

This week's news...



May 11, 2023

Dear Friends,

Summer Education Workshops

We are reprising the Summer Education Workshop series we ran last summer, with both new and recurring topics. All are welcome to join at any time!

On Sunday June 25th after worship, a workshop on '*Prayer*' will be offered in the Hospitality Center. We will look at a variety of resources on prayer and discuss the different means and ends of prayer. Guidelines for leading and sustaining prayer groups will also be shared. If you are interested in attending, you can get a jump on our agenda with one simple homework assignment: go to your local bookstore and see what books there are about prayer, and buy two different books. One book needs to be a recommended book by a pastor or friend. For instance, *The Book of Common Worship* which most Presbyterian pastors have, is a great first stop (this can be located online). The Bible is another great stop: the Psalms and Lamentations both record prayers at great length. The second book needs to be totally of your choosing. The point is to read these books to become familiar with different language for prayer. Feel free to contact me or Marvin for recommendations and ideas!

On Sunday July 16th after worship, a workshop on '*Connecting*' will be offered in the Hospitality Center. This workshop is for all Deacons, Elders, Ushers, folks that want to share their faith, and all those who want to connect with visitors, new members, or just strangers on the street. Regardless of who you want to connect with (perhaps you may need to work on connecting with the people already in your lives!!), I'll provide some simple tools on how to make it happen. In this case, I'll go ahead and give you 2 primary tools:

1. Take a genuine, unabashed interest in the person you are talking to.
2. Listen. Really listen.

We'll talk much more about specifics at our gathering.

And the final Sunday workshop in our series involves a discussion on gun violence. The PC(USA)'s *Presbyterian Outlook* is dedicating its June issue to the topic, and we will be purchasing advance copies for our congregation to read, with an invitation to join a discussion on the article on Sunday, August 13th. This discussion group will be held in the Hospitality Center after worship.

In all things, I know food can convert more people to Christ than conversations – so light snacks will be provided! So, in the middle of sun-soaked summer days and vacations with family, you are reminded to stop by and join in the conversation, and grab for yourself the fruit of these gatherings – Spiritual Growth for ourselves, and for our church.

In Christ's service,

Nikki

PRESCHOOL FLOWER SALE!

Beautiful plants and flowers for sale to support the Presby Preschool. Friday in the courtyard. (And Sunday depending on what's left!)

A thank-you from Kris Bean and kids:

Many thanks to the Parlor committee and the Hospitality committee for last Sunday's dedication and reception. Skip would have been pleased with how nice the Parlor looks, and we are all grateful for the work that went into it and for the party to celebrate it. Thank you to all who came!



CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CLASS – This Sunday, May 14 is the last class of season. The topic is Pentecost, celebrated this year on May 28. “Pentecost” is the Greek name for the Feast of Weeks, a prominent Levitical feast in the calendar of ancient Israel celebrating both the giving of the Law on Sinai and the beginning the wheat harvest. This feast is still celebrated in Judaism as Shavuot. According to Jewish tradition, Pentecost commemorates God giving the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai fifty days after the Exodus. The Talmud derives this from a calculation based on Biblical texts. For Christians Pentecost is the “birthday of the Church.” The “house” mentioned in Acts 2:1-4 must have been the Temple (the “house of God”) for there is no place in crowded Jerusalem except the Temple where thousands could hear Peter—in the court of Gentiles. Everyone was at the Temple as it was Shavuot—and that’s why so many Jews of the Diaspora were in Jerusalem. Come to the Hospitality Center on the lower level after worship to hear David Stedman’s presentation.

STAFF RETREAT ON TUESDAY – On Tuesday, May 16, your First Presbyterian staff will head off-site for an afternoon of planning. Please note that the offices will be closed starting at 12:30. Please let Anne Vial or Travis Bogetti know if you will need access to the building. (Preschool will still be in session.)

COOKING DAYS FOR JOSEPH’S HOUSE – We will cook on Tuesday, May 16, 1-3 p.m. – our make-up date for April. And we will cook on Tuesday, May 30 from 1-3 – our regularly scheduled time. All choppers, stirrers, and cooks welcome!

ASCENSION WORSHIP SERVICE – Thursday, May 18, 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel. After 40 days of appearing to and instructing the disciples, the Resurrected Jesus rose into heaven, but not before promising to send his Holy Spirit. Join us for this prayerful worship service.

PASTOR NIKKI'S BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS @ 7

– Pastor Nikki is hosting a Bible Study via Zoom on the book of Genesis, entitled “Genesis: Relational and Family Dynamics.” The reading schedule is linked on the [Adult Ed page](#) of the website. The Zoom link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81798184993>, and we will also meet in person at pre-determined times. Please contact Pastor Nikki if you have questions and are interested, or simply join us on Zoom!

