

# Glad Tidings

hearts open to christ - doors open to his world

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## The Year That Was 2015-16



## Summer '16 Highlights:

**May 29:** Summer Worship  
10 AM in Fellowship Hall

**May 31-June 17:**

Preschool Summer Session

**June 5:** Holy Communion

**June 19:** Fathers' Day

Justice and Advocacy Sunday

**June 20-24:** Vacation Bible  
School





## Pastor's Notes

Dear Family of Faith members,

I believe our greatest strength as a church is our sense of community. While we do not do it perfectly (we probably never will), people are welcomed and cared for here. How often I hear members and friends say, "I feel so at home in this church."

**Rev. Bill Getman**  
Senior Pastor

I believe we invest our best resources when we build on our strengths. So we have begun preliminary conversations about whether or not our present Sunday morning schedule builds on and deepens our sense of family and community. These conversations will be broadened in the months ahead to include committees, Elders, members of the congregation and the Session.

I don't know where this dialogue will lead, nor what changes, if any, will be proposed. I do know this, that our congregation has been open (surprisingly open for Presbyterians!) to different ways of approaching ministry and mission. And that that openness creates in me an excitement about engaging in this conversation, no matter where it leads.

So please share your thoughts with me or one of the Elders, whose names I've listed below. Together may we listen carefully to each other, and so discern the Spirit's leading.

In Christ's peace,  
Bill

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## Christian Education

### VBS Volunteers Needed!!

Vacation Bible School will be **June 20-24<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-noon** each day here at First Presbyterian Church and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We would love to have you and your family volunteer as **station leaders, shepherds, decorators and snack providers** during the week. Shepherds should be going

into 6<sup>th</sup> grade. If you are interested in helping us make VBS fantastic this year, please contact me, Laura Colee, at [lclee@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:lclee@haddonfieldpres.org) or sign up in the church parlor!

### Summer Worship

Our summer worship begins **Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall at 10:00am**. Our littlest disciples will still have Nursery and Children's Church available to them. The Nursery will be held in the Hospitality Center during worship. Children's Church will meet in its regular location in the basement.

### Summer Gatherings

Mark your calendars for the following **Summer Gatherings!** We will be gathering for a time of fellowship, food, and conversation. We'd love to have you join us on the following days:

- **Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 6:00pm for a cookout at the **VanderKuip House/Manse**
- **Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm for a gathering at **Pete and Lisa Hurd's house**
- **Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30pm for a gathering at **Deb Nussbaum's house**

### Rally Day in September 2016

Rally Day is scheduled for **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**. It will be a time for the church family to gather for breakfast together, consider the wonderful ministries available in the church and register the children and youth for Sunday School. Sunday School will begin the following week on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Please Welcome Cynthia!

The Personnel Committee is pleased to announce that we have hired Cynthia Jeannot to begin on July 2 as our new Part-time Office Administrator. Cynthia comes to us from a similar position at Sloan Kettering Cancer



## CAMDEN OUTREACH at ST. WILFRID'S

The third Saturday of each month, several members of our church family do health screening at St. Wilfrid's Church in East Camden from 11am-1pm. Everyone seen is also given a bag of food, hygiene supplies, and clothing. Children are given gently used books.

Help is needed to give these things out and to help serve food donated by WAWA. Food given out to take home is donated by FPC members - needed are tuna, peanut butter, canned fruit/veggies, rice, pasta, and sauce, as well as hygiene items like soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and toothbrushes.

Help is also needed to do health screening and teaching, to translate for our Spanish clients, and to take information from each client.

Families with children who would like to do a family mission project are most welcome. You may play with the children while their parents are finding clothes for their families, and you may help kids find a book they can keep. Gently used books are needed to give out-games are welcome, too, as are gently used clothes and shoes.

Place donated items in the closet behind the parlor in the plastic tote labeled St. Wilfrid's. Questions or ideas? Call Jill Mascena (428-7342) Even if you can only help once or twice a year-we NEED you to help share God's love in this mission project.

Center in New York City. She and her family have lived in Mt. Laurel since January. She looks forward to working with our church family and reducing her very long commute! Please stop in the church office and welcome her. She will begin on Tuesday, July 5. Her hours will be Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm.



## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Evidence of God's Love

Many years ago, I've been told, on a hot summer's Sunday night, a young man decided to go for a stroll in Philadelphia. While in center-city, he saw a Presbyterian church that he had walked past many times but had never dared to enter. This time, however, something was different. He looked up to see a small, glass window that lay ajar to relieve a devoutly overheated congregation. And within the balmy air that escaped the upper chamber

of the choir loft, there drifted a sound unlike any that he had heard before.

Strangers—people he couldn't even see at that moment—made the sound, but it was evident to him that it was intended only for the glory of God. It was evident that the musicians had spent weeks polishing it; the congregation had spent their lives immersed in it; the music director had spent decades studying it and hours sculpting it so that their art would be as near a reflection of God's beauty as possible, even though they knew that the sound would vanish forever as soon as the art was completed. It was evident that the people within those walls had found something amazing—something beyond verbal expression. And he discovered that the sound was a personal and irresistible invitation.

Years later, after hearing many preludes, hymns, anthems, and sermons, the young man by the name of C. Everett Koop, would realize that Christ was, in fact, his Savior. And he decided to use the many gifts that God had given him to help those in need and later to rebuild the outdated organ that had invited him in so that others would find God's love.

As we strive to live with hearts open to Christ and doors opening to His world, we may find that it is not easy to do everyday. Thankfully, we can be assured that, if all we can muster is a song and a cracked window, God will use even that.

## The Deacons Bench

The Board of Deacon's offers three \$500 scholarships and three \$1,000 loans to church members who are graduating seniors. Applications may be found on the church web site and in the church office. Please submit applications to the church office with the notation "Board of Deacons Scholarship and Loan Committee."

**The Great Deacons' Yoga Event** is scheduled for Monday, June 13, from 7:30-8:30 pm at the Wedgewood Swim Club. 635 Center Street. You are invited to bring your mat and your friends to the tennis courts for the fun and exercise. All and many are welcome. No expertise required...just a good sense of humor.

The suggested donation to be used for the scholarship fund is \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for high school students. Signs will direct you to the tennis courts. Please come early to find a good spot.

If actual yoga exercise is not on your agenda, you may encourage and support your friends by donating on line at [haddonfieldpres.org](http://haddonfieldpres.org). Click on the GIVE tab, select ONLINE donation, and you will be directed to the site. Please make a "note" that the donation is for the Deacons Fund. Thank you for your continued support of the Deacons.

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### Love

Love means to learn to look at yourself  
The way one looks at distant things  
For you are only one thing among many.  
And whoever sees that way heals his heart,  
Without knowing it, from various ills.  
A bird and a tree say to him: Friend.

Then he wants to use himself and things  
So that they stand in the glow of ripeness.  
It doesn't matter whether he knows what  
he serves:  
Who serves best doesn't always  
understand.

—Czeslaw Milosz

## Reception Thanking Linda and Betsy B.

Please join our family of faith on Sunday, June 26 following 10:00 worship in Fellowship Hall as we express our gratitude to Linda Wilhelm and Betsy Baumhauer for their years of faithful service to our church. If you would like to contribute to a gift purse for them, please send a check to the church to the attention of Beth.

# Preschool News

**Summer School at “Presby Preschool” lasts for 3 weeks, May 31 – June 17, 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, and children exploring the arms of an octopus before painting with the suckers on the 8 legs. \*No animals will be harmed with these activities.

We have completed our preschool school year of 2015–2016. Families from surrounding communities were welcomed into our program and given our BEST. We rejoiced with children’s birthdays, consoled parents over parents/grandparents passings, listened to excited voices of the arrival of new pets, cheered for two Flyers, Eagles and Temple football families as our teaching staff watched more games, reveled in the wins, worried over the injuries. 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.



**Barbara Sewall**  
Preschool Director

## 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

## Parish Register

### Baptized

May 8

Perry Thomas Murphy  
Son of Lindsey and Kevin Murphy

Allison Joymarie Hall  
Son of Kimberly and Ryan Hall

Autumn Lillian Wray  
Daughter of Leanne and William Wray

### Married

May 14

Lindsay Harris and Paul Sommers

**Everyone Can Help:**

“They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

The Andrews brothers enjoyed helping out at St. Wilfrid’s.

Opportunities abound!  
See our website:  
[www.haddonfieldpres.org](http://www.haddonfieldpres.org)

