

# Glad Tidings

hearts open to christ - doors open to his world

First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield • March • 2019



**Rev. Bill Getman**  
Senior Pastor

## Pastor's Notes

Dear Family of Faith Members,

March brings with it the beginning of Lent. As we have done for many years, we will mark its start by gathering at Noon and 7:00 pm for our Ash Wednesday services. Admittedly, they provide a somber, even dark reminder that we are a people in need of God's forgiveness. Most of the six-week season offers such a reminder.

Hardly a Lent passes that someone doesn't ask me why we focus on "negative" things. After all, isn't life filled with enough pain, struggle and darkness? Do we really need to be reminded in church? And do we really need to have it pointed out to us that we are sometimes the very cause of the heartache we experience? Let's just skip to the good news of Easter!

There is a part of me - sometimes a large part! - that wants to jump ahead to the resurrection. We all hunger for the promise that death in all its forms can be conquered by Jesus' victory over the grave. But that victory does not make sense in a vacuum. It only speaks to us when we recognize how it addresses the actual issues we face and the actual issues we have been part of creating.

As scripture announces, we are a fallen people, we hurt others, we make decisions that we would not make in the first place if we could anticipate their consequences. In theological language, we sin. Acknowledging our brokenness prepares us to hear more fully the powerful news of the empty tomb. News to which I hope you will open your hearts by doing the hard work of Lent.

In Christ's peace,  
Bill

## MARCH Highlights

**March 3**  
Holy Communion

**March 6**  
Ash Wednesday Chapel  
at Noon Sanctuary at  
7:00 PM

**March 8**  
Lenten Small Groups  
Begin

**March 10**  
Youth Mission Trip  
**Extravaganza**  
5PM Fellowship Hall

**March 17**  
Common Ground  
Conversation  
11:15 Sanctuary  
Healing Hearts Community  
Service of Prayer  
7PM

**March 24**  
Community Church  
Choir Festival  
4 PM Methodist Church



## Worship

8:30 AM  
Chapel

10:00 AM  
Sanctuary

Holy Communion  
First Sundays

First Presbyterian  
Church  
20 Kings Highway  
East  
Haddonfield, NJ  
08033

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**SUPPORT THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP!!** You will find envelopes in the hallway behind the Parlor. Choose an amount you feel comfortable giving, enclose cash or a check and drop off in the church office. If paper isn't your thing, see the next announcement.

## LENT IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

- **Lenten Book Groups** begin March 1—Sign up for a small group in the Parlor.
- **Ash Wednesday is March 6.** Join us for worship at 12 noon in the Chapel and at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- **Healing Hearts Community Service of Prayer** is Sunday, March 17 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary (see right)
- **Lenten Devotionals** and An Illustrated Lent for Families are available in the parlor!

## DID YOU KNOW THAT You Can Send Money To Any Of Our Church Funds by Texting?

Just text to 73256, Keyword FPCH1906, then you can choose a fund and make a contribution! (Fund choices include Youth Mission Trip and Deacons fund.)

**PER CAPITA PAYMENTS ARE DUE** Please send in your payment(s)—\$37.00 per confirmed member of your household. Use the green envelope in your box, or write "per capita" on your check's memo line, or try out our "Give Online" button at [www.haddonfieldpres.org](http://www.haddonfieldpres.org).

## LOOKING FORWARD:

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 10. Becky Bryan and Nadia Vanderkuip will join us in the Hospitality Center after the morning service to tell us about Team Haddonfield's experiences in Malawi. Don't miss this exciting program. Hosted by PW – ALL ARE WELCOME!

## HEALING HEARTS – A COMMUNITY SERVICE OF PRAYER

Join members of the Haddonfield faith communities on **Sunday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m.** at the First Presbyterian Church for a service of prayer for healing and wholeness. This Lenten time of worship will include hymns, scripture readings, reflections and opportunities for individual prayer with Haddonfield's pastors. All are welcome, regardless of their religious tradition. Bring a nonperishable item to donate to the hungry.

