

Glad Tidings

hearts open to christ - doors open to his world

First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield • JUNE • 2017



Rev. Bill Getman
Senior Pastor

Pastor's Notes

Dear Family of Faith Members,

Whew! What a church year concludes this month.

We said "Goodbye" and "Hello" to staff and church members. We learned to live creatively with fewer financial resources. We were touched by young people in our church family who shared their experiences of faith with us in worship. We began conversations about how best our Sunday

schedule can serve our present congregation, as well as those who have no church home. And we've had serious discussions about how we who are followers of Jesus Christ are to respond most faithfully to the issues between our culture and us. And all these were on top of the routine things we did all the time as a community of faith.

I love years like this past one (well, most of the time!). For I believe we only grow in our faith as individuals and our witness as a church when we engage in reflection, conversation and even disagreement about who we believe God is calling us to be and how God is calling us to live.

So I'm looking forward to the coming year, as we continue such engagement with one another. However, engagement can only be constructive if we listen carefully to each other, speak respectfully with each other, and participate with an openness to have our perspectives challenged and maybe altered. We will never all agree on everything - how boring and lifeless that would be! But we can move forward together 'with hearts open to Christ and our doors open to his world.'

I love you all very much and am excited about discovering with you how God will continue to mold us.

In Christ's peace,
Bill

JUNE Highlights

June 2
Strawberry Festival
6-8 PM
Fellowship Hall

June 4
Pentecost
Holy Communion

June 6
Document Shredding
10 AM - Noon
Church Parking Lot

June 16
Mission Trip Fundraiser
P.J. Whelihan • 5-10 PM

June 19-23
Vacation Bible School

Please remember to bring non-perishable food items to worship on Sunday to share with those in need.

Parish Register

Baptisms

Samantha Grace Atkins,
daughter of
Jeremy and Christie Atkins

William John Logue,
son of
Raymond and Molly Logue

Jessica Rae Logue,
daughter of
Raymond and Molly Logue

Joined the Church Triumphant

Warren G. Mang,
May 15, 2017

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"I can't hear you!"

Bill and other worship leaders are hearing this more and more often. Our Sanctuary sound system, now more than 40 years old, is wearing out and needs to be replaced. Estimates for a new, state of the art system have come in at approximately \$26,000.

Thanks to Presbyterian Women, a gift in memory of Shirley Keown and contributions from several church members, we have raised approximately one third of the cost. If you would like to help others hear the good news we speak and sing, contact Bill Getman. He would be thrilled with any contributions you make!

Conversations About the Sanctuary Movement

For the past few months members of our church and the broader community have been gathering to discuss the issues involved in becoming a sanctuary church, a congregation that is open to assisting undocumented neighbors in realizing their dreams of living safely in America.

Each Sunday in June, after the 10:00 am service in Fellowship Hall, we will move to the choir room where guests who have been involved in the sanctuary movement will meet with us. Religious, ethical, moral and legal issues will be included in our discussions.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP June 6

Meetings are led by our friend Kathy Morris at 7:00 PM in the Parlor. Anyone living with sorrow following the death or loss of a loved one is encouraged to attend. If you have questions, please call Bill Getman at 856-429-1960 or email him at bgetman@haddonfieldpres.org.

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Summer Worship

10:00 AM
Fellowship Hall

Holy Communion
First Sundays

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to share with those in need.*

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Thank You for a Wonderful Choir Season!

To all members and friends of the Music Program here at First Presbyterian Church: thank you so much for an incredible year. All of your dedication and effort created a year of heartfelt praise that uplifted our congregation and community. As the summer approaches, we look forward to the soloists and small groups that will enliven our worship as we gather in the Fellowship Hall. Nancy Ruth and I are already looking forward to the fall when we will welcome our choirs to make music once again.

Children's Musical

A special thank you to all of the choir members, parents, instrumentalists, and congregants who made this year's Children's Cantata a great success. We told the story of Noah's Ark in the form of song as we performed the children's cantata, *100% Chance of Rain*, complete with choir mics, a beautiful set, flute, percussion, costumes, and a very supportive congregation.



It was an afternoon to remember, and the participants should be proud of their months of hard work, which truly paid off. I am grateful to you all for doing your very best and making my role in this performance a joy.

Strawberry Festival

On Friday, June 2nd, the Presbyterian Women will host this year's Strawberry Festival in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Desserts of ice cream, strawberries, and cake will be served, and the choir as well as a several soloists will provide music intermittently during our time of fellowship. Come join us for an evening of fun as we kick off the summer as a church family.

Admission is \$8 for Adults; \$5 for Children 10 and under; \$20 for Families. Tickets may be purchased at the church office and at the door.

Christian Education

VBS Volunteers Needed!!

Vacation Bible School will be **June 19-23rd 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 6th grade. If you are interested in helping us make VBS fantastic this year, please contact Laura Colee at lcolee@haddonfieldpres.org or sign up outside Fellowship Hall!

