

This week's news...



October 28, 2021

Dear Friend,

All Saints Day and COVID Response Team Update!



All Saints Day Celebrated this Sunday, October 31!

For nearly 1,200 years, the Christian Church has set aside November 1 as the day to remember all persons who have died in the previous year and entered the "Church Triumphant" (as opposed to the "Church Militant" which is on earth).

In the midst of the pandemic the commemoration is perhaps even more poignant given the 750,000 Americans who have died from COVID-19.

This year we recognize the following members of First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield who have died since last November 1:

**William Amos
Skip Bean
Dick Bell
Anne Bertram**

**Ken Funk
Gene Holben
Bunnie Hurd
William Kelly**

**David Russell
Barbara Solly
Margaret Tomlinson
Charles Tourtellotte**

In addition, we will have space in the liturgy for everyone to voice the name of a saint in their lives regardless of when they died. All of that followed by the choir singing "For All the Saints" as we close the service.

If you are unable to attend the service, but wish a name to be spoken, please send me an [email](#) and Nikki or I will add them to the liturgy.

Update from COVID Response Team (CRT)

A few updates and reminders from this hardworking task force!

1. The CRT reiterated the requirement that only vaccinated people are to be in the building. This applies to all adults and is in effect all day, every day.
2. To further clarify the mask requirement, please be reminded that everyone must remain masked in common areas when children (17 years and younger) or groups are present. Individual groups of adults meeting in the church may unanimously agree to be unmasked in their meeting space but must mask when exiting that area. Persons working in offices or maintenance/cleaning staff in unoccupied areas are not required to mask.
3. Commencing this Sunday, an offering will be received during the worship service. Deacons/ushers will pass a plate using the unoccupied pews hence individual worshippers will not need to handle the plate.
4. The committee is carefully evaluating congregational singing but for now, please refrain.



Friends, nearly everyone is tired and frustrated by the restrictions COVID has imposed on every aspect of our lives. We all want to return to free and open access and gathering. Yet, at this time, it's simply not safe to do so. It's increasingly clear that we will have to learn to live with the virus. The CRT is working hard to restore aspects of fellowship and worship that are meaningful while keeping the congregation safe.

As always, I hope this finds you well and safe.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug".

STEPHEN MINISTRY INTEREST MEETING *THIS COMING WEDNESDAY*

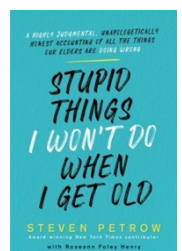
Nikki is holding a Stephen Ministry interest meeting on **Wednesday, November 3, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Youth Room on the lower level. Read Nikki's 2020 [blog post](#) for a description of this ministry. Go to <http://www.haddonfieldpres.org/blog>

NEW MEMBERS CLASSES

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.

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 thought is to meet 3 times (via Zoom) and share reflections and reactions. Actual dates and times will be decided once we have a group. If you're interested, [email Doug](#) and let him know! (Please buy or borrow the book on your own!)



THE DEACONS NEED YOUR HELP

Your Board of Deacons provides financial support to over 14 worthy charities located as near as Haddonfield and Camden, and as far away as Guatemala, Africa, and countless places throughout the world. But because of the stresses and effects of the global pandemic, we are experiencing a shortfall in donations. We are prayerfully asking you for your financial support to help us meet promises to our charitable organizations so that they in turn, can provide the means to continue their important programs to so many in need. Please pray about this request and remember to give generously by placing your Deacons envelope in the offering basket, making your online donation through Realm at <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri11244/-/form/give/now>, or mailing your donation to the church. Mark your gifts Deacons Offering. By doing so, you are helping the Deacons fulfill the work of our Lord.

HERE'S HOW TO HELP THE DEACONS AND EAT WELL: DINE AND DONATE AT LOS JALAPEÑOS!

On **Friday November 5th, 2021**, 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. — *breakfast, lunch, and dinner!* — 20% of your bill will go towards Deacon Fund. Location: Los Jalapeños Bar and Grill, 900 White Horse Pike, Oaklyn NJ. You must show a flyer—print the flyer using [this link](#), pick up a flyer at church, or go to www.haddonfieldpres.org.



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP!

Youth Group is taking this Sunday off - Happy Halloween! We'll meet next on Sunday, 11/7/21 from 5pm-6pm.

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: Interested in helping out with our IN-PERSON Advent Festival on 11/28/21? Our first planning meeting is **Thursday, October 28th at 7pm** via Zoom. Please reach out to gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org for the meeting details.



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*

NEWS FROM THE GOOD LADIES – WOMEN’S PRISON MINISTRY

Even though we have not been able to be together physically at the Camden County Jail, the Women's Prison Ministry has been active by sending donations on a regular basis and now, we are in touch via Zoom. It has been wonderful to pray with and for the women and let them know they are not forgotten as they wait for their court dates.



