

Glad Tidings

hearts open to christ - doors open to his world

First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield • January 2017



Rev. Bill Getman
Senior Pastor

Pastor's Notes

Dear Family of Faith Members,

Over the past 18 months I have written several times about the transitions we have gone through as a church family. Some of them were painful; some a source of joy. But I believe all the changes we have experienced have lead us to new places in our ministries and missions.

But I also believe (know?) that we have missed some things along the way, that we dropped the ball on some occasions. So as we enter into 2017, I want to offer an apology and a request. My apology is to those of you who correctly expected or asked something of the church staff that we did not provide. Please know it was not intentional and that we are sorry for those things we overlooked.

My request is that you help us attend to those concerns or questions to which we have not yet responded. Please send an email or old fashioned letter to me and I will be responsible for assuring that the right person responds to you.

I should add this note. You have all been so patient as we have worked through staff changes, adjustments in office hours and personnel responsibilities. For that patience I am very grateful and, because of the people you are, not surprised. But moving into this new year I want you to always know that we on the staff seek to serve with you as faithfully and responsively as we can. When we don't, I trust you will let me know.

Happy New Year!

In Christ's peace,
Bill

January Highlights

January 8
Reception Honoring
Rev. Bill Getman
Fellowship Hall after
11 AM Worship

January 3
PW Circle 4

January 16
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day of Service

January 17
PW Circles 1-3

January 21
St. Wilfrid Clinic
11 AM to 1 PM

January 24
Cooking for New Visions

Remember to bring non-
perishable food items
when you come to
worship on Sunday.

Justice and Advocacy Tribute

*Beloved in Christ,
In my brief chairmanship of JAC two persons have been so prominent and helpful in Christlike attitude as to distinguish themselves as Angels of the Church that I am impelled in behalf of Christendom and in the spirit of "Glad Tidings" to thank God for them and to compliment them for their Christlike commitment with the attention of our entire congregation, with deepest love and gratitude to them — Anne Vial and Ginny Ritchie—and to God for them.*

To ANNE, a most enduring Sustainer: You are ABIDING in service to God and His Church, ABLE to ride the ups and downs of that service, and ABUNDANTLY ADEPT and committed so to do.

You are NAMASTE personified, at peace with respect for God's offerings, and NEAT with a deft approach to all situations. You exhibit NOBLESSE OBLIGE, a quiet, NO NONSENSE manner, a Neurological boost in a milieu of spiritual disarray.

You have been EASY GOING, yet making an EARNEST EFFORT, EAGER to sustain Organizational Integrity.

To GINNY, our founding voice: You are GALLANT and unflinching while GALVANIZING and arousing awareness and stimulating us to action; you are



Anne Vial, Rev. Lewis A. Moore 3rd, and Ginny Ritchie.

GRACIOUS, full of kindness and warm courtesy, of tact and propriety.

Your INTEGRITY is evident in your steadfast adherence to strict moral and ethical codes and your IMPELLING urgency to action.

You are just plain NICE, pleasing and agreeable in nature, exhibiting courtesy and politeness, of good character and reputation. You are NOBLE, having and showing qualities of moral character such as courage, generosity, and honor.

When it comes to performing and executing with high standards, with excellence, you're our YARDBIRD for the Lord, setting the standard for our further works.

—Rev. Lewis A. Moore 3rd,
Chairman JAC, December 2016

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The spiritual gifts that a church family provides are always important but especially during illness and death of a beloved husband. Your cards, prayers, and visits by Pastor Getman and Bob Myles were appreciated very much during Bruce's illness.

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9:30 - Sanctuary
11 AM - Sanctuary

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Sundays 9:30-10:30 AM

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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 regular Sunday morning worship services; we are extremely thankful for each and every person who makes these things possible. And it is difficult to quantify how their 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 2017, and please continue to express your love and support for its members. Happy New Year to you all!

Doors Opening to His World

On December 14th, the Thomas Sherrerd Choir and Kirk Ringers started a new tradition this year, going door to door singing Christmas Carols for our neighbors. We resurrected the battery-operated candles from Candlelight Services passed, donned our warmest winter gear, and sang boldly of our Savior's birth. Many thanks to Alice Berry-Moore for opening up her home to warm us with hot chocolate and cider and to Corey Crumley for providing us with some very tasty cookies along the way. And thanks also to the youth who shared their joy that night with all who heard them.

Regular Rehearsals Resume

On Wednesday, January 4th, 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!

With a broken heart and a firm belief in the resurrection we announce the death of the

Rev. Dr. Katherine "Kate" Killebrew,

who joined the church triumphant December 28, 2016.

*Our prayers are with Rev. Killebrew's husband, Gary Salmon,
and her two sons, Brett and Will.*

Cards may be sent to 83 Twin Ponds Drive, Sewell, NJ 08080.

