

*This week's news...*



September 9, 2021

Dear Friend,

## ***We Will Never Forget***

Everyone older than five years remembers where they were on September 11, 2001.

For Americans, it is a date that "lives in infamy" in the constellation of milestones in our country's history. There was a ubiquitous fear of "what's next?" We wondered if our homeland would ever be safe and secure again. The Homeland Security Act of 2002 was introduced in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks and subsequent mailings of anthrax spores. The HSA was cosponsored by 118 members of Congress. The act passed the U.S. Senate by a vote of 90-9, with one Senator not voting.



The HSA is proof of the lengths we will go to ensure our safety and "way of life." Americans abdicated wide swaths of freedom for enhanced security and have learned to live with daily restrictions in travel and communication.

Today the biggest threat to the American way of life isn't a terrorist group or a maniacal dictator or a wave of immigration — no — the biggest threat to our well-being today is an unseen and easily transmittable virus.

Here's the sad irony: we have an iron-clad, scientifically proven, and government approved defense. Vaccination. That's it. A vaccine that's administered with one or two shots which are no more complicated or painful than one to ward off the flu.

Yet a statistically significant number of American adults refuse to take it, and in doing so, put the rest of our community, and in growing numbers our children, at risk of a fatal disease.

September 11th ... a day to remember that to be safe we all have to do our part.

Be well, stay safe, get vaccinated, and God bless,



## **WELCOME, LUCAS BROWN!**



This coming Sunday, Lucas begins his official duties as the new Principal Organist. Lucas is a performing artist, composer and educator. He actively performs both Jazz and classical music and has performed around the US and Canada at such venues as Carnegie Hall, the Kimmel Center, the Jazz Standard and the Blue Note, as well as in Europe and Asia. His compositions have been presented throughout the US and Europe. A member of the faculty at Temple University's Esther Boyer College of Music, Lucas holds a BM in Jazz Performance from Temple University and a MM in Organ Performance from Westminster Choir College.

Lucas was a member of saxophone legend Bootsie Barnes' organ trio from the age of 21. He has performed with such Jazz artists as Joey DeFrancesco, Pat Martino, Eric Alexander, Terrell Stafford, and Gerald Veasley, and is a sideman on numerous recordings. He was awarded the Clef Club Jazz Award in 2014 in recognition of his contributions as an organist in Philadelphia. Lucas was a member of the Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour (PennPAT) artist roster as a member of the group Three Blind Mice, with Victor North and Wayne Smith Jr. Lucas has also performed with Opera Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Orchestra. Lucas is currently touring with the Joey DeFrancesco trio and is featured on Joey's upcoming album, *More Music*, to be released in September of 2021.

Lucas maintains a busy performance schedule on the Jazz scene and recently began serving as organist at the First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield, NJ. He also serves at historic Christ Church in Philadelphia, accompanying their monthly choral vespers series. Previously, Lucas spent over a decade at Mt. Airy Presbyterian in Philadelphia. He earned his Master's degree in Organ Performance at Westminster Choir College as a student of Alan Morrison and is an active member of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and, sitting on the program committee. He has twice been a featured artist at Organ Day at the Kimmel Center.

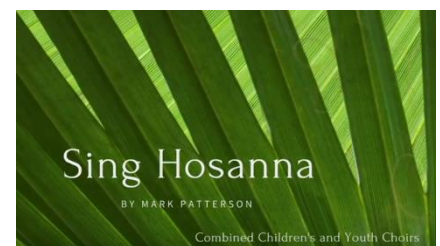
Lucas has had his works as a composer performed at such venues as Grimsby Minster (UK), Torino Esposizioni in Italy, Movement Research at the Judson Church in NYC, and Taubman Museum of Art in Roanoke. Lucas' Jazz suite, *SkyViews*, was commissioned by the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts for a premiere performance in 2019 and his album, *Skyviews*, was released in November 2019. Lucas was commissioned in 2014 to premiere a new composition as part of "If You Could Hear These Walls", a collaborative project sponsored by Philadelphia Mural Arts and the American Composers Forum. He collaborates frequently with choreographer and media artist, Jung-eun Kim.

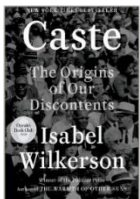
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### **CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN ON SEPT. 15**

If you are thinking about signing your child up for a vocal or bell choir this fall, please get in touch with [Peter Leibensperger](#) or [Nancy Ruth Wainwright](#). Find schedules and COVID guidelines here: <http://www.haddonfieldpres.org/music-ministry>.

Here is a reprise of the children's and youth choirs' Palm Sunday anthem "[Sing Hosanna](#)." Video produced and edited by Peter Leibensperger. Thanks again to all the musicians who made the video anthems possible over the last year. Can't wait to sing with you in person!





