

This week's news...



Dear << Test First Name >>



I want to share something with you.
Actually, A Lot of Things.

I'm exceptionally biased, but Stephen Ministry is a gift. Not even solely to the church, but to those of us who participate in its ministry and work. And it is a **work** – not even in regards to the individuals we care for and are in relationship with, but a **work on us** as Stephen Ministers and Leaders.

Twice a month for two hours, we all engage in Peer Group Supervision. Supervision is not even 'oversight,' but a time where we participate in a structured process with the goal of getting us and our egos out of the way. The result? We have the immense pleasure of watching God work in the lives of those around us. And I'll get specific here: we are watching God work in our care receivers AND in us – changing perspectives, growing relationships, and

revealing Spiritual Gifts. This in turn, affects all the people we come in contact with. Truly. I believe this is what Christ means when he refers to us as salt and yeast. Sprinkled throughout the whole menu of life.

We engage in 55 hours of training, mostly to get ourselves out of the way. Supervision is truly about learning how to let somebody else lead. More to the point – learning how to let God lead.

I could do a little announcement here about coming to the Spiritual Gifts class starting this Sunday – all I'll say is come. You'll get to take a Spiritual Gifts inventory and take it with you, and it'll be up to you if you want to come back.

But what I really want to share is the devotion that Stephen Minister Donna George led us in, at our most recent Supervision meeting. You may find this blessing in the book *Benedictus*, a book written by John O'Donohue, a Celtic saint (my opinion) who left this mortal coil far too early.

For Solitude

*May you recognize in your life the presence,
Power and light of your soul.*

*May you realize you are never alone,
That your soul in its brightness and belonging
Connects you intimately with the rhythm of the universe.*

May you have respect for your individuality and difference.

*May you realize that the shape of your soul is unique,
That you have a special destiny here,
That behind the façade of your life
There is something beautiful and eternal happening.*

*May you learn to see your self
With the same delight,*

*Pride and expectation
With which God sees you in every moment.*

May it be so for you.

Watching God Work,
Nikki

Stephen Ministry is currently accepting applications for our next class of Stephen Ministers. If you would like to know more, please contact Rev. Nikki Passante or one of our Stephen Leaders. Ministers Paul Sommers and Donna George are always available for conversation and questions.



Backpacks and School Supplies Collection– We are now collecting backpacks and school supplies for kids served by Camden Community Center. Look for sales when you shop and bring donations to worship or drop off at the office. Needs include:

- Erasers
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Handheld Pencil Sharpeners
- Pencil Box or Pouch
- 3-Ring Binders – 1" or 1 ½ "
- Loose Leaf Filler Paper – Wide Rule
- Calculator
- Washable Markers
- Watercolor Paint
- Art Smock
- 12" Ruler
- Junior Scissors with 5" Blunt Tip
- Pocket Folders
- Composition Notebooks
- Tissue Packets
- Backpacks (esp. for Grades 3-8)



Thanks to everyone who helped make last Sunday's Rally Day a success!

We have a number of tickets still available for **First Presbyterian's Night Out at the Phillies/Mets game on September 23**. To purchase a ticket, email Pastor Marvin at MLindsay@haddonfieldpres.org.



2023-2024 Calendar - First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield

What's Bible Buddies? Bible Buddies is a group for families with young children (Infants-5th Grade) that periodically meets for events during the year.

Playground After Church: From September-November and March-June, our group will meet on the playground after church from 11am-11:30am each week! Join us after church or if you just need to get out of the house on a Sunday.

Bible Buddies Events

- September 10th: Rally Day! (near playground)
- October 1st: Kona Ice Truck - 11am (after church)
- November 5th: Kona Ice Truck - 11am (after church)
- November 26th: Advent Festival - 5pm
- December 10th: Candlelight Service - 4pm (Kids' Christmas Activities to Follow)
- January 15th (Monday): MLK Day of Service - 8:30am
- February 25th: Trip to SkyZone Trampoline Park (Maple Shade)
- March 10th: Picnic at the Farrow's Home - 11:30am (128 Westmont Ave)
- March 24th: Easter Egg Hunt - 11:30am (after church)
- April 14th: Cupcakes 2 GoGo Truck - 11am (after church)
- May 19th: Mr. Softee Truck - 11am (after church)
- June 2nd: Phillies Game - 1pm

events subject to change

Questions? Contact:
Paul Sommers (856-522-9340) or Lindsay Sommers (856-412-0950)

SIGN UP FOR BIBLE BUDDIES AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:

[BIBLE BUDDIES REGISTRATION LINK](#) or via QR CODE:





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: If you are a woman attending our church, you are already a cherished Member of PW! You may have asked, “What does PW do?” Below is our SEPTEMBER schedule that you are all invited to attend. There are three thriving CIRCLES in PW working together as well as independently on mission and service projects of interest to each circle.