The family requests privacy at this time--please no phone calls or visits.

Family visitation and memorial service are planned for a later date in January.

Well done, good and faithful servant.

Christian Education

Advent Festival: Thank you dearly to all who organized, crafted, cooked, served, sang, ate and generously participated in this year's Advent Festival! It would not have been the Advent Festival without all of you! We especially need to give a HUGE thank you to **Trish Adkins** and her whole family for all of their hard work for the festival.

And a special thank you so much to **Nancy Ruth Wainwright, Liz Olsen, Peter Leibensperger, Val Andrews, Denise Wackes, Kendall Annable, Gabrielle Heimerling, Sally O'Brien, Dick and Susan Leach, Judy Blank, Leona McFadden, Leslie Schaeffer, Kelly Ryan, Janel Gehring, Katy Scotto, Marianne Hutchinson, David Wilson, Lee Federline and the 9th Grade Confirmation Class** and for preparing soup, organizing crafts, playing music, helping set up and take down, and generally giving so much of your time and talent to the Advent Festival this year!

ADULT EDUCATION IN JANUARY 2017

- Christian Heritage Class**, led by David Stedman
- Sundays, January 8th, 15th, 22nd in the Back Board Room from 9:30-10:40am
 - Exploring the history of Scripture in America. All are welcome!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study, led by Dan Colombi

- Every Wednesday in January from 10:30-11:45am in the Church Parlor
- Starting Wednesday, January 4th
- Exploring the book of Romans.
- All are welcome!

Mom to Mom, led by Kelly Shirley

- Fridays from 9:30-11am in the Back Board Room
- 6 week series starting Friday, January 6th
- Continuing Lisa Harper's study of *Malachi: A Love that Never Lets Go*
- Childcare available. All women are welcome!

Monday Mornings with the Quilters

In 1992, a group of women led by Barbara Field gathered in the 2nd floor meeting room of our church to create quilts. Over the years, more than 250 quilts have been completed and donated to charity. Today, our quilters complete approximately 10 quilts each year which provide comfort to ill children through Caring Hearts Ministry.

We invite you to join us on Monday mornings at 9:30 in the back Board Room on 2R. Best of all, you don't have to know how to quilt....we will teach you. If quilting is not your thing, you are welcome to sit and chat while you catch up with knitting, crocheting, or other needlework projects. If you want to just sit and chat, that's OK, too. For more information, please contact Neva Bosch at 856-869-3070.



Christian Heritage Class January 2017

The class meets in the back board room on the second level most Sundays 9:30-10:40. Each week's presentation is self-contained, and all are welcome to attend as interest and time permit. David Stedman is the leader and he usually uses powerpoint and/or film to supplement his remarks. Those who sign up will get a personal email announcing the topics and dates, a reminder before the class, and usually notes for the lecture: DASConcy@aol.com

GENERAL TOPIC FOR 2017: Scripture in America. (using as master text Mark A. Noll's book, *IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD: The Bible in American Public Life 1492-1783*)

JANUARY 8. THE TRANSLATING AND "ENGLISHING" OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE.

"With Shakespeare as the only, even distant comparison, the KJV provided prose and poetry as close to immortality and anything ever written in English."

Although a principal reason for King James to embark on a new and better translation of the Scriptures into English was political (to bind the whole of Church and State together), James was also interested to show his personal intellectual gifts to his people both as a scholar and theologian (he translated some of the metric psalms himself!), and to give his English and Scottish people a common Bible that both read well and sounded well when read from the pulpit. This was a work of a series of 6 committees of nine members each drawn from England's foremost scholars, with King James VI & I himself the final arbiter. Lecture/film

JANUARY 15. THE AUTHORIZING AND PUBLISHING OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE. The actual papers of the Royal Monopoly were apparently lost in a fire in Westminster Hall, but the titanic job of printing the King James Authorized Version of the Bible in the volume required for the whole of the three kingdoms was undertaken by the holder of the Royal Warrant, Richard Barker, who had to put together a consortium of investors and farm out to other printers parts of the work (as there would be no money from the Crown for the project). As the whole work came together in 1611, with 4 different elegant fonts, florid dedications, explanations and illustrations the KJV Bible was expected to sell and make a profit...but it didn't. At least, not at first. Lecture/film

JANUARY 22. THE ENGLISH BIBLE IN AMERICA IN THE AGE OF COLONIZATION. The English colonies in America were overwhelmingly Protestant, and the KJV Bible was a *Protestant* book. The near universal deference to the Scripture overlay a near-universal assumption of "Christendom," that a duty of the State was to protect the Church and the Church's responsibility was to support the State. Scripture implicated all matters of supreme importance, and whenever anything "Roman Catholic" (French or Spanish) seemed to threaten, Scripture was the refuge and defense. The Pilgrims and the Puritan settlers came with their Geneva Bibles, but they could not be reprinted or replaced... So the Authorized KJV came inexorably to be known as *The Bible*, and even today in a 2014 survey of Bible readers, 54% said that the KJV remains their Bible of choice. **JANUARY 29. NO CLASS.**

Suggested Reading

Remember

When you remember me, it means that you have carried something of who I am with you, that I have left some mark of who I am on who you are. It means that you can summon me back to your mind even though countless years and miles may stand between us. It means that if we meet again, you will know me. It means that even after I die, you can still see my face and hear my voice and speak to me in your heart.

