

This week's news...



March 3, 2022

Dear Friend,

## Ukraine

The only headline to push the pandemic aside recently is the brutal invasion of Ukraine by Russia. While it seems remote and far away, the implications and ramifications for the United States can be serious hence few Americans are numb to the affect of the war — the first of its kind in Europe since 1945.

How to respond?

What follows are a few examples and opportunities:

**First** — an excerpt from a letter from the Stated Clerk of the PC(USA), The Rev Dr.. J. Herbert Nelson II:

***As members of the body of Christ, as people of faith, we lift our broken hearts in fervent prayer for peace in Ukraine. We have lived in hope over these weeks that war would not come, but it has. We join our voices with the global community, calling for an end to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. May the Russian army turn back to their borders and lay down their weapons, the tools of war.***

***We call on the Biden administration to pursue all diplomatic measures in its power. The world needs to bring both parties to the negotiating table. Security is not founded on weapons and cannot be gained from the tools of war.***

***Although Russia bears full responsibility for this attack, we acknowledge that the last 30 years have been shaped by a failure of international relations which has not enhanced security on the European continent.***

***As Christians, we reject the language of the enemy but recognize the brutality of military action. We stand in solidarity with Ukraine and lift up her people, praying for their safety. We fear for them. May they be shielded from the costs of war. May they find shelter from the conflict.***

***We pray also for our siblings in Russia who are speaking loudly against this war, who demonstrate in the streets despite the risks.***

***We call for an end of hostilities, for resumption of diplomatic efforts, and for a peace process that guarantees a new and sustainable European architecture.***

If you would like to donate money to aid the people of Ukraine, the PCUSA has a portal [here](#).

**Second** — First Presbyterian's own **Robyn Bollinger** posted a performance of the Ukrainian National Anthem on her [Facebook](#) page. Here's her preface to the post:

*I had so much fun this weekend soloing with the Brevard Philharmonic and Maestro James Fellenbaum, and I love the piece played: Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto. However, it is hard to play such a quintessentially Russian masterpiece right now. My heart is with Ukrainian people as they endure this heinous act of war.*



*With my performance today I hope I projected the ideals of this music - optimism, joy, enthusiasm, and celebration - that they may one day again be enjoyed in that part of the world.*



*In solidarity with the Ukrainian people I play for you the Ukrainian national anthem.*

**Third** — **Prayers for Peace** at First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield

The world has been shocked by the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The images and news reports coming from Ukraine are so disturbing and unthinkable. As people of faith, we rely on prayer to guide us through times such as this. A small group of congregation members has organized an opportunity for us to pray together as a community for the people of Ukraine and Russia. "Prayers for Peace" will be offered on **Sunday, March 6 from 9 am - 9:30 am in the Chapel**. There will be time for both contemplative and group prayer. All are welcome to join us. An offering for Ukraine Relief Efforts will be taken.

I hope this finds you well, safe, and healthy — God bless you all.



**At last – JAZZ @ First Presbyterian – Friday, March 4, 7:30 p.m.** Jazz organist Lucas Brown brings his quartet, with special guest guitarist Peter Bernstein, to First Presbyterian on Friday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. Also featuring Byron Landham on drums and tenor saxophone Chris Lewis, the band will bring excitement as well as lyricism to the Sanctuary while swinging hard through a mix of standards and originals. There will be a freewill offering to benefit the church music program. Audience and performers will be masked and vaccinated.

## STEPHEN LEADERS TO BE COMMISSIONED SUNDAY, March 6

We are excited to officially launch Stephen Ministry at Haddonfield Presbyterian Church with the commissioning of our Stephen Leaders, Carol Carty, Lisa Hurd, and Joyce Stout. This one-to-one lay caregiving ministry is named for Stephen, one of the first seven laypeople called by the church to assist the apostles in caring for others. (You can read Stephen's story in Acts 6 and 7.) Stephen Ministry is truly ministry—that is,



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

service to others, caring for others in Jesus' name, doing the work that God has both called and gifted his children to do. Do you feel a calling to care for others who are hurting? Do you desire the personal joy that comes from sharing Christ's love with people? In the next few months, our Stephen Leader Team will begin training some of the members of our congregation to serve as Stephen Ministers. To learn more about Stephen Ministry, please reach out to one of our Stephen Leaders or email [stephenministry@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:stephenministry@haddonfieldpres.org).

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

Join Pastor Nikki for two online sessions if you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church or simply want to find out more. (On Zoom – watch for link.) 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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## YOUTH PROGRAMS THIS WEEK:

**The Nursery and all Sunday School grades will meet in person on 3/6/22** - we are so looking forward to getting everyone back together again! We'll see you then! Don't forget a mask!



**Communion Class 2022 this Sunday!** Communion Class is back for 3rd and 4th graders! Preparation for Communion will take place Sunday, March 6th through Sunday, March 27th from 10am-11am, with Communion Sunday on April 3rd. If you have a current 3rd or 4th grader and didn't receive the information earlier this week, please contact Gabrielle Heimerling at [gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org).

**Youth Group** is Meeting IN PERSON Sunday, March 6 from 5-6 p.m.! We'll meet in the Hospitality Room for pizza and (fruit) snacks and then...wait for it...GROG! It's back! The more players we have, the better the game so please don't miss it! Don't forget a mask. See you there!

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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.

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## 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 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11, 25; May 2, 9, 16, and 23.

