

This week's news...



April 7, 2022

Dear Friend,

The Back Cast!

The key to fly fishing is the back cast.

Fly fishing, the most elegant of angling pursuits, challenges the fisher to fling a feather-light insect-look-alike through the air and land it on moving water such that a trout or bass finds it irresistible and lunges for it — hopefully with such force that it is airborne.

There's no bait, no weight, no bobbers, no lures, nothing of any significant substance at the end of the line which is engineered to float on the surface of the water. Positioning the fly properly requires a skillful back cast.



How the line is flung backwards and then flicked forward determines its trajectory — its speed and direction — and ultimately how effective the cast will be in catching a finicky trout!

As part of the 150th Anniversary, the Communications Committee is working on its back cast by interviewing a small group of long-term, actively engaged members. So far, I've completed four of my assigned interviews and the purpose is not a "walk down memory lane" but much more toward how does First Presbyterian's past help form the trajectory of its future. That's done by trying to identify some common threads — strengths and otherwise — and extrapolating to the future — both immediate and longterm.

It's been an enlightening experience!



Any number of common threads have arisen and you'll hear about those in a future article (not all interviews have been completed and I don't want to influence those!) but everyone's input is welcome. What consistencies have you seen (don't have to be all positive!) at the church in your time? Send me a note and we'll include your thoughts when the committee reports back to the congregation.

Even without that — just take a moment and think back on your life — what’s the back cast and how has it propelled or placed you where you are today? Think about how the slightest change in velocity or trajectory could have altered the course of your lives.

However it happened — so glad we all ended up on 20 Kings Highway for these couple of years!

Be well and God bless,



First Presbyterian Church – Holy Week Schedule



Easter Egg hunt - April 9 @ 11 a.m. on the playground
Bring Your Own Basket (Rain date: 4/10 after worship)

Palm Sunday Worship - April 10 @ 10 a.m.
In person and live streamed

Maundy Thursday Worship and Communion - April 14 @ 7:30 p.m.
In person and live streamed

Good Friday Ecumenical Worship - April 15 @ 12- 3 p.m.
Haddonfield United Methodist Church, 29 Warwick Rd. Haddonfield

Easter Worship - April 17 @ 10 a.m. In person and live streamed

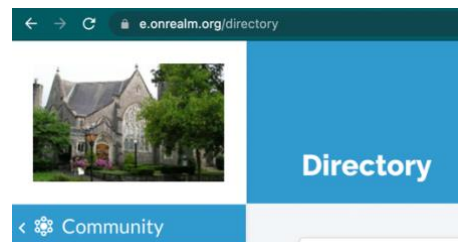
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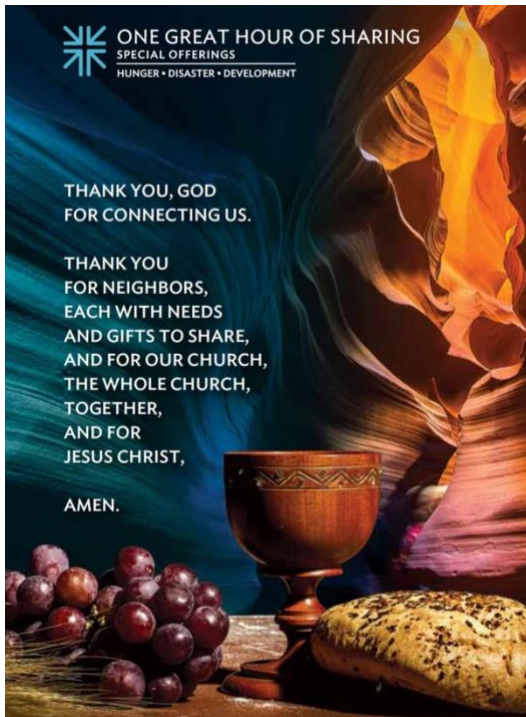


Our **2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday, April 9th at 11am at the church**, for all kids 10 and under. This event is BYOB (Bring Your Own Basket). Rain date Sunday, April 10th following the service. A rain date announcement will be made on [the church website](#) by 4/9/22 at 9am, so please make sure to look there!

ONLINE CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Realm, our church database, is also an online directory, but we need your photo. Please help get the directory as up-to-date as possible in preparation for a new pastor – as well as for new members and forgetful folks. **This coming Sunday morning, you can get your picture taken and uploaded to Realm.** Also, please go on your account profile and adjust it to allow contact information to be seen by other church members. (Click on your name and then “Manage Privacy.”) For additional help with Realm, please contact the office during the week.





ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Please help support One Great Hour of Sharing, a special offering for PC(USA). Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; Presbyterian Hunger Program; and Self-Development of People. One Great Hour of Sharing offering envelopes will be in the pews during the month of April.

[Click here for an article about how OGHS's gifts have been used in Nigeria](#)

Blood Drive April 15

[Click to make an appointment](#)



First Presbyterian Church Blood Drive

Friday, April 15th
2pm – 7pm

First Presbyterian Church – Fellowship Hall
20 Kings Highway East
Haddonfield, NJ 08033

[TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT CLICK HERE](#)

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

CROP Walk for Ukraine

WALK. RAISE FUNDS. HELP UKRAINE.

National CROP Hunger Walk for Ukraine

April 22, 2022

YOUR LOCATION. YOUR WALK.
#Walk4Ukraine

Please join the Mission and Outreach committee in supporting this year's National CROP Hunger Walk, which is raising funds to provide food, shelter, mental health care and child protection for Ukrainians seeking safety. Between now and April 22, walk on your treadmill, in your neighborhood or in a park with friends. You choose your location and all funds raised go toward supporting Ukrainian refugees. CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States, created to support

the global mission of Church World Service (CWS), a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster. Please visit the following link to sign up to walk or to donate:
<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/first-presbyterian-church-of-haddonfiel>

PW SPRING ZOOM GATHERING APRIL 23

To register in advance for Spring Virtual Gathering:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0scO6uqDwtHNR7bmU7cx4T5L0jWaT389XL>

If you have a problem registering for the Zoom meeting, please email: PWPFNSJ@gmail.com

PWPFNSJ SPRING VIRTUAL GATHERING

Please share this information with women in your congregation

April 23rd 9:45 a.m.

Zoom Spring Gathering

The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery For Southern New Jersey

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0scO6uqDwtHNR7bmU7cx4T5L0jWaT389XL>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with the Zoom link.

The PWPFNSJ mission focus for 2021-2022 continues to highlight military personnel and their families. Our Spring Program will spotlight The Travis Manion Foundation (TMF), which strives to unite and strengthen communities by training, developing, and highlighting the role models.

Our program speaker will be Christine Noel. Ms. Noel will share her experiences in the military, along with being a female in the United States Coast Guard and what she learned from her time serving. Additionally, she will share a bit about TMF and our mission of "empowering veterans and families of the fallen to develop character in future generations," and what serving with TMF means to her.



If you have a problem registering for the Zoom meeting, please email: PWPFNSJ@gmail.com

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH – Pinwheels for Prevention



April is the national observation of Child Abuse Prevention Month. During this time, Presbyterian Women and the children of the church “plant” a Pinwheel Garden to call attention to the efforts of Prevent Child Abuse-NJ to create safe environments for all children. The pinwheel was chosen as a national symbol of prevention because it is whimsical and evokes childlike notions – so it is a good emblem of the “Great Childhoods” they desire for all children.

Founded in 1979 Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey (PCA-NJ) promotes Great Childhoods, positive parenting, and healthy child development. Annually, PCA-NJ’s programs and services reach more than 50,000 children and families statewide and is the New Jersey Chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America, a network of chapters in all 50 states.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) for 2022

VBS 2022: DISCOVERY ON ADVENTURE ISLAND - Registration

Now Open! Camp dates are July 25-July 29 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. We are looking forward to another great week of VBS this summer! This year explorers participate on an exciting quest to find five mysterious Infinity Lanterns to help light their way. Using map coordinates from the Reference Book (the Bible), children discover clues to finding each Lantern while learning how God’s light shines in the lives of familiar biblical characters in Old and New Testament stories. VBS is open to kids 4 (fully potty trained) - 5th grade. Cost is \$35 per Explorer. Use the following link for registration: <https://fpchadventureisland22.mycokesburyvbs.com/>. Payment information will be sent once your registration is received.



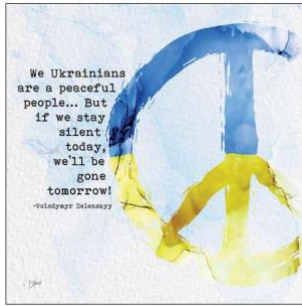
VBS 2022 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We Need You! We are recruiting for Station Leaders (adults) and Shepherds (kids) for VBS 2022 taking place July 25-July 29 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Please contact Gabrielle Heimerling at gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org if you would like to help out with what is sure to be an amazing week of camp.

