

# Glad Tidings

hearts open to christ - doors open to his world

First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield • MAY • 2019



## Pastor's Notes

Dear Family of Faith members,

I have no idea how many editions of my Pastor's Notes I have offered through the years. Suffice it to say I have written many. But none of them has been more difficult to write than this one.

**Rev. Bill Getman**  
Senior Pastor

I shared with our church's Elders at our April meeting that I have decided to retire after Easter next year. As I expressed to them, this decision is one that Sue and I have been discussing for a number of months. The Elders encouraged me to communicate with you now what my plans are for the future.

While my leaving is still at least 12 months away, and some may wonder why I am announcing it so far in advance, I want to make the approaching transitions as smooth as possible. And I want all of us - you, Sue and me - to have ample time to prepare for the inevitable changes ahead. In particular, I want to assist our next Associate Pastor in discerning how she or he will best serve this congregation. I have already started to place a high priority on encouraging the gifted leaders in our church to prepare our family of faith for a future with new and challenging opportunities to grow together in mission and ministry.

But most important to me is to have ample time to talk with you about what our church means to us, about the ways we've grown together and how much I will miss all of you. I sincerely hope that if you are a member I have in some way disappointed or hurt, that you will give me a chance to seek your forgiveness and to reconcile. That would be the best going away gift I could receive.

In many of the Pastor's Notes you have read, I have told you how thankful I am for this church family, for the ways you have cared for my family during some difficult seasons, and for the privilege of serving with you. While I am looking forward to the next chapter in Sue's and my life, my thankfulness for the chapters we have all written together here will only grow. And my love for all of you will only deepen!

In Christ's peace,  
Bill

## May Highlights

**May 2**  
National Day of Prayer  
Breakfast- 8:30 AM  
HUMC

**May 5**  
Holy Communion

Children's Musical  
4:00 PM - Sanctuary

**May 7 - 10**  
Preschool Flower Sale  
Courtyard 9:15 - 3:00

**May 11**  
UrbanPromise  
Pedal for Promise

**MAY 21**  
PW SPRING LUNCHEON  
Brio, Cherry Hill  
Noon

*He is Risen;  
He is Risen Indeed!*



## Worship

8:30 AM  
Chapel

10:00 AM  
Sanctuary

Holy Communion  
First Sundays

First Presbyterian  
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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.

**Support The Youth Mission Trip!!** You will find envelopes in the hallway behind the Parlor. Choose an amount you feel comfortable giving, enclose cash or a check and drop off in the church office.

**2019 National Day of Prayer Breakfast**– Join members of Haddonfield’s communities of faith and friends for this year’s National Day of Prayer Breakfast. We will gather at Haddonfield United Methodist Church on **Thursday, May 2 at 8:30 a.m.** This year’s guest speaker is Bruce Main, founder and president of UrbanPromise. Tickets are \$10 and available at each church.

**ESTHER, The Children’s Musical, is Sunday May 5!** Come enjoy the hard work of our younger musicians (not to mention Peter and Nancy Ruth) as they tell the story of brave Queen Esther. This is a First Presbyterian premiere – you won’t want to miss it! May 5 at 4 PM in the Sanctuary.

## Nursery Care Provider Needed

We are searching for a new adult to care for the children in our nursery on Sunday mornings. The hours are from 9:30 - 11:15, the hourly salary is negotiable and the fringe benefits are out of this world! After all, what's better than caring for babies and infants! If interested, please contact Gabby Heimerling or Bill Getman.

**Pinwheel Garden Awareness:** Prevent Child Abuse-NJ provides more than 150 teen parents in 9 schools with the support needed in order for them to graduate high school and strengthen their parenting skills through the Parent Linking Program. There is a growing local and national concern about the pervasive and enduring social, economic and educational consequences of teenage pregnancy. Teen parents are at greater risk of socioeconomic disadvantage throughout their lives than those who delay childbearing until their twenties. PCA-NJ provides free school-based services for expectant and parenting teens statewide, which includes child care, parenting groups, individual counseling, crisis intervention, and intensive case management.

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*Gather us to you, O Lord:  
and whisper justice  
in our ears.*

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Receptionist

**Mike Richardson**  
Custodian

**Mark Hall**  
Security



Peter Leibensperger  
Music Director

# MUSIC MINISTRY

## Worship Participation Schedule

Whitechapel Bells	5/10/19	10:00am
Moore Bells	5/10/19	10:00am

### Children’s Musical

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, the Cherub Choir, Carol Choir, and Chapel Choir will present this year’s musical, *Esther*, at 4:00pm. Please invite family in friends to attend this fun telling of one of the Bible’s best-known stories.

In preparation for this event, the following special rehearsals will be held:

- **Speaking Rehearsals:** Tuesdays, 7:00pm-8:30pm in the sanctuary in April
- **Full Cast Rehearsal:** Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm–3:00pm in the sanctuary. (Make sure your child eats lunch before rehearsal.)
- **Dress Rehearsal:** Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 3:45–5pm in the sanctuary
- **Performance Call Time:** 3:30pm on May 5<sup>th</sup> in the Choir Room.

