

This week's news...



March 10, 2022

Dear Friend,

How to Discover the Life-Affirming Comforts of 'Death Cleaning'

I'm a big fan of minimalism, of shedding unneeded, unwanted, unnecessary stuff (and not just physical stuff!) which drags down our lives and clutters all aspects of our existence. I cull my possessions every couple of years and if I have haven't used, worn, or needed something it typically goes into a donate or throw pile. There are exceptions, of course, and those are things that bring me happiness: photos, mementos, art, books, tech stuff, and office supplies! Consequently, I'm drawn to articles about down-sizing and decluttering, hence, the title of this post! I lifted it from a *New York Times* [article](#) of the same name!



Here's how it starts:

Cleaning out a home can be a morbid, depressing task, often best left until after you're gone, when it's no longer your problem. But what if you decide to tackle the chore now, while you're still here to make the decisions?

As we begin to emerge from a long and deadly pandemic, some older Americans have decided to do just that.

Professional home organizers are reporting a spike in calls from older customers asking for help sorting through their belongings, seeking to dole out the heirlooms and sentimental items and toss the excess. The mood, organizers say, is largely upbeat, with people eager to part with china, furniture and photographs. In some cases, the inquiries come from grown children on behalf of their aging parents, keen to get ahead on the task so they don't have to do it alone later.

You may be aware that I was out of town last Sunday. I was in Milwaukee, WI, officiating at a funeral for a long-term friend's mother, Janeth. They were my family-of-choice from college on and I spent countless hours mooching off their generous nature and excellent cooking! When I was ordained, Janeth made me promise that I'd do her funeral — and so — 25 years later, I fulfilled that commitment. She and her family were intentional about thinning out her stuff and also designating specific items to children and adult grandchildren. To my delight, Janeth remembered that I admired a coat rack years and years ago and designated it for me.



Cleaning out her large retirement community apartment was fairly easy — mostly because they did the work ahead of time and Janeth had the fun of deciding who got what!

The article raised yet another valid point:

In that case, we should have the courtesy to not burden our loved ones with a lifetime of clutter. “I don’t think that’s nice to leave that to your own children,” said Ms. Magnusson, who also suggested tossing any letters or journals that might offend your children, should they eventually discover them. Simply put, we should be preparing for the end throughout our lives, pruning as we go.

Tossing anything that might be controversial or disturbing is hugely important. You won’t be there to explain or discuss and no one can control how something is received or interpreted!

Lent is the perfect time to take stock of our stuff — to evaluate and consider — and in the process free ourselves from lugging it around! Maybe what we should all give up for Lent are all of the unopened boxes in our basements and attics!

Be well and God bless,



NEW MEMBERS CLASSES – March 20 and 27, 11:15 a.m.

Sundays, March 20 and 27, 11:15 a.m. on Zoom. Join Pastor Nikki online if you are interested in joining First Presbyterian or want to find out more. Zoom information: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6467052376>, Meeting ID: 646 705 2376. Join by phone: +16465588656, 6467052376#. No need to RSVP – simply come. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Nikki Passante at npassante@haddonfieldpres.org or at the church office: 856-429-1960, ext. 110.

THANK YOU TO LUCAS BROWN AND HIS QUARTET!

Thank you, Lucas for filling the Sanctuary with decidedly hip music and lots of people last Friday! How nice it is to gather! Money was raised to support the music programs of the church – a worthy donation target anytime. The Quartet: Lucas Brown, Peter Bernstein, Byron Landham (hidden), and Chris Lewis.



SPEAKING OF THE MUSIC PROGRAM...

You are in for a treat during Sunday worship on March 13 when four of the choirs combine for the anthem. Here’s a sneak peek at the Carol Choir rehearsal. Click on photo to play video.