## 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).

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** – Attention all 10th graders and their parents: we will have a first meeting of the 2021-22 Confirmation Class this **Sunday, 9/12, immediately after Worship** in the New Youth



Meeting Room (old Children's Church Room). We will be distributing the class schedule and answering any questions. Classes start next Sunday 9/19. Please join us—looking forward to seeing everyone. Any questions that arise prior to the meeting, please email Lee Federline [lee.federline@comcast.net](mailto:lee.federline@comcast.net).



**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! Any questions concerning Youth Group please contact Gabrielle Heimerling at [gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org).

### FALL PROGRAMS:

- Porch Bible Study will resume on Zoom on **Tuesday, September 14**. We will also meet on Tuesday, September 28, and Tuesday, October 12. We will be starting with 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 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 you can join at any time. The text for the coming week is Mark 9:30-37.
- Pastor Nikki's Book Study on Richard Rohr is ongoing 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!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – We will be holding off meeting in person until we meet again in the Sanctuary, which will be October 10th at the earliest. While we are disappointed to not be able to meet in person in September, we are confident that if we take precautions now, we will be back together safely in no time. Look for virtual lessons to be sent out starting mid-September.



**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).

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## 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*

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## 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.

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## HELP FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

First Presbyterian Haddonfield is supporting the efforts of sister church First Presbyterian Bordentown in helping refugees arriving at Joint Base McGuire-Fort Dix-Lakehurst. Debby Brincivalli, Executive Presbyterian, has asked all of the churches in the Presbytery for South Jersey to assist. She shared this letter from Bordentown's mission coordinator:

*Dear Friends,*

*I'm reaching out on behalf of the Mission Commission at the First Presbyterian Church in Bordentown. Over the weekend [Aug. 28-29] we were contacted by a logistics officer at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. He wanted to know if we would be interested in collecting needed items and functioning as a contact point for receiving those items for the Afghan refugees temporarily residing there. Of course we jumped at the opportunity! We hope you will join us in this ministry of hospitality and welcoming the stranger. Please distribute this information in whatever way(s) are appropriate in your churches with as robust an invitation to participate as you can!*

*Here are the ways to participate:*

- *Purchase needed items [see lists on [the Mission page of FPCH's website](#)] and deliver them to our Church Office (address in next bullet) at any of the dates and times listed. Please do not leave items on the porch at other times as they would face an uncertain future!*
- *Donate money by writing a check to "First Presbyterian Church-Bordentown" and writing "Afghan Refugees" in the memo line, and either mailing it in (435 Farnsworth Avenue, Bordentown, NJ 08505-2004) or dropping it in the mail slot of the Church Office at that address. We will use 100% of every donation to purchase items from the list.*

*Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or suggestions, don't hesitate to let me know ([robertjoelee@aol.com](mailto:robertjoelee@aol.com)).*

*Peace, Robert Joe Lee, Mission Commissioner*

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**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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## ATTENTION SENIORS – TELL YOUR STORY

Mabel Kay Senior Center is excited to announce a new project starting in October: you (Haddonfield seniors) will have the opportunity to document your own life story (with a little help of course). Mabel Kay will be collaborating with a 9th-grade English class from Haddonfield Memorial High School to write your memoir. The students will meet with you over the course of the semester, interview you, get to know your life story, write it up, and hand you a finished product for you to keep or to hand down to your family (a holiday gift perhaps?). We even have a professional photographer, Amanda Hall (of Amanda Hall Studios), volunteering her time to take photos for the final product. We will be COVID-conscious and either meet outside if the weather is nice, inside with masks, or via Zoom technology if necessary. (We'll talk you through Zoom if you don't know how to use it.)

Intergenerational programming is one of our goals at Mabel Kay – such a great way for kids to learn from you and you to learn from the kids. RSVPs are mandatory and it will require a commitment on your part to attend the sessions with the kids since it is a class assignment (loosely once a week for four weeks, exact timing TBD). Contact Sheri Siegel, [ssiegel@haddonfield-nj.gov](mailto:ssiegel@haddonfield-nj.gov) or (856) 354-8789, with questions or to sign up. Write on! *See other programming news on the [Senior Ministry page of the church website](#).*

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## ST. WILFRID'S OPEN DOOR CLINIC

**This week marks the 77th straight week** that the Open Door Clinic at St Wilfrid's has distributed food during the pandemic; 100 bags, 7,195 total. Over 179,875 pounds of food and dry goods, distributed by the all-volunteer, everything-donated, nobody-gets-paid Open Door Clinic. Thank you all for your generous collections and contributions. [www.opendoorcliniccamden.org](http://www.opendoorcliniccamden.org)

**Foodbank pick-ups** tentatively scheduled for Friday, September 17, and 24. Please let Rose Guthrie know if you can help! We NEED more drivers! [intrepidrose@gmail.com](mailto:intrepidrose@gmail.com).

**We've Started Christmas preparation** for our clients' kids with the 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). If you would like to offer assistance setting up for the Christmas toys, please contact Rose: [intrepidrose@gmail.com](mailto:intrepidrose@gmail.com).

