
Craig Huber
Kelly Shirley
Clair Blank

Session- Class of 2017

Karen Dante
Deacon-Class of 2019
Emma Skey
Andy Reinicker
Zack Bissinger
Lesley Kirsch
Lori Zeiders
Maggie Sell
Kendall Annable

Dottie Peatman

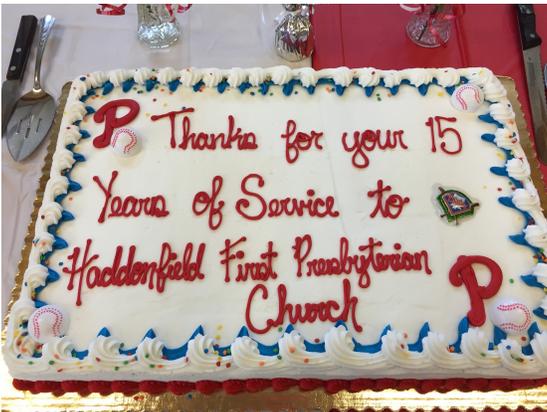
Andy Levering

Michele Plunkett

Deacon-Class of 2018

Quinn Plunkett

CELEBRATION!!



Preschool News



Barbara Sewall
Preschool Director

Note on “texting” for you to consider:

The kids text me “plz” which is shorter than please. I text back “no” which is shorter than “yes”!

February 13 – Summer registration begins at 9 am in the Preschool Hallway
May 30 – June 16th, Tuesdays to Fridays, 9:30 am – noon

February 14 – 17 , Tuesday to Friday – Preschool Open House, 10 am – 2 pm

Our 46 year old Preschool Programs of NURSERY SCHOOL and MOTHER'S MORNING OUT provide opportunities for children ages 1 ½ years-old to 6 years-old to experience their first step away from home in a loving supportive atmosphere.....**we've got everything** – CPR & professionally trained teachers, small class sizes, large colorful rooms, modern play yards, extended programs of movement/art/music/yoga/Spanishand a lot of love to share for those who enter our building!

Special Day Celebrations Coming up:

Dr. Seuss Week – Feb. 27 – Mar. 3. Come look at our hallway doors!

PJ Day for all classes – Mar. 14 & 15 What fun to come to school in PJ's!

A Valentine's Day Card to you:

“When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.” Billy- age 4

In case of snow cancellations:

Check the website - www.haddonfieldpres.org, go to the Preschool Page, weather alerts

Suggested Reading

The Things We Say When We Have Nothing to Say

(a prose poem by Brian Doyle)

If I was to ask you a question about where you came from,
And you were to ask me did I mean nativity or ethnicity or
Nationality or religious background, and I said no, I meant
What story, what amazement, what joy, what ocean, would
You be speechless? I don't think so. I think you would wait
A moment to clear away all the orthodox answers, and then
You would say something like I am from people who dance
When they are sad, or I come from music I cannot run from,
Or I came through a broken door and it took me a long time
To stop trying to shatter it or repair it or inflict it on my kids,
You would say something like that, I think, if I asked gently
And we had the time to let all the other answers trundle past
Like the things we say when we actually have nothing to say.

—Brian Doyle, *The Kind of Brave You Wanted to Be*,
Liturgical Press, Colledgeville, MI, 2016

Interfaith Homeless Outreach

Our church, along with the Haddonfield Methodist and Lutheran churches will host the men from the Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council beginning Sunday, February 19. Although the participants will be housed at our church from February 19 through March 12, the responsibility for overnight hosts and meals will be shared among the three churches.

Overnight hosts from our church are needed from the 19th through the 26th and for several nights during the week of March 5th. If you are able to host, please contact Roy Probst at (856) 547-5549. Molly Revell will coordinate dinners to be served and the food supplied by our congregation for breakfasts and lunches. If you can help Molly, please call her at (856)429-0077.

Ed Hess will be our IHOC coordinator. Call him for more information at (856) 428-8598.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF WOMEN

From Biblical times to the present day, women have played an important role in the development of Christianity. Join us on February 19 at 8:15, 9:30 or 11:00 as we celebrate The Gifts of Women Sunday. Help us honor the women in Scripture and those who continue today to contribute their gifts to the church and community.

CIRCLE 1 ACTIVITIES

As we mentioned in the October Glad Tidings, PW members have knitted mittens, bibs, baby blankets and other items which are then sent to needy areas. At this time, members of Circle 1 have been concentrating on quilting. They have almost completed their second quilt and, by June, expect to have the third ready to send to Swaziland to be used as sleeping mats through their connection with Knitting4Peace.

