

This week's news...



July 22, 2021

Dear Friend,

Joy in the Journey

Tim Cook, CEO of Apple, reminds us:

Let your joy be in your journey - not in some distant goal.

I recalled that bit of wisdom walking from the church to the Wezner House as I passed the playground on a recent Saturday morning. (As a random observation, it appears to me that Saturday mornings are the times that dads get the kids out of the house and possibly give moms a little time to themselves. I admit that my assumption may be a tad dated and gender biased, yet nevertheless, the observation remains valid!)



The "Presby" playground is great – well-designed and clean – and consequently gets a lot of use! On that aforementioned Saturday morning the slides were getting a lot of action and that's what made me think of the Cook quote. Slides are fun because of the journey and not because they get a person to the ground. Kids happily run around, scamper up the ladder, and then take the journey all over again. Some of the landings are smooth and graceful, some are a little abrupt, some get bumped around a bit, others like to go head first with arms outstretched, and some insist on going up the hard way!

Sounds like life.

The joy in living is the journey – and sometimes that journey is hard and sometimes it's glorious – yet the goal of life is not to reach the end. The goal of a Christian life is to live as Jesus lived and taught – a life marked by compassion, justice, healing, and peace. It's in that quest that our own rides down life's marvelous slide are made complete and we know the joy of the journey.

Be well, stay safe, and God bless,



On Sunday, August 1, come celebrate the Lord's Supper!

Deacons Offering will be received



VBS 2021 - Knights of the North Castle begins on Monday, July 26th! We are looking forward to a great week with campers, shepherds and station leaders!

TEEN AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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.

Nursery Volunteers: We are looking for people to help staff our nursery as some of our current wonderful nursery helpers are headed off to college in the fall. Ideal candidates will be high school aged or older with ample babysitting experience and/or certification. Must love babies and toddlers! Please reach out to Gabrielle Heimerling for more details at gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org.



SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHERS NEEDED!

Sunday School Teachers: We are already looking toward the fall and bringing back in person Sunday School! Volunteers are needed to teach our young friends in grades PreK through 8th. All that's needed is a willingness to teach and we will provide the curriculum, teaching manuals, and supplies. Any questions, please reach out to Gabrielle Heimerling at gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP LEADER MEETING

Calling all past, present and future Mission Trip Leaders (includes both chaperones and organizers) to join us on Tuesday, August 3rd, at 7p.m. in Fellowship Hall to discuss the 2022 Mission Trip. Any questions please contact Gabrielle Heimerling at gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org.



CONVERSATION ON RACE



Our Matthew 25 Conversations on Race will continue once every two weeks, after church, in the choir room. In preparation for our conversation on Sunday, July 25th, please continue listening to Oprah's Book Club podcasts with Isabel Wilkerson on the 8 pillars of Caste. We will be discussing Episode 3 and Episode 4: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/oprahs-book-club/id1529009628> on the 25th. Questions? Email Becky Bryan: rebeccabryan@me.com

A GUIDE THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT IS ONGOING Workbooks are still available. The course is a combination of online teaching and discussion led by Doug and weekly homework in the workbook. Work can also be done on your own. Course meets on Mondays from 11:00 a.m. to noon on Zoom. Questions? Contact Doug.

DOUG'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY (8 a.m. via Zoom) is ongoing and open to all. The text for the coming week is 2 Samuel 11:26 — 12:13a.

THERE WILL BE AN IN-PERSON STEPHEN MINISTRY INTEREST MEETING on Thursday, Sept. 2 at 6:30. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

PASTOR NIKKI'S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES September 16.

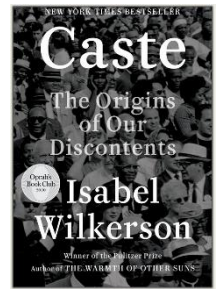
IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR: BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

The Mission Committee is collecting for kids served by Camden Community Center and St. Wilfrid's. Look for sales when you shop and bring donations with you to worship or drop off on Sundays at 11, office-side door. Needed items include:

- Erasers
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Handheld Pencil Sharpeners
- Pencil Box or Pouch
- 3-Ring Binders – 1" or 1 ½ "
- Loose Leaf Filler Paper – Wide Rule
- Calculator
- Washable Markers
- Watercolor Paint
- Art Smock
- 12" Ruler
- Junior Scissors with 5" Blunt Tip
- Pocket Folders
- Composition Notebooks
- Tissue Packets
- Backpacks (the biggest need for backpacks is Grades 3-8)

MATTHEW 25 BOOK STUDY FOR FALL

The congregation is invited to read Isabel Wilkerson's book *Caste*, in preparation for a book discussion in early September. Wilkerson began researching the construct of caste as a better way to capture race relations in our country after writing her award-winning book *The Warmth of Other Suns* and hearing the word used repeatedly by her sources. Is "caste" a better way to describe U.S. race culture? Is discussing caste emotionally easier than discussing racism? Please make this book one of your summer reads and look forward to a thought-provoking conversation.