September

9/19- Circles 1, Tuesday 9:30 AM

CIRCLE 1- Meets 3rd Tuesday monthly at 9:30 AM, Hospitality Room, Basement. This Circle has made quilts and children’s knotted fleece blankets distributed to single mother homes, walker totes and lap robes for nursing homes, crocheted baby blankets, and Serenity shawls.

CIRCLE 3- Meets 3rd Tuesday monthly at 9:30 AM, Parlor, 1st Floor. * Circles 3 & 4 are actively involved in the Horizon’s Bible Study as well as independent missions such as Urban Promise Academy, Kiva, giving loans for education,

housing, health & food, Equal Exchange Project (coffee, tea, olive oil, chocolate available on Sundays, Parlor- following service), Women's Prison Ministry, ASELSI (Guatemala Milk Project), and the Pinwheel Garden- awareness of child abuse. This year-long study is entitled, "Sacred Encounters," The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts, by Olive Mahabir.

CIRCLE 4- Meets 2nd Monday at 7:30 PM, Zoom meeting, Your living room! * See Circle 3 for information.

So what happened to CIRCLE 2?

This is the area where you will find opportunities for women all ages:

9/11- Quilting (or sewing your project), Monday 9:45 AM – every Monday, Hospitality.

9/12- Tuesdays, 10 AM "Walking with Linda Hess", every 2nd Tuesday, by Playground.

TO BE ANNOUNCED:

If you have an interest, please email Judy Grantham, judygrantham@comcast.net

Do you want to join a Mahjong class, Pickle Ball instruction, Yoga class, "Senior Strolling" with Linda Hess, Quilling, Specialty Baking, InterFaith Caregivers Holiday Market? Get in touch!



SAVE THE DATE

**Presbyterian
Women of**

The Presbytery For Southern New Jersey

**Fall
Gathering**

October 21st • 9:45 a.m. • Zoom

Please share the date with your church
Details will follow

The card features a vertical illustration of a purple flower on a green stem with leaves on the left side. The text is centered on the right side, with 'Fall Gathering' enclosed in a decorative floral wreath.



Have you checked out First Presbyterian Church and would like to take the next step to get more involved? Are you looking for a faith community that can help you and your family grow in love for God and others? Do you wonder why it's important to join a church when you're already leading a busy and fulfilling life?

If you're asking these questions, here's a place you can find answers. Join us for our First Presbyterian, Haddonfield Discipleship class. An in-person class will meet after worship on four Sundays from September 17 to October 8. An online class will meet Wednesdays at 7:00 PM from Sept. 13 to Oct. 11 (no meeting on Sept. 27). Through reading the Bible and conversations with others, you'll learn how worship and prayer can strengthen your relationship with God, neighbors, and the creation. You'll discover your role in God's world to increase peace, justice, and human fulfillment. You'll learn how Presbyterians govern ourselves and make important decisions.

[Click here to register](#) for the in-person class. Child care will be provided. [Click here to register for the online class](#). There is no cost, but we do expect you to do some reading and reflection before each meeting. We'll provide a resource to help you do that.

Discovering God's Vision For Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts:

When: Sunday mornings after worship beginning September 17th

Where: The Hospitality Center

Contact: Rev. Nikki Passante

Classes will begin on September 17th and will run for 6 weeks, through October 22nd. We will learn about our Spiritual Gifts- we'll both take a Spiritual Gifts Inventory and score it. Topics will include:

What Does God Want me to Do with My Life?

Who Am I?

What Makes me Unique?

Your Calling.

God's Vision and Your Vision Coming Together.

This offering is generously provided for by Stephen Ministries in St. Louis. Questions? Interested? Contact Pastor Nikki at npassante@haddonfielpres.org. All are welcome to attend.

Christian Heritage Class STARTS SUNDAY!

