

This week's news...



June 2, 2022

Dear Friend,

A Colorful Sunday

This weekend offers all of us some colorful choices:

First — we can wear orange and join together to demand a future free from gun violence once and for all. Why orange? On January 21, 2013, Hadiya Pendleton marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade. One week later, Hadiya was shot and killed on a playground in Chicago. Soon after this tragedy, Hadiya's friends commemorated her life by wearing orange, the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others. Wear Orange is now observed every June. Thousands of people wear the color orange to honor Hadiya and the more than 40,000 people who are killed with guns and approximately 85,000 who are shot and wounded every year.

Second -- we can wear red in observance of Pentecost, the event depicted in the second chapter of Acts wherein the Holy Spirit appeared to the gathered followers of Jesus following his ascension. It was during that event that God introduced the concept of "Code Switching," the practice of alternating between two or more languages or varieties of language in conversation. This wasn't the reversal of the Tower of Babel, wherein folks couldn't understand each other due to linguistic differences, Pentecost was the occasion of understanding despite differences, in effect, a recognition and celebration of human diversity.

Third -- we can wear a rainbow in recognition of June as LGBTQ+ Pride month. Pride commemorates the Stonewall riots of 1969 and has evolved as the promotion of the self-affirmation, dignity, equality, and increased visibility of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people as a social group. Pride, as opposed to shame and social stigma, is the predominant outlook that bolsters most LGBT rights movements. The rainbow flag has been the symbol of Pride since 1978 as colors reflect the diversity of the LGBTQ+ community and the spectrum of human sexuality and gender.



Regardless of what color you decide to wear (or not!) -- I hope to see you on Sunday (in person or streaming) -- and as always, I hope this finds you well.

God bless,

Doug

WEAR ORANGE WEEKEND, JUNE 3-5



KICK-OFF RALLY FOR THE 8TH ANNUAL NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

WEAR ORANGE

6PM | MCLAUGHLIN NORCROSS MEMORIAL DELL
1214 S Park Ave, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035

CONCERT | SPEAKERS | FAMILY FUN | REFRESHMENTS

The Camden County Board of Commissioners and South Jersey Moms Demand Action are proud to recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day 2022 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 110 Americans are killed with guns. #WearOrangeCC

Check CamdenCounty.com/wearorange for full list of speakers and concert updates

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MOMS DEMAND ACTION
FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA

CENTER FOR FAMILY SERVICES

SATURDAY JUNE 4TH 10AM-2PM | Camden Strong Parkside Clean Up
FARNHAM PARK Park & Baird Blvd., Camden

Also, join us to clean up our community while bringing awareness to gun violence.
Camden County Wear Orange T-Shirts will be provided.

The vision for Wear Orange is that anyone who believes we can and must solve the problem of gun violence in America will take action and stand together in a bold statement of resilience and fortitude. June 3, 2022 will be recognized as the 8th National Gun Violence Awareness Day. It is followed by Wear Orange Weekend (June 4-5th). Wearing orange is an outward symbol to draw attention to this urgent crisis. Please get your clothing, ribbons, pins, hats, or any other orange items ready and wear them the first weekend in June. This is a time to elevate the stories of gun violence victims and survivors, the policies and programs that have been successful in reducing gun violence, as well as opportunities for individuals and communities to effect change. For more information you can go to www.Everytown.org. We all need to do more than pray for the end of gun violence in our nation, our communities, and our homes.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5: WORSHIP IS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL – USHER NEEDED

THE USHERS HAVE NEW SIGN-UP SOFTWARE! [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)



JOIN US FOR PENTECOST! Pentecost special offering will be received



PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS
CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

The Pentecost Offering supports our ministries with children and youth.

join us!
WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

Pentecost Special Offering Received on June 5

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OPENING THE SANCTUARY TO THE PUBLIC

The Communications Committee has plans to open our doors – literally – to the public on **June 4** and periodically thereafter when Haddonfield is hosting events. The Sanctuary will be open from **11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** If you would like to volunteer to be a greeter, please contact Margot Dark: margotdark@msn.com. Brochures describing the stained glass windows are available in the back of the Sanctuary.

STEPHEN MINISTRY INTEREST MEETING RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 22 AT 10 A.M.



We will meet in person, socially distanced in Fellowship Hall.

For information about Stephen Ministry, see our webpage:

<http://www.haddonfieldpres.org/stephenministry>.

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

NURSERY CARE DURING WORSHIP

The nursery is moving for the summer! Please bring your babies and toddlers to the Hospitality Center located on the lower level outside Fellowship Hall. Any questions, please reach out to Gabrielle Heimerling at gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

is available for kids ages 4 - 10 in the 4th/5th/6th grade classroom on the lower level following the Children's message. Hope to see you there for some bible stories, crafts, and fun.



At long last, the drawing for THE MISSION TRIP RAFFLE will be this weekend! Thank you for your patience as unexpected events postponed the drawing. Winners will be announced online through Facebook and on the website! Good luck to all!

DOUG'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets at 8 a.m. on Zoom. All are welcome. The texts for this week are John 16:12-15 and Romans 5: 1-5.

