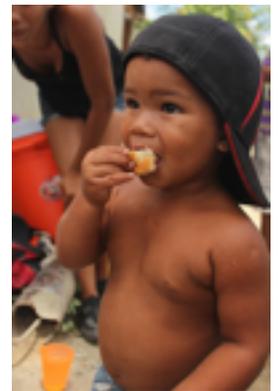


# Glad Tidings

hearts open to christ - doors open to his world

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**Mission  
Trip 2016  
Dominican  
Republic**

How Firm a Foundation...  
HPC Youth Build Casas por Cristos





## Pastor's Notes

Dear Family of Faith Members,

The psalmist writes in chapter 139:

*O Lord, You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
You discern my thoughts from afar.  
You hem me in behind and before,  
And lay your hand upon me. (verses 1, 2 and 5)*

**Rev. Bill Getman**  
Senior Pastor

Some may find these words a bit frightening or disconcerting. And perhaps the word "hem" could create a feeling of being constricted or fenced in or trapped. But not for me. Being assured that God is close to me, so close as to know my inmost thoughts (okay, I have some thoughts I wish God didn't know!), gives me a sense of calm and peace.

This is especially true during times of change, when the relationships or environments on which I have come to depend for my well-being are in flux. And when are any of our lives not in flux!

A mentor of mine, when I was new to ministry, told me that each pastor has a message or two to deliver, growing out of our life-experiences and our encounters with God. Clearly mine focuses on the ever-faithful presence of that God, no surprise to those of you who have listened to me the last 14 years.

I'm thankful to be hemmed in by a God who knows me so well and loves me anyway. As life changes, that provides the constancy I need. And I suspect the constancy you need, too.

In Christ's peace,  
Bill

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## Welcome Cynthia

Cynthia Jeannot began July 2 as our new Part-time Office Administrator. Cynthia comes to us from a similar position at Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. She and her family have lived in Mt. Laurel since January.

Please stop in the church office to meet her. Her hours are Monday - Thursday, from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm.



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Worship

May until Labor Day  
10 AM  
Fellowship Hall

Sept. through April  
8:15 - Chapel  
9:30 - Sanctuary  
11 AM - Sanctuary



**Laura Colee**  
Director of Christian Education

## Christian Education

### Summer Worship

Our summer worship continues in Fellowship Hall at 10:00am. Our littlest disciples will still have Nursery and Children’s Church available to them. The Nursery will be held in the Hospitality Center during worship. Children’s Church will meet in its regular location in the basement.

### Summer Gatherings

We will be gathering for a time of fellowship, food, and conversation. We’d love to have you join us.

- **Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30pm for a gathering at Deb Nussbaum’s house

### SAVE THE DATE for RALLY DAY —

#### Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am!

Sunday School Registration and an All-Church Breakfast will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall. There will be tables set up around the room showcasing our many mission, fellowship and educational opportunities. Worship will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel and at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The 9:30 a.m. worship service and Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

### VBS EGYPT

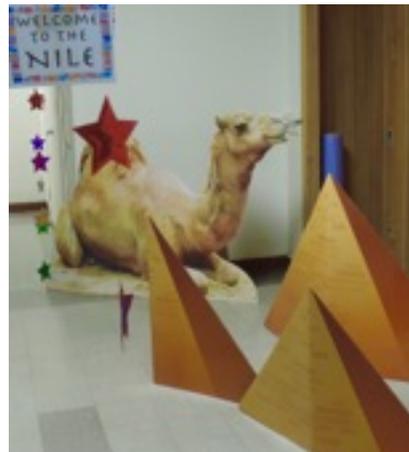
We had a FANTASTIC week at Vacation Bible School this year. Eighty campers and more than fifty volunteers joined us to sing songs, play games, learn about the Bible and Ancient Egypt, and make crafts. Throughout the week, we followed the Biblical character Joseph as he journeyed from prison to palace in Ancient Egypt.

Each day of VBS, we learned key lessons about God like **God Gives Us Hope, God Gives Us Special Abilities, God Gives Us Wisdom, God Gives Us Forgiveness, and God Gives Us a Family.**

Inspired by Joseph’s great journey as an Israelite immigrant and refugee in the foreign land of Egypt, we also collected money and diapers to support the Catholic Charities Refugee and Immigration Services Program. On Friday, we gathered for our VBS Closing Program, where we performed songs and showed off all that we had learned.



VBS mornings began with Laura reviewing and previewing and introducing Pharaoh! who read the “scroll.”



Rev. Dr. Scott Morschhauser (above) was our special guest speaker who led sessions on Egyptian history.

Camels and pyramids augmented our Egyptian theme.

**A HUGE THANK YOU to the following FPC members and friends for their hard work, energy, and leadership during VBS EGYPT!! We could not have done it without you! Thank you to:**

- Music** – Peter Leibensperger, Nancy Ruth Wainwright
- Snacks** – Judy Blank, Judy Grantham
- Games** – Clair Blank, Bill Getman, Jeanne Spinelli

# YOUTH MINISTRY – Mission Trip 2016



**Rachel Rhodes**  
Associate Pastor



Our successful mission builders returned from the Dominican Republic to share their stories.



**Ben Scott (right) and friend**

Ben said that, although language was a barrier for him at first, he was able to make a connection through his water bottle and enjoyed the help offered by local community members, the coffee, and new friendships.

