

# This week's news...



March 17, 2022

Dear Friend,

## Important Update from Lee and the COVID Response Team:

After much discussion and deliberation, the COVID Response Team (CRT) has voted to remove the vaccine and mask mandates for entering the church and participating in worship starting **Monday, March 21, 2022**. At the same time, we strongly recommend all unvaccinated congregants to wear a mask for their protection and the protection of other persons. We are also recommending that the ushers designate an area of the sanctuary to be reserved for people wishing to participate but who wish to be slightly more removed from the rest of the congregation. This area would be designated as a "Mask Required" area. Masks are still encouraged for *anyone* who feels more comfortable attending worship. Additionally, when possible, seating in every other pew will still be encouraged. Singing and all other parts of worship are to be reinstated.

This decision was made based upon the drastic reduction in cases, the lack of another significant variant to replace Omicron, the changing of the CDC and State guidelines, and the designation of Camden County as "green", meaning low rates of transmission.

We are hopeful that this COVID "pandemic" is finally evolving into an "endemic; but the CRT will remain vigilant and react to changes as we have since this crisis began.

We appreciate the congregation's cooperation as we make changes to the guidelines with the sole purpose of keeping everyone safe while we praise God as a community of faith.

Lee Federline, Chair  
The COVID Response Team

### COVID-19 by County

Updated Mar. 11, 2022 Languages Print

### Know Your COVID-19 Community Level

COVID-19 Community Levels are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. Take precautions to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 based on the COVID-19 Community Level in your area.

#### COVID-19 County Check

Find community levels and prevention steps by county.

Select a Location (all fields required)

New Jersey Camden County

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Low

In Camden County, New Jersey, community level is Low.

## Reflections on Wordle!



Wordle 271 3/6\*

Nearly everyone in my close circle of friends is playing Wordle and my Message app is littered with scores and commentary about the the word of the day! (For the record, the hardest word thus far was a few days ago: WATCH — too many "\_ATCH" words!) But here's the little "aha moment" I had this

week: **Knowing what doesn't work is as valuable as knowing what does.** Not to be overly philosophical about a simple word game, but there's a life-lesson in there.

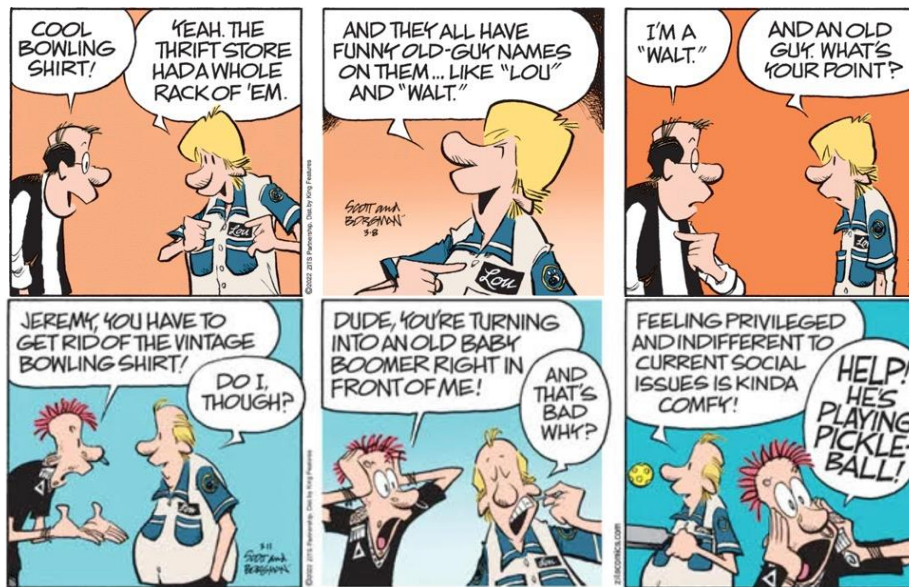
Plenty of things in life don't work — relationships, jobs, habits, routines — and yet we just keep doing them perhaps with the erroneous conviction that things will be different. They aren't and won't be. Wordle, like life, allows us to make the same mistakes over and over again. The only benefit Wordle has over life is that we only get six tries to make things work.

Knowing what doesn't work increases the chances that we'll discover something that does work — once we stop repeating the same errors!

