

This week's news...



First Presbyterian Church
OF HADDONFIELD

Dear <<First Name>>

This Sunday we will celebrate World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday). This particular holy day is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor.

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

This Sunday our offerings will go to mission programs particular to this Body. Next Sunday, we will receive the Peace and Global Witness offering – which is traditionally collected on World Communion Sunday.

Why this offering? It is necessary symbolism and an outright invitation to live what we proclaim. The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world. The church's mission in fact is to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout this broken and sinful world. Your offerings equip and train people to do precisely that.

I wonder if it's a coincidence, or not, that World Communion Sunday began in the 1930's, between two world wars. It stood as a banner to the call and purpose of God's people to stand firm during a time where Christianity was being co-opted by other forces. The Theological Declaration of Barmen, found in our confessional standards, is an example of a document adopted by Christians in Nazi Germany during 1934, who opposed the German Christian movement.

I've taken to ask the question recently "How is it that politics are not 'allowed' in the pulpit/religion, but religion/the pulpit has no problem finding a place in politics?"

This is a question we must continue to faithfully wrestle with, as we get a wider glimpse of the pain and suffering and more pain, of the wider world. Join us during World Communion Sunday where we can discover our place in the pain, and yet stand side-by-side, shoulder to shoulder, in the strength of the Spirit.

In Christ's Service,
Nikki

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH SERVICE NIGHTS

MONTHLY SERVICE NIGHT FOR YOUTH RETURNS IN OCTOBER -- The monthly service night for middle school and high school youth will be Sunday, Oct. 1.

From 5 to 6:15 p.m., middle schoolers are invited to make centerpieces and assemble utensil packets for Cathedral Kitchen, and make sandwiches for Joseph's House. We'll have pizza after helping others.

From 6:30 to 8 p.m., high school students are invited to make casseroles and baked goods for Joseph's House. We'll have pizza first and then get to cooking and baking.

Please RSVP to Caroline Yount at cnyount@gmail.com by Saturday, Sept. 30. Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday, Oct. 1!



JOIN THE HOSPITALITY TEAM

Calling all who anticipate and appreciate after-service social time! The Hospitality Committee is soliciting volunteers to provide snacks and to host the hospitality table. As we continue to offer this ministry of camaraderie and connection in our beautiful parlor, we will have a sign-up sheet on which folks can volunteer for any Sunday of their choice. Please consider this easy and fun way to connect with old and new friends. If you would like to help us develop additional ways to serve, we would also be happy to welcome you as a member

of the Hospitality Team. Please contact Joan Fiorella at jmfiorella@gmail.com, or Pete Hurd at phurd75@gmail.com. Thanks to all who have agreed to be part of this important ministry!

