

# Glad Tidings

hearts open to christ - doors open to his world

## First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield • October 2015

### October Opportunities

- Oct. 4: Worldwide Communion Youth Group
- Oct. 7: IFC Training
- Oct. 11: Youth Group Bowling CROP WALK
- Oct. 17: PW Fall Gathering
- Oct. 18: Youth Group
- Oct. 19: Session and Deacons
- Oct. 20: Circles 1, 2, and 3 meet.
- Oct. 21: Senior Ministry: Medicare Program
- Oct. 25: Lecture by Dr. Epps Youth Group Halloween Party
- Oct. 26: Circle 4 meets.
- Oct. 29: IFC Dinner Honoring Matt Moeller
- Nov. 1: Organ Concert

*Details concerning the above events may be found in the following pages.—a treasure hunt ensues!*



Rally Day  
—  
Great Start to a Great Year





**Rev. Bill Getman**  
Senior Pastor

## Pastor's Notes

Dear Family of Faith Members,

On Sunday, October 4, we will celebrate World Communion. Or maybe it is more accurate to say we will observe with heartache World Communion. For this year's gathering of the Lord's table will be set against the background of suffering refugees seeking new, safe, peaceful homes in a variety of countries.

While we will not experience first-hand the pain known by thousands of God's people, they are still our brothers and sisters. And as long as they do not know peace, we cannot fully know it either.

So please join with us and with them as we gather at the Lord's table on World Communion Sunday. Our prayers will focus on peace. And our hearts will share in their pain.

In Christ's peace,

Bill

An Important P.S.: On the first Sunday of every month, beginning in October, all Sunday School classes will join our 9:30am service. Each service will be designed for people of all ages and will include the Lord's Supper. Before offering the sacrament, we will provide education for children about communion and its meaning.

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### CIRCLE MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER

Meetings for Circles 1, 2, and 3 will be held on Tuesday, October 20 as follows:

**Circle 1** -- 9:30 AM in the Back Board Room with Hostess Esther Gauntt, 856-429-2616

**Circle 2** -- 1:30 PM in the Parlor

**Circle 3** -- 9:30 AM at the home of Carol Carty, 1021 Merrick Ave., Westmont 856-858-6442

The first meeting for **Circle 4** will be held on Monday, October 26, at 7:45 PM in the Church Parlor with Hostess Ginny Ritchie, 956-429-9215

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## **YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

Hello friends! Here's what to expect in the coming month in Youth Group...

**Oct 4<sup>th</sup>: YOUTH GROUP @ Light House—Lunch provided!**  
12:15-2:00pm—Middle School, 12:15-2:30pm—High School

**Rachel Rhodes**  
Associate Pastor

**Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>: YOUTH GROUP BOWLING**  
1:00-3:00pm—Pinsetters in Pennsauken

**Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>: YOUTH GROUP @ Light House—Lunch provided!**  
12:15-2:00pm—Middle School, 12:15-2:30pm—High School

**Oct 25<sup>th</sup>: HALLOWEEN PARTY @ Light House—Lunch provided!**  
12:15-2:00pm—Middle School, 12:15-2:30pm—High School

\*\* If you would like to receive regular updates about Youth Group events, please send your name and e-mail address to Rachel Rhodes at [rrhodes@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:rrhodes@haddonfieldpres.org)



## **FALL GATHERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

This year's Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the West Jersey Presbytery will be held in Trinity Church, Cherry Hill, on Saturday, October 17. Magdalene (Maggie) Lewis, a 2014 Global Exchange participant, will be the keynote speaker. Her talk will give us a first-hand account of what the Global Exchange participants experienced on their trip to the Caribbean in November, 2014.

Every three years a group of Presbyterian Women travels to another part of the world to learn about the circumstances experienced by their sisters in their every-day lives. This is the first part of the "Global Exchange." The following year members from the visited country or countries complete the exchange by traveling to the other country. Last year's trip took our representatives to Trinidad, Curacao and the Dominican Republic where they explored issues of shared concern, including violence and reconciliation, witness and evangelism and leadership development.



Our keynote speaker, Magdalene Lewis, was selected to represent PW in the Synod of the Northeast in last year's trip. She is from the New York City Presbytery and was one of four from the first group of PW to be chosen in 2006 to attend the meeting of the U. S. Commission on the Status of Women. She continues to represent the PW there and works to ensure justice for all women, especially those whose stories are often overlooked.

