

## This week's news...

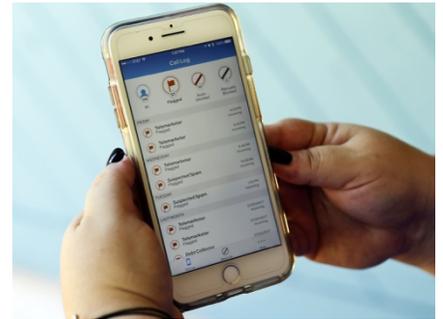


January 20, 2022

Dear Friend,

### Scams and more scams!

Thanks to being tipped-off by an alert member, I listened to a portion of a radio broadcast this week about how older adults (55 and up!) are being targeted for financial scams. It's a problem that's rampant and only getting worse during the pandemic when so many are isolated and perhaps lonely. Before I go much further, here's the link to the broadcast: [How to protect yourself from scams](#). It's well worth a listen if one is in the targeted age-group or has a friend or relative in it. You'll hear stories of people who fell prey to crooks and have to wonder if that could be you or someone you care about? The level of deviousness and sophistication is extremely high — very savvy, non-gullible people have fallen for them.



One other resource is good ol' AARP! They have a slew of resources all of which can be found [here](#). Please be on the alert — and if something sounds fishy, it probably is, and if it sounds too good to be true — it is!

If you'd be interested in having a workshop around this topic, please send me a note and I'll schedule! Be well, stay safe, and God bless,



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### BeSMART PRESENTATION SUNDAY, JAN. 23 @ 11:30

Every adult can play a role in keeping kids and communities safer. Join us on [Zoom](#) for an adults-only presentation by Dave Austin, the BeSMART Lead for the South Jersey chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense. A retired public school educator, Dave has made sharing the BeSMART message a major priority in his life. He will present the five pillars of BeSMART in a non-partisan, non-judgmental fashion that allows for open and honest conversations about this important, life-saving program.



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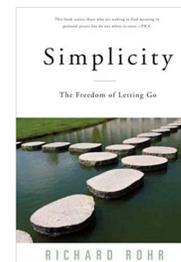
### USHER TRAINING

Ushers are doorkeepers in the house of the Lord and play a significant role in providing first impressions! Do you generate a spirit of welcome and hospitality? If so, the ministry of ushering is calling to you! The Deacons are opening the work of ushering up to the congregation. Ushering training will be provided via Zoom on **Thursday, January 27, at 6:30**. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84926396230>. Training will be based on the manual *The Work of the Usher*, which is available in the church office. Questions? Contact Pastor Nikki.

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## SIMPLICITY BOOK STUDY HAS BEGUN

Pastor Nikki is leading a study of Richard Rohr's book *Simplicity: The Freedom of Letting Go*. The group meets on **Wednesdays at 6:30** via Zoom. Here is the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6467052376>. If you would like to join by phone, call 573-525-9271 and use the PIN: 649 945 862#. Participants are responsible for the book purchase.



### Class schedule:

- 1/19 Forward, Preface, and Introductions
- 1/26 Ch. 1-*God the Father – God the Mother?*
- 2/2 Ch. 2-*Community Life as a Challenge*
- 2/9 Ch. 3-*Getting Rid of the Church*
- 2/16 Ch. 4-*Christians and Political Commitment*
- 2/23 Ch. 5-*Contemplation – the Spiritual Challenge*
- 3/2 **NO CLASS – Ash Wednesday**
- 3/9 Ch. 6-*The Freedom of the Sons and Daughters of God (Luke 8)*
- 3/16 Ch. 7-*What Is This 'Women's Stuff'?*
- 3/23 Ch. 8-*The Social and Political Vocation of Christians*
- 3/30 Ch. 9-*Less is More – Paths to a Spirituality of the Simple Life*

## DOUG LEADS TWO NEW BOOK STUDIES STARTING IN FEBRUARY:

- A 14-week Bible Study on Acts *Into the World: The Acts of the Apostles* (books are \$30 and will be ordered from The Kerygma Program), **Mondays at 11:00 a.m.** via Zoom on Feb 7, 14, 28; March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11, 25; May 2, 9, 16, and 23.
- A 4-part book study/workshop on ***The Dead Beat: Lost Souls, Lucky Stiffs, and the Perverse Pleasures of Obituaries***, by Marilyn Johnson (books are available on Amazon at a variety of prices – most \$10 or under) on **Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m.** via Zoom on Feb 8, 15, 22, and March 1.