## March Common Ground Conversation

Join us on March 17 for a discussion about **EMBRACING RACE** - Mary Anne Degenhart of The Conversation, a monthly discussion group that meets in Collingswood to explore white privilege, prejudice, institutional racism and more, will be our speaker/leader. Let's move beyond the guilt that sometimes keeps us from acknowledging our own prejudice and, as the US Catholics Bishops put it, "...move toward opening doorways where once only walls stood."

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Peter Leibensperger  
Music Director

# MUSIC MINISTRY

## Worship Participation Schedule

|                   |         |         |
|-------------------|---------|---------|
| Chapel Choir      | 3/3/19  | 10:00am |
| Cherub Choir      | 3/10/19 | 10:00am |
| Carol Choir       | 3/10/19 | 10:00am |
| Alleluia Bells    | 3/17/19 | 10:00am |
| Whitechapel Bells | 3/24/19 | 10:00am |
| Kirk Ringers      | 3/24/19 | 10:00am |

### Community Church Choir Festival

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, the Chapel Choir and Chancel Choir will join with other church choirs of our community at the Methodist Church for a 4:00pm concert to benefit Ed Hess's ministry as our community caseworker in Haddonfield. All are welcome and encouraged to give generously to the free-will offering. Call time for the choirs is 2:30pm on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The chapel choir will also rehearse on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 11:30am, and the Chancel Choir will rehearse that day from 11:00am – 12:30pm.

### ON THE BUS WITH BETSY B

"Ovation" at the American Music Theatre is a musical masterpiece - a symphonic celebration featuring classic tributes to Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald as well as Josh Groban. Lunch included at Miller's Buffet. The cost is \$98. Deadline for reservations is April 1.

"Sounds of Summer" at the Mount Airy Resort pays tribute to the Beach Boys. We'll have fun, fun, fun on this trip for \$85. which includes buffet lunch and a show. Deadline for reservations is April 1.

Longwood Gardens Tour on June 11. Includes \$15.00 lunch voucher for the Gardens Cafe. The cost of the trip is \$78. Deadline for reservations is May 1. Call me at 856-546-0685 or email me at [betzb26@gmail.com](mailto:betzb26@gmail.com)

### EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to place a plant(s) in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday in memory of a loved one, please use the following form:

Please use a separate form (or piece of paper) for each memorial plant.

**(Please PRINT)**

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Or in Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Lily @ \$11.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Tulip @ \$7.50

\_\_\_\_\_ Daffodil @ \$7.50

\_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinth @7.50

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my flowers or leave in Church \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **First Presbyterian Church**

And Mail to:

Margot Dark

127 Linden Ave.

Haddonfield, NJ 08033

Must be RECEIVED by **April 8, 2019**

So that all can enjoy the beauty of the flowers please do not remove any flowers from the chancel area until after the final service.

# 2019 FPC Mission Calendar

## March

- 10 Youth Extravaganza 5-7pm Support the youth mission trip.
- 16 St. Wifrid's Clinic 11-1pm Helping hands of all ages needed.
- 29 Taste of Promise food & wine benefit for Urban Promise

## April

- 13 St. Wifrid's Clinic 11-1pm Helping hands of all ages needed.
- TBD Caring Hearts Spring Fling
- 14-21 One Great Hour of Sharing
- 22-28 Earth Day observance

## May

- 11 Pedal for Promise cycling event for Urban Promise
- 12 PW Blanket Appeal
- 18 St. Wifrid's Clinic 11-1pm Helping hands of all ages needed.

## June

- 9 Pentecost Offering
- 15 St. Wifrid's Clinic 11-1pm Helping hands of all ages needed.

## July

School supply collection begins with the back-to-school sales.

## August

School Supply Collection all month.

## September

- School Supplies may still be dropped off.
- 21 St. Wifrid's Clinic 11-1pm Helping hands of all ages needed.

