

This week's news...



February 11, 2021

Goodnight Zoom!

Dear Friend,

In our weekly staff meeting — of course, on Zoom — we mused that as a group and as a church, we've learned all kinds of skills, practices, and protocols that we'll likely never use again (hopefully)! Things such as the rules of quarantining, how to screen for possible infections, the difference between the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, why Anthony Fauci is a national icon, the value of double-masking, and of course, proficiency of Zoom and how often we're told, "You're on mute!"

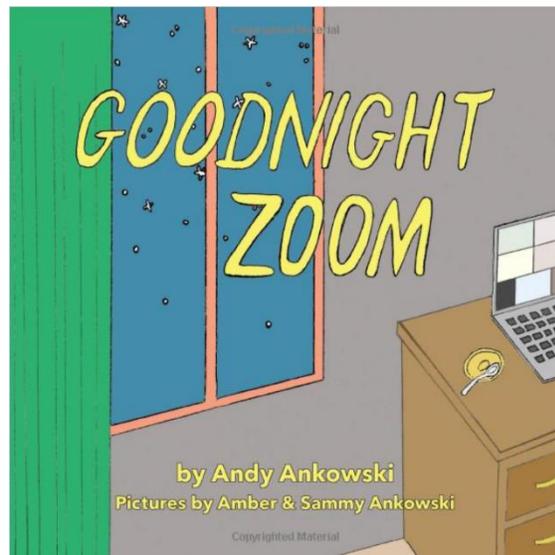
We all look forward to the day that Dr. Fauci can happily retire, masks are reserved for Halloween and Mardi Gras, and "zoom" retreats as a tag-line for Mazdas. Alas, we're not there yet but are on our way!

It's a fact to which everyone empirically stipulates: there is no such thing as returning to the "way we were" as every experience and interaction changes us or our perception. Therefore, one wonders, how will we, First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield, be different post-pandemic? It's a valuable question and something we will seek to address as it will materially inform how we search for the next Senior Pastor.

What are your ideas? What about the way in which the pandemic has affected our lives — as individuals and a faith community — and inextricably altered how we live, service, worship, and gather?

Good questions to ponder and I'd love to hear your thoughts!

Be well, stay safe, and God bless!



LENT BEGINS ON WED., FEBRUARY 17



The Ash Wednesday Service will be streamed all day this coming Wednesday on www.haddonfieldpres.org and Facebook. The Imposition of Ashes will take place from 12-1 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. in the Church portico (enter through playground).

THE FPCH LENTEN DEVOTIONAL IS AVAILABLE

With contributions from staff and congregation members, this year's devotional follows the Revised Common Lectionary and offers personal reflection, meditation, and prayer. Please find and [print your own copy here](#). There are a limited number of print copies available during today's drive-through for those without computers or printers.

STAFF CHANGES

Mark Cole, our Church Organist, has decided that it's time to move on and after faithfully serving for over four years. Mark has tendered his resignation effective the Monday after Easter. We're grateful for his generously sharing his talents in worship, special services, concerts, and recitals and, with deep gratitude, wish him well.

Ashley Williams is our new Church Caretaker and began her employment last week. Ashley is primarily responsible for cleaning the church facilities, including those used by the Preschool. Ashley is a member of Travis Bogetti's building maintenance and improvement team — please welcome her to the staff!

CONVERSATIONS ON RACE

For February 14: Week 2 of our series exploring specific aspects of structural racism will examine the problem of school segregation right here in New Jersey. To get you thinking about the topic, we're offering two resources. The first is a podcast from NPR's *This American Life* about the national problem of school segregation. The second is an article from 2018 about an ongoing lawsuit challenging school segregation here in New Jersey. [Podcast "The Problem We All Live with" from *This American Life*](#) and [Article "N.J. schools are among the most segregated in U.S."](#)

Conversations on Race continue on Sundays from 9-9:45 a.m. on Zoom at [this link](#). Each week's resources are linked in the weekly email newsletter and on the [Adult Ed](#) page of the website. Questions? Email Becky Bryan, rebeccabryan@me.com.

ANNUAL MEETING – The Annual Meeting of the corporation will take place on Sunday, February 21 on [Zoom](#) immediately following worship. The Annual Report will be available on Sunday, Feb. 14.

NEW Bible Study — *For Anyone New to Bible Study*

Doug is starting a new Bible study for anyone who has hesitated to join a Bible study or wants to try something new. The class will use a book called *A Guide through the Old Testament* and meet on 12 consecutive Mondays beginning on February 22 at 11:30 a.m. (*If that schedule is terrible for folks who want to participate, we'll re-examine during our first session!*) The books are \$15 and will be available soon! If you know you're interested and want to reserve one, just click [here](#) to send Doug an email. Take a chance and let the world of the Bible open up!