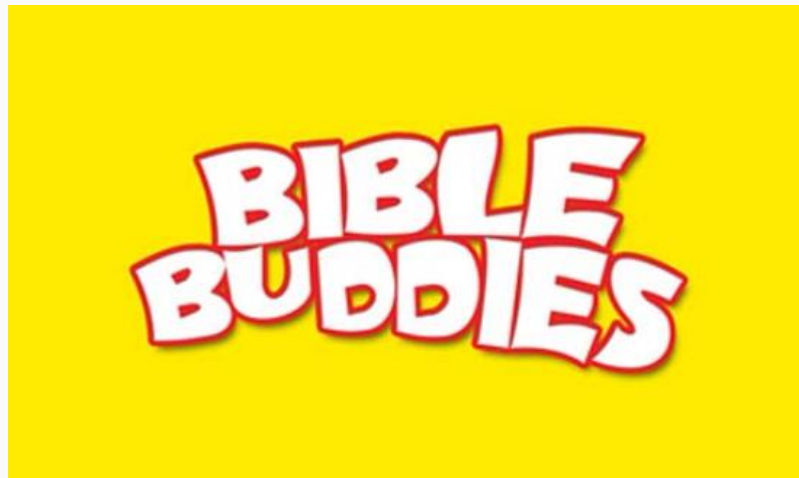
BINGO PRIZES

The Social Connection, our adult special needs ministry, is looking for Bingo prizes. If you are interested in supplying a few prizes, \$5 gift cards to Dunkin Donuts or Starbucks are popular along with holiday themed socks or decorations (nothing very big), colorful notebooks or pens, candy and anything fun that does not exceed \$5. If you have anything to donate, see Deb Nussbaum or Joyce Stout at church or email Deb at debranussbaum1987@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2023 CROP WALK

On **Sunday, Oct. 8, from 1 to 3 p.m.** we will join congregants of Trinity Presbyterian Church at Challenge Grove Park, located at the corner of Bortons Mill Road and Caldwell Road (near Jake's Place), for an easy 5K walk. The event also includes a kids' walk and a pet blessing. Sign up in the Bean Parlor after worship on Sundays. For more information, contact Caroline Yount at cnyount@gmail.com.





2023-2024 Calendar - First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield

What's Bible Buddies? Bible Buddies is a group for families with young children (Infants-5th Grade) that periodically meets for events during the year.

Playground After Church: From September-November and March-June, our

group will meet on the playground after church from 11am-11:30am each week!

Join us after church or if you just need to get out of the house on a Sunday.

Bible Buddies Events

October 1st: Kona Ice Truck - 11am (after church)

November 5th: Kona Ice Truck - 11am (after church)

November 26th: Advent Festival - 5pm

December 10th: Candlelight Service - 4pm (Kids' Christmas Activities to Follow)

January 15th (Monday): MLK Day of Service - 8:30am

February 25th: Trip to SkyZone Trampoline Park (Maple Shade)

March 10th: Picnic at the Farrow's Home - 11:30am (128 Westmont Ave)

March 24th: Easter Egg Hunt - 11:30am (after church)

April 14th: Cupcakes 2 GoGo Truck - 11am (after church)

May 19th: Mr. Softee Truck - 11am (after church)

June 2nd: Phillies Game - 1pm

events subject to change

Questions? Contact:

Paul Sommers (856-522-9340) or Lindsay Sommers (856-412-0950)

SIGN UP FOR BIBLE BUDDIES AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:

[BIBLE BUDDIES REGISTRATION LINK](#)

Join the Justice and Advocacy Committee

Everyone's invited to the Justice and Advocacy Committee meeting before worship on Sunday, October 1, 2023. We will meet in the Parlor at 9am. These days we face many challenges and stresses. It's said that the best cure for anxiety is to do something! And there is so much that can be done. Bring your ideas, your curiosity and hope for a better world.

Spotlight on God's Creation

This summer, we've experienced disastrous floods on top of record shattering heat waves that hit much of the US, Europe, and North Africa, creating deadly wildfires in Algeria, Greece, Italy,

Tunisia, and so many more. As long as the climate crisis remains unchecked, these devastating weather events will not just continue but will increase in frequency. **Yet, the world's largest banks continue to support the major drivers of the climate crisis, pouring \$668.6 billion into fossil fuel companies last year alone.**

The good news is the Fossil Free Finance Act (FFFA), which would require the Federal Reserve to force big banks to stop financing greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, was just reintroduced in Congress. **Tell your representatives that we need to pass this bill now so banks stop funding fossil fuel expansion.** Massive investment in fossil fuels not only poses a risk for the climate, but for our financial system, as well. As the much-needed and inevitable clean energy transition speeds up, fossil fuel investments become more volatile. And if the Federal Reserve doesn't push banks to adapt and shed emissions-heavy investments, we could see more banks collapse similar to Silicon Valley Bank.