## JUSTICE AND ADVOCACY MEETINGS TO RESUME

The new year brings new energy to this church's commitment to the Matthew 25 initiative. Meetings have been scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month at **7 p.m. on Zoom, beginning this week, January 24**. Here is the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4559522340>. Contact Becky Bryan with any questions: [rebeccabryan@me.com](mailto:rebeccabryan@me.com).

**DOUG'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** (8 a.m. on **Zoom**) is ongoing—and you can join at any time. The texts for the coming week are Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Luke 4:21-30.

## Youth News



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**MISSION TRIP 2022 – Spots still available** for the 2022 mission trip for both students and chaperones! We're partnering with Appalachia Service Project and headed to Kentucky for the 2022 Youth Mission Trip! Trip dates are Saturday June 25th to Saturday July 2nd. Any eligible students (rising 9th graders through recently graduated seniors) and potential chaperones, please turn in your completed applications NOW plus \$225 deposit to the church office Attn: Gabrielle Heimerling. If you have any questions or concerns, or need a student or chaperon application, please reach out to Gabrielle Heimerling at [gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org). To learn more about ASP, please visit their website: <https://asphome.org>.

**Sunday School Teacher Needed** – There is an opening for a teacher for our 7th/8th Grade Sunday School class. All that's needed is a willingness to teach and we will provide the curriculum, teaching manuals, supplies and support. Please consider volunteering for this fun and rewarding experience. Reach out to Gabrielle Heimerling at [gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org).

**Nursery:** The nursery will be closed through the month of January. We are looking forward to hanging out with your babies and toddlers in February!

**Sunday School:** Please be on the lookout for **virtual Sunday School** lessons emailed each week. To make sure you are on the distribution list please reach out to Gabrielle Heimerling at [gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org).

**This week in (virtual) Sunday School** - In our younger classes we talked about the first miracle of Jesus - Water into Wine. While we can't always explain the "how" of miracles, we can trust and believe in them, We can always trust Jesus to do the best thing. He didn't just make wine; He made the best wine! We can always trust Jesus to make us the best person we can be too.

Our older classes learned all about John. Apostle John talks a lot about love. A LOT. 1 John 3:23 states, "And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us." More simply stated, Love God, Love Peeps.



**YOUTH GROUP:** We'll be meeting again virtually on 1.23.22. We will be learning more about our upcoming Mission Project - Souper Bowl of Caring and then playing some games. Check out the email to cast your vote on which game we should play. Want to join us? Reach out to Gabrielle Heimerling at [gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org) for the Zoom information.






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## 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.*

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## GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2022

Thanks to all who pledged for the coming year! If you requested giving envelopes, please pick them up in the copy room behind the office (where the accessible bathroom is). Find the box with your name on it. (As with last year, we are saving money by not having giving numbers printed on envelopes.) If you would like envelopes but didn't say so on your pledge, you may take one of the unlabeled boxes. Cash donors take note: when using giving envelopes make sure to include a name or giving number so your offering can be credited to your account.

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**PICKLE BALL, ANYONE?** Steve and Karen Dante will be offering a basic introduction to the very fun game of pickleball to church members and friends. They will run sessions on Fridays from 5:30 - 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall on the following dates: 2/4, 2/18, 2/25, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/22 and 4/29. Cost is \$25 for 4 evenings (they don't need to be on consecutive Fridays), scheduled and paid for in advance, and there is room for up to 8 people per evening. Karen and Steve will provide all equipment, although entry level racquets are not expensive, and you are encouraged to bring your own. Contact Karen with any questions or to sign up: [kfdante@verizon.net](mailto:kfdante@verizon.net).