**“SPRING FORWARD” SATURDAY NIGHT
Daylight Savings Starts This Weekend –
Don’t Be Late for Church!**

YOUTH PROGRAMS THIS WEEK:



COMMUNION CLASS 2022, WEEK 2 – The Communion Class will continue to meet this Sunday, 3/13. Preparation for Communion is taking place Sunday, March 6 through Sunday, March 27 from 10 a.m.-11 a.m., culminating in Communion Sunday on April 3rd.

Youth Group is meeting in person tonight from 5 p.m.-6 p.m. for a board game bonanza! We'll meet in the Hospitality Room for pizza and (fruit) snacks and our new favorite, TastyKakes. Don't forget a mask. See you there!

AID FOR UKRAINE –

Both the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) are seeking donations for aid to Ukraine. To read about PC(USA) efforts and find its donation portal, go to <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/presbyterian-church-u-s-a-seeking-support-for-humanitarian-response-to-ukraine/>. To read about FMSC's ongoing efforts to get food to Ukraine, and to donate, [click here](#) or find the link on our website.



ANNUAL SHOEBOX COLLECTION

IHOC (Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council) will be collecting personal care items for men, women and children in shelters and for those in need. First Presbyterian is a drop-off point. Fill a shoebox with personal care items as listed below and return to the church by Friday, April 1, 2022. Care items may be placed in shoe boxes or plastic gallon storage bags, which should then be labeled "Man," "Woman," or "Child." Suggestions and items requested by the shelters: Soap / Washcloth, Deodorant / Razors, Shampoo, Socks, Feminine Products, Comb / Brush, Toothbrush / Toothpaste.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

are available [online here](#) and through the website. There are a limited number of printed copies available. Contact the church office. Many thanks to the individual church members who picked up pens or keyboards so that the community could share the Lenten journey.

DOUG'S STUDY OF ACTS

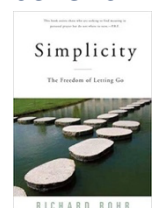
A 14-week Bible Study on Acts *Into the World: The Acts of the Apostles*, **Mondays at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom** – remaining meetings: March 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11, 25; May 2, 9, 16, and 23.

SIMPLICITY BOOK STUDY

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>. To join by phone, call 1-646-558-8656, then 6467052376#.

Class schedule:

- 3/16 Ch. 6- *The Freedom of the Sons and Daughters of God (Luke 8)*
- 3/23 Ch. 7- *What Is This 'Women's Stuff'?*
- 3/30 Ch. 8- *The Social and Political Vocation of Christians*
- 4/6 Ch. 9- *Less is More – Paths to a Spirituality of the Simple Life*



DOUG'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY (8 a.m. [via Zoom](#)) is ongoing—and you can join at any time. The text for the coming week is Luke 13:1-9.

More Youth News



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING REPORT: The results are in, and the Youth Group wants to extend a big THANK YOU for all of your generous donations for the Super Bowl of Caring. Because of you, we were able to donate over 3 boxes of food and \$742, more than doubling our goal of \$300. All donations will benefit the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. Well done, everyone!



VBS 2022 ANYONE? We Need You! We are recruiting for Station Leaders (adults) and Shepherds (kids) for VBS 2022 taking place from July 25th-July 29th from 9am-12pm. 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. Have a camper interested in attending? Online registration will be available in April.

Save the date: our 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 9 at 11 a.m. Rain Date is Sunday, April 10, immediately after the service. Stay tuned for details...

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

March 12th will mark the **100th Saturday** of the weekly distribution of food at the Open Door Clinic at St. Wilfrid's. **100 WEEKS.** That's quite a statement as to what muscles the volunteers are exercising. Congratulations! Last Saturday was the **99th week** that the Open Door Clinic at St Wilfrid's has distributed food during the pandemic; **113 bags, 9,640 total. Over 241,000 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!

Foodbank: Friday, March 25th will be the next pickup. The foodbank crew picks up at the Foodbank of SJ on Friday at a little after 8:00 a.m., and then unloads at St. Wilfrid's starting at 8:35 or so, Please contact Paul Urian at umanpaul@me.com if you can help transport food to St Wilfrid's, or have any other questions about foodbank transportation.