The first step to getting out of a hole is to stop digging it deeper. **Demand that your representative co-sponsor and pass the FFFA – for our communities, our planet, and our financial security.**

-Your friends at Climate Reality

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Just like 911, **988** can be dialed by anyone, anywhere to connect to the help they need. It's free, confidential and available nationwide, and people experiencing a mental health crisis or emotional distress can call, text or chat with mental health professionals in real time.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: If you are a woman attending our church or zooming into church programs, you are invited to consider our Circle of PW activities. We have changed our names to **Women of the Bible**.

Names: Circle 1 is now called **The Ruth Circle**. 3rd Tuesday monthly @ 9:30 am, Hospitality Room. Our emphasis is fellowship while making items for those in need and support of missions.

Ruth is a model of loving kindness. She acts in ways that promote the well-being of others. She was committed to relationships and her family. Ruth was diligent in her work as well as polite, respectful, and appreciative. She had integrity and wasn't afraid of working hard. From Ruth we learn that following your heart with integrity can increase your influence with others.

Circle 3 is now called **The Esther Circle**. 3rd Tuesday monthly @ 9:30 am, Bean Parlor.

Esther is initially portrayed in the book named for her as beautiful and obedient, though relatively passive. Throughout the story, she evolves into a character who bravely takes a decisive role in her own future and that of her people.

A remarkably clever young woman Esther, as queen, was willing to sacrifice her life to save her people, the Jews, from genocide and secure the rights of the Jews to defend themselves.

Circle 4 is now called **The Elizabeth Circle**. 2nd Monday @ 7:30 pm, your living room on Zoom.

We chose "Elizabeth" for our circle's name because Elizabeth was chosen by God for a significant role in the story of salvation of humankind, as was Mary, the mother of Jesus. When Mary came to Elizabeth, Elizabeth "recognized the presence of God in her midst and became the first gospel bearer recorded in the New Testament..." (Olive Mahibir, "Sacred Encounters", p.16). We, too, have been chosen by God and we desire to recognize the power of God acting through our lives. We are grateful for our circle friends who help us recognize God acting through us, even when we do not.

*two above circles are actively involved in Horizon Bible Study (Presbyterian Magazine) and independent missions as Women's Prison Ministry, Pinwheel Ministry, Equal Exchange, Kiva.

Come Join us!

If you have an interest, please email Judy Grantham,
@ judygrantham@comcast.net





Have you checked out First Presbyterian Church and would like to take the next step to get more involved? Are you looking for a faith community that can help you and your family grow in love for God and others? Do you wonder why it's important to join a church when you're already leading a busy and fulfilling life?

If you're asking these questions, here's a place you can find answers. Join us for our First Presbyterian, Haddonfield Discipleship class. An in-person class will meet after worship on four Sundays from September 17 to October 8. An online class will meet Wednesdays at 7:00 PM from Sept. 13 to Oct. 11 (**no meeting on Sept. 27**). Through reading the Bible and conversations with others, you'll learn how worship and prayer can strengthen your relationship with God, neighbors, and the creation. You'll discover your role in God's world to increase peace, justice, and human fulfillment. You'll learn how Presbyterians govern ourselves and make important decisions.

Child care will be provided. There is no cost, but we do expect you to do some reading and reflection before each meeting. We'll provide a resource to help you do that. Please reach mlindsay@haddonfieldpres.org if you would like to

join.

Discovering God's Vision For Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts:

When: Sunday mornings after worship beginning September 17th

Where: The Hospitality Center

Contact: Rev. Nikki Passante

Classes will begin on September 17th and will run for 6 weeks, through October 22nd. We will learn about our Spiritual Gifts- we'll both take a Spiritual Gifts Inventory and score it. Topics will include:

What Does God Want me to Do with My Life?

Who Am I?

What Makes me Unique?

Your Calling.

God's Vision and Your Vision Coming Together.

This offering is generously provided for by Stephen Ministries in St. Louis. Questions? Interested? Contact Pastor Nikki at npassante@haddonfielpres.org. All are welcome to attend.

