

# Glad Tidings

hearts open to christ - doors open to his world

First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield • JUNE • 2019



**Rev. Bill Getman**  
Senior Pastor

## Pastor's Notes

Dear Family of Faith Members,

Ann Weems begins her Easter poem, Kneeling in Jerusalem, with the line, "The silence breaks the morning." She is referring, I think, to the silence accompanying the resurrection. Unlike our Easter worship there were no trumpets, hand bells, joyous organ music and hymn singing. Just silence, breaking the darkness

of a long night during which the followers of the one crucified two days earlier were still swallowed up in the depths of sorrow.

The nights after our Easter gathering will also be broken by silence. We will be met each morning by the commitments, responsibilities, pressures, fears, sorrows and uncertainties to which we quietly awake and which will fill the days before us. If we can listen carefully, how might the silence of that first Easter morning enable us to move through our post-Easter days with faith and confidence, despite what we anticipate unfolding in the coming hours?

There's not ample room here to suggest all the ways; the resurrection offers more than a few. But I cling to one in particular, finding in it a measure of hope whatever meets me and those I love with every sunrise. It is this: that the God who appeared at first to abandon his very son to death, ultimately did not. God demonstrated in raising that son from the grave that God could overcome even the seeming finality of a crucifixion, and restore life.

The promise for you and me is that God restores us every day, no matter what life-draining or threatening situations we face. This is the hope of Easter. But it is also the hope of each morning following resurrection Sunday. Long after we have sung "Jesus Christ is Risen Today!" he will continue to arise in our lives, often meeting us silently in those moments and seasons when we are most in need of assurance that we do not face any of them alone.

In Christ's peace,  
Bill

## June Highlights

**June 2**  
Holy Communion

**June 7**  
Strawberry Festival  
6 - 8 PM  
Fellowship Hall

**June 8**  
Council of Churches  
Rally Against Gun Violence  
11 AM FPC Front Lawn

**FMSC Concert 2PM**  
Sanctuary

**June 9**  
**Pentecost**  
Discover Your  
Spiritual Gifts  
11:15 AM

**June 17**  
Session and Deacons  
7:00 PM

**June 18**  
Deacons Fund Raiser  
Ralph's Pizza  
4 - 8 PM



## Worship

### Summer Schedule

10:00 AM  
Fellowship Hall

Holy Communion  
First Sundays

First Presbyterian  
Church  
20 Kings Highway  
East  
Haddonfield, NJ  
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## Discover Your Spiritual Gifts!

We best serve Christ and his church when we know what our particular spiritual gifts are. Earlier this year the Elders and Deacons discovered theirs. Now its your turn! Remain with us following worship on **Sunday, June 9** as Becky Bryan leads us through a thoughtful and insightful spiritual gifts assessment. What you learn about yourself may open doors to more meaningful engagement in the ministries and missions of our church.

## The Youth Mission Trip

Thank you to the congregation for your generous support of the Youth Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic! Because of your gifts and participation in youth fundraisers, the youth and chaperones have raised enough money to build three houses start to finish!

## "Shades of Harmony", a

women's a capella chorus, will be performing at the First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, June 8th at 2 pm. This concert is a fund-raiser for our upcoming Feed My Starving Children Mobile Packing Event. A free-will offering will be taken at intermission.

"Shades of Harmony" began in 2001 with a group of women from Williamstown. The group grew, started performing in the area, and chartered with Sweet Adelines in 2005. With members ranging from teens to seniors, they now compete and perform all over the area. On June 8 they will be joined by the "Quin-Tones" from Salem County who were recently named winners of the National Junior Quartet Championship.

## Summer Porch Study

This summer we will listen to DVDs by Pastor Rick Warren called, "God's Answers to Life's Difficult Questions." These summer sessions are always a nice way to have discussion, Bible study and fellowship. We are meeting Wednesday, June 5th at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, July 18th at 7:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. We will schedule an August session if there is interest. The sessions are at the Nussbaums, 18 W Summit Ave, Haddonfield.