PC(USA) AID FOR UKRAINE



The Presbyterian Church (USA) continues to seek donations for aid to Ukraine and all of its international relief efforts. Read about **PC(USA)** disaster assistance and find its donation portal here <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000156/?appeal=PDA&package=UK22-PNS>.

YARD SIGNS FOR UKRAINE RELIEF *STILL AVAILABLE*



Proceeds to Feed My Starving Children

The signs you see around the church grounds are available for sale for \$20. The Dark family and artist Diana Stimson are donating all proceeds to the Feed My Starving Children relief program. FMSC has resources on the ground in Ukraine to provide needed food. Signs are available in the church office or Preschool Office – cash, check, or Venmo (@Presby-Preschool) accepted.

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 are April 11, 25; May 2, 9, 16, and 23. No meeting on April 18.

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 Acts 10:34-43. No meeting on April 19.

YOUTH NEWS THIS WEEK



Communion Sunday Last Sunday: We are so proud of our Communion Class for a wonderful Communion Sunday last week. 3rd-, 4th-, and 5th-grade Sunday Schoolers spent the last four weeks learning about the Lord's Supper – its significance, traditions, and practices. Their study culminates this morning in their joining the congregation for communion. The Presbyterian Church recognizes no age barrier to the Lord's table and thus no formal first communion. This class, though, honors the significance of the sacrament to the community of faith worldwide and passes along the particular beliefs of churches in the Reformed tradition. The

communicants this year (from left to right) are Pierce Meyer, Kevin Tourtellotte, Matty Hall, Nicholas Adkins, Ellie Murphy, Ariella Liggera, and Reagan Goudy.

Youth Group - Youth Group is meeting this Sunday from 5pm-6pm. We'll meet in the Hospitality Room for pizza and treats (ice cream and popsicles have been restocked)! If the weather cooperates we'll take our games outside! If the weather does not cooperate (and it hasn't been very cooperative lately) then we will figure out another plan. Then we take two weeks off for Easter and Spring Break, and meet up again on May 1st!

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 CELEBRATING 10,000 BAGS DISTRIBUTED



Norman Valentine,
founder of Open Door,
hands our 10,000th bag
and
Every good celebration
needs a cake!

Thanks to all who have cared and donated food the Food Bank didn't supply!
Your caring made a difference!

This week marks the **103rd week** that the Open Door Clinic at St Wilfrid's has distributed food during the pandemic; **121 bags** again, **10,120 total in the warmth of Saturday. Over 253,000 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 pick-up will be Friday, April 22nd. Extra help is needed. Please contact Paul Urian if you would like to know more or can help at umanpaul@me.com

More help will be needed on the next few Saturdays as many of the regular volunteers will be away with family. If you would like to know more, contact Paul at above email address

Needs: rice, canned veggies, hearty soups, diapers - size 2 and 6, and WIPES - there's a great need for wipes. Also need for plastic grocery bags from Shoprite or Wegman's, paper grocery bags to line the plastic bags, and newspaper bags to hold hygiene products

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

If you would like to know more or have any questions...check the

website: www.opendoorcliniccamden.org or call Jill Mascena at 856-428-7342 ... Leave a message and she will get back to you

WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Apr. 7 – 4 p.m. Finance Committee
– 6:30 p.m. Moore Bells
– 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
- Apr. 9 – 11 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr. 10 – 10 a.m. Sunday Worship – PALM SUNDAY
– 5 p.m. Youth Group
- Apr. 11 – 9:45 a.m. Quilters
– 11 a.m. Doug's study of Acts
– 7 p.m. Session
– 7:30 p.m. Circle 4 – Zoom
- Apr. 12 – 8 a.m. Doug's Bible Study
– 10:30 a.m. Staff meeting
– 11:30 a.m. Property Committee
– 7:30 p.m. Christian Ed Committee
- Apr. 11 – 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
– 7:30 p.m. Kirk Ringers
- Apr. 14 – 7:30 p.m. MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP – with Communion
- Apr. 15 – 12-3 p.m. Good Friday Service,
Haddonfield Methodist Church
– 1-7 p.m. Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall
- Apr. 17 – EASTER 10 a.m. Worship
- Apr. 18 – Office and Preschool Closed



The Communion class in our own Upper Room.