Summer Worship

Our summer worship began **Sunday, May 20th 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.

Rally Day in September

Rally Day is scheduled for **Sunday, September 10th at 11am**. 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 17th.

HELP NEEDED FOR VBS ROME

Help support Vacation Bible School (June 19-23, 2017)

Volunteer:

- Shepherds
- Station Leaders
- Decorators
- Registration-ers

Donate:

- Animal Crackers
- Goldfish
- Popcorn
- Pretzels

Lend: Blankets, Fake plants and fruit, Roman decor

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

It has been a rewarding year for Presbyterian Women. They have given generously of their time and talents, as well as monetary contributions, to many worthy causes here and around the world.

By participating in the Presbyterian Coffee Project, they have been able to help small farmer cooperatives in Latin America, Asia and Africa. Their knitting programs have created mittens, scarves, quilts and other items which have been sent to many needy areas. In our own area, the "Good Ladies" of the Prison Ministry continue to visit the Camden County Jail weekly, bringing hope and warmth to women in that lonely atmosphere.

Besides the Birthday and Thank Offerings, the good works of the PW are made possible by the members' annual pledges, as well as through memorial funds, bequests, and sales projects such as the Strawberry Festival. The PW is happy to be able to sponsor a student at the UrbanPromise Academy in Camden. Through the Kiva program, they are helping small entrepreneurs around the world with loans (which are repaid over a period of time). Migrant Children's Hygiene bags continue to bring pleasure to children of migrant workers in New Jersey.

Special giving donations have been made to the Guatemala Milk Project, Fresh Air Home, Kid's Alley, Caring Hearts, the Youth Mission trip, Your Food Shelf, Interfaith Caregivers, St. Wilfred's, New Visions, Urban Promise Wellness, Distributing Dignity, Knitting4peace, and Cathedral Kitchen. PW thanks all the members of our church who so graciously have answered our requests for help at various times.

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 during the next season will be "Cloud of Witnesses: the Community of Christ in Hebrews." The study will explore the nine major themes in the Letter to the Hebrews and tie them into our community of today. For more information, please contact Carol Carty, Membership Chair, at 856-858-6442.

THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

On Friday evening, June 2, between 6 and 8:00, Presbyterian Women will host a Strawberry Festival. You'll be able to enjoy fresh strawberries on homemade cake topped with ice cream while you're entertained by the church choir, ensembles and soloists performing jazz and popular music accompanied by Peter and Ted on the piano. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and \$20 for a family. Join us for a memorable evening.

PW DATES

The last **Coordinating Team** meeting for the season will take place on Tuesday morning, **June 6** at 9:45 in the Hospitality Center.

Circle 4 will meet on Monday evening, **June 12** at 7:30, in the Church Parlor with Polly Fishler as Hostess, 856-428-2092.

THE SHREDDERS ARE COMING! THE SHREDDERS ARE COMING!

The Seniors Ministry is hosting a document-shredding event on Friday, June 16 from 10:00 am to Noon in the church parking lot. For only \$10 you can bring as many bags or boxes full of those papers you've been meaning for years to shred. A shredding truck will be waiting for you!

PER CAPITA PAYMENT DUE NOW

This offering is used to collect the dues we are required to pay for each member on our rolls. The amount, \$37.00 per member (not per household) is the total obligation our congregation must meet for the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Haddonfield Council of Churches. Please multiply \$37.00 by the number of confirmed members in your household. Per capita amount we have already paid to the Presbytery: \$37,851. Per capita received from our members through 5/28/2017: \$9,199.00, a difference of (\$28,652).

Program-Year-End Mission Opportunities and Summer Planning

Doctors, Nurse Practitioners and volunteers of all ages are needed at **St. Wilfrid's Open Door Clinic** on the third Saturday of the month from 11-1pm. If not in June, then please [plan for September](#). Questions? Contact Jill Mascena at (856) 397-0483.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD is collected in the baskets at the entrances to worship every Sunday. There is never too much. Please help! We need at least one item per person per week. Proteins (peanut butter, tuna, beans, canned meats) are always needed. If you cannot do this because you are in need of assistance, please call the church at 856-429-1960 to speak to one of the pastors or our community case worker.

TOILETRIES (Full Size or Travel Size) are needed all year. Please drop off your donations on the shelves in the open mission closet behind the parlor or the office.

WILL WE BE AN EARTH CARE CONGREGATION?

Our denomination offers resources to help congregations expand their efforts to care for God's creation. Go to www.pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations. Original ideas are always welcome. If you are willing to help, please contact Rita Brown, Mission Committee Chairperson, at 856-768-3293 or rbrown6115@verizon.net.

Join Your Neighbors Help Your Neighbors

For over 26 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. Do you or someone you know need Interfaith Caregivers? If so call our office at 354-0298.

