

Glad Tidings

hearts open to christ - doors open to his world

First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield • JANUARY • 2019



Rev. Bill Getman
Senior Pastor

Pastor's Notes

Dear Family of Faith Members,

A new year is upon us, our 18th together. While there will no doubt be many things in 2019 that are unchanged from the past 17, there will no doubt be many things that will be different, most of them unforeseeable today. It's the nature of life, no matter the arena - home, work, school, retirement, church.

One change we know is in store for us will be the calling of our next Associate Pastor. We have been deeply enriched by those who have lived and served with us over the past two decades. I trust that will continue as we welcome a new member to our church family.

But a good welcome requires some preparation on each of our parts. We need to be praying for the members of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, chaired by Lisa Hurd, that they will discern which candidate will most faithfully nurture of faith and ministry. We need to be praying for that candidate, that God will be preparing her or him even now to lead us into new and richer areas of service in Christ's name.

And we need to be praying for ourselves, that we will offer the same welcome and care to our next Associate that we have offered to those who have had the privilege of being part of our community of faith in the past.

I'm not always great at welcoming change! But this is one about which I am very excited. For I have been richly blessed by my relationships with Graeme Veitch, Jeremy Sanderson, Rachel Rhodes and Laura Colee. I have every confidence that through the wisdom of the search committee God will bless all of us in our relationships with our next Associate Pastor and make this a particularly happy New Year.

In Christ's peace,
Bill

JANUARY Highlights

January 6
Holy Communion
Epiphany

January 9
Interfaith Caregivers'
Training

January 12
Leadership Workshop
Grace Episcopal 9 AM

January 13
Installation of Deacons
and Elders

January 6, 13, 20, 27
Christian Heritage
Classes
Hospitality Room
11:25AM - 12:05PM

January 21
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day of Service



Worship

8:30 AM
Chapel

10:00 AM
Sanctuary

Holy Communion
First Sundays

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KIDS' ALLEY NEEDS YOU!

Donations and volunteers are welcomed. Please checkout the flyers in the Information Center display on the first floor between the stairwells for ways you can help this wonderful program here at FPC or call 856-546-1098.

HUNGER & COLD NEVER TAKE A HOLIDAY!

Non-perishable **food** items (please check dates), full and travel size **toiletries**, warm **coats and jackets** are always needed.

Please place your donations in the alcove (closet) behind the parlor any day. Food may be left in the baskets outside the sanctuary or chapel as you enter worship. We are still hoping for 100% participation in the weekly food drive.

THE TOY BOX AND MITTEN TREE

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the Mitten Tree and the Toy Box.



ON THE BUS WITH BETSY B!

Are you interested in my upcoming Scotland trip? We will visit Loch Ness, Edinburgh, and Glasgow as well as the Orkney Islands and the Isle of Skye. Call 856- 546-0685 or email me at betzb26@gmail.com.

COSTUMING THE CROWN

If you're an Anglophile and love to watch The Crown on Netflix, then you'll want to come see the iconic costumes from the show, including Queen Elizabeth's coronation robe and royal crowns and tiaras. This trip is Wednesday, April 10 to the Winterthur Museum in Delaware. Lunch is included at the Mendenhall Inn. The cost is \$99. See the Senior Ministry bulletin board for flyers or call me at 856-546-0685 or email betzb26@aol.com. Deadline is Feb. 1.

EAT WELL THAT OTHERS MAY BE NOURISHED

During the month of January the Westmont Diner (at the corner of Haddon and Maple in Westmont) will give a percentage of patrons' bills to FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN to help underwrite the cost of meals assembled at the 2019 Mobile Pack. Enjoy a meal out and support FMSC. Tell the cashier that you are supporting FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN.

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Christmas Thank you!