Christian Heritage Class

Our 34th Year Learning about Our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church through an in-depth study of Church history, theology, art, music—and (sometimes!) pilgrimage travel.

Topic for Fall 2023: *Jesus and His Followers*

All are invited to join Church historian David Stedman after worship to learn

more about the history of our faith.

October 1: The 12 Apostles: “The Sent-Out Ones” Disciples and Apostles are not necessarily the same. Who were the original Twelve Apostles whom Jesus called to be with Him (the Gospels apparently differ), and what do the Gospels, Church history, Apocrypha, and tradition tell us about their mission and their experiences before and after the Resurrection. *Power-point presentation and film excerpt.*

October 8: NO CLASS

October 15: Mary Magdalene: Apostle to the Apostles! Part 1 “I have seen the Lord!” Seeing is believing. St. Mary Magdalene, also called Mary of Magdala, (feast day July 22), is one of Jesus’ most celebrated disciples—famous, according to Mark 16:9–10 and John 20:14–17, for being the first person to see the resurrected Christ, and then rushing to the Apostles to witness to His Resurrection. (She was also confused and conflated with other individuals in the Gospels.) Her witness and ministry as *Apostola ad Apostolos* has led many in the Roman Catholic Church to believe that women should be able to serve as priests. Illustrated lecture.

October 22: Mary Magdalene: The New Eve. Part 2 *Dulcis Amica Dei*. The Magdalen’s Veneration in Popular Religion and Art. Mary Magdalene could play a part in popular religion that the Virgin Mary, raised to divinity as Queen of Heaven between the 11th and 14th centuries, could not. While the sinless Virgin was the antithesis of Eve, the Magdalen—as a repentent sinner—represented sexuate femininity redeemed: the New Eve. Tradition has given the Magdalen many other personae, richly preserved in Western art. Illustrated lecture.

October 29: NO CLASS



**The Chancel Choir
NEEDS YOU!**

the only requirement is
that you can carry a tune

Thursdays 7:30 - 8:45 pm
Sundays 9:30 - 11:00 am

Contact Peter with questions
PLeibensperger@haddonfieldpres.org



One of the highlights of the year at St. Wilfrids is the day we distribute Christmas gifts to the children. Many would receive nothing without your generous donations. Rose Guthrie has coordinated the gift collection and distribution for the past several years and for that we (and the kids) are thankful. **Rose is ready to pass the torch to a new coordinator.** Want to learn more about what this volunteer assignment is all about? **Contact Paul Urian at umanpaul@me.com.**



CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST - CONGREGATIONAL

PRAYER LIST - Please keep members and friends of the congregation in your prayers. The weekly Prayer List is available in Sunday's bulletin. If you would like to add a personal prayer request, please contact one of the pastors or Katie Miller. Please

obtain the permission of the person needing prayer. The Prayer Request portal on the website is available for private requests sent directly to the pastors.



The Porch Bible Study will meet on **Zoom on Tuesday, October 3, and Tuesday, November 7**, at 7 p.m. Paul Urian will send the Zoom link. We will be doing a Pastor Max Lucado study on Colossians & Philemon. These studies are about applying the Bible to daily life and all levels of Bible readers/explorers are welcome. We will also have prayer time.

On **Tuesday, October 10, at noon**, Porchers and any friends who would like to

join us, will meet at the Legacy Diner on the White Horse Pike at noon. In November, our Porcher lunch will be Tuesday, November 14, at noon. Location to be determined. If you are not on the Porcher email list, and would like to attend, please contact Jill Mascena or Deb Nussbaum at church or email Deb at debranusbaum1987@gmail.com. Our Porchers are always happy to take your prayer requests.

