

This week's news...



June 16, 2022

Dear Friend,

Psalm 43

Doug is taking a break from writing this week. Here instead is one of the two psalms in the lectionary for Sunday. Psalms 42 and 43 are cries of despair and hope in the midst of despair—specifically, hope in God.



Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
against an ungodly people;
from those who are deceitful and unjust
deliver me!

For you are the God in whom I take refuge;
why have you cast me off?

Why must I walk about mournfully
because of the oppression of the enemy?

O send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling.

Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy;
and I will praise you with the harp,
O God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.

THIS SUNDAY! YEAR-END CELEBRATION AND DOUG GERDTS APPRECIATION OPEN HOUSE, JUNE 19

Nikki and Marco are welcoming the congregation to their home (next door at the manse) on June 19 from the end of worship until 2 p.m. Food will be provided, but if folks would still like to bring food they may. All questions can be directed to [Maggie Sell](#) or [Deb Nussbaum](#). Come celebrate a productive and spirit-filled church year and say your thank-yous and good-byes to Doug.



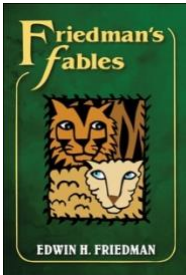
STEPHEN MINISTRY INTEREST MEETING JUNE 22 AT 10 A.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

For information about Stephen Ministry, see our webpage:

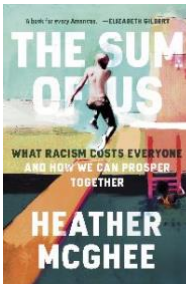
www.haddonfieldpres.org/stephenministry.

If you have questions, email them to stephenministry@haddonfieldpres.org.

SUMMER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES!



WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION - Beginning on **July 6 at 6:30 on Zoom**, join a discussion of *Friedman's Fables*, by Edwin H. Friedman. These tales "offer fresh perspectives on familiar human foibles and reflect the author's humor, pathos, and understanding." Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6467052376>. To join by phone: 646-558-8656, meeting ID 6467052376.



JAC'S SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION: *The Sum of Us* by Heather McGhee. The Justice and Advocacy Committee is reading Heather McGhee's *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together*, which explores how racism and zero-sum attitudes are used in discussions about the common good. **You are invited to join JAC's upcoming book discussion on July 10, immediately following worship in the choir room.** For more information, go to the Adult Ed page of the website: <http://www.haddonfieldpres.org/adult-education>

OPENING THE SANCTUARY TO THE PUBLIC IN JULY

As Doug noted, we had a good response from visitors to our Sanctuary last weekend. Again on **July 9 and 10**, during the Haddonfield Arts and Crafts Show, we would like to invite the public into the building. Please sign up to be a greeter for an hour on one of those days. All that's required is your welcoming presence.

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If you have questions, please contact Margot Dark: margotdark@msn.com. Brochures describing the stained glass windows are available in the back of the Sanctuary.

OUT AND ABOUT WITH FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

[A new summer feature - [send us](#) your project, vacation, garden, adventure photos and we will share them here. Note to study groups - send us a photo of your Zoom or gathering!]



This week we are “In and Around” – the church, that is.

First, a glimpse of the Preschool’s year-end program. Congratulations to all the little ones and their teachers who have navigated both learning adventures and COVID protocols with grace!

Second, construction (demo, anyway) has begun on a new Preschool bathroom and the long-awaited Parlor project.



NURSERY CARE DURING WORSHIP

The summer nursery is located in the Hospitality Center on the lower level across from Fellowship Hall. Any questions, please reach out to Gabrielle Heimerling at gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org.

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.*

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECIPIENTS OF THE

DEACONS SCHOLARSHIPS!



Hope Elgart

Hope has been active in our church for many years. She has played in bell choirs, sung in the youth choirs, taught Sunday School, worked in the church nursery, was a shepherd for VBS, and has participated in mission trips to Tennessee and the Dominican Republic. Hope will attend Loyola University, Chicago.

Keira Federline

Keira has been a shepherd during Vacation Bible School, helped out in the nursery, and has assisted in confirmation class. She has also done readings during the church service and participated in Martin Luther King Day of Service activities. Keira will attend James Madison University in Virginia.



Congratulations, Hope and Keira! The deacons wish you all the best for your time in college and the future! Come back and visit your church family at First Presbyterian Church Haddonfield when you are around.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) for 2022 – SPOTS AVAILABLE!



VBS 2022: DISCOVERY ON ADVENTURE ISLAND – Camp dates are July 25-July 29 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. We are looking forward to another great week of VBS this summer! This year explorers participate on an exciting quest to find five mysterious Infinity Lanterns to help light their way. Using map coordinates from the Reference Book (the Bible), children discover clues to finding each Lantern while learning how God's light shines in the lives of familiar biblical characters in Old and New Testament stories. VBS is open to kids 4 (fully potty trained) - 5th grade. Cost is \$35 per Explorer. Use the following link for registration:

<https://fpchadventureisland22.mycokesburyvbs.com/>. Payment information will be sent once your registration is received.

VBS 2022 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We Need You! We are recruiting for Station Leaders (adults) and Shepherds (kids) for VBS 2022 taking place July 25-July 29 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Please contact Gabrielle Heimerling at gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org if you would like to help out with what is sure to be an amazing week of camp.

ST. WILFRID'S OPEN DOOR CLINIC

Next Foodbank Pick-up is Fri. morning, June 17; Next Open Door Clinic will be Sat. June 18

On Friday, we will again be meeting at the Foodbank of South Jersey at approximately 8:00 am to transport goods to St. Wilfrid's and at approximately 8:35 am at St. Wilfrid's to unload and store these goods. If you would like to know more-contact Paul Urian at umanpaul@me.com.

ST. WILFRID'S CONTINUED: As the Open Door Clinic has "morphed" to providing food, we have provided 11,160 bags of food in 112 weeks, distributed by the all-volunteer, everything donated, nobody gets paid, Open Door Clinic at St. Wilfrid's. Thank you to all our volunteers, and sponsors. In May, the Open Door Clinic touch the lives of 1,237 adults and 718 children with our food distribution.

Needs: We are collecting fans, baby wipes, # 2 and # 5 diapers, bar soap, and deodorant. These may be dropped off weekdays on the steps behind Grace Episcopal Church OR Sundays on the table outside Fellowship Hall from 9:30-11:30

Fans: This week the high temperatures in the region will approach 90 degrees. We are still collecting fans for people who not only have no air conditioning, but also do not have much ventilation. Last year we distributed 53 fans: Through last weekend, we have distributed 34 fans and three air conditioners. Thank you to all our sponsors and volunteers. Fans can be ordered and sent to or dropped off to Corey Crumley 40 Warwick Rd, Haddonfield, NJ 08033

We will be having some changes in the schedule. More to come or check out the website www.opendoorcliniccamden.org

WEEKLY CALENDAR

- June 17 – 8 a.m. St. Wilfrid's food pick up at South Jersey Food Bank
– 9 a.m. Women's Prison Ministry Zoom
- June 18 – 9 a.m.-12 p.m. St. Wilfrid's Open Door Clinic
- June 19 – 10 a.m. Worship – Mission Trip Commissioning
– 11 a.m. Open House at the Manse
- June 20 – 9:45 a.m. Quilters
– 7 p.m. Session
- June 21 – 10:30 a.m. Staff meeting
- June 22 – 10 a.m. Stephen Ministry interest meeting
- June 25-July 2 – Youth Mission Trip
- June 26 – 10 a.m. Worship – Doug's last Sunday

