

This week's news...



May 13, 2021

Dear Friend,

Where Are We?

It has been a few weeks since I updated the congregation and where we are in the transition process.

You may recall that I sent out a timeline a month or two ago and detailed the process. The first step was to update the Mission Study that was carefully prepared by the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC). A very hard-working task force was appointed by Session and they've been meeting every two weeks to review and update the report. The good news is that they're on the "home stretch" and will have a report to submit to Session and the congregation in the near future.



Next step, once the report is approved, is for the Nominating Committee to meet and prayerfully discern a slate of candidates for the Pastor Nominating Committee. That won't start until after the Mission Study is approved and the congregation will be kept carefully informed about that process and how to be involved.

Until then, we have the excitement of worshipping together starting on May 30th in Fellowship Hall and then eventually in the sanctuary starting this fall. Good and wonderful things are happening, and the future is bright with hope and new experiences for us all.

Be well, stay safe, and God bless,



CONVERSATION ON RACE



Sunday morning discussions continue from 9-9:45 a.m. on Zoom at [this link](#). This week (5/16) in our conversation on race we will discuss Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) racism. In preparation, we invite our congregation to read [this opinion piece](#) by local newsperson Nydia Han and view this TV clip: <https://abc7.com/10551148/>. 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.

CALLING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS – IT'S DEACONS SCHOLARSHIP TIME!

Scholarships are available to class of 2021 High School Seniors who are members of First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield and who will be attending either a two- or four-year college in the fall of 2021. To get full details, [click here](#). You can download and complete the application from the First Presbyterian Church website [here](#) or call the church office at (856) 429-1960 to get a paper form mailed. **Application deadline is June 5.**



BARB SEWALL RETIRING



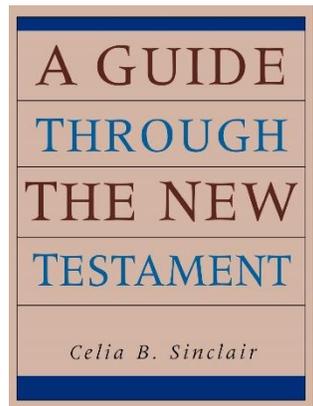
Barbara Sewall will be retiring from First Presbyterian Church Preschool on May 28th, 2021 **and will be honored during worship on May 23**. Barb has served on FPC staff as the Preschool Director since 1983. For 38 years she has been devoted to the Church and the Preschool. Barb has welcomed thousands of children and dozens of staff members into a loving and supportive Christian atmosphere. She created a school where children feel encouraged, are recognized for their uniqueness and have the opportunity to develop friendships. An integral part of Barb's mission was not only to offer a wide range of experiences to children but to also offer parents and staff a place to develop friendships with those sharing common interests. Barb's core values and legacy will continue for many years to come under the leadership of Marisa McGovern, who was appointed as Preschool Director on July 1st, 2020.

First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield would like to wish Barbara well as she begins her next chapter. Your gratitude and appreciation for Barbara's service can be expressed through cards and/or donations to her purse. We will be collecting now until May 21st at the drive-through on Sunday mornings. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and put Barbara's name in the memo or donate online at www.haddonfieldpres.org through Realm if you prefer. You may also drop off cards/donations to the Preschool office or Church mailbox Monday-Friday 9:00 AM -12:00 PM.

NEW STUDY OPPORTUNITY:

A GUIDE THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

This course, like the one on the Old Testament, is meant as an introduction to Bible Study and is perfect for someone who hasn't had much experience with the text. The course is a combination of online teaching and discussion led by Doug and weekly homework in the workbook. Course meets on Mondays from 11:00 a.m. to noon on [Zoom](#), and **will begin on June 21st** and run for approximately 12 weeks. (Don't worry if you'll be away on vacation — this is easy to do on your own!) If you'd like to sign-up or would like a book to use on your own, send [Doug](#) a note and he'll reserve one for you! Books are \$15!



THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

This week in the younger grades we are focused on love and friendship. The Bible is full of stories about friends: Ruth and Naomi, David and Jonathan, Jesus and the disciples, Lazarus and Jesus. There are all kinds of friend stories. Today's story about friends is from John's gospel. In it, Jesus describes what he will do for his friends. He's telling this story to the disciples. Jesus tells us he will lay down his life for his friends because he loves them. We love our friends in all kinds of ways, and Jesus loves us even more. For the older kids we had a lesson on Moms of the Bible. Women aren't typically biblical headliners so it felt appropriate to highlight some of these Moms on this special day for Moms.

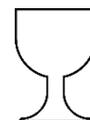


"Don't walk behind me;
I may not lead.
Don't walk in front of me;
I may not follow.
Just walk beside me
and be my friend."