For as long as you remember me, I am never entirely lost. When I'm feeling most ghostlike, it's your

remembering me that helps remind me that I actually exist. When I'm feeling happy, it's part of why I feel that way.

If you forget me, one of the ways I remember who I am will be gone. If you forget me, part of who I am will be gone.

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom," the good thief said from his cross (Luke 23:42). There are perhaps no more human words in all of Scripture, no prayer we can pray so well.

—from Frederick Buechner, *ABC's of Faith*, reprinted in Buechner 101, Cambridge, MA, 2014

Preschool News

Celebrations filled our last month of 2016. All the classes had smiles for Santa and his elf ... and lots of requests for gifts for good boys and girls. Among Santa's gift requests were: "Star Wars, anything!" ... "a snow globe" ... "Minecraft Legos" ... "Snacks and a candy cane" and ... a Grand Old Flag."



The 4 year-olds & Pre-K classes sang greetings to baby Jesus as we visited Bethlehem. There was no room in the Inn, but Mary and Joseph found room in the stable with the animals created by Pat Saltman, our preschool art teacher. We were blessed with the organ playing of David Rhody and the lovely voice of Jodi Nieman as she led parents in hymns. Molly Revell narrated the story and the children's songs folded into the Nativity Story with the direction of Ammie Davis..



Barbara Sewall
Preschool Director

January 3rd – Welcome to a New Year!
Jan. 16, Mon. - No School, Martin Luther King Day

January 31 – Join us in Fellowship Hall for **BINGO!** 7 – 9 pm (snow day, 2/7)
Donation \$20 per person, **15 games, cards provided, refreshments served**

ALL PRIZES ARE Longaberger Baskets and Thirty One Bags
Girls Night Out! Bring a friend... 10 seats per table, Buy a Table!



Senior Ministry News

As we enter the new year the Senior Ministry Team wants you to know our plans for the coming months. Ginny Ritchie, Pat Lund, Polly Fischler and Bill Getman have been meeting to evaluate our ministries to older members of our congregation and evaluate how best to serve those who have been so important for so many years in our family of faith.

While monthly programs are being planned for March, April and May, the primary focus of our work

will be on deepening regular connections with members living alone, in retirement communities and nursing homes. Cards, phone calls and visits will all be high priorities for many of our members who are 80 years or older.

If you know someone in our church in need of these regular contacts, please contact Bill Getman by phone or email.

EDUCATION AND PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Since the time of John Calvin, Presbyterians have placed a high value on education. Over the years, we have realized that education can help eliminate poverty. In 2014 the Presbyterian Church launched the “Educate a Child, Transform the World” initiative. It is in this tradition that our Presbyterian Women’s group has entered into a “Partnership” with a girl in the UrbanPromise Academy in Camden.

Founded in 1988, UrbanPromise was later inspired by Dr. Tony Campolo, well-known for his call to Christians to seek justice for the poor and liberation for the oppressed. Today the program has expanded to include many youth educational and developmental programs which challenge Camden youth to develop their academic, social, creative and leadership skills while they develop caring relationships with others. The UrbanPromise schools serve some of the highest at-risk youth in the city.

Our Partner student at the UrbanPromise Academy is Aaliyah Gore, a hard-working sophomore. She has become a poet and is a member of the school’s Mute Poetry team. Aaliyah writes spoken-word poetry that is powerful and demonstrates how resilient she is. She is active in after-school programs and has worked in the summer school programs.

Our liaison at the Academy, Jennifer Giordano, Church and Community Relations Director, Partner Program Coordinator, writes about the program: “UrbanPromise’s two schools—CamdenForward School (K-8) and UrbanPromise Academy (9-12)—educate approximately 150 Camden-area youth each year. The schools offer a challenging curriculum with an

emphasis on experiential learning and character development. Sponsoring a student through UrbanPromise’s Partner Program provides a Camden child or teen with a year of quality education within a safe, structured, and stimulating environment rich in love and compassion. A Partner’s investment provides much more than just a student’s tuition: Partners encourage and motivate our young people to stay focused on their studies, persevere and overcome challenges, and value their education.

