

Glad Tidings

hearts open to christ - doors open to his world

First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield • NOVEMBER • 2018



Rev. Bill Getman
Senior Pastor

Pastor's Notes

Dear Family of Faith Members,

Early one morning I was walking down Kings Highway to meet the Haddonfield pastors for our monthly breakfast. It was at the same time that students were walking in the opposite direction on their way toward the middle school. I was struck (almost literally by one of them!) by how many young people had their noses in their cell phones.

Okay, I'm old fashioned and I know that younger generations are way more connected by way of social media than I am. But I had never seen so many people in so short a period of time so disconnected from everything going on around them, especially the young man who nearly ran into me!

This is not a slam on social media or young people's use of their cell phones. Really, it isn't. I've even started in the last few weeks to access my email on my phone - my adult children are still stunned! But rather it's a reminder for me to pay attention to what's going on around me, around us. If we are constantly distracted, we readily miss those God brings across our paths who are in need of the gifts of grace, love and mercy we are called as Christ's people to offer.

So whatever your age, remove a distraction or two. You'll be surprised by what you'll see and hear. And you'll be surprised by the opportunities you will have to serve a neighbor in need or receive a gift you may need.

In Christ's peace,
Bill

Remember to bring your frozen, double-wrapped turkeys on Sunday, Nov. 18, for Your Food Shelf in Camden. Cash donations also accepted.

NOVEMBER Highlights

November 4

Holy Communion
Common Ground
Conversation
End of Daylight Savings

November 8 - 10

UrbanPromise Summit

November 11

New Members Class
11:15 in the Parlor

November 18

Worship at 10 AM only
Anniversary Sunday
New Members Join
All Church Lunch
Turkey Collection

November 18

Community Thanksgiving
Lutheran Church 7 PM

December 2

Advent Festival



Worship

8:30 AM
Chapel

10:00 AM
Sanctuary

Holy Communion
First Sundays

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Common Ground Conversation

Join others on **Sunday, November 4 immediately following 10:00 worship** for our Common Ground Conversation. This will provide an opportunity for all of us to discover how much we have in common with each other and how much we can talk with each other about subjects and issues on which we might disagree.

Bill Getman will lead the conversation through a non-threatening exercise he has used in the past. In a time of so many divisions, our church can provide a safe space in which to speak with one another.

Bible Study on Advent and The Purpose of Christmas

based on a study by Pastor Rick Warren. Please join us Sunday, November 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. for an evening of discussion on spiritual preparation for Christmas and why this season is so important in our Christian walk. Hosted by Deb Nussbaum and Jill and Tony Mascena at Deb's (18 W. Summit Avenue, Haddonfield). Email Deb if you have questions.
debranussbaum1987@gmail.com All are welcome.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN UPDATE

World hunger is on the rise again. Today, over 820 million people are suffering chronic undernourishment according to the United Nations. Hunger still causes nearly half the deaths of children under 5. Feed My Starving Children is playing a role in turning this trend around. In 2017 over 900,000 were fed each day around the globe with food packed by volunteers like you. Come help plan our 2019 Packing Event; join our Guiding Team which meets monthly at 7pm in the Parlor. For more information, call Paul Urian at 856-676-2770.

Community Thanksgiving Sevice

This year's Community Thanksgiving Service will be on **Sunday, November 18 at 7:00 pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church**. This has become a very meaningful time of worship for the Haddonfield community, with beautiful music provided by a combined choir composed of members from all the churches in town. Please join us!

OCTOBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Session approved the location, dates and costs of the 2019 Youth Mission Trip (to be announced at a Mission Trip meeting on November 11);
- Session approved the Associate Pastor job description and Mission Information Form, the two documents required by West Jersey Presbytery for us to proceed in seeking a new Associate Pastor;
- The Governance Committee presented revised Congregation/Corporation By-Laws, to be approved at the November meeting for presentation to the congregation at the Annual Meeting in February.

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Thank you to Mark Cole and Friends!

On October 5th, we held *An Autumn Evening of Choral, Organ, and Piano Music with Friends*, and it was a great success. Thank you to all of the people who came to support the music program; thank you to all those who participated in the concert; and especially, thank you to Mark Cole for sharing his amazing gifts to create something very special for all of us!

Worship Participation Schedule

Thomas Sherrerd Choir	11/4/18	10:00am
Moore Bells	11/11/18	10:00am
Chapel Choir	11/18/18	10:00am

He's Got the Little Baby Chick...in His hands.

After learning, "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands," first and second grade Carol Choir singers visited the newly hatched chicks at our Preschool. They sang, "He's got the little baby chicks...in His hands." One singer suggested they sing their anthem for Oct. 28, which has rhythmic clapping. "The clapping might scare them," one singer observed, so they sang it quietly, without the claps. On Oct. 28 they led in worship with the Cherub Choir, singing, "Clap Happy Psalm", with text from Psalm 96.



Christian Heritage Topics • Fall 2018

“The House and Lineage of David”

Sundays, November 4, 11, 18, 25 and December 9 – Meet in the Hospitality Center at 9 AM.

