

Glad Tidings

hearts open to christ - doors open to his world

First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield • November 2016



Rev. Bill Getman
Senior Pastor

Pastor's Notes

Dear Family of Faith Members,

During the eight Sundays leading up to this year's presidential election I have begun our worship services by asking you to pray for Mr. Trump and Mrs. Clinton. I have suggested that in our prayers we could focus on an openness on both candidate's parts to receive God's guidance and compassion. I have appreciated how many of you have expressed your gratitude for suggestions on how to pray in this season of such deep political division.

Now I want to suggest one more thing as the election is finally upon us. Use these final days to ignore television ads and do your own research about what positions Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Trump are espousing. I have listed their websites at the bottom of these notes, so that you can determine what each candidate believes is important as we move forward as a nation. Television ads do not present accurate or complete pictures of positions, but instead are intended to sway us with sound-bites. An informed electorate needs to do its own reading and reflection.

Many political analysts are calling this the most important election in our lifetimes. Time will tell whether that's true or not. But it is an important election in this lifetime of our country. So please be informed, and, while I probably don't need to write this, please vote on Tuesday, November 8.

A final invitation. Members have asked if they can stop by the church that day to pray in the Sanctuary or Chapel. Both will be open and everyone is welcome to continue our Sunday morning prayers for our next President.

In Christ's peace,
Bill

www.hillaryclinton.com
www.donaldjtrump.com

November Opportunities

Nov. 3 and 17
At The Table
Famiy Small Group
Light House
6 - 8 PM

Nov. 13
Youth Group
Hayride

Nov. 16
Cooking for New Visions
Kitchen 3 PM

Nov. 20
Turkey Collection
8 - Noon

Nov.22
Preschool Thanksgiving
Sanctuary
9:30 AM

Nov. 27
ADVENT FESTIVAL
5-7 PM
Fellowship Hall

Trauma-Informed Transformation

I was just going to breeze in and out of CamdenForward School, our elementary grades at UrbanPromise, to fax something and grab my paycheck. Then the plan was to bury myself again in my mile long 'to-do' list, the weight of which was interrupting my sleep with increasing frequency. But the fax machine is in the main office...and the main office has a picture window...and as I pressed buttons I heard, "Oh there's Mrs. Becky! Maybe she can talk with Josiah."

Despite my boundary setting intentions I asked what was up: Josiah, who is usually quiet, was having a no good, very bad day. His concerned teacher said he had been irritable and out of sorts all morning, and when one of his classmates teased him, he lost it, saying angry things and hiding in a corner. Josiah stood next to her crying, upset at the thought of us calling his mom.

Despite assurances that he wasn't in trouble, his anger ratcheted up again after a conversation with her; he began pacing and muttering under his breath and it was evident that rational, soothing words were not having their desired effect.

"Josiah, want to go outside and walk around the playground? We do not have to talk. Let's just walk." Big brown eyes caught mine and he nodded. Out we went, his steps quickly outdistancing mine as he began to circle the playground.

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"You all say 'everything will be all right' but it won't. I'm in trouble I know it. You think I'm crazy right? But I'm not crazy and it's not fair." Round and round he went, with me in the middle staying just close enough to grab him if he darted. I didn't say much other than to affirm his venting.

I was just beginning to wonder if I was nuts or if this trauma-informed approach would work when he stopped, looked at me and said, "Mrs. B you're nice. Do you want to go on the see-saw with me?" "Why I'd love to, Josiah!" Up and down we went, he astutely (ahem) noting that I weigh a lot more than he...and having a good talk about stress. I asked a few careful questions, not wanting to trigger him again, but it was increasingly clear that he had exited his emotional brain for his rational one. He stopped the see-saw, cracked a smile and said, "it's a beautiful day out here isn't it? Perfect weather."

God bless this kid. After a few more minutes we came up with a plan on how to handle any more stressful moments in class that day...he would "pause on his paws"- that is feel his hands and feet, squeeze them tight and relax them, then take a deep breath to stay in control. He liked that. He was able to return to class and was calm the rest of the day.

