

# *This week's news...*



September 16, 2021

Dear Friend,

## ***Happy Anniversary Haddonfield!***

Our ever-vigilant and thoughtful Executive Presbyter, Debby Brincivalli, sent me a simple question this week:

*“What’s Haddonfield doing to celebrate its 150th anniversary?”*

My response:

*“Huh?”*

A quick check and, yes, she’s right (but I knew that!): the church was founded on November 21, 1871, and you probably already knew that! I get stuck on “1906” since it’s the date on the cornerstone and is often some portion of every password we have!



A short history of the congregation, sans any mention of windows, sketches the formation and growth of the church and concludes with these accolades:

***Evangelism, church extension, missions, social problems and discipleship have always been of deep concern to this growing congregation of Presbyterians. First Church has been instrumental in establishing at least eight other churches in the surrounding area, and giving leadership, membership, and funds to get the younger churches started.***

The celebration of a history comprises at least two essential components:

1. A look back — to relish accomplishment and resilience, remember the folks upon whose shoulders we now stand, and to give thanks for God’s sustenance throughout our shared history.
2. A look ahead — to take what we’ve learned, experienced, and done (in other words: “wisdom”) and propel it forward. How are we equipping those who follow, which means, of course, making room for folks to take positions of leadership and participation, i.e., getting some of us out of the way? In short, celebrating an anniversary must ultimately address the question: where is God calling the church next?

**A church anniversary: grateful discernment!**

Actually — those two words describe the essence of a faithful life! Happy Anniversary!!

## Update on Worship Location

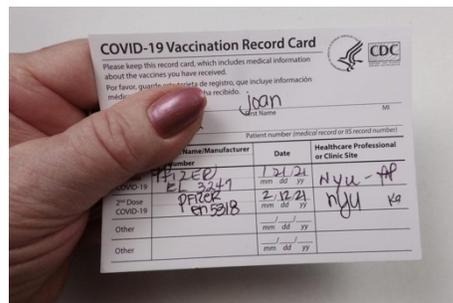
**We return to the sanctuary on October 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.! (10/10@10)**

The Covid Response Team (CRT) will have full details very soon but for now, we're basically just moving upstairs with the same accommodations to the pandemic, i.e., fully vaccinated if 12 or older, masks at all times, no congregational singing, distancing. The big change will be that the choirs are being welcomed back.

Sunday school, Youth group, Confirmation are all back with the same caveat for those 12 years old and older:

**Fully Vaccinated = Full Participation.**

Be well, stay safe, and God bless,



## ALL THINGS SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP!

**Nursery Workers:** Looking to earn some extra cash? We are looking to staff our nursery as many of our wonderful nursery helpers headed off to college. Ideal candidates will be high school aged or older with ample babysitting experience and/or certification. Must love babies and toddlers! This is a paid position! Please reach out to Gabrielle Heimerling for more details at [gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org).



**Confirmation Class:** Attention 9th Graders! We have spaces available in our 2021-2022 Confirmation Class! If you are interested in joining the class instead of deferring a year, please email Lee Federline at [lee.federline@comcast.net](mailto:lee.federline@comcast.net) for more information and the class schedule. Classes start Sunday 9/19. Please make sure to mask up!

**Youth Group:** Youth Group is Back! Calling all Middle and High Schoolers for our first Youth Group of the year! Please join us for a Pizza Party on 9/19/21 from 5pm-6pm outside the playground. Looking forward to reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones! Don't forget to bring a camp chair and a mask. Any questions concerning Youth Group please contact Gabrielle Heimerling at [gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org),



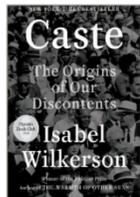
**Sunday School Registration Now Open!** We are looking for Sunday School to start in person in October. Please use the following link to fill out the online registration to make sure your child has a spot in class and so your child can receive virtual Sunday School lessons while we are still remote. We can't wait to be back in the classroom soon! Any questions, please contact Gabrielle Heimerling at [gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org).  
[SS 21-22 Registration Form](#)



**Sunday School Volunteers Needed:** Please consider volunteering to be a Sunday School Teacher. 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, supplies and support. I can promise it is a fun and rewarding experience. Please reach out to Gabrielle Heimerling at [gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org).

