

Glad Tidings

hearts open to christ - doors open to his world

First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield • MAY • 2017



Rev. Bill Getman
Senior Pastor

Pastor's Notes

Dear Family of Faith Members,

For the past year Elders and others on Session committees have been talking about our Sunday schedule. Our reflections have been guided by the question: Does our present format best enable us to fulfill our vision statement, "Hearts Open to Christ - Doors Opening to His World?" I can tell you that

despite hours of conversations we have not reached any solid conclusions!

And so the conversations continue. But now the leadership in our church family wants to include you. So during the weeks of May and early June we will host some post-worship service town hall meetings. Please watch your bulletins for dates and times. These will provide important opportunities to hear from you about the ways you envision our congregation moving into the future.

These are opportunities I am anticipating with enthusiasm. Yes, we have been through some changes during the last 18 months, but over time they have strengthened our ministries and missions. If we decide to make some changes in our Sunday schedule, I trust that they, too, will deepen our witness and our life of faith together. So please watch for announcements and please share your thoughts. Thanks!

In Christ's peace,
Bill

MAY Highlights

May 7
Holy Communion

Children's Musical
4:00 PM

May 9
PW Spring Luncheon
Tavistock • 12:30 PM

May 11
Mission Trip Fundraiser
P.J. Whelihan • 5-10 PM

May 21
Closing Worship for
2016-17 Sunday School
9:30

May 24
Seniors Lunch and
Retirement Community
Program
Noon - Hospitality Center

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

Seniors Lunch and Program Wednesday, May 24 at 12:00 Noon

Join us for lunch in the Hospitality Center and then a panel presentation by residents of area retirement communities. Church members and friends from Cadbury, Collingswood Manor, The Evergreens, Medford Leas and Wiley will discuss the experiences they have had in each of their residences, all providing valuable insights for those considering relocation in the future. Please call the church office at 856-429-1960 to make your reservation.

Parish Register

Joined the Church Triumphant

Richard G. Leach
March 5

Robert A. Ketterer
March 11

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Deacons Bench

Attention students and parents: The Board of Deacons will be awarding two \$500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who will be attending college in the fall. Applications are available at the church website, <http://www.haddonfieldpres.org/>. Look under the "Connect" pull-down tab, Deacons' Scholarships and Loans. Fully completed applications must be returned to the Church office no later than May 31.

A limited number of student loans in amounts of up to \$1,000 are also available. These interest-free loans are available to students who will be attending college during the 2017-18 academic year and must be repaid once the student is no longer attending college. Loan applications also are available under the Deacons' Scholarship and Loans tab. Please return completed applications to the Church office. Loan applications will be considered as they are received.

The April 3 fundraiser at the Tap Room in Haddon Township raised \$350 for the Deacons' Fund. This 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. 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.

On the Bus with Betsy B!

There's still time to sign up for the Nova Scotia trip September 14-22. Come along with me for 8 nights, 9 days of beautiful Canadian country. We'll tour St. John's, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Halifax and other highlights. We'll end with a tea with Eleanor Roosevelt on Campobello Island. Call me at 856-546-0685 for a flyer.

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Worship

8:15 - Chapel
9:30 - Sanctuary
11 AM - Sanctuary

Holy Communion
First Sundays

Sunday School and Adult Education

Sundays 9:30-10:30 AM

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship Participation Schedule

Thomas Sherrerd Choir	5/7/17	11:00am
Cherub Choir	5/7/17	4:00pm (call time: 3:30pm)
Carol Choir	5/7/17	4:00pm (call time: 3:30pm)
Chapel Choir	5/7/17	4:00pm (call time: 3:30pm)
Kirk Ringers	5/14/17	9:30am
Moore Bells	5/14/17	11:00am

Children’s Musical

On May 7th, the Cherub Choir, Carol Choir, and Chapel Choir will present this year’s musical, *100% Chance of Rain* (the story of Noah’s Ark) at 4:00pm. Please invite family in friends to attend this jazzy telling of one of the Bible’s best-known stories. Call time for the musicians and performers will be 3:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Strawberry Festival

On Friday, June 2nd 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!

Alleluia Bells Recruitment

Next year, a large number of sixth graders will be advancing to Whitechapel Bells, leaving many opening in the Alleluia Bells. If your child is in 4th–6th grade and is interested in learning how to ring our beautiful handbells, please contact me (email: pleibensperger@haddonfieldpres.org, cell: 610-301-2776) to reserved their spot for next year. Alleluia Bells rehearses on Wednesdays from 4:30pm–5:15pm on Wednesdays during the school year in the bell room. We start with the assumption that new members do not yet know how to read music; so starting from scratch is easy and fun. Please encourage your child to be a part of this group.