Be sure to circle the date, Saturday October 17, on your calendar. Registration will take place at 9:30 AM followed by a meeting and Thank Offering. Mrs. Lewis's program will begin at 10:30 with a 12:00 luncheon concluding the Gathering. We invite all women of our church and their friends to join us on this special day. Carpooling will be available. Call Carol Carty at 856-858-6442 for further details



**Peter Leibensperger**  
**Music Director**

## MUSIC MINISTRY

The season is in full swing and the choirs are off to a great start. But there's room for additional voices in our vocal ensembles, and we need a few more ringers in the adult bell choir, Moore Bells. So, if you are interested, but haven't taken that first step, please feel free to contact me for information, or simply show up to one of our rehearsals. You'll be glad you came, and so will we.

As October arrives, each of the musical groups is preparing to help lead worship in the 11:00am or 9:30am services. Please take a look at the schedule below to see when each group will be participating in worship during the month of October.

### Worship Participation Schedule

Cherub Choir	10/18/15	9:30am
Carol Choir	10/18/15	9:30am
Moore Bells	10/18/15	11:00am
Chapel Choir	10/25/15	11:00am

### Angels of the Music Program, Inspiration for the Church

In light of the church's significant financial shortfall this year, I'd like to express my overwhelming gratitude to the faithful friends of the music program and members of the church who have taken it upon themselves to lead the charge in recovering lost ground. In addition to their increased annual giving, they are in the process of meeting several large needs of the music program.

One family has donated new bell boxes specifically designed to hold our fine Whitechapel bells so that they will not continue to be damaged by improper storage. Another family has donated new deluxe choir folders for the Chancel Choir to replace the current ones that are falling apart (as well as many extras to be given to future members). Another family purchased beautiful scores of Faure's "Cantique de Jean Racine" and may even replace the dilapidated Chickering piano in the choir room. And still another recently offered to meet an unspecified need of the Music Program in memory of a father who has passed.

Of course, as the Minister of Music, I find it difficult to put into words my appreciation for such grand acts of generosity and kindness dedicated to the glory of God. And it is wonderful to be a part of a church where Musical Worship is such an integral component of our identity and core values. But these are just examples of the "above and beyond" givers who have chosen to make larger gestures to inspire others in smaller ways.

While the Music Program will truly benefit from these specific gifts, how much more will every program benefit if we all let these gracious acts inspire us to keep giving just a bit more every week? It's easy to take places like First Presbyterian Church for granted. It may seem like our church has been serving Haddonfield since the beginning, and therefore it will always be. But that assumption is not true. It takes weekly Guardian Angels to ensure that our church will be able to serve future generations.

Today, I challenge you to assess how you personally value and benefit from ALL of our programs and ministries, and be inspired to become a Guardian Angel of our Church. Someone has already made sure that the choir will have music to sing, but I wonder who will ensure that that lights are on so that we can see it? Could it be you?

## SENIOR MINISTRY

### Medicare Program - October 21, 1 PM in the Parlor.

Celisse Lundy from Senior Insurance Resources will once again help you explore the different insurance options for those on Medicare.

### A Slice of Brooklyn Pizza Bus Tour

is a 4.5 hour audio/visual bus tour that explores the food, history, landmarks and famous movie locations in Brooklyn with two stops for Pizza and Soda. The date is November 7, and the cost is \$110.

### Organ Concert 11/1

Distinguished organist, Dr. F. Anthony Thurman will present a concert in our sanctuary on Nov. 1 at 4:00 PM. The concert is free but a free will offering will be collected. Resulting funds will be used to restore the Moore Memorial Organ to better health. For more information, look at page 8.

## Parish Register

### Joined the Church Triumphant

Elizabeth "Betsy" Brown -  
September 17

### Joined in Marriage

Devlin Patrick Munion &  
Elizabeth Jane Merton

September 26

# Preschool News



**Barbara Sewall**  
Preschool Director

*The Beginnings .... and the Ends are scary.... It is the Middle that is the best!*

Our beginnings were somewhat noisy!

The bricklayers were grinding away outside.  
The loud fire alarm set off from dust during school  
There were some of the youngest Mother's Morning Out children crying.  
The quiet hallways were filled with parents looking for children's rooms  
Teachers are bustling from supply closets to copier to classrooms

Strangely enough:

The first two will soon pass, and the new Fellowship Hall windows will be installed.  
The last three were all noises and activities that I was starting to miss during the summer months.

It is wonderful to begin celebrating our 44 years of enjoying Preschool at our church.

Our "Middle" will begin soon as eggs arrive for our incubators – soon to be fluffy chicks to greet us with soft "Peeps".

