

This week's news...



June 1, 2023

Dear Friends,

A Fond Farewell

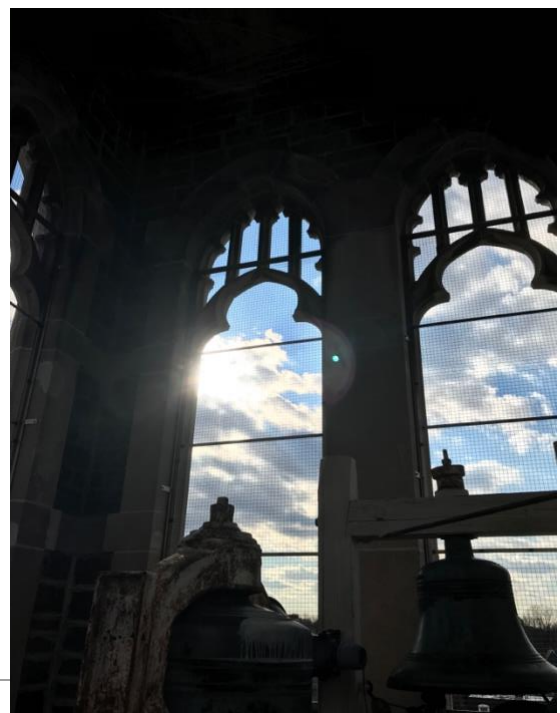
This is my (Anne's) last issue of the *Weekly Email News* and my second-to-last day on the church staff. It is difficult to say goodbye to a group of people who have provided me with such great support and love. I was hired in an emergency as a very inexperienced office worker and had to learn everything from how the phone system worked (Bill Getman wondered at first why I never picked up my intercom) to bulk mailing to folding machine cajoling and shredder repair. Along the way I figured out how to put together a bulletin, set up live streaming events, and make sure loved ones were honored in the Memorial Garden. Let's just say I have been stretched.

If you know me at all, you know that I love working with words, and it has been my privilege to work on devotionals, blogs, and various documents and manuals for the church. If you ever had a conversation with me about punctuation, fonts, vocabulary, forms of expression, know that I was in my glory. But the most important element there is the conversation and the many special people I have worked with in the last six years. As I've sifted through photos and files in the last few weeks, I've been struck by the number of people whose lives have intersected with mine in the course of the work of the church. I am grateful for all the ways folks around here care and demonstrate their caring every day.

I say goodbye with a sense that you all are in strong and caring hands and that there is a strong spirit at work propelling the church to do good in the world. I will miss the smiles, the goodwill, and some dear friends. Thank you for all you have shared with me.

Godspeed,

Anne



EVERYONE COME!

Tomorrow is the Strawberry Festival, 6-7:30 p.m. The whole church smelled of strawberries this afternoon and the practicing musicians are filling the building with sweet sounds. Come support PW and this time-honored tradition!



YOUTH SERVICE NIGHT IS SUNDAY, JUNE 4

The monthly service night for Middle School and High School youth is this **Sunday, June 4**. From 5 to 6:30 p.m., middle schoolers are invited to make centerpieces and assemble utensil packets for Cathedral Kitchen, and make sandwiches for Joseph's House. We'll have pizza after helping others. From 6:30 to 8 p.m., high school students are invited to make homemade mac and cheese, Rice Krispies treats and cupcakes for Joseph's House. We'll have pizza first and then get to cooking and baking. Please RSVP to cnyount@gmail.com by noon on Sunday.



NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY is Friday June 2 – Honor victims of gun violence by wearing orange that day and all weekend. What would you do to prevent the #1 cause of death for children in America? You can learn more about our denomination’s stance on gun violence and ways you can help keep people safe under Ministries/Social Justice on our church’s website.



JUNE 2nd
RAIN DATE: JUNE 3rd (same time)
9TH ANNUAL NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

WEAR ORANGE

4PM | WHITMAN SQUARE (WATER TOWER)
1180 Whitman Ave

MUSIC | SPEAKERS | FAMILY FUN | REFRESHMENTS

8:30 PM Movies with Metro - *Frozen II*

The Camden County Board of Commissioners, Mayor Victor Carstarphen, Camden County Police Department, Center for Family Services Cure4Camden, and South Jersey Moms Demand Action are proud to recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day 2023 and honor survivors of gun violence in our communities.