This Week in Communion Class



We took a journey with Jesus this week in Communion class. The kids continued to impress during our second week of class. This week we learned all about Sacraments and how we honor them in the Presbyterian Church. We then joined Jesus on his trip to Jerusalem and talked about some people he met along the way. We learned about Jesus Healing the 10 Lepers, Zacchaeus the Tax Collector, and the Raising of Lazarus. The kids were big fans of the Lego bible story videos. This coming Sunday...Bell Tower!



THIS WEEK IN YOUTH GROUP

We took a break last week for Mother's Day but are meeting again this week for our Final Youth Group of the year. Expect lots of pizza, and of course, fruit snacks! We'll see you Sunday, outside the playground, between 5pm-6pm.

SUNDAY, MAY 23 IS PENTECOST



The PC(USA) Pentecost Offering will be received. Your gift helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

SUNDAY, MAY 30, WE RECONVENE FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP!

Summer worship begins in Fellowship Hall in two weeks. Watch for information about the FPCH Covid Response Team's careful planning to make this return both joyous and safe.

PER CAPITA

Our support of the Presbytery of Southern New Jersey and the larger denomination helps the missions of the PC(USA), and it helps us directly: in 2020, the Presbytery was generous to us in its financial support through grants for technology and mission and in providing support and training for the pastors, helping to keep the church steady through transition. Please do your part in return—\$37 per member. Use the "Per Capita" fund when giving online or label checks to indicate a per capita payment. Thank you!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Please keep members and friends of the congregation in your prayers. 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 still available for private requests sent directly to the pastors.*

MEMBER CARE FOR THE CONGREGATION

We have a team of folks available to hear your concerns about any members who might be struggling, lonely, or need a phone call. Send an email with your concerns to one of the **Member Care**

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Rev. Passante (Assoc. Pastor) npassante@haddonfieldpres.org

Any questions or comments, please contact Pastor Nikki at npassante@haddonfieldpres.org

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ST. WILFRID'S OPEN DOOR CLINIC *IN THE NEWS!*



Friends and Sponsors, below you will find the link to Marc Narcucci's **feature article in Sunday's *Philadelphia Inquirer***, and his observations about the Open Door Clinic at St. Wilfrid's. You'll also see a photo of FPCH member Melinda Lamb packing grocery bags. The volunteers are the most wonderful people...with a mission to "love your neighbor as yourself." It's about serving. We serve as a group.
<https://www.inquirer.com/sports/open-door-clinic-at-st-wilfrids-helping-camden-residents-20210506.html>

Current needs are canned fruit or veggies, cold cereal, bars of soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, zipper sandwich bags, gallon twist tie bags, wipes for those wearing diapers and, as always, paper grocery bags to line plastic grocery bags from Shoprite and Wegman's.

Foodbank Pick-up: Thank you to all the volunteers who loaded their vehicles, transported and stacked a ton and a half of provisions last Friday. The next opportunities for volunteering will be Friday, May 14 and Friday, May 21: 8:00 a.m. or so at the foodbank or 8:30-8:45 at St Wilfrid's. Any questions or to volunteer, please check in with Rose Guthrie at intrepidrose@hotmail.com

The requests will soon be coming for box fans. Many of our patrons live in apartments where the landlords don't rush to turn on or repair the air conditioning. Last year we distributed approximately 34 fans and maybe 5 window air conditioning units.

The Sandwich Ladies need a couple of more ladies to make 20 PBJ sandwiches once a month starting in June...if you or your family are interested in helping out, please call Jill Mascena at 856-428-7342 and leave a message or check the website for other ways to volunteer www.opendoorcliniccamden.org. We serve a God who can make ALL things possible!

ONGOING...

Old Testament Bible Study: Meets Mondays at 11:30 a.m. on [Zoom](#). Contact Doug [here](#) for info.

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, May 18 are Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Acts 2:1-21**. [Zoom link](#)

Pastor 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](#).

WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 13 – 6:30 Nikki's Bible Study
May 16 – 9 a.m. Conversation on Race
May 16 – 10 a.m. Online Worship
May 16 – 10 a.m. 4th-grade Communion Class
May 16 – Donations drive-through (portico)
May 16 – 5 p.m. Youth Group
May 17 – 11:30 a.m. Old Testament Bible Study
May 17 – 7 p.m. Session
May 18 – 8 a.m. Doug's Bible Study
May 19 – 7:30 p.m. STIL
May 20 – 6:30 Nikki's Bible Study
May 23 – Conversation on Race
May 23 – 10 a.m. Online Worship – Pentecost
May 23 – 10 a.m. 4th-Grade Communion
May 23 – Donations drive-through (portico)



A WEDDING!

Jared Novak and Brie Zschech, April 25th



Jared is a member of our church whose grandparents were also married in the chapel. Brie's Dad is Wayne Zschech, pastor of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior.