

# 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,

In his book *The Second Mountain*, David Brooks reflects on the nature of commitments today. He accurately observes that we have many choices - too many choices - when it comes to the ways in which we devote ourselves to work, play, personal health, spirituality, recreation, relationships, etc. We don't have time for everything and so often stretch ourselves too thin, not having enough time or energy to do much of anything well. So he counters our tendencies to over engage by suggesting, "A life of commitment means saying a thousand noes for the sake of a few precious yeses."

Most of us have difficulty saying no. We want to please. We want to be accepted. We want to make a contribution in arenas that are important and a difference among those who may not have the same resources we have. But Brooks is right and most of us have had this confirmed when we've said yes too many times: we end up making limited contributions and little difference.

A new church year is upon us and you will be asked throughout the coming months to give of yourselves in a variety of ways. We always need Sunday School teachers, youth group advisors, committee and board members, meal preparers, volunteers in the office, drivers, musicians, and many other servants too numerous for me to remember! My encouragement to you is to offer neither a quick yes or no when asked. Be thoughtful and prayerful about how you use your time and resources.

We are healthiest as a church when each one of us discerns what God is calling us to do, how God is directing us to use the gifts and abilities we have been given. So be thoughtful and prayerful when asked to share those gifts and abilities. While yes will be a very welcomed response, no may be the more appropriate one, the better one, the healthier one for you and for our church family..

In Christ's peace,  
Bill

## Calendar Highlights

**September 1**  
Holy Communion

**September 7**  
Chancel Choir Retreat  
Lutheran Church  
9 AM - 3 PM

**September 8**  
**Worship**  
**8:30 Chapel**  
**10 Sanctuary**  
**RALLY DAY**  
Fellowship Hall  
11:15 - 12:15

**September 9-13**  
First Week of Preschool

**September 11**  
Rehearsals for Children's  
and Youth Choirs

**September 12**  
Rehearsals for Adult Choirs

**September 21**  
Hoedown for Hunger  
6 - 9PM Fellowship Hall



## An Invitation from Bill

Is there a sermon topic that you have wished Bill would preach on? Well, here's your chance to ask him. Send him an email at [bgetman@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:bgetman@haddonfieldpres.org) with your suggestion.

During the coming church year he'll try to set one Sunday aside each month to preach on the topics members of the congregation request.

No guarantees he'll get to all of them! But he's looking for your ideas.

## Make a New Commitment

to the life of this church. Could you teach Sunday School, sing in the choir, help with hospitality, take a turn streaming worship online, join the Good Ladies to visit the women's prison, or participate in the St. Wilfrid's clinic? Find out about these opportunities and more at Rally Day on September 8. The church is looking for all kinds of gifts to enable us to truly open our doors to welcome Christ's world in the coming year. What will you bring?

## Hoedown for Hunger: September 21

Join folks of all ages for an evening of Hoedown Shenanigans on Saturday, September 21, from 6-9 pm in Fellowship Hall benefiting Feed My Starving Children Mobilepack. The highlight of the evening is country line-dance entertainment hosted by an expert caller. No experience is required. Be prepared to stomp, swing and laugh a lot. Not a dancer? Just come to watch the fun!

Your ticket price includes a delicious Chili Dinner, tempting desserts and an exciting basket auction. While you are having fun, you will be providing much needed funds to pack meals for malnourished children world-wide. You can go to [ittakesavillage-fmsc.com](http://ittakesavillage-fmsc.com) to purchase tickets or you can purchase them in the Church Office. The price is \$20 for a single ticket, \$30 for a couple and \$40 for a family. Save

money by buying your tickets ahead of time.

The funds raised by this event will enable 2,000 volunteers from Haddonfield to come together October 25 - 27 to pack over 400,000 meals. They will pack a combination of soy, rice, dehydrated vegetables, and vitamins and minerals that is specially formulated for children suffering from starvation and malnutrition. The food we pack does not just fill their bellies - it keeps them alive. The food we pack will be delivered to one or more of the 70 countries that Feed My Starving Children serves. Food from earlier Mobilepacks has been to delivered to children in Haiti, Somalia, South Africa, and Swaziland.

Hope you can join us. Have questions? Contact Paul Urian at [amanpaul@me.com](mailto:amanpaul@me.com).