After school we walked to meet his mom, and, unsolicited, he expressed deep gratitude for my kindness. "I know now that if I hold my emotions in they are going to make me sick. It's good to let them out." Such wisdom from the mouth of a babe! I told him how intelligent and wise he was, and that it was an honor to spend time with him.

This all could have gone so differently. In the not too distant past, when a student lost control in class, he or she would be punished or suspended, beginning a vicious cycle of defiance against classroom expectation. But when a child is stuck in the emotional brain, he or she is not in control, and it's up to us to help them get to the rational brain – by physically moving, by practicing a mindful meditation, by prayer.

Josiah ended the day knowing that he is loved by his family and school, that it is healthy to feel emotions, not shameful (something else he shared) and that he can learn to express himself in a way that won't feel out of control. What potential lies in learning this in elementary school! Feels hopeful, doesn't it? Certainly does to me.

—Becky Bryan

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Worship

8:15 - Chapel
9:30 - Sanctuary
11 AM - Sanctuary

Holy Communion
First Sundays

**Sunday School
and Adult Education**

Sundays 9:30-10:30 AM



MUSIC MINISTRY

Only Alleluia Bells and Whitechapel Bells will not participate in worship during the month of November. Please look below to find out when your ensemble will ring/sing.)

Worship Participation Schedule

Chapel Choir	11/6/16	11:00am
Thomas Sherrerd Choir	11/13/16	11:00am
Kirk Ringers	11/20/16	9:30am
Carol Choir	11/20/16	11:00am
Cherub Choir	11/20/16	11:00am
Moore Bells	11/27/16	11:00am

Peter Leibensperger
Music Director

Thank you Choir Members and Parents!

This season so far, over 65 children and youth from our community have enrolled in our music program here at First Presbyterian Church, not to mention the adults who faithfully participate in Moore Bells and Chancel Choir. We are blessed by your support, and we look forward to growing together this year.

If you are looking for more ways to get involved, becoming an official choir parent is an easy and helpful step. We are currently looking for additional choir parents to: 1.) Take attendance at rehearsals, 2.) Assign and hand out robes to the choir members, 3.) Aid in communication with the parents of the choir members via email, 4.) Keep the children organized and where they need to be during the services in which they participate.

Currently, each group has one choir parent performing these tasks, but it is preferable to have two per ensemble to ensure that we are always covered. If you are typically available during your child's Wednesday rehearsal time, please consider taking on a role as a choir parent. The current choir parents will be happy to train you and show you the easy but important responsibilities that help keep everything running smoothly. If you are able and willing to help, please contact me at: PLeibensperger@haddonfieldpres.org. Thank you!



Join us for an evening full of food, crafts, games, songs, worship, mission projects, alternative gift markets, and more!

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ADVENT FESTIVAL

Sunday, November 27th - 5-7pm



Christian Education

THIRD GRADE BIBLES – Congratulations to all of our third graders who received personalized Bibles for Third Grade Bible Sunday on Sunday, October 16th! They did an excellent job memorizing and reciting Psalm 23 during our 11am worship service that day. We are so grateful for each one of our third graders! They include: Jake Ryan Andrews, Thomas Frank Andrews, James Gavin Dunn, Greyson Francis George, Stella Zoe Heimerling, Smyth Ann Kocher, Bailey Ryan Kohout, Samuel Christopher Milone, Avery Morgan Owren, Jason Anthony Perez Jr, and Luke Paul-Joseph Wackes.

ADVENT FESTIVAL • SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27th • 5-7 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Each year at First Presbyterian Church, we mark our transition into the Advent season with a family-fun event known as **the Advent Festival**. At our Advent Festival we gather to enjoy a meal with our family of faith, to make fun seasonal crafts, especially Advent Wreaths, to sing Christmas songs, to support non-profits like Caring Hearts and Urban Promise and to prepare our hearts for the Christ child. Please feel free to bring a finger dessert to share. Hoagies will be available for purchase. Proceeds for the hoagie sale will benefit FPC Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans! If you would like to help with crafts, contact Trish Adkins at trishiacakins@comcast.net.