Our 34th Year Learning about Our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church through an in-depth study of Church history, theology, art, music—and (sometimes!) pilgrimage travel

Topic for Fall 2023: ***Jesus and His Followers***

The Class will meet periodically following Worship Service on Sundays and all are welcome to join us regularly—or whenever the subject is of interest; format is usually remarks and audio visuals. Church historian David Stedman is the leader.

1. Rabbi Jesus and His time. It seems clear that Jesus was an integral part of the Jewish world of his day, making sophisticated contributions to the high level of conversation that was going on among the rabbis of his time.

2. With Jesus (and His Family) in Galilee (according to the 5th Gospel) The question was: “Can Anything Good Come out of Nazareth?” (Nezer=off shoot) All historians agree that Our Lord was “Jesus of Nazareth.” Archaeology and epigraphy further inform us that Jesus was actually a "Natzorean"—a resident of a recently founded city filled with proud offshoots of the old royal Davidic Family back from the Babylonian exile!

3. The 12 Apostles: “The Sent-Out Ones” Disciples and Apostles are not necessarily the same. Who were the original Apostles whom Jesus called to be with Him, and what do history and tradition tell us about their mission?

4. Mary Magdalene: Apostle to the Apostles! “I have seen the Lord!” Seeing is believing. **St. Mary Magdalene**, also called **Mary of Magdala**, (feast day July 22), is one of Jesus’ most celebrated disciples, famous, according to Mark 16:9–10 and John 20:14–17, for being the first person to see the resurrected Christ, and then rushing to the Apostles to witness to His Resurrection.

5. Doubting Thomas: St. Thomas placed his finger in the wounds of the Risen Christ—or did he? St. John’s Gospel Account (Chapt 20) has two accounts about seeing and believing. Mary believes, and Thomas (at first) fails to believe. [So the two halves of this chapter should be considered together.]

6. Joseph of Arimathea: The Secret Disciple. Joseph of Arimathea was a highly visible, distinguished member of the Sanhedrin, the Jewish council led by the high priests. The seventy-one members of the Sanhedrin were the wealthiest and most powerful men of Jerusalem and the surrounding region. Matthew calls Joseph rich, a fact which is verified by his ownership of a tomb carved in the rocks. And he was a secret follower of Jesus.

7. St. Mark and his Gospel: What a wonder to have the original account of Jesus, probably by a young eye-witness to His ministry, His crucifixion, and His Resurrection! All other lives of Jesus depend on John Mark’s original account of the Gospel

8. St. Andrew the First-Called: Andrew was with John the Baptist when Jesus was hailed as the Lamb of God. Jesus then called Andrew, who in turn brought his brother Peter to Jesus. Andrew (feast day Nov. 30) is the patron saint of many nations and peoples, with countless churches dedicated to him, notably in Rome.



Singing is good for you!

**The Chancel Choir
NEEDS YOU!**

the only requirement is
that you can carry a tune

Thursdays 7:30 - 8:45 pm
Sundays 9:30 - 11:00 am

Contact Peter with questions
PLeibensperger@haddonfieldpres.org



PASTOR NIKKI'S BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS @ 7:00

Pastor Nikki is hosting a Bible Study via Zoom on the book of Genesis, entitled "Genesis: Relational and Family Dynamics." The reading schedule is linked on [the Adult Ed page](#) of the website. The Zoom link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81798184993>, and we will also meet in person at pre-determined times. Please contact Pastor Nikki if you have questions and are interested, or simply join us on Zoom!

EMBRACING RACE

THE CONVERSATION ...AND MORE!

is honored to welcome



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WITH SPECIAL GUEST

JAMES WILLIAMS

Director of Racial Justice Policy for
Fair Share Housing Center

**Please join us for a
Conversation about
how communities
can continue to thrive
in a more diverse future.**

**THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 14TH
7PM**

**HADDONFIELD COMMONS
400 N. HADDON AVE
HADDONFIELD
(ENTER THRU OUTDOOR COURTYARD)**

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Help save our planet for future generations: join the...



March to End Fossil Fuels

New York City
September 17, 2023
1 PM – 4 PM

FAITH PARTNERS FOR THE PLANET (SOUTH JERSEY)*
is providing *free bus transit* to the March from
Cherry Hill-Mt. Laurel area

*A Partnership of Medford Friends Meeting Climate Group and GreenFaith

It's easy to sign up:

1. Email Faith Partners for the Planet at:
p4sept17thmarch@gmail.com
2. Provide the names of the people in your party.
3. We will respond with confirmation and the address the bus will depart from.
4. The bus accommodates 57 people; first-come, first-served.



