

# Glad Tidings

hearts open to christ - doors open to his world

First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield • SEPTEMBER • 2018



Rev. Bill Getman  
Senior Pastor

## Pastor's Notes

Dear Family of Faith Members,

This was a different sort of summer here at the church than we have experienced in the past. We had staff changes - Laura Colee moved on to Broad Street Ministries and Kris Bean moved in to our Financial Secretary position. Parts of the building were renovated and redecorated as the preschool will be utilizing different spaces and we prepare to welcome Kids Alley. And sadly, we said goodbye to a number of long-time

and faithful members who died during the summer months - a part of our life in the church we normally experience in the winter months.

But the arrival of fall and a new church year will bring a return to some parts of our life together which are unchanging. In our worship, education and youth ministries, mission engagements, small groups and fellowship times we will continue to announce to one another that God's love for us is the constant we can count on. No matter what meets us in the months ahead - surprising joys or unexpected heartaches - there will be no shortage of God's grace.

There is a however in this, however! It is that we experience that grace most profoundly through each other. God uses us to double one another's joys and halve one another's sorrows. That's a significant part of what it means to be a community of faith.

Whether or not you have been active recently in this community of faith, let this fall be a season of renewed commitment to the God we worship here and to the people God calls us to serve here and beyond here.

In Christ's peace,  
Bill

## SEPTEMBER Highlights

### September 2

Holy Communion  
Fellowship Hall at 10 AM

### September 8

Chancel Choir Retreat  
Lutheran Church  
9 AM - 3 PM

### September 9

#### RALLY DAY

Fall Worship Schedule  
Chapel 8:30 AM  
Sanctuary 10:00 AM

### September 12

Children and Youth  
Choirs  
First Rehearsals

### September 30

Blessing of the  
Backpacks



## Worship

8:30 AM  
Chapel

10:00 AM  
Sanctuary

Holy Communion  
First Sundays

First Presbyterian  
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## HELPING IMMIGRANT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Haddon Fortnightly shared with us the following options for assisting children and families separated through the immigration process:

Make a donation to the Center for Family Services at <http://www.centerffs.org/donate/> your-gift-reunites-children-family;

Host a collection for families, <http://www.centerffs.org/start-collection/>;

Become a shelter parent, <https://www.centerffs.org/become-shelter-parent>.

## ON THE BUS WITH BETSY B!

Join us for an autumn trip through Victorian Cape May on Wednesday, October 10. Trip includes a trolley ride, lunch, free time in Washington St. Mall and a wine tasting.

The cost is \$99. Call me at 856-546-0685 or email me at [betzb26@gmail.com](mailto:betzb26@gmail.com). **Deadline to sign up is September 5.**

## SAVE THE DATE

Our own Mark Cole will present an evening of choral, organ, and piano music on Friday, October 5, at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Mark your calendars to hear a wonderful evening of music making.

## STUDY THE BIBLE WITH CAROLYN K.

Does studying the Bible on your own seem scary? Impossible? Not worth the time it takes? It doesn't have to!

Please join Carolyn Kirsch for two interactive seminars where we'll talk about how we can enjoy being near to God through His Word in practical and easy ways.

Meet in the hospitality center at 11:15am following the service on **September 23<sup>rd</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>**. Whether you're a Bible beginner, Bible fanatic, or somewhere in the middle, you're welcome here! Email Carolyn with questions at [carolyn.a.kirsch@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.a.kirsch@gmail.com).

## A NOTE FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

Our friends at the Masonic Lodge next door have begun towing cars parked in their parking lot after 5:00 pm. This is the lot directly behind their building. We are welcome to park there during the day and on Sunday mornings, but please respect their space and rules. Our usual parking rules apply in church lots: stickers are available for church members to park during the week (stop by the office) and accessible spaces must have appropriate license plate or hangtag—no exceptions, even if "just running in."

## Glad Tidings

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Director of Christian Education

**Barbara Sewall**  
Preschool Director

**Anne Vial**  
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**Kris Bean**  
Financial Secretary

**Ed Hess**  
Director of Social Work

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Organist

**Nancy Ruth Wainwright**  
Children's Choirs

**Elizabeth Kessler**  
Receptionist

**Mike Richardson**  
Custodian

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## **SAVE THE DATE for RALLY DAY — Sunday, September 9, at 11:15 AM!**

Sunday School Registration and an All-Church Lunch will be held at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 10th in Fellowship Hall. There will be tables set up around the room showcasing our many mission, fellowship and educational opportunities. Worship will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel and at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary with the Rally Day Lunch to follow. Sunday School registration will also available online.