Parents, please mark your calendars to ensure full participation! Thank you!

### 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!

### 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.

## Preschool News

*"Surprise, it's May!"*

**May 3, Friday, The A & P Farm Visitors arrive.** Classes will be visiting the area from 9:30 – 11:30 am and from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. Church members bring your children/grandchildren for a visit at 11:40 am to 12:15 pm.

**Flower Sale – May 7 – 10, Come shop in the Courtyard, 9:15 – 3 pm.**

**May 17 – Last Class Day for 2018 – 19 school year Nursery School Year End Picnics – May 15 - 17, check your bulletin boards for your class day.**

**May 16, 6 pm, Year End Celebration for 4's/5's, Sanctuary**

**May 17 – Last Class Day for 2018 – 19 school year.**

**Summer School: May 28 - June 14, 9:30 – noon.** Classes for those children “going into 2 ½ Class ; going into 3’s Class; going into 4’s Class; going into Pre-K Class; and going into Kindergarten in the school year of 2019 – 2020. Please come to the office for information, or call.



**Barbara Sewall**  
Preschool Director

## *Parish Register*

### **Baptized**

April 14

Nicholas Ochipinti, new member

May 12

Brynn Cortese.

daughter of Rebecca and Patrick Cortese

Owen Probst,

son of Brian and Emme Probst

May 19

Everly Harris,

son of Monica and Matthew Harris

## **INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS**

**The next training for Interfaith Caregivers is Wednesday, May 1, 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.

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](http://www.ifchaddons.org).

## HOPE and CARING

### ARE YOU READY TO RIDE?

UrbanPromise's Pedal for Promise is coming May 11, 2019 to Burlington County. So get your bike ready and ride with purpose to bring quality Christian education to Camden's youth.

The 12, 30, or 62 mile loop is perfect for the novice to the road warrior. There are well-stocked rest stops, SAG support on the road, and a fun lunch at the end. Create a church team or ride as a family or individual.

Visit the website to register:

[www.urbanpromiseusa.org/pedal](http://www.urbanpromiseusa.org/pedal). Contact Jennifer Giordano, Church Relations Director, if you have any questions: [jgiordano@urbanpromiseusa.org](mailto:jgiordano@urbanpromiseusa.org) or 856-382-1864.

### 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.

### MANY THANKS FROM THE DEACONS

FOR YOUR GENEROSITY in the last several months. You enable the important work of the Deacons – their service and missions. Blue envelope Sunday is next week. You can also give online through our website ([www.haddonfieldpres.org](http://www.haddonfieldpres.org)) or via the Realm app. Instructions available on a brochure in the back of the Sanctuary.

### ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS:

Scholarship money is available from the deacons! Check out the application using the "Connect" link on the church website or contact the church office with questions – [www.haddonfieldpres.org](http://www.haddonfieldpres.org) or 856-429-1960.

### "Tell me more..."

Showing genuine interest in the lives and stories of others is the foundation of Christ-like family. So often we sit right next to people — be it at church, work, school or elsewhere — whose stories we know little or nothing about.

Whereas in the past, Christendom's aim was mainly assimilation, a post-Christendom world requires us to be willing to be changed as much as we seek to affect change in our relationships with one another. It's no longer about eradicating differences, but rather, it's about *cultivating a love that is stronger than those differences*.

—Christian Piatt is an author, editor, speaker, musician, and spoken word artist. He is director of church growth and development at First Christian Church in Portland, Ore. Christian is the creator and editor of *Banned Questions About The Bible* and *Banned Questions About Jesus*.

His new memoir on faith, family and parenting is called *PREGMANCY: A Dad, a Little Dude and a Due Date*. from the Sojourners website [sojo.net](http://sojo.net).

### PW MAY Gatherings

The Coordinating Team will meet on Tuesday, May 7, at 9:45 a.m. in the Hospitality Center.

- Circle 4's meeting will be held on Monday evening, May 13, at 7:15 p.m. in the Hospitality Center. Hostesses will be Linda Garver, 856-429-7671, and Maggie Sell, 609-922-3627.
- Circle 1 will not meet this month.
- Circle 3 will not meet this month. Next meeting is June 18 in the Parlor at 10 a.m. with Neva Bosch, 856-869-3070, and Judy Grantham, 856-231-8922, as Hostesses.

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

## PW SPRING LUNCHEON

Presbyterian Women will be enjoying their annual spring luncheon this year at Brio, Garden State Park in Cherry Hill, at noon on Tuesday, May 21. The occasion provides the opportunity for all the Circles to get together to celebrate their accomplishments and commitments and to invite members of our church and friends to join in the fellowship.

The speaker for the afternoon will be Dr. Elsie Anne McKee, professor of church history at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, N.J., and an expert in the history and theology of the Reformation. She has long been involved with educational and medical projects in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where she was born and reared.

Dr. McKee will speak about *Woman, Cradle of Abundance*, a program developed to empower Congolese women and girls in the fight against systemic poverty and violence, through education, counseling, medical and support services, and economic independence. The program reaches out to them to take charge of their lives with the goal of creating a safe, healthy society, free of diseases like AIDs and Riverblindness. Women are taught to sew and, upon finishing the program, are given a sewing machine and a license so that they will be able to start a home-based business leading to a better future.