## ST. WILFRID'S OPEN DOOR CLINIC

This week marks the **93rd week** that the Open Door Clinic at St. Wilfrid's has distributed food during the pandemic; **96 bags – 8 969 total. Over 224,225 pounds** of food and dry goods, distributed by the all-volunteer Open Door Clinic. Thank you all for your generous collections and contributions.



**Coats Needed – sizes 24 months to XXXL.** We have patrons who wear their winter jackets all year round because they work in cold storage, or don't want their jackets stolen...even in summer. If you wore the same jacket every day, you would need a new one too. And we have the new-to-the-U.S. patrons who have never had a jacket and show up to St Wilfrid's in a sweatshirt.

**And PB&J:** We give away 300 sandwiches a week and always need help making them. If you are interested in making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, please select a donation week by signing up on this sign-up form: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0845aba72caa8-pbjs1>. Wendy coordinates the peanut butter and jelly traffic and can be reached at her email: [wendy.coffman@gmail.com](mailto:wendy.coffman@gmail.com). The PB&J are deeply appreciated!!!

**Other Needs:** gloves, mittens, hats, size-6 diapers, wipes, tuna, cold cereal, ladies' sanitary pads, and toothbrushes. Also, plastic grocery bags from Shoprite or Wegman's, paper grocery bags to line the plastic bags, and newspaper bags to hold hygiene products. These items may be dropped off in the bin on the steps by the PATCO side of Grace Church on weekdays or on Sundays at FPC on the cart outside the door to the office on the Masonic side of the church.

**Volunteers are greatly needed** to do Food Bank Pickups on Thursday or Friday mornings AND on Saturday mornings to help fill the bags with food and dry goods to be given to our clients. If you might be able to help, please contact Paul Urian at [umanpaul@me.com](mailto:umanpaul@me.com)

**Check out the website** at [www.opendoorclinicc Camden.org](http://www.opendoorclinicc Camden.org). If you would like to know more, please call Jill Mascena at 856-428-7342 – leave a message and she will get back to you.

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## ANNUAL REPORT

It's time to submit your report if your group or committee typically contributes one. Please send it to Anne Vial, [avial@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:avial@haddonfieldpres.org) as soon as possible. If you are not sure or have questions, contact Anne. The 2020 Annual Report is linked on the "Bulletins" page of the church website for reference. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 13.

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## COMING TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OR NEED SOMETHING IN THE BUILDING?

Please call before venturing out. Staff are working remotely as much as possible during January. In-person meetings are discouraged. If you need to get into the building, talk to a staff member to make arrangements. If your group or committee would like a Zoom meeting scheduled, leave a phone message for Kris Bean or Anne Vial.

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Jan. 20 – 6:30 Moore Bells

– 6:30 1st Usher Training opportunity

– No Chancel Choir

Jan. 21 – Deadline to send Annual Report reports to Anne Vial

Jan. 23 – 10 a.m. Worship

– 11:30 BeSMART Presentation on Zoom

– 5 p.m. Youth Group

Jan. 24 – 7 p.m. JAC on Zoom

Jan. 25 – 7:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Jan. 26 – No Singing Youth or Children's Choir Rehearsals (No spaghetti meal)

– 4:45 p.m. Alleluia Bells

– 5:30 p.m. Whitechapel Bells

– 7:30 p.m. Kirk Ringers

– 6:30 p.m. Simplicity Reading Group

– 7 p.m. CRT

Jan. 27 – 6:30 p.m. Moore Bells

– 6:30 p.m. 2nd Usher Training opportunity

– No Chancel Choir

Jan. 30 – 10 a.m. Worship