Anything you're doing that know doesn't work yet keep trying anyway?

## Pickleball and Zits!

Nearly every Friday evening a group of folks gather in Fellowship Hall to play Pickleball! I'm a new and very avid recruit! It's a super fun game and especially easy to learn (rules are a tad obtuse) and play! Therefore, it was fun to see the game made the comic strip, "Zits"! For the unaware, the strip follows a teenager named Jeremy as he navigates life with a collection of friends and two parents who seem hell-bent on ruining his life!



Hope this finds you well, safe, and happy!

Doug

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### 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](mailto:npassante@haddonfieldpres.org) or at the church office: 856-429-1960, ext. 110.

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**CALLING ALL HADDONFIELD SENIORS** (especially those who feel too young to be called Seniors) – If you are 55 years old or older, the Mabel Kay Center would like to ask you a few questions. Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/youngerseniors> to fill out a survey. Thank you!

## MEETING TO SHARE MISSION AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES...

...**Sunday morning, 3/20, following worship.** Interested in learning about opportunities for helping others with FPC's Mission and Outreach Committee? Please join us for a meeting immediately following worship in the Parlor on Sunday. The committee supports a wide variety of local, national, and international charities. We partner with different organizations to bring aid and comfort to those in need as we spread the good news of God's everlasting love. There are many opportunities for church members to volunteer their time and talents, donate goods, or contribute to projects and organizations of their choice. If you cannot attend on Sunday, please contact Caroline Yount, Mission Committee chair, at [cnyount@gmail.com](mailto:cnyount@gmail.com) or (267) 679-9024 for more information on how to get involved.

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### 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.



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### A MUSICAL PRAYER FOR PEACE

In rehearsal last week, the Moore Bells paused from their usual routine to express sadness and fear for Ukraine. To reflect the choir's feeling of support for the Ukrainian people, Peter had them play the Ukrainian national anthem. They share this simple recording – and prayer – with you.



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### 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.

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### YOUTH PROGRAMS THIS WEEK:



**COMMUNION CLASS 2022, WEEK 3** – 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 this week on 3/20/22 from 5pm-6pm. We'll meet in the Hospitality Room for pizza and (fruit) snacks and TastyKakes. The weather's looking springlike so we will be taking our games outside! Capture the Flag? Man on Ground? It all works. See you then!

**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...

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### 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 21, 28; April 4, 11, 25; May 2, 9, 16, and 23.

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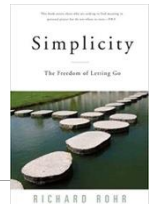
## SIMPLICITY BOOK STUDY

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:

- 3/23 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 15:1-3, 11b-32.

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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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## ST. WILFRID'S OPEN DOOR CLINIC

This week marks the **100th week** that the Open-Door Clinic at St Wilfrid's has distributed food during the pandemic; **86 bags again, 9,726 total**, in the cold, sleet/rain/ice/snow of Saturday. Over 243,150 pounds of food and dry goods, distributed by the all-volunteer, everything-donated, nobody-gets-paid Open Door Clinic at St. Wilfrid's. A special thanks to all the volunteers who traveled to St Wilfrid's Saturday in terrible weather, rain and sleet, and made their way home in the ice and snow. The Open Door Clinic at St Wilfrid's is a very special calling for some very special people. And, as always, thank you all for your generous collections and contributions!

**Foodbank:** Help is needed to pick up food in April at the Foodbank of SJ on Fridays...at a little after 8:00 a.m., and then to deliver to St Wilfrid's about 8:30. Please contact Paul @ [umanpaul@me.com](mailto:umanpaul@me.com) if you can help transport food to St Wilfrid's or have any other questions about foodbank transportation.

**Needs:** feminine hygiene pads, (no tampons), regular size tomato sauce, and canned tuna. We are also in need of baby wipes, and size 2 & 6 diapers only. Also collecting batteries for toys for Christmas – AA or AAA or coupons are needed. And always: plastic grocery bags from Shoprite or Wegman's, paper grocery bags to line the plastic bags, and newspaper bags to hold hygiene products. Please drop donations at Corey Crumley's at 40 Warwick Rd, or in the bin on the steps behind Grace Church, or at FPC in the alcove between the Parlor and the Sanctuary. By the way—save your receipts for income tax – donation sheets are on the church website or in the alcove where donations are dropped off

**PB & J:** If you are interested in making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, please select a donation week by signing up on this signup 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](mailto:wendy.coffman@gmail.com). The PB&J are deeply appreciated. Thanks to all. We still need them.

**The Open Door Clinic** distributes food on Saturdays. We will begin a new year distributing food to the needy. We always have need of new volunteers if you would like to know more or have questions, check the website. [www.opendoorcliniccamden.org](http://www.opendoorcliniccamden.org) or call Jill Mascena at 856-428-7342-leave a message and she will 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](http://www.haddonfieldpres.org) or on the website, [www.haddonfieldpres.org](http://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

Any extra money will be donated to support youth mission trip



Portraits, headshots,  
and events  
NJ, PA NYC  
will travel  
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APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> & APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>

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**\$50 SESSION FEE WILL BE DONATED TO "PRESBY PRESCHOOL"**

20 MINUTE SESSIONS

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\*5 digital files: \$125 + tax

\*\$325 +tax for all digital files

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\* Print pricing is available

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# CELEBRATING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR – PETE HURD

Thank You  
**Peter Hurd**

2021 Volunteer of the Year

The Joan H. Gault Service Award honors the volunteer who has shown extraordinary dedication to the organization, our clients, and the community.

This year's recipient is Peter Hurd. Peter grew up in Haddonfield with his brother and sister, Randy and Robin. His parents, Bunnie and Chuck, were Interfaith volunteers, too. Peter and his wife, Lisa, have two children, Emily and Paul.



Peter spent most of his professional life with Warner Brothers in the recording and home video industries, until stepping down to assist his aging parents.

He has been volunteering for Interfaith Caregivers since 2013, including helping clients get to doctor appointments during Covid.

Join us to show Peter how much we appreciate what he does for Interfaith Caregivers at 6:30pm on Thursday, March 24, at Woodcrest.



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Board of Trustees  
invites you to celebrate

2021 Interfaith Caregivers  
Volunteer of the Year  
and Recipient of the  
Joan H. Gault Service Award

## Peter Hurd

Thursday, March 24, 2022  
6:30-8:30 pm

The Legacy Club at Woodcrest  
300 E. Evesham Road, Cherry Hill

Hors d'oeuvres • Cash Bar  
\$50 per person

**Please RSVP by March 17**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

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| <p>Mar. 17</p> <p>Mar. 19</p> <p>Mar. 20</p> <p>Mar. 21</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 4 p.m. Communications Committee</li> <li>– 6:30 p.m. Moore Bells</li> <li>– 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</li> <li>– Mayor's Breakfast (Lions)</li> <li>– 10 a.m. Sunday Worship – <b>Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons</b></li> <li>– 11 a.m. <b>Mission Committee Meeting</b></li> <li>– 11:15 a.m. <b>New Members Class – Zoom</b></li> <li>– 5 p.m. Youth Group</li> <li>– 9:45 a.m. Quilters</li> <li>– 11 a.m. Doug's study of Acts</li> <li>– 4 p.m. Welcoming Task Force</li> <li>– 7 p.m. <b>Session Meeting</b></li> </ul> | <p>Mar. 22</p> <p>Mar. 23</p> <p>Mar. 24</p> <p>Mar. 27</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 8 a.m. Doug's Bible Study</li> <li>– <b>7:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting</b></li> <li>– 3:45 p.m. Cherub and Chapel Choirs</li> <li>– 4:30 p.m. Carol Choir</li> <li>– 4:45 p.m. Alleluia Bells</li> <li>– 5:30 p.m. Whitechapel Bells</li> <li>– 6:00 p.m. Spaghetti dinner</li> <li>– 6:30 p.m. Thomas Sherrerd Choir</li> <li>– <b>6:30 p.m. Simplicity Reading Group</b></li> <li>– 7:30 p.m. Kirk Ringers</li> <li>– 6:30 Moore Bells</li> <li>– 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</li> <li>– 10 a.m. Sunday Worship</li> <li>– <b>11:15 a.m. New Members Class – Zoom</b></li> <li>– 5 p.m. Youth Group</li> </ul> |
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