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS ON SEPTEMBER 26

The collection continues for the kids at Camden Community Center. Bring donations to worship or drop off on Sundays at 11, office-side door. Contact the church office if you would like to bring donations during the week. During worship on September 26, backpacks, work bags, briefcases, etc. will be blessed – in-person and online.



## CONVERSATION ON RACE MEETS NEXT ON SEPTEMBER 26

The Conversation on Race will hold its discussion on the book, *Caste*, by Isabel Wilkerson, on September 26 after worship in the choir room. All Cherry Hill high school students were assigned this as summer reading - let's join them and find out why! Questions? Email Becky Bryan: [rebeccabryan@me.com](mailto:rebeccabryan@me.com).

**JUSTICE AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING** – Sunday, 9/19, after worship in the choir room.

## FALL PROGRAMS:

- Porch Bible Study will meet on Tuesdays, September 28 and October 12 to study Philippians, Chapter 3. Meetings start at 7 p.m. and end by 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. If you are new and don't yet have the link, contact the church office.
- Pastor Nikki's Bible Study **resumes on Thursday, September 16**, on [Zoom](#) to begin a discussion of the Letter to the Hebrews.
- New Testament Class meets for one more Monday 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 you can join at any time. The text for the coming week is James 5:13-20.
- Pastor Nikki's Book Study on Richard Rohr meets for two more Wednesdays @ 7:30 p.m., [Zoom link](#).

**STEPHEN MINISTRY INTEREST MEETING** – In light of increased COVID restrictions, the Stephen Ministry interest meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 13th at 7:00. Stay tuned for more details.

## SPEAKING OF CALENDARS...

If you chair a committee, have a regular circle, or hold a class or event as part of the FPCH community, please let the office know dates and times for your meetings. Let us know where you are meeting in person or if you are meeting on Zoom. Rebecca Mannion can handle requests to schedule a Zoom meeting. Travis Bogetti is now in charge of scheduling rooms in the church. Call the office: (856) 429-1960. The goal is to provide helpful information to staff and members alike. Thank you!

## 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 available for private requests sent directly to the pastors*

## HELP FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

The Bordentown Presbyterian church has been overwhelmed with generous donations – literally. They are no longer collecting the items listed previously, but financial support continues to be welcomed. Write a check to “First Presbyterian Church-Bordentown” with “Afghan Refugees” in the memo line and send to 435 Farnsworth Avenue, Bordentown, NJ 08505-2004.

**OFFERING HELP IN TROUBLED TIMES** – The list of neighbors nearby and around the world needing care is great. To assist Afghan refugees coming to New Jersey, please read the last announcement. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance also provides ways to help with crises around the world including hurricane relief. Here is [the PDA website](#), [their hurricane response](#), and their [response to Afghanistan](#).

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## ST. WILFRID'S OPEN DOOR CLINIC

September 12 marked the 78th straight week that the Open Door Clinic at St. Wilfrid's has distributed food during the pandemic; 105 bags, 7,300 total. Over 182,500 pounds of food and dry goods distributed. Thank you all for your generous collections and contributions. The Open Door Clinic will next be distributing food on Saturday, September 25th – It will be the 80th straight week of distributing food to the needy. We always have need of new volunteers. Check out the website for more information [www.opendoorcliniccamden.org](http://www.opendoorcliniccamden.org)