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.*

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.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) for 2022

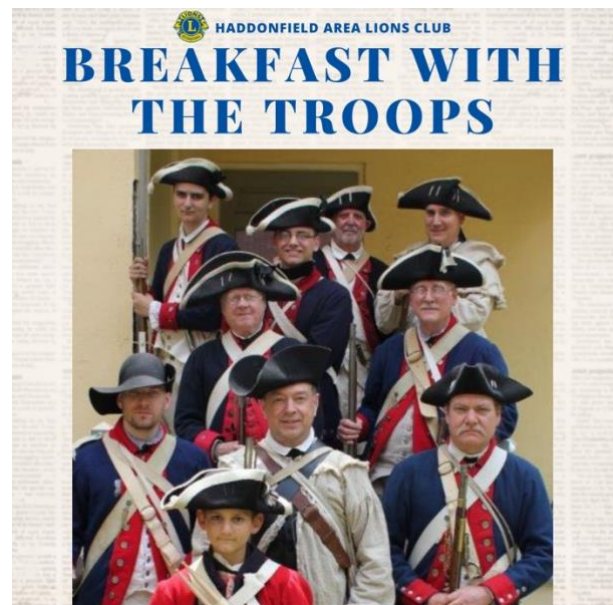


VBS 2022: DISCOVERY ON ADVENTURE ISLAND - Registration Now Open! Camp dates are July 25-July 29 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. We are looking forward to another great week of VBS this summer! This year explorers participate on an exciting quest to find five mysterious Infinity Lanterns to help light their way. 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.

THE LIONS CLUB IS HOSTING A BREAKFAST WITH THE TROOPS as part of the Borough's Skirmish event. The breakfast will be held from **9 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 4, at First Presbyterian Church, Haddonfield, on Kings Highway**. Lions' cooks are making every effort to keep the meal authentic with biscuits (instead of fire cakes) served with churned butter, oatmeal with toppings (instead of porridge), spiral cut ham, breakfast casseroles and beverages. Pancakes will also be served. The cost of breakfast is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. For more information about the Skirmish, please see the Lions website at www.haddonfieldarealions.org or the Indian King website at indiankingfriends.org/skirmish2022.



ST. WILFRID'S OPEN DOOR CLINIC

This week marks the **111th week** that the Open Door Clinic at St. Wilfrid's has distributed food during the pandemic; **126 bags** again, **11,035 total through Saturday**. **Over 275,875 pounds** of food and dry goods, distributed by the all-volunteer, everything donated, **nobody gets paid**, Open Door Clinic at St. Wilfrid's. Thank you all for your generous collections and contributions.

- **There is No FOODBANK pick-up this week.** Although, this is one of those times where we may get the instruction to come over and make a pick-up. Paul Urian will notify us if this happens and a currently unplanned pick-up occurs. If you would like to help with Foodbank pickups or help on Saturday mornings, please contact Paul Urian at umanpaul@me.com
- **Needs: We are again in need of BABY WIPES, size 2 & 3 diapers, bar soap, and deodorant.**
- **PB & J:** Wendy reports that from about June 30 on to Labor Day, we need helpers to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches: **A REAL NEED.** There was a time when peanut butter and jelly sustained the food give-away at the Open Door Clinic. It remains an important part of our overall giving program. Please contact Wendy Coffman at wendy.coffman@gmail.com with any questions. And please pick a week to make PB & J. Making sandwiches is a great opportunity to introduce grandchildren or children to giving and service. The sign-up genius is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0845aba72caa8-pbjs1>.
- **Fans:** Several years ago we saw the great need for "box fans" for our patrons. The cost then was less than \$20.00 a fan, and then moved to \$25.00, and now is over \$30.00 a fan. This is serious stuff. \$20.00 was a lot more palatable than what is now \$30. or \$35.00. We are reaching out to our friends and sponsors. It's a lot. When you have relief in your home from being outside, or when you go to sleep at night, think of others, who are trying to find a breeze for a couple hours of sleep. Fans can be dropped off or ordered and sent to: Corey Crumley. 40 Warwick Rd, Haddonfield, NJ 08033
- **Check out the website** and see the many ways help is needed at St Wilfrid's, which went from being a clinic to a Saturday food bank during the pandemic. www.opendoorcliniccamden.org. If you have any questions, please call Jill Mascena at 856-428-7342. Leave a message, and she will get back to you!



WEEKLY CALENDAR

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| June 2 | – 4 p.m. Communications Committee |
| June 3 | – 9 a.m. Women's Prison Ministry Zoom |
| June 3-5 | – Wear Orange Weekend |
| June 4 | – 9-11:30 a.m. Lions Club Breakfast with the Troops |
| | – 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sanctuary Open to the Public |
| June 5 | – PENTECOST |
| | – 10 a.m. Worship Moves to Fellowship Hall |
| June 6 | – 9:45 a.m. Quilters |
| June 7 | – 8 a.m. Doug's Bible Study |
| | – 9:45 a.m. PW Coordinating Team |
| | – Staff Closet Clean-out Day |
| | – 3-7 p.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive |
| June 12 | – 10 a.m. Worship |