DINE & DONATE



Thursday, May 11 5-10pm

PJ Whelihan’s on Haddon Ave

all proceeds benefit
the 2017 Youth Mission Trip



Christian Education

VBS Volunteers Needed!!

Vacation Bible School is coming up June 19-23rd and WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you are interested in helping us make VBS fantastic this year, please contact our DCE, Laura Colee at lcolee@haddonfieldpres.org or sign up in the Parlor!

VBS REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED

All 80 of our VBS Registration spots are now filled. To get on the VBS **waiting list**, please email Laura Colee at lcolee@haddonfieldpres.org

UPCOMING SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- **Sunday, May 7th** — Youth Sunday!
- **Sunday, May 14th** — Last Sunday School Class of the year
- **Sunday, May 21st** — Sunday School Teacher's Breakfast (8:45am)
- **Sunday, May 21st** — Closing Worship — All Sunday School classes meet in the Sanctuary to help lead the closing worship service!

On **Sunday, May 21st 2017**, the children of the **Sunday School** will celebrate the end of this 2016-2017 Sunday School year with a closing worship service in the 9:30am. The oldest Sunday School classes (5th&6th and 7th&8th) will help lead worship this day. After worship students will be dismissed for a special treat outside near the playground.

THANK YOU SUNDAY SCHOOL TEAM!

This church is blessed with many faithful, thoughtful and talented people who give of their time and many talents to the educational ministry of our faith family. We are grateful for their dedication and constant service.

Many thanks to:

Baptism Class - Joyce Stout

Nursery – Dotti Peatman, Kiara VanderKuip

3 & 4 Year Olds – Kim Hall, Elyse Yerapathruni, Alice Moore Berry, Ellen Berry

Kindergarten – Chuck, Jayne, and Jayne Grabowski

Grade 1 – Gabrielle Heimerling, Wendy Preihs, Megan Zeigler

Grade 2 – Allysa Gatti, Tina Edmonston, Kim Kipers, Grace Elgart

Grade 3 & 4 – Laura Poliero, Kelly Shirley, Cheryl Tarditi, Karen Dante

Grade 3 Communion – Anne Walters, Maria Watson

Grades 5 & 6 – Denise and Steve Tucker

Grades 7 & 8 – Michele Taffet, Jeff VanderKuip, Rita Brown, Amy Poliero

Grade 9 Confirmation – Lee Federline, Lindsay Harris, Laura Colee

Adult Faith Formation – Dan Colombi, Deb Nussbaum, David Stedman, Judy Grantham, Kelly Shirley, Dick Ringenwald, Laura Colee, Laura Poliero, Nancy Ruth Wainwright, Nadia VanderKuip, Becky Bryan, and Lisa and Pete Hurd.

Support – Mike Richardson

In addition, thank you to the many wonderful people who substituted for leaders throughout the year.

LEAD SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH US NEXT YEAR!

We'd love to have you bring your thoughtfulness, your passions, and your creativity to the Sunday School program next school year. If you wish to be a part of the educational team please contact our DCE at lcolee@haddonfieldpres.org.

DINE AND DONATE at PJ's • May 11 5-10pm

Come support the Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans by attending our Dine and Donate Fundraiser at PJ Whelihan's on Haddon Ave on **Thursday, May 11 from 5-10pm**. Dine in or carry out, just make sure to put your receipt in the donation bucket!

Christian Heritage Class

May 7 Religious Roots of the American Colonies: The Denominations before the War for Independence

18th century America was a deeply religious culture that lived self-consciously “under the cope of heaven.” In Sunday worship and weekday (“occasional”) sermons, ministers drew the populace into a rhetorical world that was more compelling and immediate than the physical settlements surrounding them. Sermons taught not only the way to personal salvation in Christ but also the way to temporal and national prosperity for God's chosen people.

May 14 “The Great Awakening” : A New Excitement Protestantism settled in as an arm of the Empire, but beginning in 1739 a great religious revival swept over Britain and America with profound results in the attitudes of many people. The furor swept across (and divided) many of the Established and Dissenter churches, and resulted in a new excitement in Christendom with African-Americans establishing many churches.

May 21 The African American Churches: A Deeper Faith While the patriotic use of the Bible led many in America to take it for granted, the Great Awakening deepened the fervor of the free Black and slave communities of Christians, holding forth an ideal of liberty for them as well, and we will look at some of the great evangelists of the 18th century: the writer Phillis Wheatly and the slave John Albert Ukawsaw Gronniosaw being contrasted.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW SPRING LUNCHEON

All women of our church and their friends are invited to attend the annual Spring Luncheon of Presbyterian Women on May 9, 12:30 at Tavistock Country Club. The occasion provides the opportunity for all Circles to get together to celebrate their accomplishments and commitments and to invite members of the church and friends to join in fellowship.

The cost of the luncheon is \$20.00 and includes a beverage, soup du jour and rolls with the following choices:

- Warm Asparagus Quiche with Mescula Salad
- Chicken Crepes Elegante with a Medley of Fresh Garden Vegetables
- Caesar Salad with Shrimp and Crab
- A gluten-free entrée of Grilled Chicken with Fresh Vegetables will also be available.

Dessert will be Moist Lemon Pound Cake with Fresh Berry Compote,

The speaker for the afternoon, David N. Rauer, is a member of the National Response Team for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, an emergency and relief program of the Presbyterian Church (USA). David will talk about the performance of his team in providing care, love and support to areas going through disasters. PDA works beside FEMA and other relief organizations in rebuilding lives during those difficult times. PDA does not charge and does not receive fees. Gifts from One Great Hour of Sharing along with other undesignated gifts help to make it possible for them to continue their assistance.

Make your reservations by calling Pat Woodland at 856-354-8485 and plan to enjoy a happy occasion.

VISIT FROM THE ACADEMY

The Coordinating Team of PW welcomed their Student Partner from UrbanPromise Academy, Aaliyah Gore, and Jennifer Giordano, the Academy's Church and Community Relations Director and Partner Program Coordinator, to their meeting in April. Aaliyah is a poised young lady, articulate and personable, a sophomore at the Academy. She follows a full high school curriculum and is active in after school programs.

A talented poet, Aaliyah read a poem she had written entitled "Prison Reform." The poem was written in response to the prayer of a woman in the Camden prison waiting to be sentenced. Aaliyah received that poem from Bob Lehman who volunteers as a creative writing teacher at the Academy. Bob in turn had received it from Janet who is a volunteer in our prison ministry program.

Pictured in the photo above right: Front row, Pat Lund, Judy Grantham, Aaliyah Gore, Connie Reeves; back row, Neva Bosch, Linda O'Neill, Sue Smith, Jan Ulmer, Esther Gauntt. Marge Tatem and Ginny Ritchie.



FOR THE SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Do you have any extra cards – birthday, get-well or sympathy – to share with the PW's Sunshine Committee? Pat Lund has placed a plastic container in the Prison Ministry closet in the main hall for your contributions. We'll appreciate your help.

COFFEE TABLE

The PW will be selling coffee products on the first and third Sundays of this month. We thank all of you who so generously supported our Coffee Project with your purchases of Equal Exchange coffee, tea and other products this year. Because of you, we have been able to make a difference in the lives of many hardworking small farmers in Latin America, Asia, Africa and in our own country. We're planning to continue being part of the program next fall.

MIGRANT CHILDREN'S HYGIENE BAGS

We still need donations of regular size toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant and washcloths. We're planning to distribute 100 bags in June. Your contributions marked "Migrant Workers" can be left in the Church Office and you can be sure they'll be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Neva Bosch at 856-869-3070.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Start the month of June on a happy note!

And Friday, June 2, is the perfect time to do that. From 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM that evening, you'll be able to enjoy the Strawberry Festival here at our church. Fresh strawberries on delicious homemade pound cake topped with ice cream will be served while you'll be entertained with a musical treat. The choir, smaller ensembles and soloists will perform popular musical favorites accompanied by Peter and Ted at the piano, all ready to present us with an evening to remember.

Admission is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 10 years, with a category of \$20.00 for the family. For more information, please call Virginia Dowd at 856-428-3378.

Preschool News

"Surprise, it's May!"



Barbara Sewall
Preschool Director

Flower Sale – May 9 – 11, Come shop in the Courtyard, 9:15 – 3 pm.

Nursery School Year End Picnics – May 16 - 19, check your bulletin boards for your class day.

May 19 – Last Class Day for 2016 – 17 for the school year.

Summer School: May 30 - June 16, 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 2015 – 2016. Please come to the office for information, or call.

Mission Opportunities

Warm Weather Doesn’t End the Need for Assistance – How Will You Help?

