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# *This week's news...*



Dear <<First Name>>

*“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.”*

-Hebrews 10:24

Thank you all for the warm welcome! I am blessed to be here.

I never expected to find myself working as a church administrator, but I will let you in on a little secret – it’s a great gig! As an administrator at any organization, you’d likely be tasked with tending a general email inbox, fielding phone calls and organizing program information. But as an administrator in a church, each of these tasks brings with them an opportunity to be stirred up by members and friends of the congregation, stirred to love and good works. As a church administrator, I am regularly reminded of service and already a frequent observer of your acts of kindness and hospitality.

Your friends at church have organized the inspiring opportunities listed below to connect, learn and serve. Fall service opportunities include providing hospitality during after-worship social time, donating warm clothing, and cooking meals for those experiencing homelessness. Please feel free to reach out if you are interested in connecting to any of these groups or have a new idea.

## COOKING FOR JOSEPH'S HOUSE

Join us at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 26, in the church kitchen to make another sustaining meal for Joseph's House, a shelter in Camden that is working to engage people experiencing homelessness holistically and individually in gaining stability and control of their lives. **Please RSVP** to Caroline Yount at [cnyount@gmail.com](mailto:cnyount@gmail.com) by Sunday, Sept. 24. Donations of sweet treats also would be appreciated. You can leave them in the kitchen marked "Joseph's House." Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday!

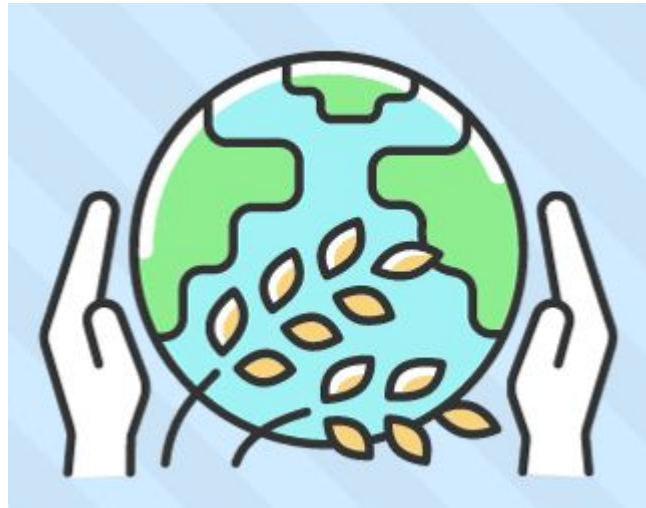


## JOIN THE HOSPITALITY TEAM

Calling all who anticipate and appreciate after-service social time! The Hospitality Committee is soliciting volunteers to provide snacks and to host the hospitality table. As we continue to offer this ministry of camaraderie and connection in our beautiful parlor, we will have a sign-up sheet on which folks can volunteer for any Sunday of their choice. Please consider this easy and fun way to connect with old and new friends. If you would like to help us develop additional ways to serve, we would also be happy to welcome you as a member of the Hospitality Team. Please contact Joan Fiorella at [jmfiorella@gmail.com](mailto:jmfiorella@gmail.com), or Pete Hurd at [phurd75@gmail.com](mailto:phurd75@gmail.com). Thanks to all who have agreed to be part of this important ministry!

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2023 CROP WALK

On **Sunday, Oct. 8, from 1 to 3 p.m.** we will join congregants of Trinity Presbyterian Church at Challenge Grove Park, located at the corner of Bortons Mill Road and Caldwell Road (near Jake's Place), for an easy 5K walk. The event also includes a kids' walk and a pet blessing. Sign up in the Bean Parlor after worship on Sundays. For more information, contact Caroline Yount



The logo for Bible Buddies features the words "BIBLE BUDDIES" in a bold, white, bubbly font with a red outline, set against a bright yellow rectangular background.

### **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**

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](#)

**Everyone's invited to the Justice and Advocacy Committee meeting before worship on Sunday, October 1, 2023.** We will meet in the Parlor at 9am. These days we face many challenges and stresses. It's said that the best cure for anxiety is to do something! And there is so much that can be done. Bring your ideas, your curiosity and hope for a better world.