The cost of the luncheon is \$25.00 which includes the choice of Lobster Bisque or Caesar Salad and entrée items which can be chosen at the table from a pre-selected menu: Mushroom Ravioli, Pan-seared Salmon, or Caesar Grande Chicken Salad. Cannoli will be served for dessert.

Please make your reservations by May 13 by sending your check made payable to Presbyterian Women to Jan Ulmer, 115 Kenwood Drive, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

## CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKET APPEAL Mother's Day May 12

Church World Service was founded after World War II by Christian denominations to provide needed assistance to individuals and communities when

disasters strike. The movement continues today, allowing CWS to be available with the necessary basics to ensure the survival of individuals and communities at risk.

Every spring we join in the Church World Service Blanket Appeal. We aren't asking you to bring a blanket to church on Mother's Day. We're hoping, instead, that you'll join with us in contributing to this program. It will allow CWS to provide not only blankets but also emergency items – food and water, recovery kits, buckets, mops and other implements - to be used in cleaning up after disasters, such as the floods and other weather problems experienced throughout our country this past year after Hurricanes Florence and Michael. At that time, thousands of supplies were distributed. The need continues today.

Help us as we reach out to families fleeing their homes and recovering from disasters. Information and envelopes will be placed in each pew on Mother's Day for your convenience. Thank you for sharing your love with our needy neighbors.

## COMING IN JUNE THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

The first Friday in June is a very important time. It's the **Strawberry Festival** date, a once-a-year treat! Can you picture those fresh red strawberries on tasty homemade pound cake, topped with ice cream? And, while you're enjoying that treat, you'll be entertained by our choir, smaller ensembles and soloists. They'll perform popular music favorites accompanied by Peter on the piano.

It's also the evening when Presbyterian Women will award their yearly Honorary Life Membership for outstanding service in the area of the work of the church. The recipient will receive a silver pin and a certificate.

So, don't miss it! Mark June 7 on your calendar and come to the church between 6:00 and 8:00 PM. Admission is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under ten years. We promise it will be an evening to remember.

## Opportunities to Serve

Session Committee members are always welcoming members of the church to serve with them in their important ministries. Here are the committees and their chairpersons for your information. Please contact the names provided or Bill Getman if you have questions about each committee's work.

**Property and Finance - Paul Nussbaum.** This committee oversees care of our church buildings and supports the work of the Stewardship and Budget Committees. Presently committee members are arranging contracts for a number of repair and renovation projects on our three church structures.

**Stewardship - Gene Spinelli.** This committee not only plans and implements the annual pledge campaign, but encourages members to share their talents and gifts. Additionally, members are planning programs throughout the year focused on planned giving and opportunities for church members to discover the gifts and skills they have to share with our congregation.

**Budget - Warren Pross.** The members of this committee keep a careful eye on our financial health and form the annual church budget. They have been working closely with office staff to modernize our financial systems and make information more readily available to church members.

**Personnel - Clair Blank.** This committee works closely with the church staff, provides guidance when needed and recommends salary changes each year. Members also focus on our personnel policies to assure up-to-date employment practices.

**Christian Education - Lee Federline.** Our educational ministries for all ages are coordinated by this committee, including Sunday School programs and small group studies. Presently the committee is reviewing curriculum to assure that our classes provide the best opportunities we can for students to grow in biblical understanding and faith.

**Worship and Music - Bud Miller.** In consultation with the pastors and music staff, this committee is responsible for the worship life of our church.

**Governance - Mark Oswald.** For the past three years the members of this committee have been reviewing and updating our church's by-laws and all policies. They are presently forming an administrative manual to guide Session and staff in all areas of our congregation's ministries.

**Nominating - Janet Sharke.** Each fall this committee seeks church members to serve as Elders and Deacons, those who lead us in our service in Christ's name.

**Mission - Rita Brown.** This committee guides us in our outreach into the surrounding community and beyond. In addition to directing funds to those groups our church supports, the committee also provides regular opportunities for church members to engage personally in caring for those in need.

# The Windhover

BY GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS

*To Christ our Lord*

I caught this morning morning's minion, king-  
dom of daylight's dauphin, dapple-dawn-drawn Falcon, in his riding  
Of the rolling level underneath him steady air, and striding  
High there, how he rung upon the rein of a wimpling wing  
In his ecstasy! then off, off forth on swing,  
As a skate's heel sweeps smooth on a bow-bend: the hurl and gliding  
Rebuffed the big wind. My heart in hiding  
Stirred for a bird, – the achieve of, the mastery of the thing!

Brute beauty and valour and act, oh, air, pride, plume, here  
Buckle! AND the fire that breaks from thee then, a billion  
Times told lovelier, more dangerous, O my chevalier!

No wonder of it: shéer plód makes plough down sillion  
Shine, and blue-bleak embers, ah my dear,  
Fall, gall themselves, and gash gold-vermilion.

May 30, 1877