Another option: the book is designed to also be used as a self-study workbook, so you can buy it and work through at your own pace at whatever time is available to you. Doug will be very glad to talk or meet with you if there are things that need a little explanation or seem confusing — in short — he's available for one-on-one tutoring on your schedule! Feel free to order a book for that purpose as well!

A GUIDE
THROUGH
THE OLD
TESTAMENT

Celia Brewer Marshall

IHOC MALL WALK!!!

The 2021 Annual Mall Walk has gone hybrid!



Join IHOC on Sunday, February 28, 2021 starting at 12:00 Noon **In-person** at Voorhees Town Center OR **Virtually** at the location of Your Choice. [Click here](#) for full details or to donate. Contact Ed Hess with

questions: (856) 428-8598 The goal is to raise \$50,000 to support IHOC's programs for the homeless of South Jersey. Needs are great this year and programs are on-going.



MUSICAL MEDITATION FROM MARK

It is Well With My Soul, arr. Marianne Kim

[Listen Here](#)

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”
It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Marianne Kim is a Chicago-based composer, pianist, organist, and harpsichordist. She has been noted for her vibrant performances and compositions in a wide diversity of musical styles.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Healing and recharging were the themes this week in Sunday School. Jesus keeps on healing. He's on a roll. But there is a small part of our story where, after Jesus heals yet again, he goes off by himself in the quiet to pray. I would like to think that Jesus needed that time to be quiet and recharge. We don't give alone time enough credit. It's awesome. Maybe your preferred alone time is just sitting and being silent. Maybe it's a meditation, a walk outside, or praying. Remember that even Jesus needed some alone time! There's no greater endorsement than that.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

Congrats to our big Super Bowl Box Pool winners Leah, Milo and Connor! Prizes for our big winners are forthcoming. We are taking this week off due to the long weekend, but we will be back on 2/21/21 so be on the lookout for Zoom info. Contact [Gab Heimerling](#) to receive Youth Group emails.

A BIG FAT GREEK MOVIE NIGHT!

Here's something that's just for fun — no work, no study, no reading — just taking a couple of hours and watching a really great movie that's guaranteed to leave you feeling happy. It's simple:

1. Sometime in the next few weeks, watch "[My Big Fat Greek Wedding](#)" on whatever device or streaming service you prefer.
2. Block off Tuesday, March 9, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a Zoom conversation.

That's it. If something that folks enjoy, we'll do it every month!

THE DEACONS REACH OUT

Last week, when Camden County went to Code Blue status due to the cold, 40 homeless men had to leave a shelter that became uninhabitable. With the help of the Deacons' Fund, all of the men were found suitable housing for the duration of the Code Blue. Thank you all for your support of the Deacons!



NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL

Love is in the air at the Preschool! The boys and girls of the preschool made Valentine postcards and proudly walked to the mailbox to send their special handmade cards to their families. Imagine the delight both the children and parents will have when they arrive in the mail at their homes!

Valentine's Day is a holiday to affirm our love to others. We need to say it with actions and words. Nonverbal communication can have long-lasting effects on how children listen, behave, process information, and speak to others.

At the preschool, teachers communicate love in many ways. Our teachers are experts at making eye contact, giving smiley eyes, thumbs up, air-hugs, high fives, and speaking and listening sincerely at the child's level.

How often do you *speak* love to your child? It is crucial that our children know we love them. We need to say the words, "I love you." We also need to show love. Infuse this powerful feeling into your child's life often. You will be blessed!

Check out the book, [I Love You So](#) by Marianne Richmond, a book that I read over and over with my boys when they were little. The author communicates an often indescribable steady, unconditional love and reassures children that love is forever.



AN UPDATE ON THE PATH TO CALLING A NEW SENIOR PASTOR:

1. Mission Study: a Mission Study Team (MST) will review the Mission Study and Holy Cow survey data from the recent associate pastor search and update as needed. This study must be approved by West Jersey Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM).
2. Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC): the congregation votes on a slate of candidates for the PNC put forth by the Nominating Committee. The PNC first completes a Ministry Information Form (MIF) to submit to the PCUSA for posting. Then the PNC reviews Pastor Information Forms (PIF) submitted by candidates interested in the job.
3. Description and Terms of Call: at the same time as Step 2, Human Resources (HR) and the PNC write a position description and Terms of Call for the senior pastor position.
4. Search and Call: PNC reviews Pastor Information Forms (PIF) submitted by interested clergy and moves through the numerous steps toward bringing a candidate to the congregation, following all COM and PCUSA call requirements.

Where we are as of now: Step 1: Doug will submit a slate of names for the Mission Study Team for Session to approve at its February meeting.

