

This week's news...



November 11, 2021

Dear Friend,

These Two Things Are Likely Not Compatible!

As you know, a bunch of church folks are reading Steven Petrow's book, *Stupid Things I Won't Do When I Get Old*, and are continually struck by the plainspoken wisdom tucked into the short essays. One in particular caught me up short. It's entitled, "I Won't Burden my Family with Taking Care of Me."

That sentiment, "**I don't want to burden family/children as I age,**" is one heard often. In the same breath, however, when asked about downsizing or moving to a retirement community with progressive care, the answer is often an adamant "**No! I'm not leaving my home!**"

Guess what!?! You've just announced your intention to be a burden to your family.

Here's a bit from the book:

In our parents' final years -- at home -- the three of us [children] managed their finances, hired and fired health aides, called 911 when necessary (and tried to prevent emergency calls when not), and dealt with crises that had become routine. We took turns being "on-call," which meant sharing the duty to field emergency calls in the middle of the night. In every way, this caretaking proved exhausting, even as we kept hearing, "We don't want to become a burden."

Anyone at or above Medicare age needs a plan. To some of us, this planning seems to have come a lot quicker than anticipated! Here's one route as conveyed by one of the author's friends:

My plan is to put a deposit on a continuing care community and move in when I'm seventy. The communities I'm interested in have long waiting lists, so I want to get my name in there early.

I guess it's time for me to start paying attention to all of the marketing mail I'm getting on a regular basis from retirement places and take a few tours and consider putting down a deposit. Ugh. Yet, the idea of my children taking time away from their own families to care for me -- a far worse "Ugh!"

Not an easy topic or decision and often one that feels permissible to delay, but this little book of "stupid things" reminds us that time does indeed march on!

Be well, stay safe, get vaccinated/boosted, and God bless,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug".

NEW MEMBERS CLASS #2 – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 on Zoom

Grab your tea or coffee and join Pastor Nikki online at 11:30 on Sunday if you are interested in joining First Presbyterian or want to find out more. Here is the [Zoom link](#), meeting number 849 4953 7082. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Nikki Passante at npassante@haddonfieldpres.org or at the church office: 856-429-1960, ext. 110.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK FOR ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

On November 21, 2021, First Presbyterian Church Haddonfield will begin its celebration of the first 150 years of its service to Christ in this body. On November 21, 1871, thirty-six Presbyterians, after having petitioned the Presbytery of West Jersey and elected two ruling elders, officially organized this congregation. There will be a year-long celebration of this historical marker, beginning with our traditional recognition of those who have been members of the church for fifty years or more. You will see the list of these stalwart souls in next week's bulletin. (Invitations went out this week but may have been delayed by Veterans Day. If you are a 50+-year member but haven't heard from us by Wednesday, please let the church know so we can plan for your presence and/or include your name in the bulletin.) Further celebratory events will be announced in the coming weeks.

THANKSGIVING TURKEY DONATIONS, NOV. 21

It's time! Turkey collection is next week! Most supermarkets have some sort of deal on turkeys. We will be collecting **frozen turkeys** – double bagged to help our cold hands please – on Sunday, November 21, in the parking lot near the playground. Start time is 9 a.m. and we will finish up around 12:30 – giving you plenty of time to go to ACME after service! Nov. 21 is anniversary Sunday (150 years!) so you will want to be sure to attend. Turkeys will be taken to Your Food Shelf (an organization started by Presbyterians) and distributed to those who need. There is very limited room in the freezer in the church basement if you want to arrange to drop your bird off early. This year only, you can also drop off other donations (St. Wilfrid's etc.) at the turkey drop. Looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP!

Youth Group You won't want to miss our **Master Chef Youth Group Sunday night, November 14**, from 5 p.m.-6 p.m. All interested middle and high schoolers please meet us in the church kitchen. **RSVP required** to gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org and BYOHM (bring your own hand mixer). We'll supply the rest. Hope to see you there!