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## WORSHIP

### Summer Schedule

**10:00 AM**  
**Fellowship Hall**

Holy Communion  
First Sundays

First Presbyterian  
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20 Kings Highway  
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# MUSIC MINISTRY

As we look toward the end of summer, we anticipate the beginning of a new musical season. Please find your choir below so that you can put that important first rehearsal on your calendar!

Peter Leibensperger  
Music Director

### First Rehearsals for Children and Youth Choirs

Cherub Choir (ages 4–5): Wed., Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>; 3:45–4:25pm, Rm 304

Carol Choir (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade): Wed., Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>; 4:30–5:15pm, Rm 304

Chapel Choir (3<sup>rd</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> grade): Wed., Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>; 3:45pm–4:30pm, Choir Rm

Alleluia Bells (4<sup>th</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> grade): Wed., Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>; 4:30–5:15pm, Bell Rm

Whitechapel Bells (7<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> grade): Wed., Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>; 5:20–6:00pm, Bell Rm

Thomas Sherrerd Choir (7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade): Wed., Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>; 6:30–7:30pm, Choir Rm

Kirk Ringers (9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade): Wed., Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>; 7:30pm–8:30pm, Bell Rm

### First Rehearsals for Adult Choirs

Chancel Choir: Thurs., Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>; 6:30pm–7:30pm, Bell Rm

Moore Bells: Thurs., Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>; 7:30pm–9:15pm, Choir Rm

### Chancel Choir Retreat

Our Chancel Choir Retreat will be on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am–3pm in the (air-conditioned) Lutheran Church of Our Savior (204 Wayne Ave, Haddonfield, NJ 08033). We'll borrow their choir room to catch up, enjoy snacks and lunch, work on the music that will begin our season, and renew our purpose together.

### Choir Parents' Testimonials

"Jack has been having a wonderful time in choir. He says he really likes when they all play musical games like "Farmer Farmer" or "Doggy Doggy Where's Your Bone?" He also loves when the choir goes down to the Sanctuary to sing. He's made new friends and can't wait for choir to begin again. It is a great way for Jack and I to share a love of music together, and for me to introduce him to a church family that has meant so much to our family over many many years (Jack will be the 4th generation at 1st Presbyterian.) Jack is looking forward to many more years of choir to come and can't wait until he can join handbells too." —Jack Lund's Father, Jon Lund

My daughter Ellie just finished up her second year of Cherub Choir. After taking her to the Christmas Candlelight Service when she was three 3 years old she asked me to join "the kids who get to sing at church." That following fall, she entered Cherub Choir with Nancy Ruth and has been in love with it ever since. It is the only activity that she always wants to go, is upset if she has to miss and reminds me over and over again what time she has to be there. The biggest testament I can give is that for the second year in a row, on the night when I put her to bed on the last day of choir, she has cried because she was so sad that choir was over for the year. Nancy Ruth and Paula Meyer do an amazing job of making learning to sing fun and exciting for our youngest church members. — Lindsey Perry



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## SAVE THE DATE FOR RALLY DAY!

On Sunday, Sept. 8, church members and friends are invited to attend this ministry showcase and all-church lunch from 11:15am-12:15pm in Fellowship Hall. Tables around the room will showcase our many mission, educational and fellowship opportunities, as well as fun activities for children. Worship will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel and at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary with the Rally Day Lunch to follow.

## CALLING ALL NINTH GRADERS

Confirmation Class participants and their parents will register in Fellowship Hall on Rally Day, Sept. 8 and then meet with teachers Lee Federline, Deb Nussbaum, and contributors Jeff VanderKuip, Lindsay Sommers and pastor Bill Getman at 11:45 in the Light House (1st Floor) for an orientation meeting. Please bring your academic, sports, and family calendars with you.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION ONLINE

The link to the online Sunday School Registration form will be e-mailed to church members at the beginning of September and will also be available on our church website on the Sunday School Registration page. Every family must fill out a 2019-2020 CE Registration form and a Parent Volunteer Form for their child(ren) to be registered.

## FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Sunday School begins on Sept. 15, so be sure to have registered your children using the online forms that were emailed or available on the church website.

\*Sunday School Students (preschool through 8th grade) will meet in the Sanctuary and be dismissed to their classrooms with their teachers following the Children's Message.