October 8 (Wed.) & 9 (Thurs.)- Parent Sharing Night for 3 to 5 year olds  
AM Classes: 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm  
PM Classes: 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm

October 13 – 17 Individual Pictures- all classes

## The Deacons Bench

**Worship Transportation.** It is the duty and the pleasure of the Board of Deacons to provide care, support and nurture to the members of the congregation. We recognize that some members and friends of the congregation do not have the transportation to worship that they may desire.

There are deacons and others who would be happy to drop by their home on a Sunday morning to take them to the church for worship. If you or someone you know needs a ride to church please call the church office and the deacons will make arrangements for a ride.

**Driver Volunteers Desired.** If transportation to worship is a service you are able to provide for someone please let the Deacons know. You will find riders interesting to talk to and very grateful for the favor. Spending a little time with them is a blessing for both of you.

For more information contact Pete Hurd (429-0622 or phurd75@gmail.com). Type to enter text

## Volunteers Going to Haiti to Help FMSC

A team of 15 will travel to Haiti for one week (Oct. 5 - 12) to work with the poorest and most vulnerable children in the poorest country in the western hemisphere.

Fourteen Presbyterians and Pastor Wayne Zcheck from the Lutheran Church of Our Savior will be visiting schools, hospitals and orphanages where they will deliver, cook and serve FMSC food to children and the elderly.

They will also be working on a water-truck in Cité Soleil bringing clean water to people who have no access to water.



Upon returning to Haddonfield, they will share their experiences with our congregation. (Haiti Team-members are: Pastor Wayne Zcheck, Gerry Rice, Jeanne Spinelli, Maggie Sell, Joan Fiorella, Susan Leach, Dick Leach, Gene Spinelli, Tom Lamb, Melinda Lamb, Elyse Yerrapathruni, Paul Bryan, and Ed Hess. Not pictured are Nick Wellen, Darcy Durham and Linda Hess)

# Christian Education



**Laura Colee**  
Director of Christian  
Education

## Rally Day Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who played a part in making **Rally Day** on Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> such a huge success! The event was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our congregational life, reconnect with church family and get plugged into one of our many church activities. Thank you for sharing your passions, your talents and your food with our community! If you'd like to get connected to a class, activity or group of interest, please feel free to reach out to our DCE, Laura Colee at [lcolee@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:lcolee@haddonfieldpres.org).

## Children and Youth Sunday School

Sunday School for students age 3 through 9<sup>th</sup> grade begins Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Registration forms are available online, in the church office and in Sunday School classrooms every Sunday. Please turn in SS registration forms to the church office or to your student's Sunday School teachers.

On the **first Sunday of every month**, starting October 4<sup>th</sup>, all Sunday School classes are invited to attend our 9:30am worship service for communion and creative worship with their class. These communion services will include liturgy, music, and interactive worship activities for children, youth, families and adults of all ages. Our hope is that through these services, we can learn more about God, worship and our community.

## Upcoming Adult Education Opportunities

### Lecture by Dr. Peter Enns on October 25<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall

On Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am, Eastern University professor of Biblical Studies, Dr. Peter Enns, will speak on how to read, inwardly digest and eventually live out the Bible. He will discuss his most recent book *The Bible Tells Me So: Why Defending Scripture Has Made Us Unable to Read It*, which seeks to guide and liberate Christians so they can truly engage with God's word.

MARK YOU CALENDARS! YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS LECTURE!

Dr. Enns will also serve as our guest preacher on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the 8:15 and 11am services.

### Adult Sunday School

- **Kerygma Bible Study** (Sunday, at 9:30am, room next to the Balcony) – Every Sunday beginning Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, join Judy Grantham as she explores the prophetic books of Amos and Hosea using the Kerygma curriculum. This study challenges us to join the prophets in being boundary-crossers; to cross the boundary between religion and politics, or that boundary between "us" and "them." Contact Judy at [judygrantham@comcast.net](mailto:judygrantham@comcast.net) to join the class.
- **Forgiveness in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Class** (6 week series, Sunday, 9:30am, Room 304) –Beginning Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>, join Rev. Dick Ringenwald as he considers topics such as the profound relationship between forgiveness and the Christian faith, the process of forgiving, the need for self-forgiveness and more. For more information on the class, contact Dick Ringenwald at [ddringenwald@comcast.net](mailto:ddringenwald@comcast.net).
- **Christian Heritage Class** (Sunday, 9:30 am, Back Board room) – Beginning Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, join David Stedman as he explores the history of Christianity in Poland from the 6<sup>th</sup> century through the pre-modern era. Contact David at [DASConcy@aol.com](mailto:DASConcy@aol.com) for more information.

