

This week's news...



July 29, 2021

Dear Friend,

Rules, Rules, Rules!

Douglas MacArthur once said, "**You are remembered for the rules you break.**"

At first, my joyfully rebellious mind was energized, and with mental "fist pumps,, I whole-heartedly agreed with my namesake; and then, my more rational rule-following (dare I say "presbyterian"?) self moved in and tempered that initial enthusiasm.

Macarthur is, of course, correct in that assertion: people who break rules are often remembered for doing so; yet not always favorably.

For instance, consider:

People who drink and drive drunk.

People who cheat on their taxes.

Manufacturers of illegal guns, drug dealers, insurrectionists, or crooked politicians.

Rule breakers not remembered favorably—and for good reason.

But then again, there are rule breakers we celebrate:

Rosa Parks

Nelson Mandela

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Susan B. Anthony

Malala Yousafzai

Jesus of Nazareth

We are likely remembered for the rules we break—choosing the "right" rules to break is the key to *how* we are remembered.

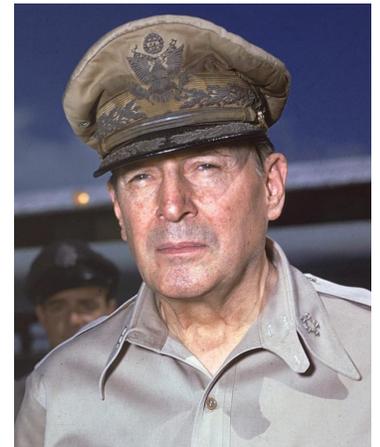
A quote (attribution unknown but sounds like H. D. Thoreau) that I heard as a teenager has stuck with me ever since:

Resistance to unjust laws is morally permissible.

Therein is the compass by which we can weigh the choices of which rules to break and those to uphold.

Which rules are you willing to break?

Be well, stay safe, and get vaccinated!



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

Deacons Offering will be received



AUGUST WORKSHOPS ON VISITATION AND PRAYER START AUGUST 5!

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.

CONVERSATION ON RACE



Our next Conversation on Race will be held on Sunday, August 8th after church. In preparation, please continue to listen to the Oprah's Bookclub podcast with Isabel Wilkerson, episodes 5 & 6 (covering Caste pillars 4 & 5). All are welcome, regardless of whether you have joined prior conversations on race or not. Questions? Contact Becky Bryan.

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.



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 Staff: 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: 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.

A GUIDE THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT IS ONGOING, 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 1 Kings 19:4-8.

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.

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 is for Grades 3-8)

ST. WILFRID'S OPEN DOOR CLINIC

This week marks the **71th straight week** that the Open-Door Clinic at St Wilfrid's has distributed food during the pandemic; **102 bags, 6,571 total. Over 164,275 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.

We are in need of people to help pick-up food at the Foodbank and deliver it to St Wilfrid's—the next pick-up is Friday, August 6th. If you are **interested, would like to know more, or have questions please contact Rose Guthrie at intrepidrose@hotmail.com**

NEEDS: tuna, cans or jars of fruit, WIPES, size 6 diapers, bar soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste, bottled water. As always—plastic grocery bags from Shoprite or Wegman's, paper grocery bags to line the plastic grocery bags, and newspaper bags to hold hygiene products. Items may be dropped off weekdays on the steps on the Patco side of Grace Episcopal Church or on Sundays on the tables outside Fellowship Hall at FPC or between 11 and 12 after church on the cart outside the church on the Masonic Hall side of church (or just inside the door).

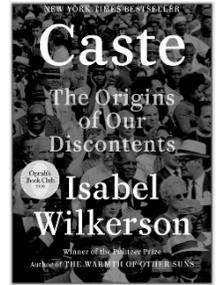
Fans: The Open Door Clinic distributed an additional 33 fans Saturday, bringing the total distributed this year to 146. Each patron gets one and each is SO grateful!

Backpacks for St Wilfrid's: items to fill backpacks such as pencils, crayons, glue sticks, scissors, and notebook paper are needed and may also be dropped off weekdays on the Patco side of Grace Episcopal Church or at FPC on Sundays.

We are also in need of a freezer to store things from the Foodbank. If you would like to donate \$ toward a freezer or donate a freezer, OR have questions about anything, please call Jill Mascena at 856-428-7342 and leave a message OR-check the website www.opendoorcliniccamden.org.

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.



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

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.*

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR



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

Aug 2 – 11 a.m. New Testament Class

Aug 3 – 8 a.m. Doug's Bible Study

Aug 3 – 7 p.m. Mission Trip Leader Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Aug 4 – 7:30 p.m. Richard Rohr book study with Nikki

Aug 5 – 6:30 p.m. Equipping Workshop – The Art and Skill of Home and Hospital Visitation

Aug 8 – 10 a.m. In-person and Online Worship

Aug 8 – 11a.m. Conversation on Race

VBS JOY!

36 Campers, 15 Youth Shepherds, Music, Stories,
Play, and Fellowship

Many thanks to Gab and her crew of adult leaders for a
terrific week!