Please look in the church hallway for a large box where you may donate 2022 calendars—please remove the staples. If you have any questions about this ministry, please contact, Judy Blank, Carol Carty, Judy Grantham, Janet Lehman, or Isabel Pross. Contact one of the above if you'd like to join the Zoom sessions. This is a wonderful time to get involved as you don't need a background check to visit the jail electronically.

Thank you for keeping these women in your prayers.

COFFEE, CHOCOLATE, AND TEA – OH MY!

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 have been added. 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

TO ANYONE WHO HAS USED THE CHURCH KITCHEN – To make room for the turkey collection, please either label and date or clean out anything you have in any of the freezers. We no longer have the large chest freezer, so we need all the freezer space we can get. Thank you!

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.

NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL

The Preschool celebrated Halloween this week with parades, class parties, and our first pumpkin raffle! Our incredibly talented teachers painted pumpkins for this new fundraiser! (See below.) The pumpkins were raffled off and we had a variety of winners.... from staff members to preschool families! Travis Bogetti, building manager, won the very popular "squirrel and acorns" pumpkins! It is truly a gift to have fun celebrations once again! We wish everyone a very safe and happy Halloween!



Interfaith Caregivers Needs Your Help

Interfaith Caregivers has been improving the quality of life for seniors and the disabled in our communities for 30 years. It is neighbors helping neighbors at its finest. Even during covid our volunteers made sure clients had groceries and their medications. They called for a friendly chat, and when doctors re-opened their offices, our volunteers got our clients to their appointments.

The need is great, people are waiting to receive our help. We need more volunteers to help them. Volunteer with us today. We make it easy. Volunteer when you have time. Select what you want to do online. Our friendly, helpful office staff is there to support you. The service you provide keeps seniors healthier and independent so they can stay a part of the community they love as much as you do.

Contact us today. We'll give you all the information you need to get started. Call 856-354-0298 or email Suzan at suzand@ifchaddons.org

THE OPEN DOOR CLINIC AT ST. WILFRID'S

This week marks the **84th straight week** that the Open Door Clinic at St. Wilfrid's has distributed food during the pandemic; **123 bags** again, **7,965 total**. **Over 199,125 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.

- The next **Foodbank Pickup** is 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. If you can help with the pickup but are hesitating because you can't lift heavy objects – there are others to do that! Having your vehicle is important help. If you have questions or can drive for the pickup, please contact Paul Urian at umanpaul@me.com.
- We will begin collecting **winter coats and jackets** for ALL ages ... plus hats, mittens, scarves, and sweatshirts in November. These may be dropped off in the closet behind the parlor
- **Needs:** We need baby wipes and bars of soap. And homeless food items – cans with zip tops and chicken or tuna in pouches. The demand for homeless items grows every week. Cereal, granola bars, fruit, snacks in bags, and more wipes! And always plastic grocery bags from Shoprite and Wegman's, paper grocery bags to line the plastic bags, and newspaper bags to hold hygiene products. These may be dropped off weekdays in the bin behind Grace Church (on the Patco side). Or on Sundays in the alcove between the Parlor and the Sanctuary.
- **Peanut Butter And Jelly Sign Up Link:** If you are interested in making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, please select a donation week by signing up on this signup: <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 be interested in knowing more about what goes on each Saturday Or might want to volunteer, please call Jill Mascena at 856-428-7342 and leave a message Check out the website. www.opendoorcliniccamden.org

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 Mark 12.38-44.

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. 28 – Night off for Nikki’s Bible Study
 Oct. 28 – 6:30 p.m. Moore Bells
 Oct. 28 – 7 p.m. Advent Festival Planning
 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—
 All Saints’ Day
 Oct. 31 – 10 a.m. Sunday School – begin in the
 Sanctuary
 Oct. 31 – Night off for Youth Group
 Nov. 1 – 10 a.m. Quilters
 Nov. 1 – 7 p.m. Governance Committee
 Nov. 1 – 8 a.m. Doug’s Bible Study

Nov. 2 – 9:45 a.m. PW Coordinating Team
 Nov. 3 – No Youth or Children’s Choir Rehearsals
 Nov. 3 – 6:30 p.m. Stephens Ministry Interest
 Meeting
 Nov. 4 – 6:30 p.m. Nikki’s Bible Study
 Nov. 4 – 6:30 p.m. Moore Bells
 Nov. 4 – 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
Nov. 5 – 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Dine at Jalapeños!
 Nov. 5 – 10:30 a.m. Service for Richard Bell
 Nov. 7 – 10 a.m. In-Person and Online Worship
 with Communion/Sunday School
 Nov. 7 – 5 p.m. Youth Group

