

This week's news...



June 10, 2021

Dear Friend,

GONE FISHIN'



Be well, stay safe, and God bless,

Doug

THE MEMORIAL TREE HAS GROWN

After a pause of a couple of years, the Memorial Tree of Life has sprouted new leaves again. The tree (across from the Parlor) honors church members in whose memory the church has received substantial monetary gifts. Names and dates of death are inscribed—see the list below. First Presbyterian Church is grateful for every memorial gift received through the years and the contribution of each to the life and missions of the church.



MEMORIAL TREE NAMES RECENTLY ADDED

Genevieve L. Allee, Nov. 10, 2015
Henry "Skip" Bean, Feb. 13, 2021
Elinor M. Beier, July 10, 2018
Mary Carroll, Feb. 22, 2016
Thelma Christ, January 17, 2006
Dorothy S. Cook, September 21, 2018
Frank Faykes, March 9, 2017
David E. Field, January 26, 2015
Thelma Hall, August 6, 2015
Caryl A. Haynes, Oct. 22, 2018
Dorothy M. Herbert, July 19, 2020
Craig Huber, January 20, 2019

Charles E. Hurd, Nov. 13, 2015
Ray L. James, Jan. 14, 2017
Shirley Keown, April 11, 2016
Richard G. Leach, March 5, 2017
Andrew D. Levering, September 28, 2020
Warren G. Mang, May 16, 2017
Robert M. Reece, April 9, 2018
Ruth M. Richardson March 12, 2019
Dwight Schultz, July 30, 2016
William S. Stavely, December 12, 2018
Charles D. Tourtellotte, December 6, 2020
John L. Walden, July 30, 2016

A SPECIAL GIFT IN MEMORY OF MEMBERS OF THE COOK FAMILY FURTHERS FIRST PRESBYTERIAN'S MISSION IN EDUCATION

A new plaque has been installed in the education wing, across from the Preschool office in gratitude for the exceptional support for Christian education received from the Cook family in memory of Harry S. and Mary Cook and Dorothy S. Cook. Next time you are able to walk around the building, notice this and other plaques commemorating past members with special visions for this congregation. If you have a story to tell about the Cooks or any of the individuals and families memorialized on these walls, send a note to [Anne Via](#). It would be wonderful to share anew the lives of those whose gifts have brought this community into the present.

CONVERSATION ON RACE IS BACK AT A NEW TIME – AND IN PERSON



FPCH's commitment to the Matthew 25 initiative has led to an active Sunday morning discussion group. The online conversation moves to in-person **Sunday, June 13 @ 11 a.m.** Listen to a recent episode of "On Being," "[History is Upon Us](#)," in preparation and then join the conversation after worship in the choir room, across from Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact [Becky Bryan](#).

GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEEK

As the close of National Gun Violence Awareness Week nears, it is time for each of us to determine what God wants us to do next. The gun violence crisis in America did not disappear in one week. If you are moved to join others in taking action, look into groups like [Sandy Hook Promise](#) or [Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America](#). Not a joiner? You can still access their websites for more information and contact your state legislators, U.S. Senators, and U.S. Representatives with your concerns or ideas. Google will give you contact info. No matter what else you may do, please [Be SMART for Kids](#).

SUMMER SUNDAYS FOR KIDS

The Nursery is Back! The nursery is back for infants – 3-year-olds. Parents wishing to drop off their darlings can do so in the Hospitality Room where our nursery helpers will be happy to entertain your babies while you worship. Want to save time at drop off? Please have your information filled out ahead of time for our helpers. The link to the forms can be found here: <http://www.haddonfieldpres.org/children>. Any questions concerning the nursery do not hesitate in reaching out to [Gabrielle Heimerling](#).



Children's Church



Nursery

Children's Church is Back! Have children too big for the nursery? Send them to Children's Church! Each week kids ages 4-10 are invited to join us in Children's Church in the C.E. Room for a bible story, craft, and some play. Masks are required. We look forward to seeing you there!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR VBS 2021



REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR VBS 2021 – Knights of the North Castle, July 26-30 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. for children ages 4-10. Become Knights on a quest to the North Castle in a frozen land to find the King's Armor. We are looking forward to another great VBS week filled with music, games, crafts, and bible stories. Let's take up the gauntlet and accept the challenge to "armor up" and be strong with God! [Info here](#). Due to limited spaces this year, your child(ren)'s spot in camp will not be confirmed until payment is received. Registration alone is not a confirmed spot in camp. If there is available space for your child(ren), you will be sent information regarding payment. Once payment is received, your spot will be confirmed.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS!

Please consider donating your time for one of these:

Children's Church: Volunteers are needed to teach our young friends each Sunday during the worship service. All that is needed is a willingness to read a story and facilitate a craft. Gabrielle Heimerling will provide you with everything you need to help with the class – all we need is you! All classes will take place in the CE Room (formerly the yoga room) on the lower level.

VBS: Calling all Shepherds! Hello teens – we are looking to you to shepherd our campers through various stations this summer. Come relive your crafting, playground and choir days with us. VBS will run from July 26-30. It's always such a fun week made all the better by volunteers like you. Contact Gabrielle Heimerling to sign up.