November 4 —KING DAVID: Psalmist:

Seventy-three of the 150 Psalms in the Bible are attributed to King David, “the favorite of the songs of Israel,” (2 Samuel 23:1), the one who soothed Saul with music, (1 Samuel 16:17–23), and the founder of Temple singing (2 Chronicles 23:18 and Nehemiah 12:24,36, 45–46). One of the Dead Sea Scrolls (11QPsa) attributes 3600 tehilim (songs of praise) plus other compositions to him.

Nevertheless, while there is no hard evidence for Davidic authorship of any of them, many of the Psalms are prayers and supplications to YAHWEH which King David prayed in times of trouble. Some psalms contain good advice, showing the way of true happiness through virtue and the fulfillment of God’s commandments. Thus the Psalms reflect all the varied incidents that can happen in life, both to the individual and to the whole Jewish nation.

November 11 & 18 —A TEMPLE AND A HOUSE DIVIDED:

The House of David from the Glory of King Solomon to King Josiah and his Worship Reforms: According to the archaeological and epigraphical evidence, David and Solomon have been restored to the status of “real” people—not mythological hero- ancestors. The House of David (bytdwd) was obviously well-known in the 9th century B.C. The fact of the existence of the House of David does not wholly restore the luster to the reigns, power, and accomplishments of David and his successors, as the dating of artifacts in excavations throughout Palestine have tended to place these Davidic rulers in the “Iron Age 1” period—agrarian

communities—and to see David and Solomon as mere tribal leaders, rather than rulers of centralized states. Real building projects began in the time of the House of Omri (882-52) in the Northern Kingdom, but the biblical accounts of David and Solomon were written from a Yahwist and Judahic perspective, with the historical narrative first set out as a continual story (Joshua, Judges, I and II Samuel, I and II Kings) in the reign of King Josiah of Judah, to justify Josiah’s attempt to restore 1) the exclusive worship of Yahweh and 2) the united kingdom of David and Solomon.

November 25 —THE BABYONIAN CAPTIVITY... AND A SECOND TEMPLE

King Josiah, coming to the throne at age 8, presided over the rediscovery of Deuteronomy and a religious revival took place in Judah. During the Josianic reforms (640-609), Jerusalem’s Temple had once again become the center of the nation’s religious life. The end of the Kingdom of Judah was the result of political maneuvering between Egypt, Assyria, and Babylonia. King Josiah was killed in battle at Megiddo against Egypt. Nebuchadnezzar II of Chaldean Babylon conquered the city of Jerusalem and destroyed it on a second visit, removing to exile much of the population. While in Babylon, with NO Temple, the Jewish scribes reviewed the history of their nation and saw YHWH’s hand in the large picture of their history. Jewish scribes became important as the means of transmitting the holy writings, which now also included the psalms, prayers, and other sacred books. Coming home to Judah in 522 BCE, a group of returnees began to rebuild the Temple, 72 years after its destruction. They were led by Zerubbabel, Prince of Judah, a great-grandson of King Josiah. The Second Temple was completed 518-515 BCE and was the focus of Jewish worship for 500 years until it was rebuilt by Herod the Great.

Parish Register

Baptized

Charlotte Marie Hepburn,
daughter of
Emily and Matthew Hepburn

Penelope Deborah Kolton,
daughter of
Emily and Victor Kolton

Audrianna Kristin Pell,
daughter of
Alison and Christopher Pell

Scarlett Katerina Rodin,
daughter of
Karen and Vadim Rodin

Joined the Church Triumphant

Dorcas Reilly
1926-2018

Caryl Haynes
1924-2018

Preschool News

*Autumn is a second Spring when every
leaf is a flower.*

—Albert Camus



Barbara Sewall
Preschool Director

“PRESCHOOLERS GIVING THANKS”

Our hallways will soon be rejoicing as we decorate with fall leaves, rows of pumpkin paintings will be dangling from classroom ceilings, sheaves of corn pictures made by children’s fingerprints, and joyful songs will be sung at our Thanksgiving Program telling all to “eat pizza ... not turkey!”

**Nov. 20, Tue. 3’s Thanksgiving Program, Sanctuary
9:30 am.**

Moms, Dads, Grandmas, Grandpas, Friends, Relatives, and Church members who want to enjoy a child’s celebration of Thanksgiving. Come to the Sanctuary to see the 3 year old classes dressed up as American Indians, Pilgrims, and Turkeys.

The Preschool classes will be gathering food items to accompany turkeys given to Caring Hearts families for the Thanksgiving holiday. Each class will be decorating and “stuffing” the boxes with non-perishable goods as a “Giving Thanks” gift.

Church members, you may add food stuffs to the boxes on Sunday morning if your child would like to help stuff the “turkey boxes”. Look on the Bulletin Boards for suggested food items, or just bring something you most enjoy at your Thanksgiving dinner.