Lauren Levitt (below) was able to use her Spanish skills to befriend an elderly woman and a Casas por Christos aide. She plans to major in Spanish in college and hopes to work in Latin America.



**Briana Gess**

Briana said that despite her weak Spanish she was able to make a meaningful connection with 17 year old Angela who, with her son, would live in the house they were building. "We gave them new hope; they gave us a new vision."



**Bryn McCullough**

Bryn, whose photos you see throughout this edition, said that, although she lacked confidence at the beginning, she worked harder than ever and, at the end of the build, Casas por Christos staff asked her to return as an intern

**Rachel** gave us this in her recent sermon:

*Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandonit.* Rabbi Tarfon



**Lauren Levitt with Donna Wasik**



Mission Trip photos continue on page 6.

## Justice and Advocacy Committee

Greetings in the Matchless Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

For a number of years our Justice and Advocacy Committee has communicated with the powers that be in an effort to encourage them to sponsor and pass such legislation as would make America a better place for all.

Ginny Ritchie and Anne Vial have kept their shoulders against the wheel to continue our efforts to advocate for justice. We're indebted to them for their Christian spirit, and we thank God for them.

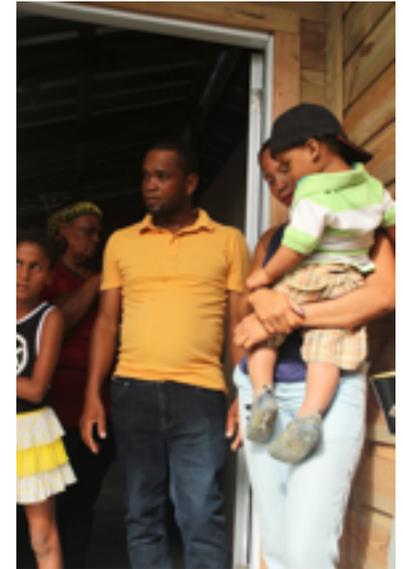
So far this year our members have sent at least five letters and more than twenty postcards to Senators Melendez, Booker, and Carper, and to Representatives Norcross, Carney and Cooks urging them to support funds of at least \$230,000,000 for "international maternal and child nutrition programs in the State Dept. foreign operations appropriations bill's global health account."

While we prayerfully await their positive responses, we seek your input and positive suggestions in regard to Christian advocacy for justice, for righteousness.

If you've missed America's nearly 300 year history of ungodliness and the iPhone videos of the recent years' chokehold on domestic tranquility, we pray that the deceiver will one day lose his hold on your heart.

In view of the long, systemic national oppression enslaving our minds, limiting our joy, and stifling Godly fellowship, we look forward in the coming months to sharing the gospel message through celebrative song and dialogue on justice/righteousness and the advocacy thereof.

As always in God's deep Love,  
Rev. Lewis A. Moore, 3rd  
J.A.C. Chairman



**Celebrations for a job well done: new houses for families and new friends found.**



## **BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

are already on sale and desperately needed by children in our region. Please donate back packs, pens, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, notebooks, composition books, rulers, notebook paper and other school supplies for the children of KIDS' ALLEY LEARNING CENTER, Urban Promise and local families in need. Extra copies of the supply list are on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall and in the church office. Donations may be dropped off in

the boxes at the entrances to worship on Sundays or in the office during the week.

## **Summer Sweet Treats for New Visions**

Please drop off your homemade or store bought cookies on Tuesday, August 23rd to go with the ready made summer meals being delivered to New Visions.

We will return to our monthly cooking dates in September. Thank you for your support.



**Barbara Sewall**  
Preschool Director

## Preschool News

**During the month of August church members are invited to register their children for the 2017-2018 preschool year. Registration forms are available in the preschool office Tuesdays during the summer.**

## Reception Thanking Linda and Betsy B.

On Sunday, June 26 following 10:00 worship in Fellowship Hall we expressed our gratitude to Linda Wilhjelm and Betsy Baumhauer for their years of faithful service to our church. The Deacons, Presbyterian Women, and the general congregation presented Linda and Betsy tokens of appreciation and thanks for their help and dedication over the years.



## On the Bus with Betsy B!

If trains are your thing, come with me for an Autumn Leaf excursion aboard the Wilmington Western Railroad on Saturday, November 5. I have reserved 20 seats with SCUCS for this trip which includes lunch. The cost is \$95. Call me at 856-546-0685 for reservations before October 2.

Thinking about Christmas? The American Music Theatre is once again our destination for our Christmas trip to Lancaster, PA on Friday, December 2. We'll stop at Kitchen Kettle Village for a little shopping before lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord before the show. The cost of the trip is \$99. Deadline for reservations is Oct. 15.



## A Note of Thanks

Thank you everyone for the wonderful reception on Sunday, June 26 for my departure. I have enjoyed getting to know everyone in the congregation and appreciate so much your generosity in my farewell gift. I hope to see some of you one of these days on my trips. Take care.

Sincerely,  
Betsy Baumhauer

## Parish Register

### Joined the Church Triumphant

**Henry Bauer, Sr.**  
**July 19**

**John Walden**  
**July 30**



**Rally Day**

**2016**

*Mission Education*  
*Breakfast*  
*Sunday School Registration*

*Church Life Info*  
*Crafts*  
*Adult Education Classes*

Sept 11th - 9:30-10:30am - Fellowship Hall