**Current Needs:** baby wipes, diapers—size 6, pasta, sauce, bags of dried beans 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 bin on the steps on the PATCO side of Grace Episcopal Church or on Sundays on table outside Fellowship Hall or after church from 11-12 on the cart by the bench near the office door of the church.

**Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches-Help:** If you, or your family, or a service group you are involved with can help, we need 300 sandwiches each week! They are collected on Thursdays. For more information, call Jill Mascena at 856-428-7342 and leave a message OR click on the signupgenius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0845aba72caa8-pbjs1>

We distribute fresh vegetables on Saturdays: To offer assistance and transportation of 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).

**Any Other Package Deliveries:** Any Amazon, Walmart, Target can be received in Haddonfield by: Corey Crumley; 40 Warwick Rd; Haddonfield, NJ 08033.

\*\*\***Brick Pointer:** We need a recommendation for a brick pointer for around the rear door. Please email Alex at [jatmac@aol.com](mailto:jatmac@aol.com)

**PLEASE NOTE:** More than one person has noticed the feeling of heaviness and despair in the line for food at the Open Door Clinic lately. The extra pandemic unemployment compensation ended. The rental abatement has ended, although there is support available through the state of New Jersey. And maybe, it has just been a long hot summer. **Prayers please!**

## PER CAPITA ANGELS

### MANY THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR 2021 PER CAPITA

(Reminder, the church is assessed \$37 per member by the Presbytery. We pay up front and then ask each of you to add the cost to your giving. It's never too late – find the [Give](#) button on our [website](#).)

Shirley Aharon	Katelyn Hoobler	Theo Rugen
Dorothy Alff	Meredith Hoobler	Jean Russell
Betsy Anderson	Sarah Hoobler	Benjamin Schroeter
Anonymous	Shirley Hough	Christopher Schroeter
Sally Ashton	Marianne & Bill Hutchinson	Martin Schroeter
Ed Balderstone	Connor Jackson	Meg Schroeter
Kristina Bean	Erik Jackson & Susan Bunnell-	Michael Schroeter
Abby Bell	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
Margot Dark	Alan Mkitarian	Cheryl & Dustin Tarditi
Rachel Davis	Robert & Joanne Morris	Bob Timms
John & Virginia Dowd	Robert & Patricia Myles	Bev Trotter
Lisa Edmonston	Paul & Debra Nussbaum	Paul Urian
Owen & Tina Edmonston	Sally O'Brien	John & Denise Wackes
Philip Edmonston	Lauris & Liz Olson	Nancy Ruth Wainwright
Vani Elgart	Linda & Gene O'Neill	Katherine Warner
Lee Federline	Mark Oswald	Margaret Warmer
John & Joan Fiorella	Nikki Perrine Passante	Thomas Warner & Anne Vial
Matthew Foote & Rebeca Silva	Julia Piotrowski	James & Donna Wasik
De Foote	Michelle & Gregory Piotrowski	Liz Wasik
Fran Friedrich	Thomas Piotrowski	Robert & Ann Wells
Barbara Gallagher	S. Stephen & Jill Platt	Betsy Westermaier
Linda Garver	Warren & Isabel Pross	Barry Wilhjelm
Douglas Gerdts	Tom & Molly Revell	Polly Williams-Fischler
Judy Grantham & Quintin Lerch	Gerry Rice	Elaine Winder
James & Marjorie Groeling	John Richardson	Richard & Patricia Woodland
Ian & Rosemarie Guthrie	Allan & Ginny Ritchie	William & Robin Wright
Gabrielle Heimerling	Judie Rose	Caroline Yount
Jim & Sharon Hoobler	Larry Rugen	

## WEEKLY CALENDAR



- Sept. 11 – 8:45 9/11 Commemoration – Bell Ringing
- Sept. 12 – 10 a.m. In-person and Online Worship
- Sept. 13-17 – First Week of Preschool
- Sept. 13 – 11 a.m. New Testament class
- Sept. 13 – 4 p.m. Finance Committee
- Sept. 13 – 7:15 p.m. Circle 4 on Zoom
- Sept. 14 – 8 a.m. Doug’s Bible Study
- Sept. 14 – 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- Sept. 14 – 4 p.m. Budget Task Force
- Sept. 14 – 7 p.m. Porch Bible Study
- Sept. 14 – 7 p.m. Christian Ed Committee
- Sept. 15 – 3:45-8:15 p.m. Children’s and Youth Choir rehearsals
- Sept. 15 – 7:30 Richard Rohr book study
- Sept. 16 – 6:30 Nikki’s Bible Study
- Sept. 16 – 6:30 Moore Bells
- Sept. 16 – 7:30 Chancel Choir
- Sept. 16 – 5 p.m. PNC meeting
- Sept. 19 – 10 a.m. In-person and Online Worship

### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE COMING UP SEPTEMBER 20**



*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!*