ADVENT PRAYER CLASS FOR 1st and 2nd GRADERS

During the four Sundays of Advent (Nov 27; Dec 4; 11 & 18), we are offering a special prayer class for our 1st and 2nd Grade Sunday School classes during the 9:30am Sunday School hour in Room 202. During our prayer class, students will learn about what prayer is, about different kinds of prayers, and how to pray. Students will also learn about the Lord's Prayer and begin to memorize the Lord's Prayer. DCE Laura Colee will teach our prayer class.

At the end of our prayer class, on **Sunday, December 18th**, the 1st and 2nd grade classes will help lead 11am worship by praying the Lord's Prayer with the congregation. We will also distribute "prayer dice" at this service for children to take and use at home. We are offering this new prayer class to our 1st and 2nd graders because we believe they are developmentally

at a prime age to understand the idea of prayer. Before our Sunday School students graduate from high school, we want them to know about these kinds of important Christian concepts. If you have any questions about our 1st/2nd Grade Prayer Class, please reach out to Laura Colee at lcolee@haddonfieldpres.org.

THE MYSTERY OF GOD AND EVIL • ADULT EDUCATION SERIES • FACILITATED BY REV. DICK RINGENWALD OCT 30, NOV 6, 13 & 20

For centuries people of faith have wrestled with the presence of evil in a world created by an omnipotent and benevolent God. What is evil? Where does it come from? Why does God not intervene when evil threatens? Does God ever use evil to punish sin? What is the contextual will of God when evil strikes? Does the presence of evil in our world negate the existence of God? Is it possible to accommodate both a loving God and the existence of evil within a coherent explanation of life? Can a spiritual life provide immunity from suffering? If not what can a Christian hope for?

Confronted with shootings, terrorist attacks, seemingly endless wars and the increasing devastation of natural disasters, the problem of evil and human suffering is as relevant today as in the past. Join us for four Sunday mornings beginning October 30 as we consider possible answers to these and related questions.

ADULT EDUCATION IN NOVEMBER

Christian Heritage Class Sundays in November in the Back Board Room from 9:30-10:40am • Led by David Stedman

Wednesday Morning Bible Study Every Wednesday morning from 10:30-11:45am in the Parlor • Led by Dan Colombi We will be continuing our exploration of the book of Romans

Mystery of God and Evil Class Sunday, October 30; November 6; 13 & 20 from 9:30-10:30am in Room 304 Led by Rev. Dick Ringenwald • We will be discussing the theological issue of "the problem of evil."

Advent Series • Sunday, November 27; December 4; 11 & 18 from 9:30-10:30am in Room 304 • Led by Rev. Graeme Veitch

YOUTH MINISTRY

November schedule:

Oct 30, Halloween gathering, 5-7pm at the Anderson's
Nov 6, Youth at the Light House
Nov 13, Hay ride, Springdale Market
Nov 20, Youth at the Light House
Nov 27, Beginning of Advent, Youth at the Light House

—Jeff VanderKuip

2017 YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS

- **Monday, June 26th—Sunday, July 1st** the FPC Youth Mission Trip will be traveling to **New Orleans, LA** to work with **CAMP RHINO** (Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans)
- We will be working to rebuild homes in New Orleans affected by hurricane Katrina in 2005
- Rising freshman through graduated seniors are welcome to apply to the trip. NOTE: **Students MUST be 14 by June 26, 2017 to apply for this year's mission trip.**
- For more information, including application forms, please contact Laura Colee at lcolee@haddonfieldpres.org

Preschool News

“PRESCHOOLERS GIVING THANKS”



Barbara Sewall
Preschool Director

“... the little hills rejoice on every side. The pastures are clothed with flocks; and the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, and sing.”

Psalms 65:12-13

Our hallways will soon be rejoicing as we decorate with fall leaves; rows of pumpkin paintings will be dangling from classroom ceilings, sheaves of corn pictures made by children’s fingerprints, and joyful songs will be sung at our Thanksgiving Program telling all to “eat pizza ... not turkey!”

Nov. 22, Tue. 3’s Thanksgiving Program, 9:30 am., Sanctuary
ALL 3’s CLASSES ATTEND on this Tuesday. Moms, Dads, Grandmas, Grandpas, Friends, Relatives, and Church members who want to enjoy a child’s celebration of Thanksgiving. Come to the Sanctuary to see the 3 year old classes dressed up as American Indians, Pilgrims, and Turkeys. All children arrive at 9 am to their classrooms.

“Happy Thanksgiving!”

The Preschool classes will be gathering food items to accompany turkeys given to Caring Hearts families for the Thanksgiving holiday. Each class will be decorating and “stuffing” the boxes with non-perishable goods as a “Giving Thanks” gift.

Church members- you may add food stuffs to the boxes on Sunday morning if your child would like to help stuff the “turkey boxes”. Look on the Bulletin Boards for suggested food items, or just bring something you most enjoy at your Thanksgiving dinner.

The nicest place to be is in someone’s thoughts, the safest place to be is someone’s prayers, and the very best place to be is in the hands of God.

November 23 – 25, **No School**

2017 – 2018 Preschool Registrations is now being accepted.

ON THE BUS WITH BETSY B!

“Branson at the Beach Tour” in Ocean City, MD March 15-17, 2017. Come see Branson stars LIVE in beautiful Ocean City, Maryland in a new state-of-the arts theatre. The \$589. price for double occupancy includes 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, 2 nights at an oceanfront hotel and 5 shows. A \$200. deposit is required.

Call Betsy B at 856-546-0685 or email betzb26@gmail.com for more information. Deadline for reservations is December 1.

Parish Register

Joined the Church Triumphant

10/6/16

Robert Edward Solly
Olive Enfijian

10/11/16

Lois Brotsker

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW'S PRISON MINISTRY

"I was sick and in prison, and you visited me." For many years, women in our church have listened to the words Jesus spoke in Matthew 25:36 and have visited the women in the Camden County jail. They try to bring warmth and hope with them to this lonely atmosphere.

The program of weekly jail visits was initially administered and funded by the Society of Friends during the 1960's. Federal funding made it possible for the program to have an office with a paid director. However, when federal funding ended and the Friends moved on to other concerns, our church was one of several to step in to provide the financial support necessary to continue the visitation work. In 1971, Mary Rhody, wife of our assistant pastor, organized our prison ministry group.

At that time, women inmates were housed on the sixth floor of the county courthouse building. Locations changed over the years and today they are housed in the Camden County Correctional Facility on Federal Street in Camden. In the beginning there were no more than ten to twelve women in jail at one time. That number has increased to 100 to 150 today. Also changed is the manner of being approved as a visitor in the prison. Although it was a simple matter fifty years ago, today our "Good Ladies" must go through a background check which includes being fingerprinted, photographed and drug tested.

Every Friday morning at 8:45, our volunteers, Carol Carty, Janet Lehman, Barbara Smith, Judy Blank, Judy Grantham, Joan McCullough and Isabel Pross, meet in the church parking lot and return around 11:45. At the correctional facility, they see two or three groups of approximately twenty women each. The main purpose of their visit is to remind the women that God loves them, whoever they are, offering hope to them to face the challenges in their lives.

The women receive self-help books, calendars and blank greeting cards along with a pencil, two crayons and copies of coloring sheets. They are given the opportunity to write a request for individual prayers which are then brought back to distribute in the various Circle meetings as well as to other members of the congregation. Devotions are offered, hymns are sung, closing with a prayer circle and the Lord's Prayer.

At Christmas time, cloth ditty bags filled with a pocket calendar, a bar of soap, note pads, a Christmas card and knitted slippers were given to each woman. Today, cloth bags are not allowed. Instead, the gifts are included in see-through plastic bags. This will probably be the last year that slippers will be included because so few people are knitting slippers. Bibles are available for those women who would like one.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Throughout the year, you can donate items to be used in the Prison Ministry, such as blank greeting cards, small devotional books, lined paper pads, pocket calendars, envelopes, jigsaw puzzles (with no missing pieces), pencils and crayons. Monetary donations which allow the "Good Ladies" to make purchases are always helpful. Please contact Carol Carty at 856-858-6442 for more information.

Presbyterian Women are happy to be able to continue this worthy tradition. We thank you for your help. toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, a wash cloth, soap, and shampoo. If you would like to contribute to next year's bags, please contact Neva Bosch at 856-869-9070.

The Mystery of God and
EVIL

adult education series
Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20
9:30-10:30am
room 304

MISSION Opportunities for November

Great Alternative Gifts for Christmas now include even more than animals. The mission committee will be providing information about truly meaningful gifts on the church's website (haddonfieldpres.org) and at the end of the hall outside the sanctuary. Go directly to the organizations to order your gifts by mail or online. We will not process orders (except the Guatemala Milk program) through the church this year. Be sure to place orders in time to receive the honor cards or other acknowledgements for your gift recipients.

Heifer International www.heifer.org/catalog or 855-848-64378 (855-8HUNGER)

Presbyterian Mission Giving Catalog (PCUSA) www.presbyteriangifts.org or 800-872-3283

Urban Promise www.urbanpromiseusa.org or 856-661-1700

Feed My Starving Children www.haddonfieldpres.org our church's website has a FMSC page

Guatemala Milk Program 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. We are using the honor system. You may pick up special gift cards to give your loved one in the display at the end of the hall between the parlor and sanctuary. One card per child sponsored please.

*If no honor /announcement card is offered or it's too late to get them on time, you can simply write your own message explaining your gift. You can cut off the backs of used Christmas cards and use the front for your note. Be creative! Decorate the envelope or small box. Children can help. Match your alternative gift to another gift (sheep + sweater / seedling + plant / goat + cheese). After all, it's the thought that counts.

Nov. 16th we will be **Cooking for New Visions at 3pm** in our church kitchen to prepare a nutritious meal for 150 people. No experience necessary. If you can't be there, you can be part of the Sweet Treats Club by dropping off homemade or store bought pies before we cook. Contact Sharon Hoobler at JLHSEA@comcast.net or 856-429-2474.

Nov. 19th and Dec. 3rd our **Outreach Health Ministries in Camden** need **Medical Professionals** to do health screenings and teaching at both locations. **9-11am at Urban Promise and 11-1pm at St. Wilfrid's.** Also, St. Wilfrid's needs **translators and helping hands** to distribute food and clothing and to occupy children while their parents are being seen. **Young helpers welcomed.** Pick your own time(s). Unexpected changes may be needed so be sure to call Jill Mascena (856-428-7342) to confirm plans. The **Christmas event at St. Wilfrid's** will be the first Sat. of December so there are **no plans on the third Sat. of Dec.** Donations of gently used toys and coats may be left in the box at the end of the hall outside the sanctuary.

Bring a double bagged, frozen TURKEY from 8a.m. until after the 11:00 service on the Sunday before Thanksgiving,

November 20th. They will be distributed to families in need through Your Food Shelf in Camden. Cash donations are welcome.

Desperately Needed 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. If you are at Wegmans you can pick up much needed large bags of **KRUSTEAS pancake mix** at a discounted price.

DISASTER AFTER DISASTER has ravaged many regions in our country and around the world. In response, we will have a special offering on **Sunday, November 27th for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).** This arm of Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Mission Agency is already on the ground in Haiti, West Virginia, North Carolina, Louisiana and other areas recovering from floods, hurricanes, earthquakes and wildfires. For the first six weeks after most disasters there is a huge surge of support. That support wanes as the needs continue for months even years. Victims often feel forgotten. Let's help ensure that PDA is there for them. For more information go to www.pcusa.org/mission.

Beginning at the Advent Festival...

The **MITTEN TREE** will receive your donations of mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for adults and children of all ages until Christmas. Help decorate this special tree with warmth and love. The tree will be at the end of the hall outside the sanctuary.

The **TOY BOX** in the parlor will be ready to receive new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages until December 20th. The toys will be distributed to children in need through our partner agencies in the region. Share the Joy!

Justice and Advocacy Committee Congregational Alert!

At JAC we advocate for justice, for righteousness at home and abroad. We, therefore, have no organizational connection with any political party. We'll just appreciate your Christian help in doing what is right according to Jesus Christ.

As the songwriter intunes:

*...living as a Christian ought
let the world in you the Savior see.
Then mankind will truly follow Him
Who once taught
"I'll draw all mankind unto Me!"*

You are invited! Meet with us at 7:00 pm second Tuesdays in the Parlor. (Election Day tba!)