### **Spotlight on God's Creation**

This summer, we've experienced disastrous floods on top of record shattering heat waves that hit much of the US, Europe, and North Africa, creating deadly wildfires in Algeria, Greece, Italy, Tunisia, and so many more. As long as the climate crisis remains unchecked, these devastating weather events will not just continue but will increase in frequency. **Yet, the world's largest banks continue to support the major drivers of the climate crisis, pouring \$668.6 billion into fossil fuel companies last year alone.**

The good news is the Fossil Free Finance Act (FFFA), which would require the Federal Reserve to force big banks to stop financing greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, was just reintroduced in Congress. **Tell your representatives that we need to pass this bill now so banks stop funding fossil fuel expansion.** Massive investment in fossil fuels not only poses a risk for the climate, but for our financial system, as well. As the much-needed and inevitable clean energy transition speeds up, fossil fuel investments become more volatile. And if the Federal Reserve doesn't push banks to adapt and shed emissions-heavy investments, we could see more banks collapse similar to Silicon Valley Bank.

The first step to getting out of a hole is to stop digging it deeper. **Demand that your representative co-sponsor and pass the FFFA – for our communities, our planet, and our financial security.**

*-Your friends at Climate Reality*

**September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.** Just like 911, **988** can be dialed by anyone, anywhere to connect to the help they need. It's free, confidential and available nationwide, and people experiencing a mental health crisis or emotional distress can call, text or chat with mental health professionals in real time.

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## 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.

**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.

**ESTHER CIRCLE (formerly 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:

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

**TO BE ANNOUNCED:**

If you have an interest, please email Judy Grantham,  
[judygrantham@comcast.net](mailto: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!



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

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.

Child care will be provided. 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. Please reach [mlindsay@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:mlindsay@haddonfieldpres.org) if you would like to join.

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.



## Christian Heritage Class

*Our 34<sup>th</sup> 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*

All are invited to join Church historian David Stedman after worship on **September 24** and **October 1** to learn more about the history of our faith.

**September 24: With Jesus (and His Family) in Galilee** (with help from the 5<sup>th</sup> Gospel) The question was: “Can Anything Good Come out of Nazareth?” (Nezer=offshoot) All historians agree that Our Lord was “Jesus of Nazareth.” But archaeology and epigraphy--the 5th Gospel--further inform us that Jesus was in fact a “Natzorean”—a resident of a recently founded town (Natzorath) peopled by proud offshoots of the old royal Davidic Family back from the Babylonian exile. They were apparently not quite ready to find the Messiah among themselves. *Power-point presentation.*

**October 1: The 12 Apostles: “The Sent-Out Ones”** Disciples and Apostles are not necessarily the same. Who were the original Twelve Apostles whom Jesus called to be with Him (the Gospels apparently differ), and what do the Gospels, Church history, Apocrypha, and tradition tell us about their mission and their experiences before and after the Resurrection. *Power-point presentation and film excerpt.*

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**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!

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**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](mailto:umanpaul@me.com).**

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**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.

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### PORCH BIBLE STUDY EVENTS:

- 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](mailto:debranussbaum1987@gmail.com) or call the church office.
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"I was hungry and you gave me food to eat." (Matthew 25:35)

**A message from St. Wilfrids:** As autumn descends upon us, it's time to think about putting away our shorts and t-shirts and getting out our sweaters and pants. But wait! Did you actually wear all the clothes that you are putting away for the winter? What would happen if you decided to donate one (or even five) pieces of warm weather clothing to the impoverished and unsheltered families we serve in North Camden? My guess is that for most of us, they would hardly be missed next spring. Can you also give some thought to the winter clothes you will be pulling out. Can you still stay warm with one or two fewer sweaters?

dropped off in the alcove closest to the playground side entrance.

Our clients continue to need:

- Diapers, size 2-6 in particular
- Baby wipes
- 1 lb bags of dried beans of any variety. If you'd like to donate a larger bag of beans of any size, we will re-portion it into 1 lb bags. Many of the families we serve are of Hispanic heritage and eating Rice and Beans daily is a staple of their tradition. We've got the rice. We need the beans.

*"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*

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**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.

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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](mailto:ElonMail@yahoo.com) or Bonnie Manskopf at [BonnieManskopf@yahoo.com](mailto:BonnieManskopf@yahoo.com).

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](mailto:revdeb@presbyfsnj.net).



**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

- 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)

## CALENDAR



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

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