

March 24, 2022

Dear Friend,

New Ministry and Fun Connections to Haddonfield!



Disability Ministry Task Force

Under the leadership of Elder Joyce Stout, the church has embarked on a new ministry to fully welcome persons with disabilities, their caregivers, and their families. This is one more way in which to congregation can open its doors to Christ and Christ's world.

While physical access for the mobility challenged is a first and crucial step, it is not the only focus of the task force. Joyce prepared a Powerpoint deck to help the group focus on its mission. One of the slides captured it succinctly:

Building an Inclusive Faith Community requires Intentionality.

- Listen, understand, acknowledge
- Address the barriers to participation
- Provide ongoing support
- Encourage visibility and participation

Supports that families impacted by a disability need the most are the ordinary supports congregations strive to provide to all families—a warm welcome, a lavish love, an assurance of belonging, a commitment to walk alongside one another no matter what, and a place to share one's airts. The key concept is not only to eliminate physical barriers but to create a loving atmosphere of inclusion and full participation. Step one for that is to conduct an "audit" that pokes at both of those broad topics. <u>Here's a</u> <u>copy of one from the PCUSA</u>.

If you're interested in serving on this task force, please send <u>Doug</u> a note!

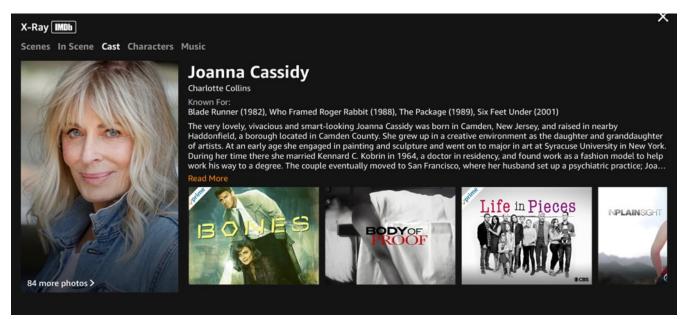
This is yet another way that FPCH lives Into its mission of welcome of inclusion!

Two Fun Connections to Haddonfield!

#1

I often watch something mindless and entertaining before I go to sleep — clears my head and slows down my "monkey mind" from regurgitating all of the minutia from my day. I'm currently watching a show on Amazon Prime called "<u>Life in Pieces</u>." It's the story of "the Short family's lives as they unfold in four brief stories each week, and they try to savor the moments that add up to what life's all about." It's very fun and entertaining — the perfect mind-clearing viewing!

The episode I watched this weekend had a character played by Joanne Cassidy. I recognized her from other shows but couldn't remember which so I searched on her name and found this:



Yes — she was raised in Haddonfield NJ! Small world and a fun coincidence!

#2

I live around the corner from the Delaware Art Museum and was intrigued to learn of a new exhibition on Tiffany Glass and Windows!

Given that the church likely has one of the most impressive installations of Tiffany windows, and they seem to attract a lot of pride and attention, I thought this might be of interest to some FPCH folk!

Hope this finds you well, safe, and healthy!





EXHIBITIONS

Louis Comfort Tiffany: Treasures from the Driehaus Collection

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Tiffany tours will be available Sundays throughout the run of the exhibition



NEW MEMBERS CLASS ON SUNDAY, March 27 at 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: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6467052376</u>, 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 <u>npassante@haddonfieldpres.org</u> or at the church office: 856-429-1960, ext. 110.



EASTER FLOWERS ARE GOING FAST! HURRY AND ORDER! The

amount we ordered is about half gone. When they are gone, they are gone, and we cannot get any more. Order forms are available below, in the Sanctuary, the church office, and online <u>here</u> or on the website, <u>www.haddonfieldpres.org</u>.

AID FOR UKRAINE -

Both the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) are seeking donations for aid to Ukraine. Read about **PC(USA)** efforts and find its donation portal here <u>https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000156/?appeal=PDA&package=UK22-PNS</u>. Or donate to **FMSC**'s continuing efforts to feed Ukraine: <u>click here</u> or find the link on our website.





YARD SIGNS FOR UKRAINE RELIEF

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.

Why did the owl go to church?

(Because it was a bird of prey!)

Cedar Run Wildlife Center visited the Preschool on Monday. They taught our four- and five-yearold classes about owls and even showcased a real live owl!



After two full years, masks were optional as of Monday, March 21st at the Preschool. After surveying our families, approximately 75% are choosing to go mask free and 25% will continue to wear masks. At the preschool, we support all families' wishes when it comes to this delicate decision. We will watch the transmission rates on a weekly basis and if there is a spike in positive cases, masks will be required once again. For now, we are really loving seeing some smiling faces!