"I was hungry and you gave me food to eat." (Matthew 25:35)

A message from St. Wilfrids: As autumn descends upon us, it's time to think about putting away our shorts and t-shirts and getting out our sweaters and pants. But wait! Did you actually wear all the clothes that you are putting away for the winter? What would happen if you decided to donate one (or even five) pieces of warm weather clothing to the impoverished and unsheltered families we serve in North Camden? My guess is that for most of us, they would hardly be missed next spring. Can you also give some thought to the winter clothes you will be pulling out. Can you still stay warm with one or two fewer sweaters? Do you really need four pairs of gloves or a variety of scarves? We are seeking clothing donations for all seasons, all genders and all ages. They can be dropped off in the alcove closest to the playground side entrance.

Our clients continue to need:

- Diapers, size 2-6 in particular
- Baby wipes
- 1 lb bags of dried beans of any variety. If you'd like to donate a larger bag of beans of any size, we will re-portion it into 1 lb bags. Many of the families we serve are of Hispanic heritage and eating Rice and Beans daily is a staple of their tradition. We've got the rice. We need the beans.

"For me, an area of moral clarity is this: When you're in front of someone who's

suffering and you have the tools at your disposal to alleviate that suffering or even eradicate it, you act."

- Paul Farmer, Infectious Disease Expert and Humanitarian

The [Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council](#) is holding a dinner on **Saturday, October 21, 2023** from 6:00-9:00pm at the Catholic Church of St. Mary in Cherry Hill.

A buffet dinner will be preceded by a social hour with appetizers. They will also have entertainment, a 50/50 and door prizes. Tickets are \$35.

The dinner will include information about their plans to purchase a home for use as transitional housing.

Please contact our Council of Churches social worker Ed Hess (Wednesday and Friday mornings in the main office) for more information or if you would like to purchase tickets.

Preschool News

September at the Preschool can be quite noisy! Teachers are bustling from supply closets to classrooms. Families fill our hallways and children meet new friends and teachers in classrooms and on the playground! Some of our children have difficulty transitioning away from parents for the first time but before long there will be tears because they want to stay and play longer!

Farmer Tom from Quiver Farms delivered a dozen eggs to the preschool. We have cared for them and they've successfully hatched into very fluffy little chicks! It is such a joy to hear the little chirps!

Our preschool family has been serving families for 53 years! **We are accepting registrations for the 2024–2025 school year.** We are looking forward to another year filled with friendship, learning, and laughter!



Carol and Cherub choirs sang to the recently hatched chicks at the preschool, on their way to practice in the Sanctuary. **They sing this Sunday!**





Haddonfield residents concerned about fire safety should contact either the Haddon Fire Company at 856-429-4308, or Travis Bogetti at 856-429-1960 to arrange for a member of the Fire Company to visit your home and conduct a free safety inspection.



Starting on the first Sunday in October, you can have your blood pressure taken in the Bean Parlor following morning worship. Screenings will occur monthly. Please take advantage of this opportunity!

If any medical professionals are interested in supporting this ministry, please email

Linda O'Neill at ElonMail@yahoo.com or Bonnie Manskopf at BonnieManskopf@yahoo.com.

The Presbytery For Southern New Jersey is seeking an Administrative Associate beginning in October. For more information, or to apply please contact Rev. Deborah Brincivalli at revdeb@presbyfsnj.net.



Backpacks and School Supplies Collection– We are now collecting backpacks and school supplies for kids served by Camden Community Center. Look for sales when you shop and bring donations to worship or drop off at the office. Needs include:

- Erasers
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Handheld Pencil Sharpeners
 - Pencil Box or Pouch
- 3-Ring Binders – 1" or 1 ½ "
- Loose Leaf Filler Paper – Wide Rule
 - Calculator
- Washable Markers
- Watercolor Paint
 - Art Smock
 - 12" Ruler
- Junior Scissors with 5" Blunt Tip

- Pocket Folders
- Composition Notebooks
- Tissue Packets
- Backpacks (esp. for Grades 3-8)

CALENDAR



October 1 -- World Communion Sunday. Peace and Global Witness Offering received.

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