Sunday School Is Back Please make sure to register your children for Sunday School through the following link: [SS 21-22 Registration Form](#). **Interested in teaching?** We can always use volunteers! Please reach out to Gabrielle Heimerling at gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org for more information.

Nursery Workers: We need help in the nursery! Looking to earn some extra cash? We are looking to staff our nursery as many of our wonderful nursery helpers headed off to college. Ideal candidates will be high school aged or older with ample babysitting experience and/or certification. Must love babies and toddlers! This is a paid position! Please reach out to Gabrielle Heimerling for more details at gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org.

THE ADVENT FESTIVAL IS BACK AND IN PERSON! We can't wait to have everyone together crafting on Sunday, November 28, from 4-5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and beyond. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME!! We are in need of some youth volunteers to help run the craft stations! Please reach out to gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org if you are interested in volunteering!



FPC YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2022

Informational Meeting, Sunday, November 28th at 11:15 a.m. Directly after the 10:00 service on Sunday, 11/28/21, we will be holding an informational meeting about the Summer 2022 Youth Mission Trip! You are welcome to attend this meeting if you will be a rising freshman through a graduated senior next summer or if you are interested in applying to be a chaperone. All information about the trip, including the dates and location, will be distributed on this day. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Gabrielle Heimerling at gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org.

COFFEE, CHOCOLATE, AND TEA – FOR CHRISTMAS!

Presbyterian Women will resume selling coffee, tea, chocolate, cocoa mix, and olive oil. Due to Covid, there will be no table set up for selling. Instead Bonnie Manskopf will take orders over the phone or by email. See the list of products below and on the website:

<http://www.haddonfieldpres.org/presbyterian-women> where prices have been added. Contact Bonnie with questions or to order: 856-858-1934, bonniemanskopf@yahoo.com. Make checks out to Presbyterian Women. **Christmas orders need to be received by December 1.**

Products:

- Coffee - French roast, regular and decaf; organic breakfast blend; hazelnut creme, decaf
- Tea - organic English breakfast, regular and decaf; organic peppermint; organic chamomile
- Olive Oil - organic extra-virgin from Palestine
- Cocoa mixes - organic hot cocoa; organic dark hot cocoa; organic baking cocoa
- Chocolate bars (all organic) - dark chocolate almond; dark chocolate caramel with sea salt; dark chocolate mint crunch; dark chocolate orange; Panama extra dark (80%); milk chocolate caramel crunch with sea salt

POINSETTIA TIME

You are invited to give a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a loved one or ones to brighten up the Sanctuary for this year's Advent Candlelight service. Order forms are available in the back of the

Sanctuary, the church office, and on the church website: www.haddonfieldpres.org. Please return your order form to Isabel Pross, 215 Lincoln Avenue, Haddonfield, NJ 08033, by December 4 with a check payable to First Presbyterian Church. Any funds over and above the cost of the plants will be allocated to the Women's Prison Ministry. This year, poinsettias will be collected after the Candlelight service on December 12.



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN'S VIRTUAL "CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD"

Dust off those virtual passports and join **Presbyterian Women** in supporting Feed My Starving Children's "Christmas Around the World" event. Travel virtually to Belize, Nicaragua, and eSwatini (formerly Swaziland) to learn more about the ways the Christmas season is celebrated. The event is scheduled for Thursday, December 2, at 8 p.m. (a correction) and, although

free to participate, does require registration at fmsc.org/worldchristmas. And what would a trip be without a souvenir or gift to bring home? FMSC has you covered. Check out the [MarketPlace](#) or holiday auction where you can purchase unique gifts made by artisans from FMSC partner countries. Your purchases will help to support individual artisans and the goal of feeding all of God's children.