## October

- 6 Peace & Global Witness Offering
- 19 St. Wifrid's Clinic 11-1pm Helping hands of all ages needed
- 25th-27th Feed My Starving Children packing event

## November

- 16 St. Wifrid's Clinic 11-1pm Helping hands of all ages needed.
- 24 Turkey Collection
- Advent Traditions: Mitten Tree, TOY BOX, Alternative Gifts

## December

- Advent Traditions continue: Mitten Tree, TOY BOX, Alternative Gifts
- 7 St. Wifrid's Clinic 11-1pm Helping hands of all ages needed.
- 24 Christmas Joy Offering

## Preschool News



*"My joy is like spring, so warm, it makes flowers bloom in my hands."*

Thich Nhat Hanh

**Barbara Sewall**  
Preschool Director

### Special Day Celebration Coming up:

**March 19 & 20 – PJ Day** for all Preschool Classes. Not peanut butter and jelly! It's Pajama Day! What fun to come to school in PJ's!

### APRIL

**April 1 – 3** School Group Pictures  
**April 29 – May 3** Bike Rodeo in Fellowship Hall.

This is the last week for Creative Movement, Music, Yoga & Art.

**May 3, Friday.** The animals are coming to the Court Yard.

The Baby Animals Farm arrive. Classes that attend on this Friday will visit the animals during class time. Children not attending class on Friday, may come to visit the animals during the lunch time – 11:30 am to 12:20 pm.

**Note on "texting" for you to consider:**  
**The kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please. I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes"!**

**A Special Note:** Many thanks to the epicurean chefs of our First Presbyterian Church! Your dinners were exceptional for my body and soul.  
Heartfelt thanks!

—Alberta Kramer

## A NEW YEAR of HOPE and CARING

### *A Little Thoughtfulness Goes a Long Way*

As in our own homes, personal hygiene items need to be continually replenished for those in need in our area. You often see requests for shampoo, bar soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, wash cloths, combs, socks and deodorant. We have many groups in need of our help.

The PW migrant children's project and St. Wilfrid's clinic have boxes at the end of the parlor hall for specific items they have requested. Non-perishable food items are always needed, as well. Any of these items can be placed in the alcove behind the parlor year round.

When you spot good sales, please remember to pick up some items to share.

### **KIDS ALLEY IS IN NEED**

of good quality indoor play equipment. Please help provide four Fitness Jump Ropes, four Skip and Jump Toys, sturdy Hoola Hoops and Indoor Kick Balls (Go Sport).

Another wish is for toiletries for the youth: Deodorants, Toothpaste, Tooth Brushes, Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, Ethnic Shampoos & Conditioners, Towels and Washcloths/Poufs. Food stamps cannot be used for many of these products.

Many of our children need to learn personal hygiene so this is a great way of teaching and providing. Items may be left in the church office labeled Kids Alley. Any questions, contact Brenda Hallahan at 856-546-1098 or go to [www.kidsalley.org](http://www.kidsalley.org).

Currently there are enough volunteers after school, but with each sport season things change. Anyone interested in sharing a skill, craft or career opportunity is always needed and welcomed.

## IT'S BERTUCCI'S TIME AGAIN IN SUPPORT OF FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN!

Bertucci's has been very good to us, so we're headed back. As in the past, diners can help us raise as much as 25% of all proceeds for Feed My Starving Children, when presenting a "Dining for Dollars" flyer to their server. Flyers will be available at our information table at the restaurant. The event is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 13th, 11a.m.-10p.m. at the Bertucci's of Mt. Laurel.**

### **PW MIGRANT MINISTRY IS COLLECTING**

**TOILETRIES** for families who come to work in NJ in the summer. Tubs are in the donation closet and at the entrance to the sanctuary. Our goal is to fill 100 hygiene bags with shampoo, combs, bars of soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant and washcloths. Please help us by donating NEW FULL SIZE products. The bags will be distributed in June. Any questions, call Neva Bosch 856-869-3070.