## Readings for Pentecost

### Acts 2: 1-4

1When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

### John 14:15-17

15"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

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Peter Leibensperger  
Music Director

# MUSIC MINISTRY

## Strawberry Festival

On Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm–8:00pm, the Presbyterian Women will host this year's Strawberry Festival. Members of our Chancel Choir and congregation will perform jazz and pop arrangements throughout the evening, and torch songs and standards will be played at the piano as you enjoy your fabulous desserts. Come join us for this joyful time of fellowship as we kick off the summer with great music and food!

Nancy Ruth and I would like to thank all the choir members who participated in the 2018-2019 season.

### Alleluia Bells

Chloe Adkins  
Jake Andrews  
Thomas Andrews  
Audrey Berzanski  
John William Caruso  
Gavin Dunn  
Stella Heimerling  
Connor McGovern  
AnneMarie Naseef  
Cameron Tarditi  
Keira Wackes  
Luke Wackes

### Whitechapel Bells

Lily Adkins  
Michael Anderson  
Kristin Carberry  
Maggie Dunn  
Brynn Durham  
Emma Groon  
Julia Hart  
Ava Kasper  
Liz Olson  
Macklan Plunkett  
Colin Preihs

### Kirk Ringers

Lisa Edmonston  
Hope Elgart  
Connor Jackson  
Rebecca Lentine  
Jillian Shapiro  
Annie Veasey  
Shayne Ventura  
Georgia Willison  
Annie Zeigler

Jack Zeigler  
Sam Zeigler

### Moore Bells

Corinne Brandt  
Rebecca Bryan  
Mark Cole  
Betsy Fiorella  
Pat MacCluen  
Tanya McKenzie  
Elizabeth Olson  
Dale Schulz  
Julie Shannon  
Pam Verzella  
Anne Vial

### Cherub Choir

Nicholas Adkins  
James Gushue  
Allie Hall  
Mikey Hall  
Ariella Liggera  
Owen McGovern  
Ellie Murphy

### Carol Choir

MJ (Matthew) Andrews  
Brooklyn Beach  
Alexis Chamberlin  
Anna Costello  
Beatrice Dunn  
Matty Hall  
Jack Lund

### Chapel Choir

Chloe Adkins  
Jake Andrews

Thomas Andrews  
Audrey Berzanski  
John William Caruso  
Gavin Dunn  
Gala Durkin  
Stella Heimerling  
Kaelynn Jackson  
Alexandra Liggera  
Julian Lentine  
Connor McGovern  
AnneMarie Naseef  
Keira Wackes  
Luke Wackes

### Thomas Sherrerd Memorial Choir

Lily Adkins  
Rachel Bonnet  
Lauren Crumley  
Madeline Crumley  
Margaret Dunn  
Hope Elgart  
Delaney McGlade  
Elizabeth Metzler  
Sierra Milone  
Katie Poliero  
Macklan Plunkett  
Grace Schaffer  
Jillian Shapiro  
Annie Veasey  
Morgan West  
Chloe Willison  
Georgia Willison  
Olivia Willison  
Jack Zeigler  
Annie Zeigler  
Sam Zeigler

### Chancel Choir

Linda Barbour  
Bonnie Bell  
Clair Blank  
Rebecca Bryan  
Carol Curtis  
Karen Dante  
Owen Edmonston  
Joan Fiorella  
Judy Grantham  
Lisa Hurd  
Richard Kouhoupt  
Janet Lehman  
Kelly Leibensperger  
Quintin Lerch  
Peg Manochi  
Gisbert Manskopf  
Bud Miller  
Michael Milone  
Jane Nestory  
Margaret O'Neil  
Mark Oswald  
Steve Pazan  
Anthony Sharp  
Janet Shoemaker  
Alan Stedman  
Denise Tucker  
Steve Tucker  
Anne Vial  
Nancy Ruth Wainwright  
Donna Wasik  
Jim Wasik  
Barry Wilhjelm

# Preschool News



**Barbara Sewall**  
Preschool Director

**JUNE:**

**Summer School at “Presby Preschool” lasts for 3 weeks, May 28 – June 14, 9:30 am to noon.**

In the Court Yard there will be sprinklers and ice cream. In the classrooms there will be camping tents and space ships, earthworms being measured, tadpoles growing into frogs, painting tee shirts with real fish – a Japanese art, children exploring the arms of an octopus, roasting marshmallows on the playground, and building cars to drive to our own Drive In Movie theater. \*No animals will be harmed with these activities.