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INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS – SHOP AND VOLUNTEER

Interfaith Caregivers is hosting its first annual Haddonfield Outdoor Holiday Market on December 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at its location, 20 Chestnut Street. There will be over 35 vendors with items like candles, wreaths, wooden signs and succulents in reclaimed teacups. There is sure to be something special for everyone on your gift-giving list. Stop by, shop locally, and have a bite to eat as well from one of the food trucks. Interfaith Caregivers is celebrating 30 years of service to the community this year. Our mission today, as it was at its founding, is to provide supportive volunteer services to people 65 and older and those with disabilities. You can be a part of this vital service by volunteering. It is simple and rewarding. Email Larissa Willison at willison@ifchaddons.org to find out more. Thank you for your support.

THANK YOU!

The Deacons' Jalapeño Grill Dine and Donate event last Friday, Nov 5, took in \$2,330! And that's with another group having a Dine and Donate going on the same night! Our take is \$466.00! Could be a record for FPC! Thank you everyone for a wonderful, festive evening of good food and lots of conversation! Take-out was popular, too! Keep on turning out for our church the way you always do...Just think of the things we will do in 2022!

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*

THE OPEN DOOR CLINIC AT ST. WILFRID'S

We are grateful to all who contributed to our **Matching Grant program**—we exhausted all the match grants! This week marks the **86th straight week** that the Open Door Clinic at St. Wilfrid's has distributed food during the pandemic; **116 bags** again, **8,192 total**. **Over 204,800 pounds** of food and dry goods distributed by this amazing all-volunteer organization. Thank you for your consistent and generous collections and contributions. We can confirm reaching 1,235 adults, and 879 children with food *this October*.

- **PB&J Sign Up Link:** 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, who coordinates the peanut butter and jelly traffic can be reached at her email: wendy.coffman@gmail.com
 - **Needs:** Baby wipes, feminine pads, flip-top cans or jars of fruit, spaghetti sauce, and cereal. Also, winter coats and jackets for all ages, mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves. These may be dropped off in the alcove behind the parlor. Many of our clients live in rental units and the heat is controlled and set at 55 degrees—our neighbors are wearing jackets and coats inside as well as outside!
 - **Volunteers to help with food bank pickup on Friday mornings:** Contact Paul Urian for more information: umanpaul@me.com. If you can volunteer to help Saturday mornings or would like more information about anything, call Jill Mascena at 856-428-7342 and leave a message and she'll get back to you. OR check the website to find out more: opendoorcliniccamden.org
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BIBLE STUDY

WITH PASTOR DOUG – TUESDAY MORNINGS, 8:00 via Zoom. Join at any time. The topic is always the coming Sunday's scripture. The text for the coming week is Hebrews 12:1-2.

WITH PASTOR NIKKI – THURSDAY EVENINGS at 6:30 on Zoom. Currently discussing the Letter to the Hebrews. You are welcome to join whenever you can.

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Nov. 11 – 6:30 p.m. Nikki's Bible Study

Nov. 11 – 6:30 p.m. Moore Bells

Nov. 11 – 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Nov. 12 – 9:00 a.m. Women's Prison Ministry
Zoom

Nov. 14 – 10 a.m. In-Person and Online Worship
/Sunday School

Nov. 14 – 11:15 a.m. New Members class, on
Zoom

Nov. 14 – 5 p.m. Youth Group – Cooking!

Nov. 15 – 10 a.m. Quilters

Nov. 15 – 7 p.m. Session

Nov. 16 – 8 a.m. Doug's Bible Study

Nov. 16 – 10 a.m. Circle 1, Hospitality Center

Nov. 16 – 10 a.m. Circle 3, Parlor

Nov. 16 – 7 p.m. Governance Committee

Nov. 17 – Youth and Children's Choir Rehearsals;
Spaghetti dinner (6:00)

Nov. 17 – 6:30 p.m. Nikki's Bible Study

Nov. 18 – 6:30 p.m. Moore Bells

Nov. 18 – 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Nov. 21 – All morning Turkey Collection

Nov. 21 – 10 a.m. In-Person and Online Worship –
ANNIVERSARY AND
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