\*Confirmation Class (9th graders) will meet at 10am in the Sanctuary and stay for the 10am service. Students will then move to the Light House and attend class from 11:15am-12:30pm.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

If you are feeling called to become more involved in our church community, please consider serving at a Sunday School Teacher during the 2019-2020 school year.

No prior teaching experience needed and you will be given all the support and supplies needed for class. We are especially in need of teachers to lead 3rd/4th and 5th/6th grade classes. If you are interested in finding out more about teaching Sunday School, please email me at [gabbyheimerling@gmail.com](mailto:gabbyheimerling@gmail.com).



## Autumn 2019

Openings for  
Beginning-Intermediate & Advanced Piano Students  
at First Presbyterian Church, Haddonfield

Given by Mark A. Cole  
Organist/Pianist at First Presbyterian Church,

Please email [mcole@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:mcole@haddonfieldpres.org)  
or call 717-343-2700 for details

# Preschool News



**Barbara Sewall**  
Preschool Director



**The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.**

**Sydney J. Harris, American Journalist**

September 9 – 13 Our first week of school for 2019– 2020

Our beginnings are somewhat noisy! Teachers will be bustling from supply closets to copier to classrooms. Soon quiet hallways will be filled with parents looking for children's rooms. Some of the youngest Mother's Morning Out children will be crying, which lasts a short time till they cry because they want to stay and play!

I have missed all the noises and activities during the summer months. It is wonderful to begin celebrating our 49th year of Preschool. The year is guaranteed to be filled with smiles.

***What sunshine is to flowers..... smiles are to humanity***

There are still some class openings available for the coming year. Spread the word, tell your neighbors, call the Preschool Office, 856-429-0609.

- Body Works / Step Exercise Classes, sponsored by the Preschool begins September 9th, Fellowship Hall, 9:15 am. Babysitting is available. Stop by the Preschool Office for information or call Sue Heindel, 428-6641.
- 2019 – 2020 Preschool Registrations for church members during the months of August & September.
- We celebrate the 49th Anniversary of Nursery School this year.

## **Sept. 29 "Blessing of the Back Packs"**

We are celebrating this day with Sunday School. Children bring your backpacks ; Adults bring your brief cases, ipads, or pocket calendars. These items will receive special prayers for your year ahead. All parents, children, visitors and church members are invited to celebrate this Sunday. Come to the 10 am service for worship. Join us!

## **Yankee Candle Sale**

Sept. brings our first fundraiser. Packets are available at the Preschool Office. You will receive your orders before Thanksgiving.

**LINE DANCING in Fellowship Hall for ladies, 7 pm ....starting September.** Join us for a fun time, good exercise, and a great stress reliever! \$7 a class, schedule is in the Preschool or Church Office.

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

## HELPING MIGRANT WORKERS' FAMILIES

Our PW has been faithful to many projects throughout the years. One of these projects involves helping the families of migrant workers in southern New Jersey. It was more than fifty years ago that Levato (Vetti) Thomas organized a mission project to provide hygiene bags for the children of those workers. Over the years we have continued the practice by asking for donations from Circle members and members of the congregation to fill the bags which include shampoo, combs, bars of soap, toothpaste and tooth brushes, deodorants and wash cloths.

At this time, we are filling at least 100 bags and are again asking members of our church to help by providing any of the items mentioned above, new and full-sized. Items can be deposited in the box at the entryway to the sanctuary or in the donation closet behind the parlor. Since Vetti moved to Gettysburg recently, Karen Weaver took over and now Neva Bosch is in charge. She can be reached at 856-869-3070.

## PRISON MINISTRY

Another mission faithfully carried out for years by our PW is the Prison Ministry. In 1971 Mary Rhody, wife of the Rev. Fred Rhody, organized our Prison Ministry program. Today, every Friday morning, our volunteers,

Carol Carty, Janet Lehman, Judy Grantham, Judy Blank, Isabel Pross and Joan McCullough meet in the church parking lot and leave around 8:45 for Camden, returning at approximately 11:45. At the facility they split into two groups, meeting around ten women each. They offer a prayer and devotions, and sing hymns with the women. Prayer requests from the women are brought back to our church and distributed to our members. The main purpose of the ministry is to remind the women that God loves them wherever they are, that they are valuable and that they matter to us, to the world and especially to God.