Many of your neighbors are already helping our nearly 300 clients. Won't you join them? Give as much time as you have – an hour or two a week or a month. We work around your schedule. Call us or go online whenever you have some time, or check our email list to see what we have available. **Our next training is Thursday, July 13 from 9am to 11:30am at Mabel Kay senior Center, 24 Walnut Street, Haddonfield.** For more details, call the Interfaith Caregivers office at 856-354-0298 or visit www.ifchaddons.org.

Summer Mission Calendar

June 4th Pentecost Offering* received, 40% designated for Kids Alley Learning Center.

June 19th Vacation Bible School starts- annual mission project to be announced

June 18th Outreach Health Ministries/ Camden 11-1 St. Wilfrid's. Summer clothing and shoes for children up to 14 years old are needed. Leave in office labeled for St. W before Thursday 6/16.

June 20th New Visions Sweet Treats Club Fruit Cups drop off. **No cooking or cookies.**

July 16th School Supply Collection begins Shop sales early. Collection continues until Sept.

July 25th New Visions Sweet Treats Club Fruit Cups drop off. **No cooking or cookies.**

Aug. 22nd New Visions Sweet Treats Club Fruit Cups drop off. **No cooking or cookies.**

All Month: School Supply Collection continues. Please drop off your donations as soon as possible (by Aug. 15th?) so there is time to distribute them to children in need.

DEACONS BENCH

The May fundraiser at the Tap Room in Haddon Township raised \$350 for the Deacons' Fund. The restaurant donated 15 percent of all proceeds to the fund, which will help to support our budget and to contribute to our many community outreach projects. We thank the members of the congregation for their support.

Also, over the summer, please don't forget to fill those little blue envelopes on the first Sunday of the month.

Are you feeling lonely, or do you know somebody who would appreciate a visit and a chance to talk? Deacons are always available to visit church members who would like to talk. Contact Lesley Kirsch at Lesley@LesleyKirsch.com to make arrangements.

UrbanPromise Thrift Store Ready! Volunteers Needed to Help

UrbanPromise is excited to announce that our **Thrift Store** is ready to open. But first we need committed volunteers! Are you looking for a meaningful weekly volunteer opportunity? Consider becoming a regular volunteer helping us run the UrbanPromise Thrift Store located on Main Street in Maple Shade. Proceeds will support UrbanPromise's work with children and youth in Camden.

Our store leadership will help you find just the right opportunity for your time, talents, and interests; please contact Matthew Speh, UrbanPromise Social Enterprise Director, (photo at right) at 301-693-7261 or mspeh@urbanpromiseusa.org.



Excerpts from Becky Bryan's Blog Report on the UP Wellness Center

This is the fifth year of our Wellness Center's existence, and it is the year we were able to deepen the services that we offer. We have had 6 professionals providing trauma-informed counseling, thanks to our gifted therapist Trish, two dedicated volunteers, and graduate student interns. We were able to meet every referral that was made by our teaching staff, providing an average of 80 counseling sessions every month. 80% of our classrooms learned how to practice mindfulness. Our high school students participated in 6 weeks of interactive self-esteem classes with interns. Our

elementary school grades had access to drum circles, a Lego group and OK/Not OK Touch education. Our sophomores learned about emotional intelligence, which is shown to be a powerful tool for success. We also did career planning with reality checks of what it takes financially to move out of poverty. We doubled the number of garden-to-table cooking classes offered and are getting each grade out into the garden at least once this spring, with Nadia working hard to keep the garden ready. In the kitchen our dietitian Judy has shifted cooking from prepared meals to scratch

cooking, has kids participating in taste tests and naming contests to increase buy-in to the healthy food we serve, and has been educating every grade in our schools, as well as being a frequent presence in the cafeteria to sit with students and answer questions. And in our elementary classrooms volunteer Kate has been coaching teachers on how to incorporate frequent movement into the curriculum and class day – both to reduce the risk of obesity as well as to help manage behavior. Because really, who likes to sit still for long periods of time?

—Becky



SOUTH JERSEY



Haddonfield Monthly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends

GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

*Sunday, June 4th, 2:00-3:30 pm
Haddonfield, Camden County*

WHAT:

- Installation of the Memorial to the Lost - tee shirt memorial honoring those lost in South Jersey to gun violence
- Educational forum and call to action
- Walk through town
- Remembrance at Memorial site



WHEN: Sunday, June 4, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

WHERE:

1. Educational Forum @ Grace Episcopal Church, 19 Kings Hwy (2:00 PM)
2. Walk to Memorial Site (2:45 PM)
3. Remembrance @ Haddonfield Friends Cemetery near corner Kings Hwy & Haddon Ave (3:00 PM)

WHY: To honor those whose lives have been lost to gun violence and to demonstrate public support for stronger gun regulation.

Sponsored by Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence (heedinggodscall.org),
Haddonfield Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends,
and Haddonfield Council of Churches,

Questions? contactheeding@gmail.com, (251) 238-8550