

This week's news...



October 21, 2021

Dear Friend,

Gratitude Multiplies!

Gratitude undoubtedly multiplies the gifts in our lives. In fact, it's been proven that writing a daily gratitude list actually rewires our brains to think more positively. The more we notice and acknowledge the gifts in our lives, the more that wonderful things are revealed to us. Truly.

My Installation service this past Sunday was an absolutely marvelous celebration that I cannot let pass without sharing my gratitude for the many people that made it possible!

Thank you very much to:

The Rev. Dr. Douglas Gerdts, the Rev. Dr. William Hess, and the Rev. Dr. Debby Brincivalli for their gravitas, powerful personal presence and words uttered from the pulpit. Bill's words allowed you all to catch a glimpse of my life before coming here, and for that I am grateful! And thank you Debby for the beautiful stole.

Thank you also to the Rev. Lory Ryan, Moderator for the Presbytery of Southern New Jersey, and to the Rev. Dr. Phil Oehler – and thank you Phil for the produce from your garden – Fantastic!

Thank you to the APNC – Lisa Hurd, Lindsay Sommers, Deb Nussbaum, Bob Lehman, Kristin Carberry, Gene Spinelli, Delaney McGlade, and Keith Kirsch. Clearly I wouldn't be here without you all – the stole you gifted me, with the embroidery on the inside commemorating my installation at First Presbyterian, is tremendously special to me (and a mask to match)!! What a thoughtful and stylish move!

The Staff at First Presbyterian – thank you not only for our shared ministry, but for your patience, willingness, sense of humor, and the communion set and tray! How have I managed all these years without these things? Clearly not well! I value all of you deeply and dearly.

Ed and Linda Hess – For the reception cakes and your friendship!

For all of the wonderful flowers and gifts – thank you Peg Manochi, Beth Tourtellotte, Michelle Taffet, Gene and Jeanne Spinelli, and certainly many others whom I am forgetting in mind, but certainly not in spirit.

A special thanks to Anne Vial for putting up with 37-million different bulletin revisions.

A special thanks to Peter Leibensperger for just being who he is.



And Last but Certainly not least – a big thanks goes out to Kris and Becca Bean, Ava Little, and Gabby Lamb who were food prep and fabulous hostesses during the reception.

I'm sure there are others. Remember what I have always known: everything we do we do for the Lord. Regardless, during this week – notice the power of gratitude. What if every Sunday was a celebration? Isn't it meant to be?

In Christ's Service, and with love for you all,

Nikki

MATTHEW 25 CONVERSATION ON RACE – This Sunday – Special Guest!

Join the discussion on **Sunday, October 24**, after the 10 a.m. service in the Choir Room. Bob Lehman will be leading a fascinating discussion on segregation in the US, based on the book, *The Color of Law: The Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*, by Richard Rothstein. Reading the book is not required to join in the discussion—you may want to listen to this interview with Mr. Rothstein: <https://www.minneapolisfoundation.org/podcasts/conversations-with-chanda/the-color-of-law/> and read the [book excerpt](#) linked on the Adult Ed page of the website. Questions? Email Becky Bryan at rebeccabryan@me.com.

STEPHEN MINISTRY INTEREST MEETING *NEW DATE*

Nikki is holding a Stephen Ministry interest meeting on Wednesday, November 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room on the lower level. Read Nikki's 2020 [blog post](#) for a description of this ministry. Go to <http://www.haddonfieldpres.org/blog>

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER of First Presbyterian Church in Haddonfield? *New Members classes* are scheduled for two consecutive Sundays, November 7th and November 14th, beginning at 11:15 a.m. after the worship service. The first New Members class will be held via Zoom, and the second class on November 14th will be offered in-person. If you'd like to know more about this faith community, are interested in attending, or have any questions, please contact Rev. Nikki Passante at npassante@haddonfieldpres.org or at the church office: 856-429-1960 ext. 110.