**CALLING ALL NINTH GRADERS:** Confirmation Class participants and their parents will register in Fellowship Hall on Rally Day, Sept. 9 and then meet with teachers, Lee Federline, Deb Nussbaum, and pastor Bill Getman at 11:45am in the Light House for an orientation meeting. Please bring your academic, sports, and family calendars with you.

## **FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL ON SEPTEMBER 16th AT 10AM!**

Sunday School for children begins on Sept. 16, but be sure to register children at Rally Day on Sept 9 or online. Here's how Sunday School coordinates with our worship schedule. During the 10am worship hour:

- All Sunday School classes—3&4 year olds through 7th/8th Graders—will all meet in the Sanctuary for the beginning of 10am worship. All classes will be

dismissed to Sunday School after the Children's Message at 10:15 or so. Teachers will be in worship to lead children to their classrooms.

- Confirmation Class (9th graders) will meet at 10am in the Sanctuary and stay for the 10am service. Students will then move to the Light House and attend class from 11:15am-12:30pm.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED**

If you are feeling called to become more involved in our church community, please consider serving at a Sunday School Teacher during the 2017-2018 school year. We are especially in need of teachers to lead 3rd/4th-grade classes. If you are interested in finding out more about teaching Sunday School, please email Gabby Heimerling at [gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org)

## **2017-2018 Christian Education Calendar**

(to be continued in our next issue)

Sunday, September 9th – Rally Day!

All Church Brunch and Sunday School Registration  
11am-noon

Saturday, September 15th – New teacher orientation  
(12:30-2pm)

Sunday, September 16th – First day of Sunday School

Sunday, October 1st – World Communion Sunday

**ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES MEET IN THE SANCTUARY**

## **BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION**

We are collecting backpacks and school supplies again this year for the students served by Kids Alley (kindergarten through eighth grade). Donations are especially meaningful this year as we begin a relationship with Kids Alley in our own church building. Bring donations with you to worship or drop off in the church office. Needed items include:

- Erasers
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Glue Stick
- Handheld Pencil Sharpener
- Pencil Box or Pouch
- 3-Ring Binders—1" or 1 1/2"

- Loose Leaf Filler Paper – Wide Rule
- Calculator
- Dictionary
- Washable Markers
- Watercolor Paint
- Art smock
- 12" Ruler
- Junior scissors with 5" blunt tip
- Pocket Folders
- Composition Notebooks
- Tissue Packets
- Backpacks (the biggest need for backpacks is Grades 3-8)



# MUSIC MINISTRY

Dear Parents,  
 A new season of praise is about to begin, and we are excited to welcome you back!  
 Please register your child(ren) online before Rally Day (Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>) to help Nancy Ruth and me  
 plan our rehearsals. Visit the First Presbyterian's Website, or visit this URL to get started:  
<http://sway.clickable.cards/nJzC9>

All Children's choir rehearsals will start on: Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.  
 All Adult choir rehearsals will start on: Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Peter Leibensperger  
 Music Director

**New Carol Choir and Whitechapel Bells rehearsal times** will ensure that Whitechapel bells  
 can join us in the Hospitality Room for Wednesday Spaghetti Dinners at 6:00pm.)

## Rehearsal Schedule for Children and Youth Choirs

Cherub Choir	(ages 4–5):	Wed., 3:45–4:25pm,	Rm 304
<b>Carol Choir</b>	<b>(1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade):</b>	<b>Wed., 4:30–5:10pm,</b>	<b>Rm 304</b>
Chapel Choir	(3 <sup>rd</sup> –6 <sup>th</sup> grade):	Wed., 3:45pm–4:30pm,	Choir Rm
Alleluia Bells	(4 <sup>th</sup> –6 <sup>th</sup> grade):	Wed., 4:30–5:15pm,	Bell Rm
<b>Whitechapel Bells</b>	<b>(7<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grade):</b>	<b>Wed., 5:20pm – 6:00pm,</b>	<b>Bell Rm</b>
Thomas Sherrerd Choir	(7 <sup>th</sup> –12 <sup>th</sup> grade):	Wed., 6:30–7:30pm,	Choir Rm
Kirk Ringers	(9 <sup>th</sup> –12 <sup>th</sup> grade):	Wed., 7:30pm–8:30pm,	Bell Rm

## First Presbyterian Church Worship Participation Schedule Fall 2018

	9/16	9/23	9/30	10/7	10/14	10/21	10/28	11/4	11/11	11/18	11/25	12/2	12/9	12/16	12/23	12/24
Cherub Choir (4-5 yr.)							10a					10a		5p		4p
Carol Choir (1-2 Gr.)							10a					10a		5p		4p
Chapel Choir (3-6 Gr.)				10a						10a				5p		
Thomas Sherrerd Choir (7-12 Gr.)				10a				10a						5p		
Alleluia Bells (4-6 Gr.)														10a/ 5p		4p
Whitechapel Bells (7-8 Gr.)						10a								5p		
Kirk Ringers (9-12 Gr.)						10a							10a	5p		
Moore Bells (Adults)				10a				10a						5p		10p
Chancel Choir (Adults)	10a	10a	10a	10a	10a	10a	10a	10a	10a	10a	10a	10a	10a	10a	10a	10p