### **INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS TRAINING**

The next training for Interfaith Caregivers is **Wednesday, March 13, 2019 from 7:00-9:30 pm at Stanfill Manor, 109 E. Atlantic Avenue, Haddon Heights.**

For 29 years **Interfaith Caregivers** has been helping people 65+ and those with disabilities live independently and stay active in their community. Our volunteers provide rides to medical appointments, grocery stores, and social events. We grocery shop and run errands with/for seniors.

Many of your neighbors are already helping our nearly 300 clients. **Won't you join them?** Give as much time as you have –we work around your schedule. For more details, call the Interfaith Caregivers office at 856-354-0298 or visit [www.ifchaddons.org](http://www.ifchaddons.org).

## **Youth Mission Trip Extravaganza!**

**Sunday, March 10, at 5:00 PM \$10**

**Dinner, Talent Show, Tombola, Silent Auction**

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

## TEAM HADDONFIELD GOES TO MALAWI

Join us in the Hospitality Center on Sunday, March 10 at 11:15, after the church service. "Team Haddonfield" will be there! It was under the auspices of UrbanPromise International that the Team, including Becky Bryan, Nadia Vanderkuip, Laura Colee and others visited six UPI sites in Malawi where they shared their expertise in trauma-informed care, wound care and in first aid. They will be on hand to show photos and tell us about their experiences, some funny, all heart-warming.

Malawi is located in southeast Africa, one of the world's most densely populated and least developed countries, depending mostly on agriculture to meet its needs. Some of its most pressing challenges include poverty, poor education, a large HIV/Aids rate and a massive rate of unemployment. Eighty percent of the population is rural, most of them without electricity and running water. Most children live far below the poverty line.

Education programs are privileges, not rights, and many of the present education programs have come about as a result of a partnership with the African Bible College and UrbanPromise International. Those sites in Malawi work to provide children with the necessary resources to overcome their almost insurmountable circumstances and become responsible citizens.

In spite of all of the country's disadvantages, Malawi is known as the "Warm Heart of Africa" because of the genuine friendliness of the people. The beauty of the country is enhanced by a spectacular freshwater lake with sunny beaches and calm, clear water for diving. Hiking and biking are also popular and a wildlife park is available. Next July, UrbanPromise International will offer a 10-day "Trek Malawi" program which has been facilitated by UPI's president, Dr. Bruce Main, and Nadia Vanderkuip, director of the Fellowship program. Maybe you'll be interested.

**PRISON MINISTRY** If you would like to help throughout the year, donations of blank greeting cards, white envelopes for cards, lined paper pads, calendars and jigsaw puzzles (with all the pieces) can be used. Monetary contributions which allow the Good Ladies to make necessary purchases are always appreciated. All donations may be dropped off at the Prison Ministry closet along the hall near the Parlor at any time.

For more information, please call Carol Carty at 856-858-6442.

## WEST JERSEY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S SPRING GATHERING

First Presbyterian Church of Somerdale

Saturday, March 23, 10:00 AM

We are so accustomed to having clean water at our fingertips that it's hard to realize that millions of people around the world lack access to safe water. **Living Waters for the World** was founded almost twenty-five years ago to help alleviate that problem. Come to the Spring Gathering of West Jersey Presbyterian Women as representatives of Living Waters will describe their program, a mission resource of the Synod of Living Waters, PC(USA).

Living Waters for the World is made up of volunteers who have been trained to lead water mission teams. They do not drill wells. Instead, they work with communities that have only contaminated water, helping them to create safe water-filtration systems which are easy to maintain, and to establish health education programs. Volunteers have installed more than 800 water-filtration systems in 25 countries, including in the U.S. Join us at the Presbyterian Church in Somerdale as we learn about this remarkable program.

A brief worship service receiving the Birthday Offering will begin the day. Following the program, a light lunch will be available. Plan to stay to talk with members of other PW groups and participate in a fun recycling event. Bring along costume jewelry, scarves or other items you no longer use in small sandwich bags. Each item will be priced at \$2 and placed on a table for sale. Proceeds from the sale will be included in the Birthday Offering. The event lets you share your "treasures" and help others at the same time.