CELEBRATING THE INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS' SUCCESS STORY

Interfaith Caregivers (IFCG) is marking an anniversary! First Presbyterian Church had a hand in its establishment thirty years ago, and the fall *Caring Times*, IFCG's newsletter, features a reflection by our own Ginny Ritchie celebrating the care IFCG has given the community over the years. Ginny writes from the perspective of both founding board member and client. Here is an excerpt:

How wonderful it is that Interfaith Caregivers is celebrating 30 years of providing services to seniors and those with disabilities. Despite the limitations imposed by the pandemic, Interfaith continued to operate, albeit on a limited basis. That's a tribute to the staff and Board of Trustees who recognized the importance of Interfaith Caregivers' program and volunteers who offered what service they could. As I reflect on these thirty years, I continue to marvel at how it began and how it has thrived. From its inception, Interfaith Caregivers has successfully operated its program on the firm foundation started by its founder, Dr. Joan Gault, and carried on by dedicated staff and committed volunteers.



To read the rest, see the full newsletter [here](#). Inside, note that another FPCH member, Pete Hurd, has been named volunteer of the year. Congratulations to all the staff, board, and volunteers of a great organization – Happy Anniversary!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP!

Youth Group is back this week! We'll meet tonight from 5 p.m.-6 p.m. with a special guest leader. Come to the Hospitality Room for pizza and snacks. Please make sure to bring a mask. We will see you then!

Sunday School Is Back It is so wonderful to have the teachers and kids back in person after many months of virtual lessons. Please welcome our wonderful teachers:

- PreK/K: Chuck and Jayne Grabowski, and Kim Hall
- 1st/2nd/3rd: Wendy Preihs and Megan Zeigler
- 4th/5th/6th: Gabrielle Heimerling
- 7th/8th: Rita Brown

Please make sure to register your children for Sunday School through the following link: [SS 21-22 Registration Form](#) (available on the website, too).

Interested in teaching? We can always use volunteers! Please reach out to Gabrielle Heimerling at gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org for more information.

We need help in the Nursery: We continue to look for nursery helpers. Ideal candidates will be high school aged or older with ample babysitting experience and/or certification. Must love babies and toddlers! This is a paid position! Please reach out to Gabrielle Heimerling for more details at gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org.

Advent Festival 11/28/21: We are planning to hold an in-person, COVID friendly, safe Advent Festival this year and planning is getting under way. Interested in helping plan this event? Please reach out to gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org.



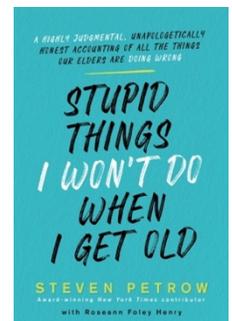
PW FALL GATHERING – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 9:30 a.m. All women & friends of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery for Southern New Jersey are invited to attend our Fall Gathering. The host church is Trinity Presbyterian Church in Cherry Hill. Our speaker is Karen Jennings from the Military Support Group of New Jersey. For full details including donation requests, see the [event flyer here](#) or on the FPCH website.

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*

LET'S READ A BOOK TOGETHER!

A book group is forming to talk about *Stupid Things I Won't Do When I Get Older*. (Just a "book read" with a fun conversation following!) The book is composed of 43 short, 2-page, essays divided into 3 sections. The thought is to meet 3 times (via Zoom) and share reflections and reactions. They'll probably be spread out over a few weeks to give everyone plenty of time to read. The actual dates and times will be decided once we have a group. If you're interested, just [email Doug](#) and let him know! (Folks are encouraged to buy the book on their own!)



COFFEE, CHOCOLATE, AND MORE

Presbyterian Women will resume selling coffee, tea, chocolate, cocoa mix, and olive oil...but with a twist. Due to Covid, there will be no table set up for selling. Instead Bonnie Manskopf will take orders over the phone or by email. See the list of products below and on the website:

<http://www.haddonfieldpres.org/presbyterian-women>. Prices will be added as soon as they are available. Contact Bonnie with questions or to order: 856-858-1934, bonniemanskopf@yahoo.com. Make checks out to Presbyterian Women. Christmas orders need to be received by December 1.

