

Glad Tidings

hearts open to christ - doors open to his world

First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield • January • 2018



Rev. Bill Getman
Senior Pastor

Pastor's Notes

Dear Family of Faith Members,

Although we don't make such a big deal about it, certainly not like we do at Christmas, Epiphany (January 6) is an important part of the entire season's story.

It marks both the end of the record of Jesus' birth and a beginning. After Epiphany, that is the visitation of the Wise Men from the East, the account of Jesus' birth and its message about God taking on human form in a baby come to an end.

But a new part of the story also begins then. For the visit of the Wise Men announces that the child whose arrival we celebrated 12 days earlier is the Prince of Peace for all nations, not just the Jewish nation into which he was born. I don't remember the start of a new year when that part of the Christmas/Epiphany story is more critical to announce and remember!

International bullying, threats and conflicts have become the order of the day. Sadly. And so it seems to me that voices of reason, reconciliation and hope - the kinds of voices followers of the Prince of Peace should be raising - need to provide an alternate order of the day. Your voice and mine.

I hope your celebration of Jesus' birth was marked by deep joy and that you are experiencing the peace it brings as we enter into a new year. But I also hope you will meet every opportunity this year will afford to share that peace with others.

In his peace,
Bill

January Highlights

January 7
Holy Communion

Dinner Church Resumes
5 PM Fellowship Hall

January 14
Ordination and Installation
of new Elders and Deacons

January 14
Community Service
honoring Dr. King
Mt. Olivet Baptist Church
7:00 PM

January 15
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day of Service
Meet in the Sanctuary
at 8:30 AM



Parish Register

Joined the Church Triumphant

Mary Ellen Vanderwater
Nov. 28

JoAnn Westermaier
wife of
Pastor Fred Westermaier
Dec. 5

Worship

8:30 AM - Chapel
10:00 AM -
Sanctuary
5:00 PM - Dinner
Church
Fellowship Hall

Holy Communion
First Sundays

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ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SUNDAY

One of the most meaningful
services of the new year will be
on Sunday, January 14 when
we ordain, install and pray for
our new Elders and Deacons.
Please be with us and
welcome those who will serve
our family of faith in the years
ahead.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

Members of the Haddonfield
churches will gather at Mt.
Olivet Baptist Church at 7:00
pm on Sunday, January 14 for
a service honoring the
memory and legacy of Dr.
Martin Luther King, Jr. Please
join this important time of
worship.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE

Then join the Haddonfield
community of faith on
Monday, January 15, for a
morning of service. We will
gather in our Sanctuary at 8:30
am and divide into work
groups. All ages are
encouraged to participate.

**PLEDGE ENVELOPES
FOR 2018** are waiting for
you in the hallway behind
the Parlor. Please pick yours
up to save us the mailing
cost!

**WEDNESDAY
MORNING BIBLE
STUDY, LED BY DAN
COLOMBI**, will resume
its study of 1 Timothy on
January 3, 10:30-11:45am in
the Parlor.

DINNER CHURCH will
resume on Sunday, January
7 in Fellowship Hall.

**Don't Miss the Deacons'
Dine and Donate
January 22-24.
Ask a Deacon for more details!**

On the Bus with Betsy B!

Happy 2018 to
everyone. Here's a list
of my trips for 2018.
Hope to see some of
you during the year.

**April 13 - Baltimore
Crab Fest and City Tour**
- After lunch we tour
Baltimore with free
time at Inner Harbor.
\$110. Deadline for
reservations February
23.

**May 2 - Songs of the
Silver Screen at
American Music
Theatre** with lunch at
Shady Maple. \$93.
Deadline for
reservations March 23.

**May 14-17 - Finger
Lakes, NY - Dinner
cruise, mansion tour
and winery tasting.**
\$665. Deadline for
reservations is March 5.

Please email me at
betzb26@gmail.com for
flyers for any of these
trips or call
856-546-0685.

Welcome our new members

Heather Chamberlin,
John Detlefsen, Stacy
Woyciechowski, John
and Amanda Metes,
Beth Tourtelotte, Sean
and Analisa Nagle,
and Diane Thorne.



Peter Leibensperger
Music Director

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christmas Thank you!

Christ is born! And Nancy Ruth and I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped us to proclaim his coming through music. To all of the staff who prepared our music, to all of the choir members who dedicated many hours of their time learning and polishing their songs, to all of the volunteer choir parents who helped to look after our children and keep them organized, and to all of the

parents and congregants who support this ministry: thank you so very much for your talent, your dedication, and your generosity! It is difficult to describe the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes as we prepare for the Candlelight Service, the Christmas Eve Services, and our Advent worship. We are extremely thankful for each and every person who makes these things possible. It is also difficult to quantify how your efforts touch the lives and hearts of the members of our community and church family. The gratitude that individual congregants have expressed to me and to Nancy Ruth has been overwhelming, and so we pass it onto you. Thank you all for supporting this ministry and for making it effective. Please continue to hold this program in prayer as we worship our Savior through music in the 2018, and please continue to express your love and support for its members. Happy New Year to you all!