The bus will depart at approximately 10:00 AM and return after the March at approximately 6 PM.

Can't march, but want to help? Two good options:

1

ART BUILD AT STUDIO 67
67 N. Main St., Medford, NJ

Join us at to make banners and signs for the march on Saturday, September 2, from 9 AM – 12 Noon.

2

CLIMATE VIGIL
Friday, September 15, 2 – 4 PM
Medford Quaker Meeting
14 Union Street, Medford, NJ
For info contact Carla Elberson at carlaelberson@gmail.com



One of the highlights of the year at St. Wilfrids is the day we distribute Christmas gifts to the children. Many would receive nothing without your generous donations. Rose Guthrie has coordinated the gift collection and distribution for the past several years and for that we (and the kids) are thankful. **Rose is ready to pass the torch to a new coordinator.** Want to learn more about what this volunteer assignment is all about? **Contact Paul Urian at umanpaul@me.com.**



CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST - CONGREGATIONAL

PRAYER LIST - Please keep members and friends of the congregation in your prayers. The weekly Prayer List is available in Sunday's bulletin. If you would like to add a personal prayer request, please contact one of the pastors or Katie Miller. 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.



PORCH BIBLE STUDY EVENTS:

- Bible Study, September 19th, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., Church Hospitality Room. Topic: the Book of Esther.
- October's Lunch (date TBD) will return to the Legacy Diner, 136 S White Horse Pike, Audubon.
- We will go back to 7 p.m. Zoom meetings in October, when we will study *Life Lessons in Colossians and Philemon* by Pastor Max Lucado. All are welcome. If you are interested in being on the Porch Study email list, contact Deb Nussbaum at debranussbaum1987@gmail.com or call the church office.

Social Connection

A gathering for adults with special needs and abilities

Please Join us for an Evening of
Fellowship and Friendship ~ Crafts & Community Service Projects

Games ~ Music ~ Snacks

ALL WELCOME!

Meets monthly 6:30-8PM
First Presbyterian Church
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Please RSVP to
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Please Join Us on Monday, September 18, 2023



Haddonfield residents concerned about fire safety should contact either the Haddon Fire Company at 856-429-4308, or Travis Bogetti at 856-429-1960 to arrange for a member of the Fire Company to visit your home and conduct a free safety inspection.



Starting on the first Sunday in October, you can have your blood pressure taken in the Bean Parlor following morning worship. Screenings will occur monthly. Please take advantage of this opportunity!

If any medical professionals are interested in supporting this ministry, please email Linda O'Neill at ElonMail@yahoo.com or Bonnie Manskopf at BonnieManskopf@yahoo.com.

"I was hungry and you gave me food yo eat." (Matthew 25:35)

During the pandemic, various government agencies increased the amount of food that was available to impoverished and unsheltered people. Sadly, most of those programs have expired and there is a definite decline in the amount of food available to us from the Food Bank of South Jersey. Don't be alarmed. We have not run out of food. However we are preparing for this trend to continue so we ask you to consider the following needs when donating food and personal care items:

- The need for diapers remains strong, size 2-6 in particular.

- Baby wipes
- Jars of Peanut Butter no larger than 16 oz
- 1 lb. Bags of dried beans of any variety
- Canned beans of any variety.

"For me, an area of moral clarity is this: When you're in front of someone who's suffering and you have the tools at your disposal to alleviate that suffering or even eradicate it, you act."

- Paul Farmer, Infectious Disease Expert and Humanitarian

The Presbytery For Southern New Jersey is seeking an Administrative Associate beginning in October. For more information, or to apply please contact Rev. Deborah Brincivalli at revdeb@presbyfsnj.net.

CALENDAR



September 17 -- Sunday School returns. In person Discipleship and Spiritual Gifts classes begin after worship.

September 18 -- Social Connection meets at 6:30 PM. Session meeting at 7:00 PM.

September 19 -- Porch Bible Study in the Hospitality Room from 4-5:30 pm.

October 1 -- World Communion Sunday. Peace and Global Witness Offering received.

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