PORCH BIBLE STUDY – The Porchers will study Daniel and Esther beginning Tuesday, May 30, on Zoom at 7 p.m. We will follow a Pastor Max Lucado study guide. Our group also prays for many joys and concerns and is happy to hear prayer needs. All are welcome.



OPEN HOUSE VOLUNTEERS

Please sign up to greet visitors to the church on the morning of **Saturday, June 3 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.** Downtown will be hopping, and it would be wonderful to literally have our doors open. Please sign up using the usher and event scheduler: <https://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/haddonfieldpres>.

YOUTH SERVICE NIGHT ON SUNDAY, JUNE 4 – The next monthly service night for Middle School and High School youth will be Sunday, June 4. Middle schoolers will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and high schoolers will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Details will follow on service projects for the evening.

WERE YOU THERE?

If you participated in the **Walk Across the Ben Franklin Bridge** or the **rally in Mt. Laurel to Ban Assault Weapons** or the **Embracing Race meeting**, the Justice and Advocacy Committee would love to hear your feedback on what the experience meant to you and anything new you may have learned or wish to share. Please email JAC chairperson, Rita Brown, at rbrown6115@verizon.net with your thoughts.

ALSO – GreenFaith’s Southern New Jersey Circle will meet on Sunday, May 21st at 3:30pm in Prince of Peace Church, 61 E. Rt 70 Marlton, NJ. In addition to the regular agenda, members of the plastics working group will share their presentation on plastic pollution and solutions. Go to greenfaith.org for more information.

AND – Explore the **Newly Updated Social Justice page** on the church website: <http://www.haddonfieldpres.org/social-justice>. The Justice and Advocacy Committee thanks Anne Vial for a tremendous job making it more user friendly. It is now much easier to access the various resources especially those offered by PC(USA).

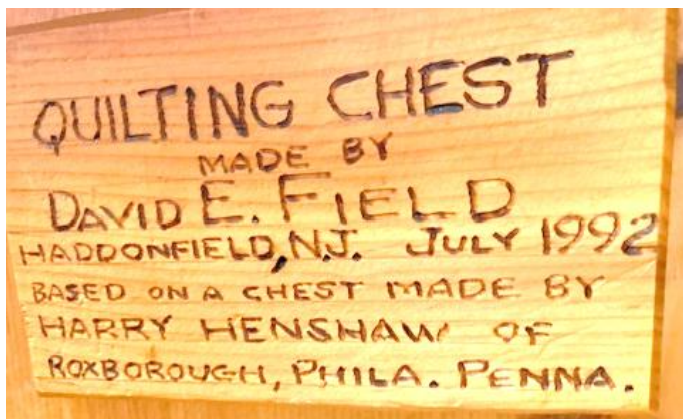


SAVE THE DATE – THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL IS BACK! Friday, June 2, 6 – 8 p.m. Sweet strawberry short cakes will be smothered with berries and “sugared” with Musical Notes from Peter and our adult choir for your entertainment.

WORKSHOP ON URBANPROMISE WELLNESS CENTER IN JUNE – Please join us on Sunday, June 11, immediately following worship, for an interactive hour-long workshop with Siomara Wedderburn, vice president, programs, and past director of Wellness at UrbanPromise. The Wellness Center at UrbanPromise receives financial support from this congregation by way of an annual donation from the Mission Committee. Ms. Wedderburn will talk about how UrbanPromise has adapted wellness and experiential learning as key strategic initiatives and integrated these across all programs at the school. Join us for conversation and fellowship as we learn more about this wonderful program.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST - Please keep members and friends of the congregation in your prayers. The weekly Prayer List is available in Sunday's bulletin or online [here](#). If you would like to add a personal prayer request, please contact one of the pastors or Anne Vial. Please obtain the permission of the person needing prayer. *The Prayer Request portal on the website is available for private requests sent directly to the pastors.*

A FELLOWSHIP OF SEWERS – The Monday Quilters group was formed 31 years ago by Barbara Field and Sue Smith. Barbara's husband, David, built the beautiful wood storage bench that is in the Hospitality Room for Quilters to keep their poles, frames, and projects in. Quilters meet every Monday morning at 9:45 in the Hospitality Room. If you would like to learn to make a colorful quilt, table runner, or wall hanging, come join us!