New Bells Coming!

As you may have heard, the historic Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London, which casts our bell collection, closed in 2017 after nearly 450 years of crafting some of the finest bells in the world. This makes repairing our bells very expensive and risky, replacing them increasingly difficult, and recasting them (should they crack) impossible. Because our music program has four thriving bell choirs composed of children, youth, and adults, the Worship Committee deemed it necessary to purchase a second set of much more durable, American bells to reduce maintenance costs and ensure the future of our program. Thanks to a very generous donation by a family in our church, this purchase was made possible, and we expect our new bells to arrive some time in the spring. Thank you to the friends of our music program who make our ministry possible. We are still looking for funds to help maintain our Whitechapel Bells (which the older choir members will continue to use), so if you feel led to make a donation, please contact me at:

PLeibensperger@haddonfieldpres.org. Thank you!

Regular Rehearsals Resume

On Wednesday, January 3, all of our children's choirs and bell choirs will resume their normal rehearsal schedules. Parents, please mark your calendars so everyone is present as we begin our new music. Thank you!

Glad Tidings

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TAUGHT BY PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY PROFESSORS:

DR. ELSIE MCKEE AND DR. JAMES MOORHEAD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 21 & 28, 2018

11:15AM-12:15PM — BACK BOARD ROOM

Join us Sunday, January 14th, 21st, and 28th, as we begin the new year by looking backward at our Church History during a three week Adult Education Series. Reformation Historian, Dr. Elsie McKee, will teach us about Women in the Reformation on Sunday, January 14th and Women in the Congolese Church on Sunday, January 21st. Then America Church Historian, Dr. James Moorhead, will teach us about the Issue of Slavery in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, January 28th. All three classes will be held from 11:15am-12:15pm in the Back Board Room. We would love to have to join us for these fascinating discussions!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study in 2018

Join us Every Wednesday morning of January from 10:30-11:45am in the Church Parlor as we explore the New Testament together. Dan Colombi will lead our study each week. Adults of all Biblical background and experience are welcome to join us!

Dinner Church — Sunday Evening Service

Christian life has always been lived out around a table. We are told that Jesus would gather around tables to bless meals, perform miracles, teach his followers, and serve those he loved. With this understanding in mind, we'd like to invite you to our weekly Sunday evening Dinner Church worship service from 5:00-6:30pm in Fellowship Hall where we hope to feed you in body, mind, and spirit.



Church History
Adult Education Series

SUNDAYS, JANUARY 14, 21 & 28
11:15AM-12:15PM

Taught by Princeton Theological Seminary professors:
Dr. Elsie McKee and Dr. James Moorhead

Presbyterians trace their history to the 16th century and the Protestant Reformation. Our heritage, and much of what we believe, began with the French lawyer John Calvin (1509-1564), whose writings crystallized much of the Reformed thinking that came before him.

Calvin did much of his writing from Geneva, Switzerland. From there, the Reformed movement spread to other parts of Europe and the British Isles.

Many of the early Presbyterians in America came from England, Scotland and Ireland. The first American Presbytery was organized at Philadelphia in 1706. The first General Assembly was held in the same city in 1789. The first Assembly was convened by the Rev. John Witherspoon, the only minister to sign the Declaration of Independence.



DINNER CHURCH

every sunday evening
at 5pm
in fellowship hall

Psalm 15

1 O LORD, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

2 Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,

and speak the truth from their heart;

3 who do not slander with their tongue,

and do no evil to their friends,

nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised,

but who honor those who fear the LORD;

who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

5 who do not lend money at interest,

and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

The little downy woodpecker defends her perch on the suet cage against an onslaught of sparrows spilling small feathers in cold air.

—mew

Preschool News

January: (as in glad tidings 2018)

“Isn’t it a wonderful morning? The world looks like something God imagined for His own pleasure! IM Montgomery



Barbara Sewall
Preschool Director

Welcome back to a New Year- 2018!

The 4 year-olds & Pre-K classes sang greetings to baby Jesus as we visited Bethlehem. There was no room in the Inn, but Mary and Joseph found room in the stable with the animals created by Pat Saltman, our preschool art teacher. We were blessed with the organ playing of David Rhody and the lovely voice of Jodi Nieman as she led parents in hymns. Molly Revell narrated the story and the children’s songs folded into the Nativity Story with the direction of Ammie Davis..