Join us for this family-friendly event to raise awareness and help bring change to the gun violence epidemic. Every day, more than 120 Americans are killed with guns.

TOGETHER, WE WILL END GUN VIOLENCE. #WearOrangeCC

FREE FOOD, DRINKS, WATER ICE, VIDEO GAMES, JUMPERS, BOXING SESSIONS
Check CamdenCounty.com/wearorange for more information

camden county Making It Better. Together. MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA SOUTH JERSEY POLICE CITY OF CAMDEN CENTER FOR FAMILY SERVICES

LEARN ABOUT WELLNESS AT URBANPROMISE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Please join us in the Parlor 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.

After-worship hospitality is back at FPCH!



The Hospitality Committee (Joan Fiorella, Janet Shoemaker, Quint Lerch, and Pete Hurd) is asking for volunteers – individuals, couples, families, and church committees – to provide and serve refreshments on any Sunday of their choosing during June, July, and August. Refreshments can consist of items like donuts, coffee cake, cookies, brownies, and crackers, along with juice or lemonade. There are a number of simple ways you can sign up: 1) Pick a date on the sign-up sheet that will be available on the refreshment table after church each Sunday, 2) send an email to one of the committee members mentioned above – jmfiorella@gmail.com,

shoemakerjanet68@gmail.com, qlerch2@comcast.net, or phurd75@gmail.com, or 3) sign up on REALM.

Please consider volunteering for this important fellowship. Enjoy old friends and make new ones! Stay tuned for more detail about utensils, plates, cups, napkins, pitchers, etc. Many of these items are already available in the church kitchen.

Thank you,
The Hospitality Committee

PASTOR NIKKI'S BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS @ 7

MEETS NEXT ON JUNE 15

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 Porch Bible Study will meet in the Church Parlor in person on Tuesday, June 20 at 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. We are studying Daniel and Esther. Bring your own beverage. Cookies will be provided. All are welcome to our time of study and prayer. For information, please contact Deb Nussbaum at debranussbaum1987@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S WALKING GROUP – Join Linda Hess on **Tuesday, June 13 at 10 a.m.** under the church portico for a walk through the neighborhood. The walk will be approximately 2 mi. and will last about one hour. Bring a little pocket change if you would like to continue in fellowship at Saxby's after the walk.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AND GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

THE MARKETING COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to help with new members classes, resurrecting rally day, and the fall festival in October. You don't need to help with all – just one will be appreciated. Please contact Margot Dark at margotdark@msn.com, or by text @ 609-238-0694.

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.*



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.

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.

For more information and registration:

<https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1720338>.

PASTOR NIKKI LEADS SUMMER WORKSHOP SERIES:

This summer Pastor Nikki is reprising the *Summer Workshop Series*, offering requested topics and subjects relevant to our faith life together. All workshops take place after Sunday worship in the Hospitality Center and will go for approximately one hour. Light snacks will be provided as well as ample time for questions and discussion! Mark your calendars for the following dates:

Sunday June 25: 'Prayer'

Together we'll look at numerous resources on prayer. A variety of prayer books will be provided to peruse, along with resource lists of noteworthy authors, and famous (and not-so-famous) prayers. Along with suggestions for leading and sustaining prayer groups, we'll explore what scholars, pastors, and Jesus say about prayer. And finally, we'll learn more about creating our own prayers (and praying them aloud)!

Sunday July 16: 'The Art and Skill of Connecting'

This workshop will provide the tools to connect with visitors and members of our church and will also equip any person to reach out to someone who is in need or struggling. Participants will be introduced to a 'Continuum of Care,' which allows all members avenues to connect based on their comfort level, whether as an usher, deacon, elder, a member of the visitation ministry, or as a Stephen Minister. Regardless of who you want to connect with and where (it could be someone in your everyday life) you'll be given the tools on how to do it.

Sunday August 13: Gun Violence

The Presbyterian Outlook is dedicating its June issue to the topic of gun violence. Your Christian Education and Justice and Advocacy committees have combined to purchase advance copies of the magazine for our congregation to read, with an invitation to join a discussion on August 13. Rev. Passante will moderate this difficult and necessary discussion as we take a closer look.