We have completed our preschool school year of 2018– 2019. Families from surrounding communities were welcomed into our program and given our BEST. We rejoiced with children’s birthdays, consoled parents over parents/grandparents passing’s, listened to excited voices of the arrival of new pets, and cheered for accomplishments of past preschoolers and families as sports and academic honors finished up their year. We held these families and others in our hearts as they reminded all of us that it was the children leading the adults to the fun and the excitement of what we do at preschool.

Discovering Me

Each child brings to this world-

a special person to be discovered-

a special potential to be realized-

a special talent to be shared.

No one else

Can be this person-

achieve this potential-

or sing this song.

These unique gifts have been entrusted

to each child of the universe-

And remain hidden treasures

until we encourage their discovery

and delight in their offerings.

A.P. Witham, Parenting Institute

“The cure for anything is salt water- sweat, tears, or the sea.” Isak Dinesen

**First Week in the school year 2019 – 2020 is  
September 9 – 13**

## Progress Report from the APNC

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee has been hard at work since mid-November. While we can't reveal much about our deliberations, we wanted to give you a sense of the process we've followed and the activities we've engaged in.

The Committee has been meeting weekly since last August. As you may recall, our first task was to draft the Ministry Information Form (MIF), a comprehensive document that would serve as the "want ad" for the Associate Pastor position. We also worked with the Personnel Committee to draft a new job description for the Associate. The MIF was approved by Session in October and by the Presbytery in November. At that point, we began meeting weekly to review the Personal Information Forms submitted by candidates who have "matched" with us through the Church Leadership Connection process. Candidates seeking calls are matched to churches primarily on the basis of geography, experience level and leadership competencies. These candidates are from all over the country with widely varying experience. We are

## Saturday, June 8 - 5th Annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day

Join others at 11:00 am on the front lawn of our church as Haddonfield's pastors lead a time of prayer and reflection, focused on the continuing tragedy of gun violence in our communities. This will follow the proclamation read by Haddonfield's Commissioners the night before at 6:30 in front of Borough Hall.

*It is not really the world but the human race that is fragile, and getting ever more so as it is far from certain that we care enough for future generations to pay the price for their survival.*

*—William Sloan Coffin*

seeking a unique candidate, one who has the personality, the experience and the leadership skills to help lead us through the transition from Bill's ministry and into our future. We've reached out to about 20% of the candidates we matched with, seeking their interest in pursuing our specific opportunity. Of the candidates who responded affirmatively, we arranged phone interviews and, in a few cases, Skype interviews conducted by the full committee. Once we identify 1-2 candidates that we're serious about pursuing further, we will invite them to visit Haddonfield, meet with the Committee and Bill and preach in a "neutral pulpit." We would then invite the finalist to preach at one of our worship services and the congregation would have the opportunity to vote on hiring that individual.

Please keep us in your prayers as we seek to discern God's leading for us in our ongoing search.

Lisa Hurd, Chair, APNC

APNC Members: Kristin Carberry, Keith Kirsch, Bob Lehman, Delaney McGlade, Deb Nussbaum, Lindsay Sommers, Gene Spinelli.

## Thanks Property and Finance Committee!

Under Paul Nussbaum's leadership the Property and Finance Committee members have been working diligently since the first of the year to address a number of our three buildings' needs for repairs and renovations.