Needs: feminine hygiene products (pads, no tampons), regular size tomato sauce, canned tuna, AAA and AA batteries. We are also in need of baby wipes, and size 2 & 6 diapers only. We need plastic grocery bags from Shoprite or Wegman's, paper bags to line the plastic bags, and newspaper bags to hold hygiene products. We are collecting puzzles, 500- or 2,000-piece new or gently used for the older kids of families for Christmas. Items may be dropped off at Corey Crumley's at 40 Warwick Rd, or in the bin behind Grace Church, or Sundays at FPC in the alcove between the parlor and the sanctuary. Donation sheets for Income tax available in the alcove – save your receipts and add them up and complete the donation sheet.

PB & Js: If you are interested in making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, please sign up for a donation week on this form: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0845aba72caa8-pbj1>. Wendy, who coordinates the peanut butter and jelly traffic can be reached at her email: wendy.coffman@gmail.com. The PB&J are deeply appreciated!!! Thanks to all. We still need them.

If you have any questions about the St. Wilfrid's ministry, check out the website: www.opendoorcliniccamden.org or call Jill Mascena at 856-428-7342. Leave a message and she'll get back to you.

IT'S TIME TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS

Orders for tulips and daffodils (\$9 each) are due to Margot Dark with payment by April 11. But don't wait – growers' supplies are short. Order forms are available in the Sanctuary, the church office, and online [here](#) or on the website, www.haddonfieldpres.org.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to place a plant(s) in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday in memory of a loved one, please use the following form:

Please use a separate form for each memorial plant.

(Please PRINT)

Given by _____

In Memory of _____ OR

In Honor of _____

_____ Tulip @ \$9.00

_____ Daffodil @ \$9.00

_____ I will pick up my flowers or leave in Church _____

Make checks payable to:

First Presbyterian Church

And Mail to:

Margot Dark

127 Linden Ave

Haddonfield, NJ 08033

Must be RECEIVED by **April 11, 2022, or until supplies run out.**
Get your order in soon! Growers limited supply

So that all can enjoy the beauty of the flowers please do not remove any flowers from the chancel area until after the final service

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

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| <p>Mar. 10 – 6:30 Moore Bells
– 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p> <p>Mar. 12 – 9:30-11:30 a.m. Preschool Open House</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS</p> <p>Mar. 13 – 10 a.m. Sunday Worship – Communion Class week 2
– 5 p.m. Youth Group</p> <p>Mar. 14 – 9:45 a.m. Quilters
– 11 a.m. Doug’s study of Acts
– 4 p.m. Finance Committee
– Circle 4 – no meeting</p> <p>Mar. 15 – 8 a.m. Doug’s Bible Study
– 9:30 Circle 1, Circle 3
– 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
– 4:30-6:30 p.m. Preschool Open House</p> <p>Mar. 16 – 4:45 p.m. Alleluia Bells
– 5:30 p.m. Whitechapel Bells
– 6:00 p.m. Spaghetti dinner</p> | <p>Mar. 17 – 6:30 p.m. Simplicity Reading Group
– 7:30 p.m. Kirk Ringers
– 4 p.m. Communications Committee
– 6:30 p.m. Moore Bells
– 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p> <p>Mar. 19 – Mayor’s Breakfast (Lyons)</p> <p>Mar. 20 – 10 a.m. Sunday Worship – Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons
– 11:15 a.m. New Members Class – Zoom
– 5 p.m. Youth Group</p> <p>Mar. 21 – 9:45 a.m. Quilters
– 11 a.m. Doug’s study of Acts
– 7 p.m. Session Meeting</p> <p>Mar. 22 – 8 a.m. Doug’s Bible Study
– 7:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting</p> |
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OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, March 12th 9:30 – 11:30
Tuesday, March 15th 4:30 – 6:30

PLEASE DROP IN FOR A TOUR!

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