### Important Dates/Events:

- 9/8/18: Chancel Choir Retreat at LCOS (9:00am)
- 9/12/18: All Children/Youth Ensembles begin rehearsals
- 9/13/18: All Adult Ensembles begin rehearsals
- 9/19/18 Spaghetti Wednesdays begin in Hospitality room
- 10/5/18: Mark Cole Recital, Chancel Choir sings (7:30pm)
- 10/31/18: **No Children/Youth Ensemble rehearsals**
- 11/7/18: **No Children/Youth Ensemble rehearsals**
- 11/18/18: Thanksgiving Service (Chancel Choir)
- 11/21/18: **No Children/Youth Ensemble rehearsals**

- 11/22/18: **No Adult Ensemble rehearsals**
- 12/15/18: Tableau Rehearsal in Sanctuary (11:00am)
- 12/16/18: Candlelight Service 5:00pm (All Ensembles)
- 12/19/18: **No Children/Youth Ensemble Rehearsals**
- 12/26/18: **No Children/Youth Ensemble Rehearsals**
- 12/27/18: **No Adult Ensemble Rehearsal**

## Parish Register

### Baptised

Vincent Raphael Violetti,  
son of Christina and Joseph Violetti

### Joined the Church Triumphant

William Evans  
1927-2018

Florence Mealmaker  
1921-2018

Dorothy Wilson  
1924-2018



THE CHURCH OFFICE would like to develop a list of OCCASIONAL VOLUNTEERS to answer phones and receive visitors during business hours. We need a few people on call to help during vacations, staff events, etc. Let Bill Getman or Anne Vial know if you are interested.

## Preschool News

Every blade of grass has its angel that bends over  
it and whispers,  
"Grow... Grow...Grow!"

Talmud

*Pretending a beginning*

*Pretending an ending*

*Pretending a stretching*

*Pretending a blending*

*Pretending a flowering*

*Pretending a surprise*

*Pretending a coping*

*Pretending a disguise*

*Pretending - a trying the world on for size!*

Jean Warren



**Barbara Sewall**  
Preschool Director

September 10<sup>th</sup> is our First Day of Preschool for 2018 – 2019.  
48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Nursery School

It is our hope that by the first day of school Rooms 302 and 303 will be ready to receive children. WHERE? These rooms are the former Front Board Room and Back Board Room. Because of the church security plan for the Preschool, our 2 rooms that have resided in the Basement have moved upstairs. "Thank You" to the Quilters, David Stedman's Bible Class, La Leche Program, Al Anon, Nurses Recovery and the OA Program as these groups found new homes on lower levels. A huge "THANK YOU!" to BF Steam, Jeff VanderKuip Pat Saltman, Sheri Swartz, Bern Knaul, and the Preschool Office Staff for creating a clean, preschool atmosphere to welcome the children.

There are still some PM class openings available for the coming year. Spread the word, tell your neighbors, call the Preschool Office, 856-429-0609.

- Body Works / Step Exercise Classes, sponsored by the Preschool begins September 10<sup>th</sup>, Fellowship Hall, 9:15 am. Babysitting is available. Stop by the Preschool Office for information or call Sue Heindel, 428-6641.
- 2019 – 2020 Preschool Registrations for church members during the months of August & September.

Sept. 30 PRESCHOOL and SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATE – 10 AM service

### "Blessing of the Back Packs"

Children bring your backpacks ; Adults bring your brief cases, ipads, or pocket calendars.

These items will receive special prayers for your year ahead.

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Presbyterian Women.

30 years? That means the PW came into being only in 1988. Didn't we have women's organizations before then?

Yes, women have always played an important role in the church. In the early days, they opened their homes to believers. Throughout the ensuing years, they have continued to support the church's mission and to work for justice and peace. Then, in 1885, the Ladies Aid Society, which served the church in many ways, was formed. It was followed during the 1940's by a movement to organize Presbyterian women into Women's Associations. In 1949 our own Association was formed. It was made up of twenty Circles averaging twenty-five members each and provided opportunities for fellowship, Bible studies and community activities.

Later, in 1983, the Presbyterian Church/US and the United Presbyterian Church/USA reunited after 122 years of separation, forming the Presbyterian Church/USA. Five years later the women's organizations of both groups also united to become Presbyterian Women, our present-day PW.

