

This week's news...



June 9, 2022

Dear Friend,

Tying Up Loose Ends!

As soon as June 1 rolled around, things started getting a little hectic!

On the church side of the ledger I've been wrapping up lingering projects, handing off others, giving up on a few, and saying many preliminary goodbyes! Members have been asking for meetings and get-togethers (which I love!) and yes, a few of you are counting down the days until I'm finally out of the church.

By now you're all aware of my early morning treks through Haddonfield. I make a 5-mile loop that takes me up to Tavistock and then back down meandering through neighborhoods until I'm back to the Wezner Mansion. Since I'm a creature of habit (yes — OCD!) I follow the exact same path every day. (Well, truth be told, there are those rare occasions when I'm feeling daring and I run the same route — but in the opposite direction!). Consequently, I run by my "regulars" and we have a waving/nodding/smiling acquaintance — meaning — I've never had a conversation with them. As a result, I've created their life-stories in my imagination: where they live, what they do, if they're married, have kids, retired, etc.

One couple, in particular, garners a lot of my creativity. They are maybe 40, he's tall, she's short, both are athletic and fit, and are out walking their Dobermann — which is a regal, well-manner, and very serious looking dog (like a good German!). We often cross paths on Lane of Acres and so this week, I stopped and introduced myself.



I told them how much I enjoyed seeing them in the morning, that I looked forward to our waves and "good mornings" and that the added a sense of consistency and "home" to my stay in Haddonfield. I also confessed that I had created a really lovely back-story for them. They asked why I was leaving and told them about retiring from the ministry and that I was serving First Presbyterian on Kings Highway! Oh! They knew it well! Both of their kids (the eldest now 12) attended our preschool for years and years and loved it!

I'll miss seeing the two of them and their dog, Roxy, on their morning walks — but glad I had a chance to say goodbye! Strange, isn't it, that people become valued parts of our lives but have no idea that happened? I'll say more about the importance that this congregation has taken on in my life a little later in June.

Last observation for this week:

Last Saturday, given that the town was going to be extra busy, the Communications Committee

made plans to open the Sanctuary to visitors. A “new and improved” brochure about the Tiffany windows was printed, bottled water purchased for a giveaway, lots of Ukraine signs were on display for sale, and a couple of stalwart volunteers greeted folks and kept an unobtrusive but watchful eye on the place.

A lot of people visited and it provided excellent community outreach and connections. It was a really good, and fairly simple, event to host. The only thing missing? You!

We had all of 2 volunteers the entire time. There wasn't a need for scores of people — but 6 to 8 would have made a huge difference.

All of this to say that plans are underway to do the same thing next month during the craft show on July 9 and 10. You'll be seeing announcements and requests for volunteers in the bulletin and the weekly email — please consider giving up a couple of hours to show off your gorgeous and inviting church!



OK — last item — a picture this week of grandchildren, Harv and Eleanor. Today is their parents' 4th anniversary — it's been a busy time!

Be well and God bless,

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.



THE PORCH BIBLE STUDY meets on June 15, at 7 p.m., via Zoom, to finish James 4 and start James Chapter 5. We will plan a July meeting to finish James and then start a new study in September. The Porch group (weather permitting) will meet outside at PJs on Haddon Avenue in Westmont at noon on Thursday, June 16. Lunch is for fellowship and fun. For more information about the Porch Bible Study, email Deb Nussbaum at debranussbaum1987@gmail.com. The study is guided by Deb and Jill and Tony Mascena.

NEXT WEEK! 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.

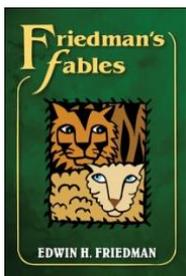


Dear Family of Faith,

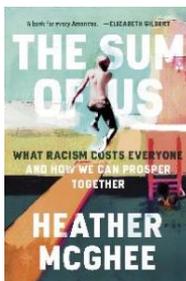
We are so very grateful to each of you who have prayed, sent a card, text, email, visited, provided food, made a donation, and/or attended the funeral. We feel your love and support every day. We appreciate your continued prayers for our healing.

Love, Clair & Judy Blank, Paulette Kohout, Geoff & Kevin Owens, Char D'Ambrosio

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>

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!]

Our own multi-talented Lucas Brown and the Lucas Brown Trio entertained at last Saturday's Wine and Jazz Festival at Longwood Gardens. The jazz was as stunning as the gardens and the beautiful day:



Judy and Clair Blank are celebrating the Haddon Heights HS softball team's state championship with granddaughter Cameron Kohout. The team has now won two games in the Tournament of Champions, breaking one opponent's 40-game winning streak!

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.



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.

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.*

ST. WILFRID'S OPEN DOOR CLINIC

Thirty Four Fans.

Thirty Four Fans were distributed Saturday. Our patrons live in housing where there is often air conditioning that doesn't work, there are windows that do not open or close, or there no air conditioning. Eyes light up when they can get a fan, or baby wipes, or diapers, or women's hygiene products: faces light up: the unexpected gift and blessing. Each week is an opportunity to bless and be blessed.



The Open Door Clinic will NOT be open this Saturday, June 11.

Many of our volunteers have been tirelessly volunteering their time over the past two years and are fatigued. Time to take a week off!

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

If anyone is able to help with either or would like to know more or volunteer for either sometime this summer – please contact Paul Urian at umanpaul@me.com

Last week marked the **112th week** that the Open Door Clinic at St Wilfrid's has distributed food during the pandemic; **126 bags** again, **11,160 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. In May, the Open Door Clinic touched the lives of **1,237** adults and **718** children with our food distribution. Thank you all for your generous collections and contributions.

Needs: We are still collecting fans, baby wipes, # 2 and # 5 diapers, bar soap, and deodorant. Fans may be dropped off at Corey Crumley's porch at 40 Warwick Road. Haddonfield. Other items may be dropped off weekdays on the steps in back of Grace Episcopal Church (Patco parking) or on Sundays at FPC on the table under the bulletin board in the basement outside Fellowship Hall or from 11-12 outside the office door.

Panera Bread: Rose Guthrie is the principal volunteer who collects Panera bread each Friday night from the Panera in Mount Laurel, off of 295 and Rt 38, between the Wegman's and Costco. **We need back-up for her.** The pick-up is usually just before 9:00 p.m. Fridays, and the bread needs to be at St Wilfrid's by 8:30 Saturday. If one can volunteer to assist or be a back-up, please email Rose: intrepidrose@hotmail.com.

And PB & J: Again, Wendy reports that from about June 30 to Labor Day, we need helpers to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches: There is a **REAL NEED!** Please contact Wendy Coffman at wendy.coffman@gmail.com with any questions. Please pick a week to make PB & Js. It 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>. Thank you. If anyone is interested in learning more, check out the website: www.opendoorcliniccamden.org. Or call Jill Mascena at 856-428-7342. Leave a message and she will get back to you.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

- June 10 – 10 a.m. Property/Parlor Meeting
- June 12 – 10 a.m. Worship – Fellowship Hall – Deacons Scholarships awarded
- June 13 – 9:45 a.m. Quilters
– 7:30 p.m. Circle 4 Zoom
- June 15 – 7 p.m. Porch Bible Study Zoom
- June 16 – 12 p.m. Porch Bible Study Lunch at PJs
- June 17 – 9 a.m. Women’s Prison Ministry Zoom
- 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



The dedicated church staff - all of us - spent time on Tuesday cleaning closets. WOW! What a difference!