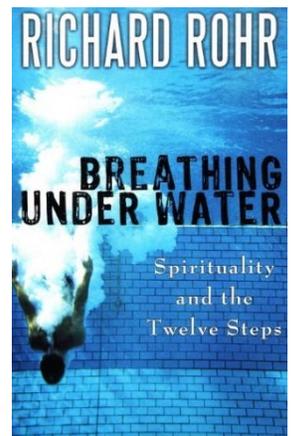
VBS Calling all Station Leaders! Hello grown-ups – we are looking to you to help us staff our various stations for VBS. Please consider helping with Games, Crafts, or Bible Story. All supplies and lessons will be supplied to you – all we need is you! VBS will run from July 26-30. It's always such a fun week made all the better by volunteers like you. Contact Gabrielle Heimerling to sign up.

PORCH BIBLE STUDY

The Porch Bible Study will continue its study of Philippians (on Zoom) on Tuesday, June 22. The class starts at 7 p.m. All are welcome. If you would like the link, please contact Rebecca at the church office.

NEW BOOK STUDY

Beginning Wednesday, June 16 at 7:30, Pastor Nikki will be offering a book study on Richard Rohr's *Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps*. Meetings take place on Zoom. [Link here](#). Purchasing the book is required. We will cover one chapter/one step a week from June 16 through September 15. On June 16, we will cover the introduction. This group is open to anyone: believers, seekers, doubters, addicts alike. All are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact Pastor Nikki npassante@haddonfieldpres.org



From the book blurb:

"We are all addicted to something, according to Franciscan Father Richard Rohr. When we learn to identify our addiction, embrace our brokenness, and surrender to God, we begin to bring healing to ourselves and our world. In this book, Richard Rohr shows how the gospel principles in the Twelve Steps can free anyone from any addiction - from an obvious dependence on alcohol or drugs, to the more common but less visible addiction that we all have to sin."

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! **Books will be available this Sunday!**

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Celia B. Sinclair

DOUG'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY (8 a.m. via Zoom) is ongoing and open to all. The text for the coming week is 1 Samuel 17:32-49.

MEMBER CARE COORDINATION TEAM

Do you know of needs in the congregation? Please contact one of these folks:

Cheryl Tarditi (Elder Representative) cheryltarditi@gmail.com

Rebeca Silva de Foote (Moderator of Deacons) silvadefoote@verizon.net

Kelly Stout (Deacon Representative) kellystout322@yahoo.com

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

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

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 still available for private requests sent directly to the pastors.*

ST. WILFRID'S OPEN DOOR CLINIC – FANS NEEDED FOR SUMMER

Summer is here...90 degree days with high humidity...were we actually WAITING for this? To some, summer means the shore and cooling off in the ocean, pizza and popcorn on the boardwalk, and cooler temperatures. To others, summers mean a trip to the mountains, to the cool of the mountain nights. And to others, it means staying where they are, and attempting to get some air flowing, trying to open a window. That is why **we will be asking for donations of old air conditioning units that work. Old and new fans and bottled water are also needed to help cool our neighbors.** Box fans are on sale for \$20 in several places. Fans may be dropped off at Corey Crumley's house: 40 Warwick Road. Haddonfield.

This week marks the **64th straight week** that the Open Door Clinic at St Wilfrid's has distributed food during the pandemic; **78 bags, 5,920 total. Over 148,000 pounds** of food and dry goods, distributed by the all-volunteer, everything-donated, nobody-gets-paid Open Door Clinic at St. Wilfrid's. In May food bags fed 1,051 adults and 765 children with 10,090 pounds of food, our highest distribution since December!

Needs: cold cereal, canned tuna, applesauce, bottled water, hygiene pads, diapers (sizes 5 and 6 and adult sizes large and extra-large), and wipes. Items may be dropped off in the bins behind Grace Episcopal Church on weekdays (they are emptied regularly) or at FPC on Sundays in Fellowship Hall. Mark Hall is available by the office door for drive-through donations for folks still worshipping at home.

If you have any questions or would be interested in volunteering in any way, please call Jill Mascena at 856-428-7342 and leave a message. Or check the website: www.opendoorcliniccamden.org

WEEKLY CALENDAR

June 13 – 10 a.m. IN-PERSON and Online Worship
June 13 – 11 a.m. Conversation on Race in Choir Room
June 15 – 8 a.m. Doug's Bible Study
June 16 – 7:30 p.m. Richard Rohr book study with Nikki
June 20 – 10 a.m. IN-PERSON and Online Worship
June 20 – 11 a.m. Conversation on Race in Choir Room
June 21 – 11 a.m. New Testament Class
June 21 – 7 p.m. Session meeting



IT'S WONDERFUL TO GET OUT AGAIN!

Here are members of Circle 3M celebrating Connie Reeves 95th birthday!



In front: Neva Bosch, Peggy Spellmeyer, Connie Reeves, Linda O'Neill
In back: Carol Carty, Judy Grantham, Priscilla Carrington, Virginia Dowd

Best wishes, Connie!