Partners can choose to support a student with an annual or monthly gift totaling \$2,500, \$5,000, \$7,500 or more. The educational cost for a student at our UrbanPromise schools is \$7,500 annually. Our families pay a predetermined tuition amount based on income need. Each student is offered a scholarship to pay the remaining balance through the UrbanPromise Kindergarten to College Scholarship. Your Partner gift helps to fund your student partner’s education through the K to College Scholarship. We have a 100% graduation rate in our high school and 93% go on to college.”

We as partners are urged to learn more about our student by attending Partner Day events at the school, sending birthday and holiday cards, and passing along notes of encouragement. We receive updates from our student, messages from teachers and administrators, and the opportunity to visit campus during the regular school day. The next Partner Day is on April 27 when we are invited to meet our student and see what is learned in the classrooms, listen to presentations, and enjoy their conversations as well as lunch. Neva Bosch is our liaison with this program

The Development Committee

In February 2015, a new committee was created to research and write grants so that additional resources could be used for some of the many programs of the church. The members of the committee set our primary goal to focus on physical plant needs such as upgrades to the Wezner House and the restoration and renovation of the Sanctuary in light of First Presbyterian’s 150th Anniversary in 2021.

This research led us to connect with New Jersey Historic Trust and a preservation architect. Two individuals from New Jersey Historic Trust visited our Church and made recommendations as to grants that may be available in the near future for this purpose. The architect visited as well and reviewed the needs of restoring the church to

its original glory. Permission was granted by the Session to approve a Preservation Plan for the church which would create a detailed document to serve as a guideline for the restoration and future maintenance of the Sanctuary.

We are continuing our efforts to research and write grants and would appreciate any information members of the Church may have regarding additional funding or suggestions that may be appropriate to support our committee’s goals. Please contact Darlene DuBois at darlenedubois@aol.com with resources that support our efforts for enhanced growth and commitment so that the beauty and historical significance of the Church will be evident for future generations

MISSION Opportunities for January

FINAL 2016 MISSION CLOSEUP

At the ST. WILFRID'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION on DECEMBER 3rd, volunteers tended to 68 clients in need of health care while others distributed toys to 88 children and shared food and coats that had been donated at FPC and Grace Church. We are grateful for these wonderful volunteers, especially the Andrews and Wackes children who filled hearts with joy as they served heated sandwiches. Unfortunately, the food bags ran out before everyone was able to get one.



This is not the first time. The volunteers provide food items, but so much more is needed. Our weekly collection of nonperishable food items provides food for individuals and families coming to the community caseworker here at FPC and New Visions. A few items go to St. Wilfrids once a month. Each location is seeing more and more people in need. **Volunteers needed. Join us January 21st 11-1pm!**

When You Come to Worship Do You Remember the Desperately Needed Food

being collected in the baskets outside the chapel and sanctuary. We are still hoping for 100% participation in this weekly food drive. Thanks to those who faithfully contribute. If you are at Wegmans you can pick up much needed large bags of **KRUSTEA pancake mix** at a discounted price. There is never too much protein (peanut butter, canned meats), pasta, sauce, rice, canned fruit and vegetables. Please check expiration dates to allow time for it to be used. **If we all chip in we can do better.** If you are in need of help, please contact the community case worker or pastor.

FULL SIZE and TRIAL SIZE TOILETRIES are needed by our partner agencies. Please put them up on the shelf in the open closet behind the parlor.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24th we will be Cooking for New Visions at 1pm in our church kitchen to prepare a nutritious meal for 150 people or more. No experience necessary. Future cooking days will generally be the **fourth Tuesday of each month at 1pm.** If you can't be there, you can be part of the Sweet Treats Club by dropping off homemade or store bought cookies before we cook. Contact Sharon Hoobler at JLHSEA@comcast.net or 856-429-2474.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the MITTEN TREE and TOY BOX during Advent. Hundreds of God's children in extreme need still feel the warmth of your generosity.

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING was received at the Christmas Eve services. If you were unable to attend, you can still place your envelope in the offering plates or drop it off in the office. Thank you for your generosity to those who have served God every day.

The Chrismons (kriz'mons) topping our Mitten Trees were Gifts from First United Presbyterian Church of Barrington as it closed its doors last year after 100 years. The name of these white and gold Christian symbols comes from a combination of two words, MONograms of CHRISt. The white symbolizes Christ's purity and perfection. The gold represents His majesty and glory. The bead designs stand for Iota Chi (I, the first letter of the Greek word for Jesus and X, the first letter of the Greek word for Christ). The flowers on the large Chrismon symbolize the innocence of the baby Jesus. When you see the Chrismons, may your Christmas be filled with a new awareness of the love Christ brings to each of us and how we are so blessed to have our church home. Happy New Year!

**Come celebrate Pastor Bill's 15 years with us !!
January 8, after 11 AM worship, in Fellowship Hall**