Carpooling will be available. Make arrangements with Carol Carty at 856-858-6442.

## Christian Heritage Topics March 2019

*The Christian Heritage class will meet this winter in the Hospitality Room on the Ground Floor from 11:25 a.m. (following worship) to 12:05 p.m. and will be led by David Stedman. The usual method is powerpoint lecture. All are welcome!*

**March 3 THE SCROVEGNI CHAPEL.** The Arena Chapel was commissioned to Giotto by the affluent Paduan banker, Enrico Scrovegni. In the early 1300s Enrico purchased the area on which the Roman arena had stood. Here he had his luxurious palace built, as well as a chapel annexed to it. Cycles of scenes showing the [Life of Christ](#) and the [Life of the Virgin](#) were the grandest form of religious art in the period, and Giotto's cycle in the family's chapel is unusually large and comprehensive, showing the ambition of the commission. Giotto's innovation lies in the monumentality of his forms and the clarity of his compositions. The cycle recounts the story of Salvation. The frescos have recently been restored and conserved. (Lecture and film)

**March 10 NO CLASS**

**March 17 ("St. Patrick's Day") INSULAR ART and the HIGH CROSSES OF IRELAND.** With the arrival of Christianity, Irish art was influenced by both Mediterranean and Germanic traditions. The interlace patterns that are often regarded as typical of "Celtic art" were in fact introduced to Insular art from the Mediterranean, though they were taken up with great skill and enthusiasm by Celtic artists in metalwork and illuminated manuscripts. Equally, most forms used for the finest Insular art were all adopted from the Roman world. The the period of peak achievement of Insular art, which lasted from the 7th to the 9th centuries, before the [Viking](#) attacks sharply set back cultural life, was heavily influenced first by the heresy of Pelagianism, that held to the Commandment prohibiting images of God or living things, and by the cult of the True Cross which was carried from Roman after 701. During this time the Irish set up carved High Crosses at various sites.

**March 24 THE MADONNA AND CHILD: Mariology from the Scriptures and in the Art of the Old Masters.** According to the Rosary of St. Dominic, Mary is full of Grace, the "mother of God," who has the ability to intercede for sinners. The Scriptures and the acts of various Church Councils are at odds with St. Dominic and translation from Greek to Latin only confused the role given to the Blessed Virgin Mary—the "highly favored" model of faith and the "willing chosen one." Let us examine how Mary came from being hailed as THEOTOKOS ("the one who gave birth to the one who is God") at Ephesus in 431 to Dominic's MATER DEI ("the mother of God") by 1214. In Christian art the beloved image of the Madonna and Child often belongs to the category of Christ as Victim, as Mary presents her child over the altar to be sacrificed.

**March 31 CHRIST WAS BORN TO DIE: Soteriology—The Theology of Salvation.**

Through the centuries, using Scripture of both the Old and New Testaments, as well as the writings of the Apostles and Church Fathers, several different types of "soteriological" explanations (that is, related to the meaning and effect of the death and resurrection of Christ) have been offered including penal substitution and moral influence. We will examine the ideas of Irenaeus, Eusebius, Augustine, Anselm, Peter Abelard, and the Protestant Reformers, among others, and see the *Scriptural* foundations of their theology.

# PERIODICAL

**Thanks for an Inspired and Inspiring Youth Sunday led by our new Confirmation Class.**

Lily Cheatham and Blake Bushnell provided the Children's Message.



**Chapel, Thomas Sherrerd Memorial, and Chancel Choirs Combine to Sing "I Believe" by Mark A. Miller**

## **Our 2019 Confirmation Class**

Keira Michelle Federline  
Drew Parker Annable  
Tyler Olsen Griffith  
Justin David Kasper  
Connor Daniel Jackson  
Blake Catherine Bushnell  
Lily Anne Cheatham  
Lisa Anne Edmonston  
Christina Grace Sperandio  
Connor Michael Gatti  
Charles Jackson Dietz  
James Alexander De Vita  
Shayne Emily Ventura