ONGOING...

Doug's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. on Zoom, Doug hosts an informal conversation about the scripture that will be the text for the following Sunday's sermon. The texts for **Tuesday, February 9** are 2 Kings 2:1-12 and Mark 9:2-9. Here's the [Zoom link](#).
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Speaking Truth in Love: Nikki's class "Speaking Truth in Love: How to Be an Assertive Christian" continues on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Find the syllabus [here](#) and the Zoom link [here](#).

Nikki's Bible Study: Join Nikki on Thursday evenings at 6:30 for an in-depth study of **Revelation**. Here is the [Zoom link](#), and here is the [Syllabus](#).

Porch Bible Study, studying the Book of Ephesians, meets next on February 16 at 7 p.m. Deb Nussbaum and Jill and Tony Mascena host this Zoom study. We end every session with prayer concerns. All are welcome. If you would like the Zoom link, please contact the church office to be put on the Porch Study mailing list.

ST. WILFRID'S OPEN DOOR CLINIC

This Sunday is Valentine's Day, and having grown up in this region, the mental calendar looks forward to Spring, and fixing and planting outside, and forgetting winter. So look forward to a new season of color, and warmth, and the new life of the baby birds and the flowers and growth. It's all how you look at the weather, as well as everything else. Live with hope.

Report from Saturday, February 6:

Last Saturday was the **47th straight week** that the Open-Door Clinic at St Wilfrid's has distributed food during the pandemic; **110 bags, 4,301 total. Over 107,525 pounds** of food and dry goods given out! Thank you for your caring!

Friday Foodbank Crew: Next pickup is tentatively on **February 19th**. Please contact Rose Guthrie at intrepidrose@hotmail.com. 8:15 at the Foodbank, about 8:45 at St Wilfrid's

February 13 is the next Open Door Clinic, distributing food, coats and gloves. Our volunteers are so generous: Paul Urian even donated his own jacket to the cause. **This Saturday**, we will be distributing Valentine's Day bags, filled with a card, toothbrush, toothpaste and Hershey's candies, in addition to the food and coats. Thanks to all involved who worked on this act of care!

Toys and Backpacks: Rose Guthrie is collecting "look like new" toys, and we are collecting backpacks for next September. And, although it is 25 degrees, we will probably be collecting box fans for the heat of the summer. **Needs:** As long as it's cold, we give out jackets and we still need sizes Large, Extra Large, and Extra Extra Large! Hats and mittens and socks. Peanut butter, tuna, diapers (kids and adult sizes), and wipes. These may be dropped off at the bin behind Grace Church any day during the week or at the drive-through after church on Sundays.

Any questions, please contact Jill Mascena at 428-7342 or Check the website opendoorcliniccamden.org

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Feb. 11 – 6:30 p.m. Nikki's Bible Study
Feb. 14 – 9 a.m. Conversation on Race
Feb. 14 – 10 a.m. Worship
Feb. 14 – Donation drive-through, church driveway
Feb. 14 – Youth Group does not meet
Feb. 15 – Presidents' Day Holiday
Feb. 15 – 7 p.m. Session meeting
Feb. 16 – 8 a.m. Doug's Bible Study

Feb. 16 – 7 p.m. Porch Bible Study
Feb. 17 – Ash Wednesday Service streamed all day; Ashes 12-1 and 5-6
Feb. 17 – 7:30 p.m. "Speaking the Truth in Love"
NO class
Feb. 18 – 6:30 p.m. Nikki's Bible Study
Feb. 21 – 9 a.m. Conversation on Race
Feb. 21 – 10 a.m. Worship
Feb. 21 – 11 a.m. Annual Meeting on Zoom

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HADDONFIELD



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, February 17: **Ash Wednesday Service** streamed all day
Imposition of Ashes - 12-1 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. in Church portico (enter through playground)

Sunday, March 28: **Palm Sunday Service** streamed live - 10 a.m.

Palms distributed in parking lot drive-through - 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Monday, March 29: Holy Week Zoom Prayer Service - 6:30-6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30: - Holy Week Zoom Prayer Service - 6:30-6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, March 31: - Holy Week Zoom Prayer Service - 6:30-6:45 p.m.

Thursday, April 1: **Maundy Thursday Service** streamed live at 4:00 p.m.

Communion served in parking lot - 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Friday, April 2: **Good Friday Zoom Service** at 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 4: **Easter Service** streamed live at 10:00 a.m.

Streamed events are available at www.haddonfieldpres.org and on Facebook and can be viewed after initial streaming; Zoom services will be recorded for later viewing.

For drive-through and parking lot events use entrance on Chestnut Street next to playground.

Daily Lenten Devotions available at www.haddonfieldpres.org and on Facebook.

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