PW SPRING GATHERING

On June 8, all women in the presbytery are invited to a joint Spring Gathering hosted at First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown. We hope you can join us – our PW will be attending. Details: The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery for Southern New Jersey and the PW Coordinating Team of First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown invite all women to a Joint Spring Gathering on Thursday, June 8th at 6:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown (101 Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown, Miller Commons). Be inspired by a panel presentation, “What is a Christian Woman to Do?” featuring Rev. Dr. Debby Brincivalli, Dr. Leslie Spencer, and Jennifer Allen. Learn about the PWPFSNJ, its purpose and missions. For more information and registration: <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1720338>.

Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery For Southern NJ
(PWPFSNJ)
Annual Spring Gathering on June 8th
At First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown NJ
And on Zoom

PW Spring Gathering June 8th

June 8, 2023



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Please register to attend on this page.

Order forms for a box supper are available. Download a copy and return it to the church with your payment (\$15 each). Choices are available either as a sandwich or as a wrap and meals include pasta salad, fruit salad, chips, and a brownie. **Food orders are due by Thursday, May 25.**

Download dinner order form

The Spring Gathering will also be available via live stream that evening at www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream.

Questions? Please contact Susan Masiko 856-630-3253 or susan.masiko@comcast.net or Jane Murphy 856-427-0618 or mrsmurphyiii@gmail.com.

DRESSMAKING CONTINUES! Sewers are working diligently to have enough dresses for each girl and teen in Founder Girls Raising Hands – YouthPromise in Kenya. That’s 30-50 dresses. donations are still being accepted. **And there are now kits available to take home to sew!** Look for them in the window alcove on the way into the Sanctuary. Instructions included.

VBS 2023 – REGISTRATION OPEN!



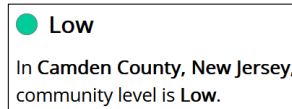
This year's VBS: **Operation Restoration!** invites kids to be **Menders in God's world**. As they make connections between Bible stories and mending actions, they'll discover simple ways to live out faith in daily life by exploring the daily themes of Feed, Heal, Forgive, Pray, and Rest. Dates are **July 24-28, 2023**. The cost of the camp is \$25 per Mender, payable via

Check (First Presbyterian of Haddonfield memo line: VBS), Venmo (@FPCHaddonfield), or through Realm (QR code links directly to Realm payment). **Register Menders** at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19Sy90YduYRI4CUBhARYBaO1dh-DDxjibM-mhEPWi6Do/edit?usp=drive_web or on the church website. We look forward to seeing you in July!



AND as always, we look forward to including youth shepherds and adult volunteers in the adventure! Shepherds and volunteers register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13Rj1ERU30w8WHCCeUaoWuZPqxoTbv7HqA5fMcTZB0Ik/edit?usp=drive_web.

Camden County's Current Covid Status:



CALENDAR

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| May 11 – 6:30 p.m. Moore Bells – last one
– 7 p.m. Pastor Nikki's Zoom Bible Study
– 7:30 p.m. Chancel choir | May 25 – 7 p.m. Pastor Nikki's Zoom Bible Study
– 7:30 p.m. Chancel choir |
| May 13 – 8 a.m. St. Wilfrid's | May 28 – PENTECOST 10 a.m. Worship in Fellowship Hall |
| May 14 – 10 a.m. Worship, Sunday School
– 11:30 a.m. Christian Heritage Class | May 29 – Memorial Day – Office closed
– 6:30 p.m. Adults w Disabilities Social Connection |
| May 15 – 7 p.m. Session | May 30 – 1 p.m. Cooking for Joseph's House
– 7 p.m. Porch Bible Study |
| May 16 – 9:45 a.m. Circles 1 and 3
– 1 p.m. Staff retreat (offsite)
– 1 p.m. Cooking for Joseph's House | May 31 – 10 a.m. Stephen Ministry
– 7 p.m. Nominating Committee |
| May 17 – 10 a.m. Stephen Ministry | June 1 – Nikki's Bible study does not meet
– 7:30 p.m. Last Chancel Choir |
| May 18 – noon Ascension Worship Service
– 4:30 p.m. Marketing Committee
– 7:30 Chancel Choir | June 2 – 6:30 p.m. Strawberry Festival |
| May 19 – 9:30 a.m. Women's Prison Ministry | June 3 – 11 a.m. OPEN HOUSE |
| May 21 – 10 a.m. Worship, Last day for Sunday School | June 4 – 9 a.m. Choir breakfast
– 10 a.m. Worship
– 11:15 a.m. Mission Committee
– 5:30 p.m. Middle School Service Night
– 6 p.m. High School Service Night |
| May 22 – 9:45 a.m. Quilters | June 5 – 9:45 a.m. Quilters |
| May 23 – 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
– 7 p.m. Deacons Meeting
– 7 p.m. Governance Committee | |
| May 24 – 10 a.m. Stephen Ministry | |