- **There is Foodbank pick-up on Friday September 24th.** Please schedule with Rose to let her know if you can help pick-up. [intrepidrose@gmail.com](mailto:intrepidrose@gmail.com). Thank you Rose!
- **Christmas preparation** has begun with this wonderful Christmas registry listed below. And we are also accepting new toys from places other than the Amazon registry. The link is: [https://smile.amazon.com/registries/custom/C0BPZCQM7V9W/guest-view?ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_gr\\_un\\_4L1bCni31qPWZ](https://smile.amazon.com/registries/custom/C0BPZCQM7V9W/guest-view?ref=cm_sw_em_r_gr_un_4L1bCni31qPWZ) Any Other Package Deliveries: Any Amazon, Walmart, Target can be received in Haddonfield by: Corey Crumley; [40 Warwick Rd; Haddonfield, NJ 08033](#). Thank you, Corey! If you would like to offer assistance for setting up for the Christmas giveaway, please contact Rose Guthrie [intrepidrose@gmail.com](mailto:intrepidrose@gmail.com)
- **Matching Grant 2021:** October will be the only time we solicit contributions to the Open Door Clinic so we can take advantage of the offer of matching grants. To date, we have matching grants, one for the first two thousand dollars, and then another matching grant for the second two thousand. Hold your donation until October when it will double. More information to come in following weeks.
- **PB & J:** If you are interested in making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, we need 300 sandwiches each week! Any teens, families, or groups who would like to do service hours can select a donation week by signing up on this signup form: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0845aba72caa8-pbjs1>. Or call Jill Mascena at 856-428-7342 and leave a message if you have any questions. The refrigerator we used to store extra sandwiches for our clients died so we have no backup – if you have a gently used refrigerator or freezer you don't need – we need it!!!!
- **We distributed fresh vegetables again on Saturday.** To offer assistance transporting fresh veggies to St. Wilfrid's on Saturday mornings between 8:00-9:00 am, please contact Paul Urian at [umanpaul@me.com](mailto:umanpaul@me.com).
- **NEEDS: bottled** water, canned veggies, canned fruits, bags of dried beans, baby wipes, and size 6 diapers. And – always – plastic grocery bags from Shoprite or Wegman's, paper grocery bags to line the plastic bags, and newspaper bags to hold hygiene products. These may be dropped off on weekdays in the St. Wilfrid's bin on the steps on the PATCO-side of Grace Episcopal church or on Sundays on the table outside Fellowship Hall or on the cart near the bench by the office door to FPC on the Masonic Temple side between 11 and 12.
- **Brick Pointer:** We need a recommendation for a brick pointer for around the rear door and surrounding. Please email Alex at [jatmac@aol.com](mailto:jatmac@aol.com).



PRAISE  
GOD

*from whom all  
blessings flow*

## THANK YOU FOR PAYING YOUR 2021 PER CAPITA!

Many of you sent payments in after last week's notice. Here is an updated list of those who have paid their Per Capita amounts. (It's not too late. Send your \$37 dollars to the church or to <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri11244/Give>.) Thank you!