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**

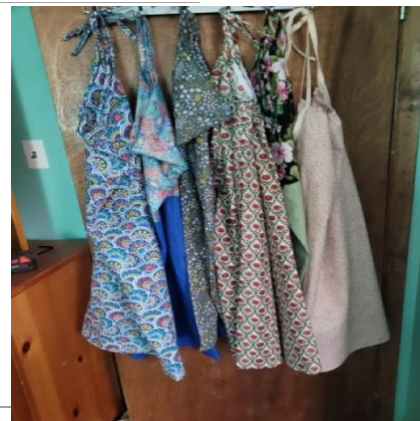
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19Sy90YduYRI4CUBhARYBaO1dh-DDxjibM-mhEPWi6Do/edit?usp=drive_web or on the church website. We look forward to seeing you in July!

AND as always, we look forward to including youth shepherds and adult volunteers on the VBS adventure! Shepherds and volunteers register



at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13Rj1ERU30w8WHCCeUaoWuZPqxoTbv7HqA5fMcTZB0lk/edit?usp=drive_web.

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.



ST. WILFRID'S OPEN DOOR CLINIC UPDATE

Members of FPCH generously support the effort to ease the pain of poverty for families in Camden. Last month, our efforts at St. Wilfrid's in Camden provided much needed food support for 365 families comprised of 964 adults and 592 kids. On the average, each family received \$178.90 worth of food at retail pricing. That's huge.

Our efforts are blessed by the fact that food is readily available to us from the Food Bank of South Jersey. Just last Friday, volunteers picked up and transported over 3.5 tons of food to be distributed this month. (continued)

Yet the need goes beyond food. Countless diapers and baby wipes (costing around \$3.15 a day) get into our clients' hands. So does shampoo at \$5 a bottle, toothpaste at \$3 a tube and a variety of other adult personal and feminine hygiene items.

This is where you come in. These items are not readily available from the Food Bank. We humbly ask that you consider donating these items instead of food. Our clients need diapers Size 4, 5 and 6, baby wipes, shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste and tooth brushes. They are also in need of spring/summer clothing (adult and child) that is clean and in good repair. (No winter clothes please – we don't have the space to store them). Every penny our clients aren't required to spend on these items gives them more money to spend in filling out their food needs for the month. Donated items can be dropped in the alcove closest to the playground doors. Have questions? Contact Paul Urian at umanpaul@me.com or 856-676-2770.

Luke 3:11 - The crowd asked: "What should we do Lord?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.

USHER SIGN UP

Your help is desired! Full instructions are available when you sign up and when you get to church. Click on the Scheduler button to make it official, or simply send Kris Bean a quick email: kbean@haddonfieldpres.org.



MINISTRY SCHEDULER PRO
Effective Ministry Scheduling

Camden County's Current Covid Status:

● Low
In Camden County, New Jersey, community level is Low.

CALENDAR

- June 2 – 6:30 p.m. Strawberry Festival
- June 3 -- 9:a.m. Lion's Breakfast
- June 4 – 8:45 a.m. Choir breakfast
– 10 a.m. Worship with Communion
– 11:15 a.m. Mission Committee
– 5 p.m. Middle School Service Night
– 6:30 p.m. High School Service Night
- June 5 – 9:45 a.m. Quilters
- June 6 – 9:45 a.m. PW Coordinating Team
– 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
– 7 p.m. Governance
- June 8 – 6 p.m. PW of Presbytery for Southern NJ Gathering
– Pastor Nikki's Bible Study does not meet
- June 11 – 10 a.m. Worship
– 5 p.m. Youth Mission Trip Retreat
- June 12 – 7:30 p.m. Circle 4 Zoom
- June 13 – 6 p.m. Finance Committee
- June 14 – 6 p.m. Stephen Ministry
- June 15 – 7 p.m. Pastor Nikki's Zoom Bible Study
- June 16 – 9:30 a.m. Women's Prison Ministry
- June 18 – 10 a.m. Worship, Mission Trip Commissioning
- June 19 -- 7 p.m. Session Meeting
- June 20 -- 9:45 a.m. Circles 1 and 3
-- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
-- 4 p.m. Porch Bible Study in the Parlor
- June 22 -- 7 p.m. Pastor Nikki's Bible Study
- June 24 -- YOUTH MISSION TRIP BEGINS
- June 25 -- 10 a.m. Sunday Worship
-- 11:15 a.m. PRAYER WORKSHOP
- June 27 -- 7 p.m. Deacons
- June 28 -- 6 p.m. Stephen Ministry
- June 29 -- 7 p.m. Pastor Nikki's Bible Study
- June 30 -- Women's Prison Ministry
- July 2 -- 10 a.m. Worship with Communion