### Adult Education During the Week

- **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** (every Wednesday, 10:00 am, Church Parlor) Every Wednesday morning, beginning September 16<sup>th</sup>, join Dan Columbi as he helps us dive into the letters of Paul, starting with 1 Corinthians, Chapter 11. Contact Dan at [dancolumbi@comcast.net](mailto:dancolumbi@comcast.net) for more information.
- **Applying the Bible to Daily Life** (Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm, 18 W. Summit Ave) Our bi-monthly Bible study led by Deb Nussbaum will explore the Beatitudes using Jennifer Dean's book study entitled *Set Apart* this fall. Contact Deb at [debranusbaum1987@gmail.com](mailto:debranusbaum1987@gmail.com) for more information. We'd love to have you join us for a time of great fellowship and learning together!
- **Mom to Mom** (Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30am, Front Board Room) Twice a month, busy moms gather together for coffee and conversation. This month, we'll be exploring the book of Acts using Lisa Harper's book *Believing Jesus: Are You Willing to Risk Everything?* Childcare is provided at each gathering. For more information, please contact Kelly Shirley at [kelshirley@comcast.net](mailto:kelshirley@comcast.net).
- **At the Table Family Small Group** (Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm, FPC Light House/Manse) 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 the most. With this understanding in mind, families will gather twice a month around a dinner table to share meals, prayer, conversation and life together. Our small group will meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 6pm at the VanderKuip home located in the FPC Light House/Manse. I will lead our conversations. For more information, please contact me at [lcolee@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:lcolee@haddonfieldpres.org).

## CROP WALK TIME!

Once again our congregation will be participating in the **CROP WALK** on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. starting at the **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN COLLINGSWOOD. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN LOCATION.**

**CROP WALKS** provide significant funding for Church World Service, the relief arm of the National Council of Churches. Much of the money raised will be used to help end hunger in our country and around the world.

In addition to its hunger relief efforts, CWS is also responding to emergencies, assisting refugees, and contributing to long-term development. Following disasters such as fires, hurricanes, earthquakes and flooding CWS provides immediate material assistance.

Through its fostering of **long term recovery groups** CWS also provides on-going assistance to victims. These groups bring together faith-based and other local community partners to focus on the disaster survivors most in need of assistance. They help them pull together public and private resources to recover.

In addition, they extend emotional and spiritual care to people putting their lives back together, coordinate fundraising, volunteer deployment and

## Minute for Mission

Remember to bring your food donations for St. Wilfrid's and New Visions. Any non-perishable food items are constantly needed. Suggested items include: pasta, pasta sauce, applesauce, peanut butter, canned tuna, beans (both canned and dried), rice, soup, and macaroni and cheese.

Also remember that the Women's Prison Ministry is collecting 2016 calendars as well as note paper and greeting cards. Contributions may be left in the mission closet.

management of in-kind donations such as construction materials.

Seventy-Five percent of our funds will go to the national program; the remaining 25% of the money will support the Collingswood Food Pantry.

We invite you to join the more than 3 million participants across the country by becoming a walker or a sponsor of one. Sign up in the Parlor after any of our services starting September 20th.

**You can** make a difference and have fun doing it – take part in the **CROP WALK** on October 11th.

## Join Your Neighbors — Help Your Neighbors

For 24 years Interfaith Caregivers has been helping people 65+ and those with disabilities live independently and stay active in their community.

IFC volunteers provide rides to medical appointments, grocery stores, and social events. They grocery shop and run errands with/for seniors. Chatting or reading to a neighbor can provide comforting companionship.

A brief phone call can bring peace of mind to clients and their families. Do you or someone you know need Interfaith Caregivers? If so call the office at (856) 354-0298.

Many of your neighbors are already helping over 300 IFC clients. Won't you join them? Give as much time as

you have – an hour or two a week or a month. IFC will work around your schedule. Call whenever you have some time, or check our email list to see what we have available.

**Our next training is October 7<sup>th</sup> at Haddon Heights Borough Hall from 7-9:30 pm.** For more details, call the Interfaith Caregivers office at 856-354-0298 or visit [www.ifchaddons.org](http://www.ifchaddons.org).

## Interfaith Caregivers to Honor Matt Moeller

Interfaith Caregivers' Board of Trustees cordially invites you to its Fall Event, honoring our congregation's member, **Matt Moeller**, this year's recipient of the Joan H. Gault Service Award.

This award recognizes the outstanding service of volunteers who have shown dedication to the organization, the clients and the communities. Matt is a former President of the Board of Trustees, has served on numerous committees and is a direct service volunteer.