## YOU CAN HELP

Can you devote one Friday morning per month by becoming a Good Lady? Our Prison Ministry team needs more members. Talk with any of the present members and learn about the satisfaction they receive from volunteering. You'll be happy to join this positive group.

If you would like to help throughout the year, donations of blank greeting cards (with white envelopes), lined paper pads, calendars, and jigsaw puzzles can be used. Donations may be dropped off at the Prison Ministry closet near the Parlor at any time.

For more information, please call Carol Carty at 856-858-6442.

## Parish Register

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Molly Stout and Perry Young who were married on August 9 in our Sanctuary.

Their marriage was the first event to be celebrated in our newly carpeted and refurbished Sanctuary. We shall return to the Chapel and the Sanctuary for our 8:30 and 10:00 AM Worship on September 8.

*Creator of the Universe,  
thank you for your dazzling  
imagination.  
Set a fire inside us that burns with  
your love.  
Help us to shine as you shine,  
so that people might not see us  
but see you  
shining through us.  
Amen.*

—Common Prayer, Shane Claiborne, et al

## Mission Dates to Remember Before Your Calendar Fills Up

**September** -- School Supplies and Backpacks are collected all month

**8th** - Rally Day - stop by the tables for our mission projects to learn more

**21st** - St. Wilfrid's Clinic in Camden 10:30 am -1pm. Volunteers needed.\*\*

### October

**6th** - Peace & Global Witness special offering received/ World Communion Sunday

**7th** - Mission Committee Meeting - 7pm - **All are welcome to join in.**

**19th** - St. Wilfrid's Clinic in Camden 10:30 am -1pm. Volunteers needed.

**25th, 26th & 27th** - Feed My Starving Children Packing Event

**November** - Plan for Alternative Gifts before making purchases. More Info Coming.

**16th** - St. Wilfrid's Clinic in Camden 10:30 am -1pm. Volunteers needed.

**17th** - Thanksgiving Turkey Collection

**December** - FPC Advent Traditions thru 12/22: Mitten Tree, TOY BOX, Caring Hearts Christmas Stockings, Adopt a Family in need, Alternative Gifts

**1st** - Advent Festival

**7th** - St. Wilfrid's Clinic in Camden 10:30 am -1pm. Volunteers needed.

**22nd & 24th** - Christmas Joy offering received at all services

\*\*\*\*\***February 2020**\*\*\*\*\*

We will be hosting the IHOC guests at the Methodist church from the 15th through the 23rd. Meals and men to stay overnight will be needed.

**\*\*Why do volunteers keep volunteering at St. Wilfrid's in Camden?** Here are some answers:

- Families volunteering as families have family time showing God's love as a family and learning how others live....building memories as a family.
- Kids love doing it because they can help people who really need help and they can play or do crafts with kids who have nothing.
- I'm grateful for what I have and I enjoy helping people who have less.
- I can practice my Spanish and help others because I haven't forgotten it.
- My heart is happy to see the smiles of adults and children when they receive items we have to offer.
- I enjoy seeing families helped and getting to know them.
- It means as much to me and my family as it does for the people we are helping!
- Helping others gives me good perspective on life....and life's needs.
- Loving others is what it's all about.

**Not everyone can volunteer every month so we are always in need of more volunteers** for the Open Door Clinic (usually the **third Saturday** of each month from **10:30 am to 1pm**).

**What do volunteers do?** The medical team volunteers do health screenings. Others register clients or translate for those who don't speak English or play with the clients' kids while they wait or heat up and pass out WAWA donations or distribute bags of food or assist clients choosing clothing for their family and books and toys for the kids. ***Volunteers listen to clients and generally share God's love in any way they can!***

### **What do we need in addition to volunteers ?**

Children's books and gently used toys.

Clothing, shoes, boots for all ages

Blankets

Hygiene products.

Food for the bags which include tuna, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, sauce, rice, and dried beans

Donations specifically for St. Wilfrid's may be dropped off at the end of the hall between the parlor and sanctuary.

# PERIODICAL



**OUR NEW YEAR STARTS  
WITH RALLY DAY  
SEPTEMBER 8!!**



These photos from 2017!