Shirley Aharon	Jim & Sharon Hoobler	Theo Rugen
Dorothy Alff	Katelyn Hoobler	Jean Russell
Betsy Anderson	Meredith Hoobler	Benjamin Schroeter
Anonymous	Sarah Hoobler	Christopher Schroeter
Sally Ashton	Shirley Hough	Martin Schroeter
Ed Balderstone	Marianne & Bill Hutchinson	Meg Schroeter
Kristina Bean	Connor Jackson	Michael Schroeter
Abby Bell	Erik Jackson & Susan Bunnell- Jackson	Jeremy and Lindsey Scott
Charles & Bonnie Bell	Kaelynn Jackson	Sally & Warren Seddon
Emily Bell	Keith & Lesley Kirsch	Maggie Sell
Charles & Joan Bergdoll	Rich Kouhoup	Janet Sharke
Zachary Bissinger	Amelia Lamb	Christine Sikora
Clair & Judy Blank	Andy Lamb	Gregory Sikora
Nicholas Bollinger	Rachel Lamb	Joseph & Judith Sikora
Robyn Bollinger	Thomas & Melinda Lamb	Charlotte Skeggs
Judy Carrigan	John Mackowsky	Susan & David Smith
Carol Carty	Margaret & Richard Mackowsky	Max Spencer
Lydia Cipriani	Matthew Mackowsky	Eugene & Jeanne Spinelli
Dan & Tish Colombi	Dana Manochi	Robert St. Marie
Jane Connor	Haley Manochi	David Stedman
Mary Beth Creamer	Peg & Glenn Manochi	Patrick Stedman
Corey Crumley	Scott & Jennie McElhone	Kelly Stout
Lauren Crumley	"T" McGurrin	Roger Stout
Madeline Crumley	Liam McGurrin	Michelle Taffet
John & Lindsay Cunningham	Herbert & Joan Miller	Samuel Taffet
Drew Dark	Alan Mkitarian	Cheryl & Dustin Tarditi
Kathryn Dark	Robert & Joanne Morris	Bob Timms
Margot Dark	Robert & Patricia Myles	Bev Trotter
Rachel Davis	Paul & Debra Nussbaum	Paul Urian
John & Virginia Dowd	Sally O'Brien	John & Denise Wackes
Lisa Edmonston	Lauris & Liz Olson	Nancy Ruth Wainwright
Owen & Tina Edmonston	Linda & Gene O'Neill	Katherine Warner
Philip Edmonston	Mark Oswald	Margaret Warmer
Vani Elgart	Nikki Perrine Passante	Thomas Warner & Anne Vial
Lee Federline	Julia Piotrowski	James & Donna Wasik
John & Joan Fiorella	Michelle & Gregory Piotrowski	Liz Wasik
Matthew Foote & Rebeca Silva De Foote	Thomas Piotrowski	Robert & Ann Wells
Fran Friedrich	S. Stephen & Jill Platt	Betsy Westermaier
Barbara Gallagher	Warren & Isabel Pross	Barry Wilhjelm
Linda Garver	Tom & Molly Revell	Polly Williams-Fischler
Douglas Gerdts	Gerry Rice	Elaine Winder
Judy Grantham & Quintin Lerch	John Richardson	Richard & Patricia Woodland
James & Marjorie Groeling	Allan & Ginny Ritchie	William & Robin Wright
Ian & Rosemarie Guthrie	Judie Rose	Caroline Yount
Gabrielle Heimerling	Larry Rugen	

## WEEKLY CALENDAR



- Sept. 16 – 5:30 p.m. PNC meeting
- Sept. 16 – 6:30 p.m. Nikki's Bible Study
- Sept. 16 – 6:30 p.m. Moore Bells
- Sept. 16 – 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
- Sept. 19 – 10 a.m. In-person and Online Worship
- Sept. 19 – 11 a.m. JAC Meeting
- Sept. 19 – 5 p.m. Youth Group
- Sept. 20 – 11 a.m. New Testament class
- Sept. 20 – 2-7 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive
- Sept. 20 – 7 p.m. Session Meeting
- Sept. 21 – 8 a.m. Doug's Bible Study
- Sept. 21 – 7 p.m. Deacons Meeting
- Sept. 21 – 7 p.m. Governance Committee
- Sept. 22 – 3:45-8:15 p.m. Children's and Youth Choir rehearsals w/ spaghetti dinner
- Sept. 22 – 7:30 p.m. Richard Rohr book study
- Sept. 23 – 4 p.m. Communications Committee
- Sept. 23 – 6:30 p.m. Nikki's Bible Study
- Sept. 26 – 10 a.m. In-person and Online Worship
- Sept. 26 – 11 a.m. Conversation on Race
- Sept. 26 – 5 p.m. Youth Group



*Note: As your committee or group makes plans for the fall for in-person or online meetings or events, please let the church office know so we can include them on the calendar. Updates are always welcome, as are announcements, photos, blurbs, and articles to include in the newsletter. Thank you!*