As you come and go this summer you will encounter contractors replacing the carpet in the Sanctuary and Chapel, installing new flooring in the entrance ways to the education building, repairing and repainting the exterior of the office and Chapel windows, replacing the roof and exterior wood work at the Light House/Manse, making repairs at the Wezner House, updating interior sewer lines and whatever arises in the course of the coming months!

These projects are being funded through our Building Fund. If you would like to make a contribution, so that committee members can continue to address needed repairs and renovations, please speak with Bill Getman or Paul Nussbaum.

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

## THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

It will soon be here – the **Strawberry Festival!** Friday evening, June 7, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Presbyterian Women will be serving those delicious fresh red strawberries on tasty homemade pound cake topped with ice cream. At the same time, we'll be entertained by our choir, smaller ensembles and soloists singing in a completely different mood from their usual Sunday performances. With Peter Leibensperger at the piano, we'll be enjoying, jazz, pop, and old standards with a torch song or two thrown in.

As a special conclusion to the evening, we will award our yearly Honorary Life Membership to an outstanding member of our PW. The recipient will receive a certificate along with a silver pin in the shape of a butterfly, a symbol of newness in Christ and the emergence of a new creation, Presbyterian Women. The Honorary Life Membership celebrates the recipient's faithfulness and her leadership role in our organization.

Admission for the evening will be \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under ten years. For more information, please call Virginia Dowd at 856-428-3378.

## THE 2018-19 YEAR

Presbyterian Women have had another rewarding year. They have given generously of their time and talents, as well as monetary contributions, to worthy causes here and around the world.

This is the fifteenth year PW has been supporting the Coffee Project, selling products through Fair Trade/ Equal Exchange so that small farmers in third world countries can earn a better income and improve their communities. Through Kiva, we are facilitating the creation of small loans, usually to women, who are poor and underserved. The Women's Prison Ministry's "Good Ladies" continue to visit inmates at the Camden County Correctional Facility, offering them hope to face the challenges in their lives. Through partnering with a

student at UrbanPromise Academy in Camden, we are continuing the Presbyterian Church initiative to "educate a child." Members of our Circle 1 continue to knit, crochet and quilt items which are then given to needy areas here in the United States and overseas. Circles 3 and 4 have lively discussions on the Bible study outlined in "God's Promise: I Am with You" at their meetings.

The PW has also contributed to various local charities through their annual individual pledges, memorial funds, bequests and sales projects such as the Strawberry Festival. Special Mission giving has benefited the Fresh Air Home, the Guatemala Milk Fund, Kid's Alley, Caring Hearts Ministry, Interfaith Caregivers as well as others. The members participate in special offerings such as the Birthday Offering, the Thank Offering and the Fellowship of the Least Coin. The PW thanks all the members of our church who so graciously have answered our requests for help at various times.

Our **Coordinating Team** will meet on June 4 at 9:45 AM in the Hospitality Center.

**Circle 4** will meet on Monday evening, June 10 at 7:15 in the Hospitality Center. Hostess will be Kathi Bell, 856-428-1083.

**Circle 1** will meet on June 18 at 9:30 AM in the Hospitality Center.

**Circle 3's** meeting will take place on June 18 at 10:00 AM in the Church Parlor.

The Presbyterian Women's Circles will vacation during the summer and will return in September. All women of our church are invited to join as members of a Circle which meets monthly or as sustaining members who help to support the organization. The new Bible study which will be used in the new season will be "Love Carved in Stone." The study promises a fresh look at the Ten Commandments. For more information, call our Membership Chair, Carol Carty, at 856-858-6442.

*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. — John 13:34*

## **PW Migrant Ministry is collecting toiletries**

for families who come to work in NJ in the summer. Tubs are in the donation closet and at the entrance to the sanctuary. Our goal is to fill 100 hygiene bags with shampoo, combs, bars of soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant and washcloths.

Please help us by donating NEW FULL SIZE products. The bags will be distributed in June. Any questions, call Neva Bosch 856-869-3070.