Christ is born! And Nancy Ruth and I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped us to proclaim His coming through music. To all of the staff who prepared our music, to all of the choir members who dedicated many hours of their time learning and polishing their songs, to all of the volunteer choir parents who helped to look after our children and keep them organized, and to all of the parents and congregants who support this ministry: thank you so very much for your talent, your dedication, and your generosity! It is difficult to describe the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes as we prepare for the Candlelight Service, the Christmas Eve Services, and our Advent worship. We are extremely thankful for each and every person who makes these things possible. It is also

difficult to quantify how your efforts touch the lives and hearts of the members of our community and church family. The gratitude that individual congregants have expressed to me and to Nancy Ruth has been overwhelming, and so we pass it onto you. Thank you all for supporting this ministry and for making it effective. Please continue to hold this program in prayer as we worship our Savior through music in the 2019, and please continue to express your love and support for its members. Happy New Year to you all!



Regular Rehearsals Resume

On Wednesday, January 9th, all of our children's choirs and bell choirs will resume their normal rehearsal schedules. Parents, please mark your calendars so everyone is present as we begin our new music. Thank you!

New Church Officers Elected

CLASS OF 2021 -Deacons

Joanna Carlson
Dan Cho
Tina Edmonston
Lorraine Gormley
Pete Hurd
Quint Lerch
Diane Thorne
Olivia Willison
Georgia Willison

CLASS OF 2021- Session

Bonnie Dewey
Susan Leach
Paul Nussbaum
Katie Poliero
Warren Pross
Gerry Rice
Paul Urian
Sara Watson
Betsy Westermaier
Caroline Yount

Parish Register

Joined the Church Triumphant

Dec. 7
D. Karen Weaver
1941-2018

Dec. 12
William S. Staveley
1952-2018

Preschool News

In case of snow cancellations:
Check the website - www.haddonfieldpres.org,
go to the Preschool Page, weather alerts.

Summer School Registration begins- Feb. 11th

Sign up for Summer School for those
children entering our classes in the Fall, ...
"Going into the 2 1/2 classes"thru
to "going into Kindergarten".



Barbara Sewall
Preschool Director



Bill Stanley's painting accepted by Pastor Bill and presented by Rev. Young's daughter Elizabeth and her husband. A more recent painting Bill made of our church may be seen in the church office.

"The Crucifixion" was painted by Bill Staveley in 1976 as a parting gift to Rev. Ken Young, Minister of Christian Education, when he left FPC for Cvenant Presbyterian Church in Malvern, Pennsylvania. The painting hung on the wall of Rev. Young's office at the Malvern Church until 1988 when he left for Bath, Maine. While living in Bath, Rev. Young served as an interim pastor, then as a hospital chaplain, and finallyy as pastor of the Popham Chapel in Phippsburg, Maine. The painting hung on the wall of his pastoral study in their home in Bath beside the collection of books Dr. Tom Lindsay had given him. When Ken and Dottie Young moved to Florida permanently, they thought the painting should return to Haddonfield and we agreed.

A NEW YEAR of HOPE and CARING

The mission committee is looking forward to an active new year after seeing many changes last year. New Visions Homeless Day Shelter closed suddenly in June. Plans are underway to restart the monthly cooking project for new locations. KIDS ALLEY programs are now held here at FPC. Volunteers are needed everyday. Our food, clothing, hygiene products and coat donation space moved to the other alcove down the hall. Follow the signs. There are food baskets outside the chapel and sanctuary as well. These donations are distributed through our community caseworker and various agencies throughout the region. Space at the end of the hall between the parlor and sanctuary has been set aside for items specifically requested for St. Wilfrid's clinic. There is now an information center display on the first floor between the stairwells. Here you can find the FPC MISSION flyer describing our partner agencies and ways individuals can get involved with each program. Newsletters from our partners, letters from the missionaries we support, alternative gifts and other items of interest are also in the info center. Take a moment to examine the mission bulletin boards and information center. Find ways to enrich your new year by becoming actively involved in a mission project. Don't wait for a special invitation. This is it.

St. Wilfrid's Clinic Christmas Event

God was there in each of the wonderful volunteers at St. Wilfrid's Church, Camden, on December 8th as 46 clients were seen and given food. Forty parents shopped for 121 children's Christmas gifts. Toys and gifts were delivered to six Puerto Rican families who

came here last year after the hurricane. About 50 toys were taken to Urban Promise's School in Camden for their Christmas store. Christ the King Church in Haddonfield donated 50 coats and jackets. Since 100 were given out, more will be needed in January along with shoes, boots and warm clothes (especially for boys).