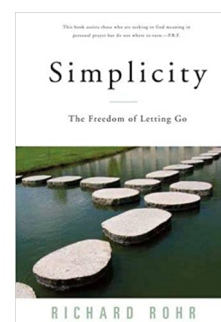
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## SIMPLICITY BOOK STUDY

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:

- 3/9 Ch. 5-*Contemplation – the Spiritual Challenge*
- 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 Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18.

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## More Youth News

**Confirmation Sunday:** Biggest congratulations to the 2021-2022 Confirmation Class. They wowed us on Sunday with their thoughtful and inspiring service, and we are so grateful for the amazing leadership of Lee Federline and Clair Blank, and all the mentors who helped guide them along the way. The 2021-2022 Confirmands are: Lily Adkins, Brooke Bushnell, Chloe Kamp, Milo Mills, Katie Mulvihill, Ava Peifer, Thomas Piotrowski, Jordan Strauss, Ryan Woyciechowski



New edition of ***Presby Buzz***, the Youth Newsletter now available

**Save the date:** our 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 9 at 11 a.m.



Portraits, headshots,  
and events  
NJ, PA NYC  
will travel  
610-389-1415  
brodyphoto@aol.com  
betsybrodyphoto.com



photo of me by Carri Liberty

## BETSY BRODY PHOTOGRAPHY SPRING MINI-PORTRAITS PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> & APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>

CROFT FARM, CHERRY HILL

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

20 MINUTE SESSIONS

CALL/TEXT BETSY: 610-389-1415

Prices are as follows:

\*5 digital files: \$125 + tax

\*10 digital files: \$250 + tax

\*\$325 +tax for all digital files

\* Print pricing is available

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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.*

## 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](http://www.haddonfieldpres.org).



## ST. WILFRID'S OPEN DOOR CLINIC

This week marks the **98th week** that the Open Door Clinic at St. Wilfrid's has distributed food during the pandemic; **122 bags** again, **9,527 total**. **Over 238,175 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.

**There is NO Foodbank pick-up this week. Just a Note:** The Open Door Clinic distributed 9,697 pounds of Foodbank donations in February. Thank you, Foodbank of South Jersey!

**NEEDS:** feminine hygiene products (pads, no tampons), regular-size tomato sauce, and canned tuna. We are also in need of baby wipes, and size 2 & 6 diapers only. We are collecting new or gently used 500- 1,000-piece puzzles. For the gently used puzzles, please put the pieces in a Ziplock bag and secure the lids. Something new: We are collecting batteries (AA, AAA, and 9-volt) and battery coupons for the toys for our clients' kids for Christmas. 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. Items may be dropped off drop off on Corey Crumley's porch – 40 Warwick Rd, or in the bin on the steps on the PATCO side behind Grace Church, or at the 1st Pres drop-off on Sundays between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. **By the way...we need Baby wipes. Thank you.**



**Coats and jackets:** we still have many of all sizes so won't be collecting any more this year. Although we will never know the exact count, we estimate we have distributed over 1,800 coats in the two years since the beginning of the pandemic. What a blessing!

**PB & Js:** 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.

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HADDONFIELD

### 2022 PER CAPITA NOW DUE

Please help provide the means to strengthen the connections of our work and build lasting relationships to help all Presbyterians share God's love through mission and ministry. Thank you!

\$37 per confirmed member –

pay online: [onrealm.org/FirstPresbyterian11244/-/form/give/now](https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyterian11244/-/form/give/now) or by check

*“Here I am, Lord”*



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

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| <p>Mar. 3 – 6:30 Moore Bells<br/>– 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p> <p>Mar. 4 – 7:30 p.m. Jazz at First Presbyterian</p> <p>Mar. 6 – 9 a.m. Prayers for Peace – Chapel<br/>– 10 a.m. Sunday Worship – Stephen Leader Commissioning, Nursery Reopens, Sunday School open for all grades, 3rd&amp;4th-Grade Communion Class begins<br/>– 5 p.m. Youth Group</p> <p>Mar. 7 – 9:45 a.m. Quilters<br/>– 11 a.m. Doug’s study of Acts</p> <p>Mar. 8 – 8 a.m. Doug’s Bible Study</p> | <p>Mar. 9 – 4:45 p.m. Alleluia Bells<br/>– 5:30 p.m. Whitechapel Bells<br/>– 6:00 p.m. Spaghetti dinner<br/>– 6:30 p.m. Simplicity Reading Group</p> <p>– 7:30 p.m. Kirk Ringers<br/>– 7:30 p.m. CRT Meeting</p> <p>Mar. 10 – 6:30 p.m. Moore Bells<br/>– 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p> <p>Mar. 12 – 9:30-11:30 a.m. Preschool Open House</p> <p>Mar. 13 – 10 a.m. Sunday Worship<br/>– 5 p.m. Youth Group</p> |
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### “PRESBY”

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OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30 – 11:30  
Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 4:30 – 6:30

PLEASE DROP IN FOR A TOUR!

Haddonfield First Presbyterian Preschool

20 Kings Hwy. East  
856-429-0609  
Haddonfieldpres.org

We believe in Children... There is faith in their eyes, love in their touch, and hope in their attitude. We thrill with them in life’s joys, run with them through tall grasses, and bow with them in worship. They are the fragile dreams of yesterday, Life’s radiant reality today and the vibrant stuff of tomorrow.  
Yes, we believe in children.

- 11:30 a.m. Property Committee
- 7 p.m. Christian Ed

### 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