## **Opportunities for Service**

In last month's lists of Session committees and members, we neglected to include the Member Care Committee. Some of the committee's responsibilities include: the coordination of Care Groups (the membership contact lists assigned annually to each Elder and Deacon); visitation of church members; scheduling of New Members' classes; assistance in coordinating the fellowship times after worship. The committee's membership presently includes: Sara Watson (chair), Michelle Taffet and Susan Leach.

## **REALM.ORG is our online information**

**system:** organize your church group for emails, chats and document sharing. In addition, see the church directory, your giving statement, church announcements and newsletters. And you can give online! Are you never without your phone? Realm has an app for doing church business on the go. Kris or Anne in the office can help you get set up. We'd love to have the whole church on board by fall.

## **May Session Meeting Highlights**

Elders approved:

- Hiring Anthony Sharp as Pastoral Assistant until an Associate Pastor is called;
- A contract to replace carpet in the Sanctuary and Chapel areas;
- Extending an invitation to Interfaith Caregivers to move their offices to the Wezner House;
- That the Christian Education Committee establish two sub-committees to one oversee youth ministry and the second to work cooperatively with the Preschool;
- That all Session actions be made during called meetings and not, as the denomination now permits, electronically.

## **INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS**

**The next training for Interfaith Caregivers is Wednesday, June 5, 2019 from 7:00-9:30 pm at the Mabel Kay Senior Center, 24 Walnut Street, Haddonfield (next to the Acme parking lot).**

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.

Is your summer less scheduled? Will you have a few hours a month during the summer to give as a volunteer for Interfaith Caregivers? If, so plan to attend the next training session on June 5<sup>th</sup> and join our volunteer pool. The clients will be most grateful.

Can't make this month- the next training will be Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at Stanfill Manor in Haddon Heights. For more information about volunteering or becoming a client call the Interfaith Caregivers office at 856-354-0298 or visit [www.ifchaddons.org](http://www.ifchaddons.org). Thank you.

## **ON THE BUS WITH BETSY B. New Trips**

**September 21 - Spirit of New York Cruise** - Cruise the New York Harbor to see the iconic waterfront attractions. Get ready for a good time with a narrated 2 hour cruise followed by a buffet luncheon. Party in the rooftop lounge with the onboard DJ to dance the afternoon away. \$125. Deadline for reservations is July 22.

**September 30-October 3 - Vermont Foliage Tour** - Enjoy the beauty of the fall season in beautiful Vermont for this 3 night 4 days trip. Highlights include Vermont Teddy Bear Factory, Ben & Jerry's, The Vermont Country Store, Cold Hollow Cider Mill, Shelburne Museum and free time at Church St. Marketplace. On our way home we visit the King Arthur Flour Baker's Store for the baking gurus. Cost is \$595 pp/double occupancy. A \$100 deposit is due at the time of reservation which are due by July 15.

**December 6 - "Joy to the World" Christmas Show at American Music Theatre.** Start the Christmas season with this wonderful show at Lancaster's premiere venue. Lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. This trip does fill up fast so get your reservations in by October 1. Cost is \$99.

# PERIODICAL

Haddonfield Council of Churches  
Presents



## Shades of Harmony

Women's Acapella Chorus  
A Chapter of the Sweet Adelines International  
With Special Guests

**The Quin-Tones**                      **The Eclipse**

Barbershop Quartet

Men's Quartet

**Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2 P.M.**

Haddonfield Presbyterian Church  
20 Kings Highway, Haddonfield

A free-will offering will be taken to benefit  
**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**  
"It Takes A Village" MobilePack

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF  
HADDONFIELD

DEACON FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT  
THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

TUESDAY JUNE 18<sup>th</sup>      4:00 - 8:00 PM

**RALPH'S PIZZA**

520 STATION AVENUE  
HADDON HEIGHTS, NJ 08035

856-547-0030

**BRING THIS FLYER AND ASK THE SERVER TO**

**STAPLE IT TO YOUR RECEIPT.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**