The teenagers who volunteered were truly a gift straight from God! We all hope they don't go far for college so we can still work with them! Many regular volunteers couldn't be there but the Lord sent good substitutes. Many spoke Spanish. January 19th is the next date. Hopefully, there will be enough doctors, nurses, interpreters and helping hands to continue to serve God's children through this amazing cooperative mission project between our church and Grace Episcopal Church. Call Jill Mascena with any questions (856) 428-7342. See photos on page 8.

Thank you for your generous donations to the Christmas JOY Offering. This was the last of the four special offerings received each calendar year to support the work of our denomination, Presbyterian Church USA. Each offering has a specific focus. Thanks to the generosity of Presbyterians everywhere mission workers spread the Good News, medical aid, nutrition assistance, education, clean water and sustainable agricultural programs and economic opportunities to people with no where else to turn. The church advocates for peace, justice and social reforms to draw us closer to the vision taught by Jesus Christ. Educating our members, nurturing future leaders of the church and caring for those who have spent their lives serving God are also supported through these offerings. Once a season please continue to help them.

The next training for Interfaith Caregivers is Wednesday, January 9, 2019 from 7:00-9:30 pm at Stanfill Manor, 109 E. Atlantic Avenue, Haddon Heights.

For 29 years Interfaith Caregivers has been helping people 65+ and those with disabilities live independently and stay active in their community. Our volunteers provide rides to medical appointments, grocery stores, and social events. We grocery shop and run errands with/for seniors. Do you or someone you know need Interfaith Caregivers? If so call our office at 354-0298.

Many of your neighbors are already helping our nearly 300 clients. **Won't you join them?** Give as much time as you have –we work around your schedule. For more details, call the Interfaith Caregivers office at 856-354-0298 or visit www.ifchaddons.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WORKING WITH KIVA

Our PW is continuing to lend money to small entrepreneurs around the world through Kiva, an international organization formed in 2005. Today, almost fourteen years later, Kiva, based in San Francisco, provides people with small loans in eighty countries and has over a million and a half lenders. Its mission is to improve lives through safe, fair access to credit, helping people around the world create opportunities for themselves and their communities.

Kiva partners only with organizations and institutions which have a sound mission to serve the poor and underserved. No interest is collected on loans and lenders also do not receive interest on them. Operating costs are covered by voluntary donations made by lenders since 100% of funds go to funding the loans.

Kiva loans are facilitated through Field Partners which manage the loan on the ground or by the borrower directly through the Kiva website. Kiva monitors the requests. Borrowers must be vouched for by Trustees, and volunteers then help to translate the loans before they're distributed (in increments of \$25). The lenders receive repayments into their Kiva accounts according to a repayment schedule and also according to the borrowers' ability to repay. Lenders can then use the repayments to fund more loans, donate or withdraw their money.

We do not consider Kiva to be a charity since borrowers repay their loans over a period of time. Instead, we look upon it as a partnership. Linda O'Neill, who oversees the operations for the PW, reports that we have made 26 loans, 25 to women

and one to a man, during the three years we have been involved. Fourteen of the loans have been repaid and the remaining twelve are in the process of repaying. Three of our "partners" are described below:

Naemat from Saida, Lebanon is a 36-year-old married Lebanese woman, a loving and caring mother of five children. She is a hardworking teacher who believes in the right of education as a need for every person, especially children. She has been working in the same school for four years and loves what she does. Her loan will be used to pay for her daughters' school fees in grades 9 and 4. Naemat hopes to continue providing for her children and improving their social and financial situations.

Lana from Ramallah, West Bank is a 24-year-old who lives with her family. She is a nurse at a local hospital, working with loyalty and humanity. Lana also studies at a local university in order to get a Master's Degree in Human Medicine. Her loan will be used to pay for her university educational fees.

Veriko from Zemo Shukuti, Georgia Village is 18 years old and has just graduated from secondary school. She has a great desire to make an investment in her education that should be reflected in her future success. Veriko has moved to the capital for her higher education and needs help to cover the first-year cost at Sokhami State University which is a joint project with Kiva and gives Georgian students a good chance to invest in their education.