—Lewis Moore

Stewardship Update

Consecration Sunday is Coming!!

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help individuals and families grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people as members of a social club who would pay dues, we will treat people as followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

—John Dowd, Consecration Sunday Chairperson

The Deacons Bench

There will be several vacant seats on the deacons' bench next year. If you'd like to be an important part of the church's ministry, there could be a seat for you.

To some church members, the deacons are a mystery. You see us serving Communion once a month, ushering at church on Sundays or greeting you when you arrive. In fact, the deacons have a great deal to do with fulfilling the church's mission in many ways.

According to the Book of Order, "The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress."

That may sound like a tall order. However, the actual duties of a deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield are far less daunting. Deacons simply need to attend one meeting a month, serve on at least one committee, usher eight Sundays a year, help to deliver flowers to shut-ins on Christmas, Easter, and three other Sundays per year.

The deacons also expected to serve communion four times during the year. When asked, deacons also provide transportation to church for members who are unable to get to church on their own.

If you would be interested in taking part in this important ministry, or know somebody else you think would make a good deacon, contact Lindsay Sommers at LSommers514@gmail.com or (856) 412-0958.

One of the most important deacons' committees is Social Services, chaired by Susan Leach, and Feed My Starving Children is one of its major projects. On Friday, Oct. 28, The Little Tuna of Haddonfield will be donating 10 percent of the bill to FMSC for diners who bring a coupon, which will be printed in the church bulletin. Those who wish to take advantage of this offer will need to make reservations at opentable.com or by calling (856) 795-0888. The restaurant is located at 141 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield, a short walk from the church.

Our thanks to Judy Grantham, who is stepping down as Deacons' Bench columnist after several years of service. I hope to maintain her fine record of service.

—Jim Berrrie

Special Request for St. Wilfrid's

We love to give each child a book to keep. If you have any books in good condition your children have outgrown, please leave in St Wilfrid's box in tote in coat closet behind the parlor. Toys in good condition are also welcome. Questions? call Jill Mascena (428-7342).

Our pillow donations were a big hit! Thanks to all.



Dear Bill,

YOU ARE AMAZING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We at Catholic Charities are completely blown away by your contribution, you have no idea how helpful this is. We have had about 50 refugees arrive in the past 6 weeks and are expecting another 20 in the coming 3 weeks. The past 50 days have been a whirlwind.

Thanks to you and the Haddonfield Council of Churches you have touched our hearts and offered the comfort of home to families who have experienced so much hardship to get here.

(The pictures are of absolute jubilation and joy!)

Take care.
Patrick

Patrick Barry
Program Director/Refugee & Immigration Services

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At the Table

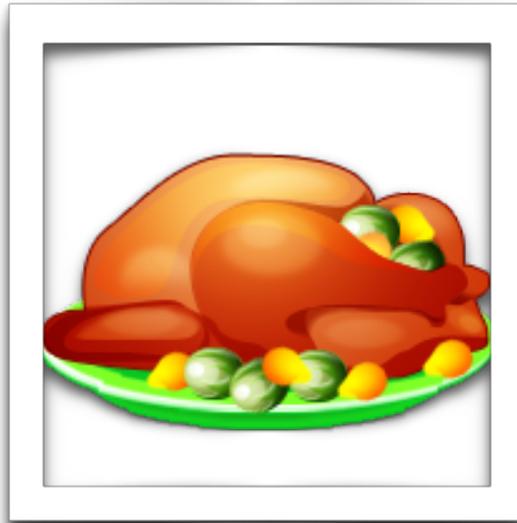
family small group



6:00-8:00pm — in the light house
1st and 3rd tuesday of the month

NEXT GATHERINGS: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 & 17

TURKEY DRIVE!!!!



Please remember to bring your **frozen, and double bagged turkey**, to church with you on
SUNDAY November 20, 2016.

We will be collecting turkeys from 8:00 AM until after the 11:00 AM service – Look for us in the parking lot by the playground.

We will also be accepting cash donations.

Turkeys will be taken to “Your Food Shelf” in Camden, where they will be distributed to those in need.