November 21 -23, No School “Have a Blessed Thanksgiving”
We send felt treats to our US troops in remembrance of 11-11-11 (Veterans Day) and to Assisted Living Homes.

November 26 – 28, No School

*... the grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills
rejoice on every side. The meadows are covered
with flocks; and the valleys are mantled with
grain; they shout for joy, and sing.*

Psalm 65:12-13

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Whatever happens,
those who have learned
to love one another
have made their way
to the lasting world
and will not leave,
whatever happens.

...

—Wendell Berry,
Sabbaths 1998

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

MORE THANKSGIVING NEEDS

The Mission Committee has joined with the Neighborhood Center of Camden this year to help provide Thanksgiving meals for families. Last year, the Center provided over 400 meals to families throughout the county. The Center will be providing the meals on Tuesday, November 20, and is already collecting non-perishables. Starting now, we will be accepting the following contributions:

- Canned veggies – corn, peas, string beans, mixed veggies
- Starches – potatoes, sweet potatoes, stuffing, mac and cheese, brown and white rice •
- Miscellaneous – pasta and sauce, seasonings, oils, hot and cold cereals

After November 8, the following contributions will be needed:

- Fresh veggies: carrots, onions, celery, green beans, broccoli
 - Fresh fruit: apples oranges, bananas, pears
- The Mission Committee will have a box in the Parlor to receive these donations and will be delivering them on a weekly basis.

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS • HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS

The next training for Interfaith Caregivers is Wednesday, November 7, 2018 from 7:00-9:30 pm at the Mabel Kay Senior Center, 24 Walnut Street, Haddonfield (next to the Acme parking lot).

For 28 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 856-354-0298.

Many of your neighbors are already helping our nearly 300 clients. Won't you join them? Give as much time as you have –we work around your schedule. For more details, call the Interfaith Caregivers office at 856-354- 0298 or visit www.ifchaddons.org. Thank you.

Hi FPCH members,

As you may know, I have been in the Boy Scouts for quite some time now and am coming up on my service project to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. I have planned this project, and I will lead its execution on November 16th and 17th of this year. We will be refurbishing a butterfly garden belonging to our friends at Urban Promise Ministries in Camden, a school for underprivileged kids that has the goal of providing them with the skills they need to live a healthy and successful life.

The improvements we make will help the kids there learn more about monarch

butterflies and the environment. We plan to remove and replace old garden box borders, construct two benches, and create a large informational kiosk. As you can imagine, this comes with a fair share of expenses. That's where you come in.

I am looking to raise about \$1200. This includes the building materials we will use, any tool rentals, and food for the workers. No donation is too small. Any checks must be made out to Troop 3064. Please note on the memo line that you are donating for my Eagle Project. Please consider making a donation.

Thanks,
Philip Edmonston

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CIRCLE 1 ACTIVITIES

Come to the Hospitality Center in church on any Circle meeting morning and you'll find members of Circle 1 happily working on various projects. In the past they have made sleeping mats which are used by AIDS orphans in Africa, have quilted blankets for use here and overseas, and have knitted and crocheted items to be used throughout our country or distributed through Knitting4Peace. They are continuing to work on these projects as well as creating blankets for children and Dress-a-Girl outfits.

Last month, Circle Leaders Jan Ulmer and Joan Miller delivered fleece-knotted children's blankets which their members had made to the Good Counsel Home in Riverside. Neva Bosch accompanied them and added a quilt and three receiving blankets which she had sewn. Good Counsel residents were very appreciative of their gifts.

The Good Counsel Home in Riverside was established seven years ago for homeless, pregnant women seeking shelter, safety and support. The first Good Counsel Home in southern New Jersey, the facility was a former convent and includes nine bedrooms, a kitchen, dining and family rooms, a child care room and a chapel. All

residents share in the responsibilities of taking care of the home. Mothers attend Life Skills programs which will help them find full-time employment and become independent contributing members of society.

Circle 1 members invite any interested women to join in their activities. Come to their next meeting on November 20 and join in the fellowship!



Bonnie Manskopf, Ruth Richardson, Judy Blank and Sue Smith working on a new blanket.

— Connie Reeves

PRESBYTERIAN COFFEE TABLE

You won't want to miss the Coffee Table in the parlor after our Sunday services. You'll find a variety of coffee, both regular and decaffeinated, tea, cocoa and, of course, those tasty chocolates.

All products are purchased through Fair Trade-Equal Exchange which means that small farmers in Central and South America and Africa are better compensated and are better able to improve their lives. Bonnie Manskopf, PW chair, has also stocked Palestinian olive oil and a few colorful plastic tote bags.

With the holiday season fast approaching, make your gift list planning easier by using some of these Coffee Project items.

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The wind of the fall is here.
It is everywhere. It moves
every leaf of every
tree. It is the only motion
of the river. Green leaves
grow weary of their color.
Now evening too is in the air.
The bright hawks of the day
subside. The owls waken.
Small creatures die because
larger creatures are hungry.
How superior to this
human confusion of greed
and creed, blood and fire.

–Wendell Berry,
Sabbaths 2001