No School – Jan. 15, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

The squirrels have been scampering to find seeds! They have “squirreled” (no pun intended) as many acorns and seeds in their nests and buried them beneath the bushes. They have eaten as many as they can, but still are waiting for dropped cookies, crackers, and pretzels as our children walk with their parents! We are told there is a good indication that our winter will not disappoint us with snow this year! Preschool cancellations will be posted on the website on the Preschool Weather Alerts. Snow Delays: Extended Play AM: 10 am

AM Classes: 10:30 – 12:30/ PM Classes: 1 – 3 pm

Creative Movement, Music & Art: 12:30 – 1 pm

Extended Play PM: 12:30 – 2:50 pm

MISSION TRADITIONS CONTINUE

Feed My Starving Children

www.fmsc.org or

www.haddonfieldpres.org - our church’s website has a FMSC page to help you connect.

Guatemala Milk Program Increased expenses forced the cost up to \$25 per month. You may choose to donate any amount (\$300/year) at one time or pay per month. For this program just drop off a check at the church office. Make it out to “First Presbyterian Church” with

“Guat. Milk” on the memo line. Any amount will be appreciated.

Nonperishable FOOD continues to be collected in the baskets outside the chapel and sanctuary. We are still hoping for 100% participation in this weekly food drive. Thanks to those who faithfully contribute.

Warm Coats and Jackets are always needed. Bring them to the church office.

CHURCH OFFICERS

DEACONS

Class of 2020*

Val Andrews
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Bud Miller
Kelly Shirley
Lindsay Sommers
Bill Stavely (2 year)

Judy Blank, Clerk of Session

*newly elected members to be installed 1/14/18

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation, but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nature its faith and life. Ruling elders, along with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

As we reported in Glad Tidings during last year, our PW is continuing the initiative, "Educate a Child, Transform the World," launched by the Presbyterian Church four years ago. It is hoped that through education, we can help eliminate poverty. As part of that tradition, we entered into a "Partnership" with a student, Aaliyah Gore, at the UrbanPromise Academy in Camden for last year. Unfortunately, Aaliyah has not returned to the Academy so we now have a new student, Giona.

Jennifer Giordano, Church and Community Relations Director and Partner Program Coordinator, our liaison at the Academy, writes that we "have a wonderful new student to pray for and encourage. She likes UrbanPromise because it is a safe, small school that is like family. She has attended other schools in Camden where she did not feel safe and was in a classroom of 36 students. Giona works at UrbanPromise as a StreetLeader where she is a mentor to younger students in our Afterschool camp. Outside of school, Giona likes to spend her time with her family. She and her Dad volunteer in various organizations together."

Jennifer also mentions that the school offers a challenging curriculum with an emphasis on experiential learning and character development. Sponsoring a student provides a Camden child or teen with a year of quality education within a safe, structured and stimulating environment, rich in love and compassion.

The mission of UrbanPromise is to equip children and young adults with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, personal growth and success. Founded thirty years ago, the program has

grown to offer programs which challenge Camden youth to develop their leadership potential. For instance, the heart of the StreetLeader program in which Giona is involved is challenging teens to use their influence to make positive changes in the lives of children attending the After school programs, in their own lives and throughout their communities. They are encouraged to avoid negative influences and focus on their academic and professional future.

PW Gatherings

Circle 4 will meet on Monday evening, January 8 at 7:30 in the Church Parlor. Maggie Sell will be the Hostess, 609-922-3627.

The Coordinating Team will meet in the Hospitality Center on Tuesday morning, January 9, at 9:45.

Circles 1, 2, and 3 will meet Tuesday, January 16.
Circle 1 will meet at 9:30 AM in the Back Board Room.
Circle 2 will meet in the Church Parlor at 1:30PM.
Circle 3 will meet at 10 AM at the home of Linda O'Neill, 107 Fenwick Court, Cherry Hill, 856-795-8234.

The majority of children in Camden qualify as "at risk," which means that they are exposed to circumstances which could lead to educational failures, school dropout and juvenile delinquency. Unfortunately, the educational cost for a student at UrbanPromise is \$7,500 annually which most families cannot afford. Families of qualifying students pay an amount based on income need and the student is then offered a scholarship to pay the remaining balance. Our PW has chosen to give an annual gift of \$2,500 toward the scholarship.

As Partners, we are urged to learn more about our Student, to send birthday cards and notes of encouragement, to motivate them to stay focused on their studies, to persevere and overcome challenges and to value their education. We also have the opportunity to visit the campus during the regular school day. Everyone is invited to attend the next Partner Day, Friday, April 20, to meet Giona and her teachers, to see what goes on in the classroom, to listen to presentations and enjoy their conversations as well as lunch. Neva Bosch is our liaison with this program.



BASKET & BAG BINGO

Tuesday, February 6, 7:00p.m.

(Snow date, February 13th)

Sponsored by the Preschool

Fellowship Hall

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Donation \$20 per person

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