If you have specific questions about the program, please contact our coordinator, Linda O'Neill, at 856-795-8234.

Christian Heritage Topics January 2019 “Jesus of Nazareth/Natzerath”

The Christian Heritage class will meet January in the Hospitality Room on the Ground Floor from 11:25 a.m. (following worship) to 12:05 p.m. and will be led by David Stedman. The usual method is powerpoint lecture.

All are welcome!

January 6 THE THREE KINGS The subject of the Adoration of the Magi was a favorite one in Western Christian art, where the fact and meaning of Christ’s life and death was the most important notion to be conveyed by an artist. The Adoration of the Magi translates into a visual language a **pictorial theology**: that ***Christ is both God and man, both priest and sacrifice, and is adored by the gentiles as Savior not only of the Jews but of the whole world.*** Epiphany (“Apparition of God”), celebrated on January 6, shared not only the feast of the Twelfth Night after Christmas, the Coming of the Magi, but also Jesus’ Baptism by John when the Holy Spirit came upon him like a dove. Originally Christ’s “birth in the flesh” was not so important as either his Baptism or his revelation to the Gentiles!

January 13 THE JESUS HOUSE AND THE BOYHOOD OF CHRIST. Archaeologists working in Nazareth (now understood as being actually called “Natzerath”)—Jesus’ hometown in the Scriptures—have identified a house dating to the first century that was regarded as the place where Jesus was brought up by Mary and Joseph. The site was built over with special care in the Byzantine and Crusader period and large churches preserved the modest courtyard-style house of the 1st century AD. It is likely the excavators have found the remains of the **Church of the Nutrition** which historically encompassed the House of Jesus’ boyhood. The artifacts found in the first-century house include broken cooking pots, a spindle whorl (used in spinning thread) and limestone vessels. The limestone vessels (kosher) suggest a Jewish family lived in the house, because Jewish beliefs held that limestone could not become impure. If a Jewish family lived here it would support the idea that this could have been Jesus’ house. It provides a setting for a reconstruction of Jesus’ boyhood.

January 20 RABBI JESUS. It seems clear that Jesus was an integral part of the Jewish world of his day, making sophisticated contributions to the high level of conversation that was going on among the rabbis of his time—and stressing the maximums instead of the minimums needed to follow Torah. The study of Torah was not considered onerous legalism—but was thought of as a *gift from God* that taught people how to live. It was more important than prayer, because in praying a person speaks to God, but in Scripture study, God speaks to humans. Certain men who distinguished themselves by their earnest desire to study and teach Torah were addressed by the honored title of “my master” (i.e., *Rabbi*). Gifted rabbis, like Jesus, (who was generally of the Pharisee school) were sought after, as they went from town to town, being entertained in homes and teaching in synagogues. In Luke 4:15 Jesus was already invited to teach in synagogues *before* his public ministry began. His scholarship was never in doubt—and his teaching style reflected the authority of the author of Scripture itself.

January 27 THE PORTRAIT OF CHRIST FROM THE GOSPELS. St. Paul tells us that though we have known Christ “*kata sarka*” (“in the flesh”), from now on we will not know him in that fashion (II Corinthians 5:16). The Gospels tell us much about Jesus of Nazareth (Natzerath)—the things he did, the message he communicated, the impression he made on others—but not what he looked like. There is no hint in the entire New Testament of Christ’s appearance until we come to the Risen Christ in Revelation 1:13-16 where the description is meant to instill dread and awe. The portrait of Christ in the forged “Letter of Lentulus”—Pontius Pilate’s alleged predecessor—was written at least four generations after Jesus’ crucifixion; it is enticing and takes its basis from two passages describing David in I Samuel, and may incorporate a tradition of Christ’s appearance as a “Son of David.” Nevertheless, the Gospels do tell us very much about the “look in his eyes,” the “touch of his hands,” the “sound of his voice,” and the “set of his face.”

PERIODICAL



Volunteers at St. Wilfrid's

Doctors, nurses, interpreters and helping hands are needed to continue to serve God's children through this amazing cooperative mission project between FPC and Grace Episcopal. The next visit to St. Wilfrid's will be Jan. 19.