Products:

- Coffee - French roast, regular and decaf; organic breakfast blend; hazelnut creme, decaf
- Tea - organic English breakfast, regular and decaf; organic peppermint; organic chamomile
- Olive Oil - organic extra-virgin from Palestine
- Cocoa mixes - organic hot cocoa; organic dark hot cocoa; organic baking cocoa
- Chocolate bars (all organic) - dark chocolate almond; dark chocolate caramel with sea salt; dark chocolate mint crunch; dark chocolate orange; Panama extra dark (80%); milk chocolate caramel crunch with sea salt

TURKEY TIME IS NEAR

It's time to start looking for those turkey deals! Most supermarkets have them. We will be collecting frozen turkeys (and sometimes we are frozen too!) on Sunday, November 21. It is anniversary Sunday (150 years!), so you'll want to be sure to attend. Turkeys will be taken to Your Food Shelf (which was started by us Presbyterians, by the way) and distributed to neighbors in need.

THE OPEN DOOR CLINIC AT ST. WILFRID'S

This week marks the **83rd straight week** that the Open Door Clinic at St Wilfrid's has distributed food during the pandemic; **101 bags, 7,842 total. Over 196,050 pounds** of food and dry goods, distributed. Thank you all for your generous collections and contributions.

- **The next Foodbank pick-up is tentatively scheduled for Friday, November 5th.** We meet at the Foodbank at about 8:00 a.m. and make our way to St Wilfrid's by about 8:35. Please schedule with Paul Urian to let him know of your interest: umanpaul@me.com.
- **Matching Grant 2021:** For the month of October, your donation will be matched! Gifts may be made through FPCH's "Give" button on the website or by check to First Presbyterian with St. Wilfrid's in the memo so your donation will appear on your giving statement.
- **Needs:** We need **baby wipes** and more wipes, toothbrushes, bags of dried beans, chicken or tuna in tear open bags, individual single-serving fruit or applesauce, and Chef Boyardee meals in flip top cans, diapers size 6, plastic grocery bags from Shoprite or Wegman's, paper grocery bags to line the plastic bags so they will hold 23 pounds of food, and newspaper bags to hold hygiene products
- **Peanut Butter and Jelly Sign Up Link:** We give out 300 PBnJ sandwiches each Saturday. 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 find out more about The Open Door Clinic at St. Wilfrid's, check out the website opendoorcliniccamden.org.** To volunteer, call Jill Mascena at 856-428-7342 and leave a message

See photos below!

BIBLE STUDY

WITH PASTOR DOUG – TUESDAY MORNINGS, 8:00 via Zoom. Join at any time. The topic is always the coming Sunday's scripture. The text for the coming week is Revelation 21:1-6a.

WITH PASTOR NIKKI – THURSDAY EVENINGS at 6:30 on Zoom. Currently discussing the Letter to the Hebrews. You are welcome to join whenever you can.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Oct. 21 – 6:30 p.m. Nikki's Bible Study
Oct. 21 – 6:30 p.m. Moore Bells
Oct. 21 – 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
Oct. 24 – 10 a.m. In-person and Online Worship
Oct. 24 – 10 a.m. Sunday School – begin in the Sanctuary
Oct. 24 – 11 a.m. Conversation on Race
Oct. 24 – 5 p.m. Youth Group
Oct. 25 – 10 a.m. Quilters
Oct. 26 – 8 a.m. Doug's Bible Study
Oct. 26 – 10:30 a.m. Staff meeting
Oct. 26 – 7:30 p.m. Deacon's Meeting

Oct. 27 – 3:45-8:15 p.m. Children's and Youth Choir rehearsals w/ spaghetti dinner
Oct. 27 – 7 p.m. Covid Response Team
Oct. 28 – 4 p.m. Communications Committee
Oct. 28 – 6:30 p.m. Nikki's Bible Study
Oct. 28 – 6:30 p.m. Moore Bells
Oct. 28 – 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
Oct. 29 – 9 a.m. Women's Prison Ministry Zoom
Oct. 31 – 10 a.m. In-Person and Online Worship/Sunday School
Oct. 31 – No Youth Group