AUGUST WORKSHOPS ON VISITATION AND PRAYER

Beginning August 5th Pastor Nikki will be offering a series of Equipping Workshops for people who wish to deepen their life of faith, spiritually strengthen relationships, and develop a compassionate posture to all God's children. All workshops will be offered at 6:30 on Thursday evenings via Zoom:

- August 5th: The Art and Skill of Home and Hospital Visitation
Our time will be dedicated to tips and suggestions for making in-house visits, and providing resources for those desiring to visit the hurting and lonely. We will examine the healing spiritual gifts that every person brings to the table in challenging situations. This workshop is recommended for Deacons, Elders, and those who feel called to a ministry of visitation.
- August 12th: Prayer Workshop #1
- August 19th: Prayer Workshop #2
- August 26th: Prayer Workshop #3- Guest Speaker
Each week participants will be introduced to a different prayer technique, and we will hear what Jesus, Thomas Merton, Richard Rohr, and C.S. Lewis, among others, have to say about prayer. On August 26th, Laraine Thulin will be our guest facilitator. Laraine is the Leader for the Prayer Ministry Team at Excelsior Covenant Church in Minnesota.

CHURCH OFFICE REOPENING

Starting in August, the church office will reopen from 9-3 Monday through Thursday. Ed Hess will resume his caseworker hours on Fridays from 9-1 starting August 13. Your patience is appreciated as we get recombobulated.

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

This week marks the **70th straight week** that the Open Door Clinic at St Wilfrid's has distributed food during the pandemic; **102 bags, 6,469 total. Over 161,725 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.

- **Foodbank Fridays:** if you are able to help with pickup on Fridays, please let Rose Guthrie know at intrepidrose@hotmail.com
- **Wipes and more wipes...and bars of soap** (We would also be grateful for a new freezer to hold extras from the food bank)
- **Fans:** The Open Door Clinic distributed 60 of those fans Saturday in 100 degree temperatures, totaling 113 fans distributed for the year. Box fans may be sent to or dropped off at Corey Crumley's: 40 Warwick Rd, Haddonfield NJ.
- **Food and hygiene products** may be dropped off weekdays behind Grace Episcopal Church OR Sundays on tables outside Fellowship Hall. OR after church service from 11-12, on table by the office door.
- **Please note backpack collection notice above! St. Wilfrid's hopes to give out 60 full backpacks this fall.**
- **Backpacks for St Wilfrid's** Our campaign has begun in earnest to collect backpacks for students for their return to school. We want to prepare our young people with a new backpack, colored pencils, rulers, crayons, maybe folders, and the excitement of a return to learning. To date we have received commitments for 48 backpacks, and we hope to have over 60 by the time we distribute them near Labor Day. If you're in the store, and see promotions for pencils, or crayons, glue sticks or supplies, please spend a couple bucks, and get them to Danelle Riso's: [311 E. Summit Ave.](https://www.summitave.com) Haddonfield, NJ 08033. Staples has great offers. And we also need child's scissors.

If you are available to help fill bags or give out food on Saturdays, 8:30-11, or help translate and would like to know more, call Jill Mascena at 856-428-7342 and leave a message or check the website: <http://www.opendoorcliniccamden.org>.

Prayers: The Open Door Clinic needs prayers for the safety and good health of all...and wisdom in dealing with our most difficult patrons.

MEMBER CARE COORDINATION TEAM

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

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

July 25 – 10 a.m. In-person and Online Worship

July 25 – 11a.m. Conversation on Race

July 26 – 11 a.m. New Testament Class

July 26 – 7:30 p.m. Deacons meeting

July 27 – 8 a.m. Doug's Bible Study

July 28 – 7:30 p.m. Richard Rohr book study with Nikki

Aug 1 – 10 a.m. In-person and Online Worship with Communion



SUMMER – A TIME FOR LEARNING

Nancy Ruth Wainwright is looking forward to meeting up with her children's choirs in September. In the meantime, she had a week of refueling at the Choristers Guild Institute conference – this year on Zoom! Participants are from all over the United States, including one from Alaska! Here, she is practicing her conducting skills with conducting instructor Emily Floyd from Shallowford Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA. Nancy Ruth completed the coursework for the Choristers Guild Institute in 2012 and has attended as an alumna, twice.