THE COLOR OF LAW BOOK DISCUSSION Monday, March 28 @ 7 p.m. on <u>Zoom</u>

A reprise discussion led by Bob Lehman on the book *The Color of Law* by Richard Rothstein. Subtitled "The Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America," *The Color of Law* demonstrates unequivocally that housing (and therefore school) segregation is not due to choice, rather it has been created by law. This is particularly pertinent for New Jerseyans as ours is one of the most segregated public school systems in the country. For an introduction, click <u>here for a short</u> book excerpt and <u>here for a YouTube interview</u> with Mr. Rothstein

YOUTH PROGRAMS THIS WEEK:



COMMUNION CLASS 2022, WEEK 4 – The Communion Class will continue to meet this Sunday. Preparation for Communion is taking place for 3rd-and 4th-graders Sunday, March 6 through Sunday, March 27 from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. They will join the congregation for Communion Sunday on April 3rd.

Youth Group is Meeting IN PERSON this week on 3/27/22 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...

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 <u>here</u>. 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 <u>Prayer Request portal</u> on the website is available for private requests sent directly to the pastors.

ST. WILFRID'S OPEN DOOR CLINIC

This week marks the **101st week** that the Open-Door Clinic at St Wilfrid's has distributed food during the pandemic; **141 bags** again, **9,867 total in the warmth of Saturday. Over 246,675 pounds** of food and dry goods, distributed by the all-volunteer, everything donated, **nobody gets paid**, Open Door Clinic at St. Wilfrid's. We are only 133 food bags away from 10,000 food bags distributed during the pandemic. Thank you for your caring and generosity! As we have evolved, we really have to thank those who have provided us with wonderful goods to distribute: Ed the breadman, Dulce bakery in Collingwood, Wawa, Misfits grocery, Panera Bread in Mount Laurel, and the Foodbank of South Jersey. And our sponsors, who have donated tons of diapers, PBnJ sandwiches, coats, and finances to The Open Door Clinic.

Foodbank: Please contact Paul Urian at <u>umanpaul@me.com</u> if you can help transport food from the Foodbank to St Wilfrid's.

More help needed Palm Sunday and Easter Weekends: With holidays and vacations coming, we will be needing more help. Palm Sunday and Easter weekends this year coincide with many Spring Breaks and family gatherings. Many of these gatherings will be the first since the start of the pandemic. We know that many of our regular volunteers may be away. If you ever thought about helping out at St. Wilfrid's, we will need extra help over these weekends. See or text Norman Valentine at (856) 979-8736. Or just show up.

Needs: Regular-size tomato sauce (in plastic jars please), canned tuna, and deodorant. We are also in need of baby wipes, size 2 & 6 diapers only, and plastic grocery bags from Shoprite or Wegman's, paper grocery bags to line the plastic bags, and newspaper bags. Please drop donations at Corey Crumley's: 40 Warwick Rd., Haddonfield, or in the bin behind Grace Church, or at the 1st Presby drop-off on Sundays between 9 and 11 a.m.

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: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0845aba72caa8-pbjs1</u> Wendy, who coordinates the peanut butter and jelly traffic can be reached at her email: <u>wendy.coffman@gmail.com</u>

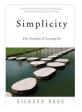
For more information, check out the website <u>www.opendoorcliniccamden.org</u> or call Jill Mascena at 856-428-7342, leave a message and she will get back to you.

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: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6467052376</u>. *To join by phone, call 1-646-558-8656, then 6467052376#.*

Class schedule:

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 STUDY OF ACTS

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

DOUG'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY (8 a.m. <u>via Zoom</u>) is ongoing—and you can join at any time. The text for the coming week is John 12:1-8.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to place a plant(s) in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday 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



BETSY BRODY PHOTOGRAPHY SPRING MINI-PORTRAITS PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

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*5 digital files: \$125 + tax *\$325 +tax for all digital files *10 digital files: \$250 + tax * Print pricing is available

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mar. 24	– 6:30 p.m. Moore Bells
	– 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
Mar. 27	– 10 a.m. Sunday Worship
	– 11:15 a.m. New Members Class – Zoom
	– 5 p.m. Youth Group
Mar. 28	– 9:45 a.m. Quilters
	 – 11 a.m. Doug's study of Acts
	– 7 p.m. Zoom Book Study: The Color of Law
Mar. 29	– 8 a.m. Doug's Bible Study
Mar. 30	- 3:45 p.m. Cherub and Chapel Choirs
	– 4:30 p.m. Carol Choir
	– 4:45 p.m. Alleluia Bells
	– 5:30 p.m. Whitechapel Bells
	– 6:00 p.m. Spaghetti dinner
	– 6:30 p.m. Thomas Sherrerd Choir
	– 6:30 p.m. Simplicity Reading Group
	– 7:30 p.m. Kirk Ringers
Mar. 31	– 6:30 Moore Bells
	– 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
Apr. 2	– 4-7 p.m. Lions Pasta Bowl in Fellowship Hall
Apr. 3	- 10 a.m. Sunday Worship - Communion w/ 3rd- and 4th-grade Communion Class
•	– 5 p.m. Youth Group
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CAROL CHOIR NEWS

Allie, Mackenzie, Mikey, and James practiced their Palm Sunday anthem around the piano, singing to accompanist Paula Meyer. Moments before, Mikey lost his first tooth!

How wonderful to see smiles and open mouths, again, with no masks!