St. Wilfrid’s Open Door Clinic needs more Doctors and Nurse Practitioners a few times a year on the third Saturday of the month from 11-1pm. Other volunteers of all ages are needed as well. If not in the next month, then please plan for September. Questions? Contact Jill Mascena at (856) 397-0483. **Summer clothing and shoes for ages birth to 14 are desperately needed now.**

FOOD and Full Size or Travel Size Toiletries are needed all year. Proteins (peanut butter, tuna, canned meats, beans) are important. Please drop off new donations for others in need in the open mission closet behind the parlor or in the baskets at the entrances to worship.

Mission Calendar

May 14th *Mothers’ Day PW Blanket Appeal*

May 18th *Urban Promise Wellness Center Fundraiser* at Double Nickel Brewery

May 21st **Outreach Health Ministries/Camden** 11-1 St. Wilfrid’s

May 23rd **Cooking for New Visions** 1pm in our church kitchen. Sweet Treats Club drop off.

May 24th **Meals Delivered to New Visions**

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

June 20th **New Visions Sweet Treats Club** cookie drop off. No cooking.

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

July 25th **New Visions Sweet Treats Club** cookie drop off. No cooking.

Aug. 22nd **New Visions Sweet Treats Club** cookie drop off. No cooking.

We Can Be An Earth Care Congregation

Everyday should be Earth Day. As we continue to remember Christ’s great sacrifice for us, it is only fitting that we take a look at how well our church cares for God’s wondrous creation. Over the years, we have engaged in a few projects such as clean ups at Mountwell Park. We have not had a focused effort to seek out and implement positive steps to become better stewards. Our denomination offers resources to help congregations expand their efforts. 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.



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
APRIL 25, 2017**

PHILADELPHIA, PA.— Internationally recognized concert pianist and Steinway Artist Gayle Martin will perform the inaugural recital on the Linda Leube Memorial Concert Piano at The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown on Sunday, May 14, Mother’s Day at 4 p.m. The recital is free and open to the public. A reception will follow.

The recital program will include the *Brazilian Cycle* of Heitor Villa-Lobos, Beethoven’s famous *Moonlight Sonata*, and Schumann’s *Widmung*, transcribed for the piano by Liszt. She will be joined by Ted Barr for Franz Schubert’s beloved *Fantasy in F Minor* (for four hands).

GAYLE MARTIN achieved international prominence as sole American laureate of the sixth International Tchaikovsky Piano Competition in Moscow—the third American woman ever to reach the finals. A native Texan, she was one of the last students of the famous pedagogue, Mme. Rosina Lhevinne at the Juilliard School. Gayle has presented solo recitals and performed as concerto soloist with orchestras around the world. Her latest CD recording, *To Keep the Dark Away*, has received rave reviews and is available on Amazon.com. “This is an infinitely rewarding disc that demands repeated listening to get the most out of it.” (*Fanfare Magazine*)

TED BARR has joined Gayle Martin in piano duo performances in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. He is pianist and organist at Haddonfield First Presbyterian Church and has performed organ recitals in New York City, Princeton, Washington, Chicago, and at Cologne Cathedral. A Kentucky native, Ted is a graduate of Westminster Choir College and has taught on the faculties of Westminster, Rutgers, and Wagner College in New York City. He offers private instruction in organ, piano, and voice in Cherry Hill. His students have performed on Broadway, with major symphony orchestras and opera companies, and in the world’s largest churches and cathedrals.

**The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown
35 W. Cheltenham Ave. | Philadelphia, Pa.**

For more information please visit
www.fpcgermantown.org or e-mail music.fpcgermantown@gmail.com.

BE WELL, BE PROMISE

An Evening to Celebrate & Support Wellness at UrbanPromise

Join Bruce Main, President, and Rebecca Bryan, Wellness Director, for an opportunity to hear about the importance of holistic care for the youth and staff of UrbanPromise. The evening includes hors d'oeuvres, a flight of craft beer, and silent auction. Find ticket information [here](#).

The UrbanPromise Wellness Center enables 600 Camden youth to become more resilient, access trauma-informed counseling, learn mindfulness meditation, improve nutrition and increase physical activity throughout the day.

WHEN

Thursday, May 18, 2017
6:30-9:30 p.m.

WHERE

Double Nickel Brewery 1585 NJ-73
Pennsauken, NJ 08110

RSVP

By Monday, May 8, to Rebecca Bryan at (856) 986-8594 or wellness@urbanpromiseusa.org

HELP NEEDED FOR VBS ROME
Help support Vacation Bible School
(June 19-23, 2017)

Volunteer:	Donate:
-Shepherds	-Animal Crackers
-Station Leaders	-Goldfish
-Decorators	-Popcorn
-Registration-ers	-Pretzels

Lend: Blankets, Fake plants and fruit, Roman decor