These mats were designed for AIDS orphans who sleep on dirt floors. Five years ago we had been asked to provide knit rectangular shawls for this purpose but some knitters who also quilt suggested a more substantial and warmer floor covering. A prototype was sent to Swaziland for approval (it is a policy of Knitting4Peace that a new item is never introduced unless it is requested). The Swazi elders approved the pattern and asked for quilts. Our Circle is joining with many other groups throughout our country to supply the need.

February Gatherings

PW Coordinating Team - Tuesday, February 7, at 9:45 in the Hospitality Center.

Circle 4 - Monday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 pm in the Parlor
Hostess: Linda Hess (856) 428-8598

Circles 1, 2, and 3 meet on Tuesday, Feb. 21

Circle 1 - 9:30 am, 3rd floor Board Room
Hostess: Esther Gauntt (856) 429-2616

Circle 2 - 1:00 pm, Church Parlor

Circle 3 - 10:00 am at the home of
Hostess Virginia Dowd, 301 Evans Ave.
(856) 428-3378

COFFEE PROJECT

Since 2004, we have been working with the Presbyterian Coffee Project which operates through Equal Exchange to help the small-scale cooperative farmers in Central America, Asia, Africa and our own country make their communities strong. By selling their products directly on fair terms, farmers have gained more control, earned better income and improved their community services,

Come to our coffee table after Sunday services and select coffee, tea, cocoa and chocolate bars. With February 14 just around the corner, those tasty chocolate bars will make perfect gifts for your favorite Valentine(s).

FROM OUR PRISON MINISTRY

At Christmas time, the "Good Ladies" of our Prison Ministry distributed 150 see-through plastic bags to women in the Camden County Correctional Facility. (Until recently, gifts were included in cotton ditty bags made by the PW.) Gifts in the bags included knitted slippers, tissues, soap, calendars, a pencil and a small box of crayons, a page from an adult coloring book, word search, a Christmas card and a stamped envelope and a booklet of devotions.

You can help by donating items throughout the year which can be used in prison visitations. Carol Carty, 856-858-6442, will give you more information.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Before you feast with your friends as you watch this year's Super Bowl on February 5, please contribute to our church's Souper Bowl of Caring after each of our three morning services.

Young people will be standing at the doors of the church with soup pots to accept your monetary gifts. All donations will go to a local food pantry.

Open Your Heart to Mission Opportunities

The Clinic at St. Wilfrid's church in Camden needs volunteers of all ages to help with paper work, translate, distribute food and care for children while parents are seen by doctors and nurses. Medical professionals are needed to do health screenings. Individuals do not need to sign up for every month. Make your own schedule. This is a great opportunity for teens trying to earn service hours. Contact Jill Mascena at 856-428-7342 to confirm plans because adjustments are sometimes necessary. The next clinic will be on **Saturday February 18, 2017 from 11am to 1pm**. Clinics are generally held on the third Saturday of each month. Congratulations and thank you to Melinda Lamb for winning a \$500 PENN MEDICINE CARES grant to help support the St. Wilfrid's clinic.

Big Schedule Changes in the Cooking for New Visions schedule. In 2017 we will be cooking on a Tuesday at 1pm. Join us in our church kitchen to help prepare a meal for 150 or more homeless people each month. No cooking expertise is required. Can't be here? You can still help. Join the Sweet Treats Club and drop off homemade or store bought cookies to the kitchen before we cook. Contact Sharon Hoobler for more information at 609-941-1768 or jlhsea@comcast.net. We won't be cooking during the summer but the Sweet Treats cookies will still be needed June 20th, July 25th, Aug. 22nd. **Our next cooking date will be February 21st at 1pm.** Hope

to see you then and on March 28th, April 25th, May 23rd, Sept. 26th, Oct. 24th, Nov. 14th and Dec. 12th. Don't worry if you have to miss a date. Come as often as you can.

What Will It Take To Get You To Participate In Our Weekly Food Drive? Food insecurity is a reality for too many hard working individuals and families-not just the homeless. Through our partner agencies we help a wide variety of God's children. Please remember to bring the desperately needed nonperishable food being collected in the baskets outside the chapel and sanctuary every Sunday. We are still hoping for 100% participation. You may also place food items in the crate in the open closet behind the parlor any day. If you are at Wegmans, you can pick up much needed large bags of **KRUSTEAS pancake mix** at a discounted price. There is never too much **protein** (peanut butter, canned meats), pasta, sauce, rice, canned fruit and vegetables. Please check expiration dates to allow time for it to be distributed and used. If you are in need of assistance please contact the community caseworker or pastor. Thanks to those who faithfully contribute.

FULL SIZE and TRIAL SIZE TOILETRIES are needed by our partner agencies. Please put them up on the shelf in the open closet behind the parlor.

Come celebrate
Laura Colee's
Ordination
Sunday, February 26,
in the Sanctuary at
3:00 PM.