The event will be held on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Treno, 233 Haddon Avenue, Haddon Township. Light dinner buffet will be served, cost \$35.00. Reserve your place by October 22<sup>nd</sup> by calling Interfaith Caregivers at 354-0298.

## 100 CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS .....

.....are on the way to Guatemala for the 2015 ASELSI CHRISTMAS PARTY! The Christmas Party is held each year for the families of children under 3 yrs of age who are in the Milk Program started by John and Sharon Harvey, the missionaries with whom several FPC members worked for many years.

The Milk Program provides milk, vitamins, medical care and health teaching for children not thriving who appear at the clinic. \$20/month provides all this for a child, and many in our FPC church family sponsor children in the program.

If you would like to know more about the program either....google ASELSI MILK PROGRAM or call Jill Mascena (428-7342).

Thank each of you who donated your hotel soaps, shampoos, lotions and your toothbrushes and toothpastes from your dentists! They are the first hygiene products the Mayan people will have. Thanks also for crayons, pencils, notepads, and small toys which will also be a first for many of the kids.

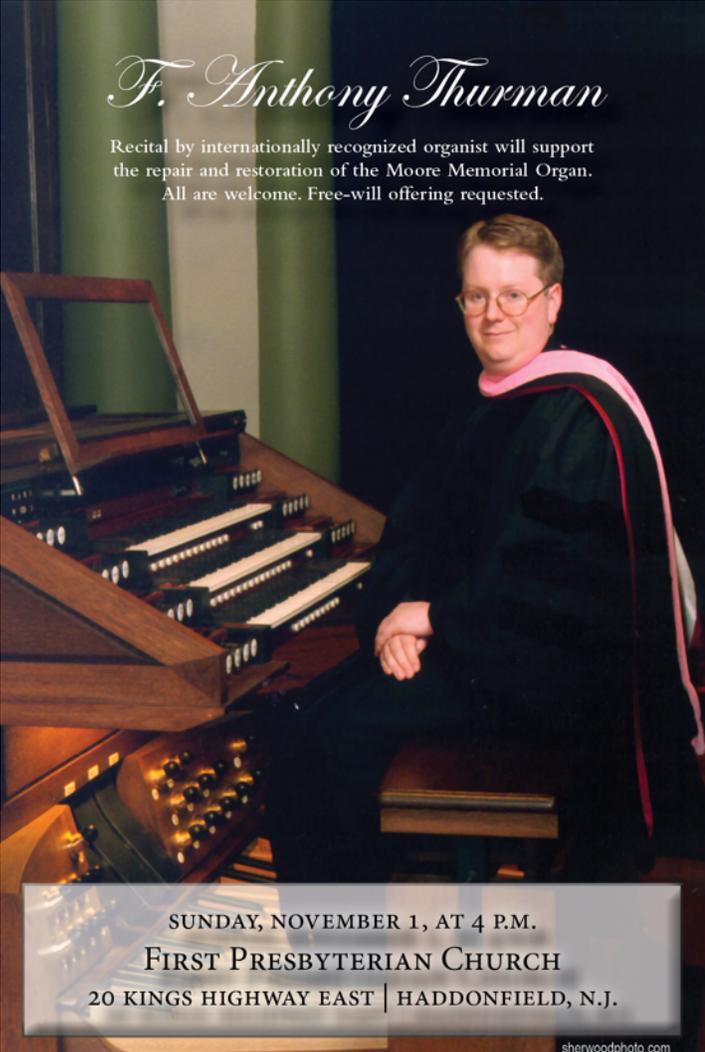
Watch for you tube Christmas Party in December (or watch old parties anytime). Muchas Gracias!!!!!!

## Our Concert Organist

Hailed as one of the most naturally gifted organists of his generation, F. Anthony Thurman is a musician whose instinctive inspiration consistently renders elegant and passionate performances characterized by sensitive phrasing, beautifully shaped melodic lines, and steady rhythmic energy.

Dr. Thurman is noted for his performances of musical monuments from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, especially the works of J. S. Bach and César Franck. During the past decade, Dr. Thurman has enjoyed a distinguished national and international career as organ soloist, having performed over one hundred recitals from coast to coast in the United States and throughout France and Germany.

Dr. Thurman holds both the Bachelor of Music (1988) and Master of Music (1990) degrees from the University of Louisville, where he was a full-scholarship student of Melvin Dickinson. In 1999, he was awarded the Doctor of Musical Arts degree by the Manhattan School of Music.



*F. Anthony Thurman*

Recital by internationally recognized organist will support the repair and restoration of the Moore Memorial Organ.  
All are welcome. Free-will offering requested.

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