Our PW is composed of three Circles which meet monthly – Circles 1 and 3 on the third Tuesday morning of each month and Circle 4 on the second Monday evening. Our members are charitable, generous, determined and dedicated to God. Volunteers give their time and talents to the Women's Jail Project, the Presbyterian Coffee Project and the Strawberry Festival as well as to raising money for missions and making clothing or knitting items for worthy groups

## AN INVITATION

We invite all women of the church to join us. Of course, we realize that times have changed during the past seventy years. Today many women are working in jobs outside their homes and no longer have as much time for outside activities. If becoming a member of a Circle is not possible, consider becoming either a Sustaining Member who helps to support the organization or an Assistant who gives your time throughout the year, helping in ways which fit into your schedule. In this way you can enjoy the camaraderie and satisfaction which comes with membership.

Come to our table on Rally Day to learn more about us. You'll be able to talk with members and officers, see examples of work done in the Circles and learn more about our missions and goals. More importantly, please bring your **questions and suggestions** about how we can become a more meaningful organization for you. Carol Carty, our membership chair will be happy to talk with you, answer your questions and suggest a Circle for you or help you organize a group of your friends. She can be reached at 856-858-6442.

**Expand your horizons. Join us in fellowship.**

## OUR BIBLE STUDY FOR 2018-2019

### *GOD'S PROMISE: I AM WITH YOU*

From Genesis through the Gospels, we will learn of God's continuing promise of his presence. That promise, "I am with you," is spoken in varied circumstances to many different people throughout scripture. We will be able to discuss how this promise affects us as a community and discover how the promise speaks to our own circumstances.

The author of the study, Amy Poling Sutherlun, is a young co-pastor of a church in Texas and the mother of four young children. Her exuberant writing is accompanied by colorful artwork which blends modern folk art and Chinese wood block art.

## PW OFFICERS FOR 2018-2019

Co-Moderators	Judy Grantham and Susan Smith
Recording Secretary	Virginia Ritchie
Corresponding Secretary	Joan Miller
Treasurer	Jan Ulmer
Assistant Treasurer	Susan Leach

## CIRCLE LEADERS

Circle 1	Jan Ulmer and Joan Miller
Circle 3	Neva Bosch, Carol Carty, Peggy Spellmeyer
Circle 4	Joan Walden, Sally O'Brien, Ginny Ritchie

## ST WILFRID'S OUTREACH in CAMDEN

Several people (including kids) from FPC go to St. Wilfrid's Episcopal Church in East Camden usually the third Saturday of the month to do health screening, to give out food (tuna, peanut butter, pasta, sauce, canned fruits and veggies) donated by the congregation, to give out gently used shoes, clothing, toys and kids' books, and to play games and do crafts with the children of the clients. We also give out Panera Bread donations and WAWA sandwiches. If we have enough volunteers, we do yardwork around the church which is lent to us by the Episcopal Diocese but is officially closed. We arrive around 10:30 AM and finish around 1PM.

We always need more help those Saturdays. It's a wonderful Family outreach project but with kids' activities. It's hard for the same folks to commit to each month so we need more families! Need more people!

The dates for this Fall are

Saturday, Sept.15

Saturday, Oct. 13

Saturday, Nov. 17

Saturday Dec. 8

Questions, please call Jill Mascena (856) 428-7342.

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**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS • HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS** – The next training for Interfaith Caregivers is Wednesday, September 5, 2018 from 7:00-9:30 pm at the Mabel Kay Senior Center, 24 Walnut Street, Haddonfield (next to the Acme parking lot).

**CHANGE IS AFOOT IN OUR CHURCH BUILDING** – Over the summer, we have made some significant changes in how we use the church's space. All Preschool classes will now be held on the second and third floors. Because of this, the back and front boardrooms are now colorful classroom spaces rather than meeting rooms. We are grateful to quilters, support groups, and adult education classes for settling into new digs. But no idle space here: Kids Alley after-school program will now be using our lower level rooms for their kids and families on weekday afternoons (and on Saturdays). We appreciate the cleaning and moving labor by the Preschool and others who are making rooms and closets available. If you somehow don't recognize your favorite corner or if a cupboard you are used to using is now otherwise occupied, that's the explanation. Many hands and minds have gone into the planning, but we could have missed something. Please speak to Anne in the church office if you have a question about the move or any spaces in the church. Everyone can be accommodated, and we can feel proud that this wonderful old building is alive every day of the week.

On Sunday, September 9, we return to our regular Sunday worship schedule and spaces: 8:30 am in the Chapel and 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. (Dinner church is on hiatus for now.)

## PERIODICAL



**First Presbyterian offers many opportunities for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders to become involved. Opportunities include Sunday School, Youth Group, Mission Trips, Bible Study, service projects, Music Ministry, and much more!**

**Jeff VanderKuip, Youth Leader.**