

Glad Tidings

hearts open to christ - doors open to his world

First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield • October • 2017



Rev. Bill Getman
Senior Pastor

Pastor's Notes

Dear Family of Faith Members,

The author Matthew Fox wrote, "Still another energy derived from suffering is the manner in which letting pain be pain links us with others." I find his observation particularly helpful as we approach World Communion Sunday this October 1.

Our world is marked by pain in so many places. Hurricanes, civil wars, acts of terrorism, expressions of hate, and plain, old ugly human behavior dominate the endless news cycles. We cannot avoid the pain of others, even if we want to.

While we probably do want to, Fox is correct. Allowing ourselves to be confronted by pain in any of its forms or whatever its causes, does link us to those whose lives are marked by suffering. In order to experience World Communion as something more than just another meal at Christ's table, my hope is that we will sense his broken brothers and sisters there with us. Such sensing will remind us that we are connected, not only to those with whom we will actually share the meal, but with all God's people, wherever they are gathered.

So I hope you will gather with us on October 1. And I hope our time at the table will link us more deeply to those in pain.

In Christ's peace,
Bill

October Highlights

October 1
World Communion
Sunday

October 11 & 12
Parent Sharing Night
at Preschool

October 14
PW Fall Gathering
Haddon Heights
9:30 AM

October 22
Third Grade Bible
Sunday

October 24-25
Preschool Brunch
and
Halloween Parades

Please remember to
bring non-perishable
food items to worship
on Sunday to share with
those in need.

Parish Register

Baptisms

Martin Allen McElhone
and
Dewey Rex McElhone,
sons of
Scott and Jennie McElhone

Joined the Church Triumphant

James S. Hall
September 13

David Carrington
September 23

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

has many ways for you to provide aid to those suffering the effects of the hurricane and flooding.

For **online** donations go to <http://pda.pcusa.org/situation/tropical-storm-harvey/>

Call (800) 872-3283 to give by credit card.

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On the Bus with Betsy B!

There are still plenty of seats available for my Christmas trip on Friday, December 1 to see "The Miracle of Christmas" at Sight & Sound in Lancaster, PA.

A buffet luncheon is included at Miller's Smorgasbord, a visit to Kitchen Kettle Village before the 3:00 pm show. The cost is \$115.

Please call me at 856-546-0685 or email me at betzb26@gmail.com for more information.

Eagle Scout Project

In the coming months, Alex Dante will be carrying out an Eagle Scout project, which will involve constructing three display cases inside of the coat closet nearest the church office.

These display cases will be used to house and exhibit artifacts that are representative of the history of the church. An estimated \$1500 dollars will be needed for the project.

Donations would be greatly appreciated. If you wish to donate, checks should be made out to First Presbyterian Church with "Dante Eagle Project" in the memo line, and directed to the church office. Donors contributing \$50 or more will be recognized on a plaque near the display.

The Eagle Scout Service Project, or simply "Eagle Project," is the opportunity for a Scout to demonstrate leadership of others while performing a project for the benefit of any religious institution, any school, or his community. The project may not benefit the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) or its councils, districts, units, camps and so forth.

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Worship

8:30 AM - Chapel
10:00 AM - Sanctuary
5:00 PM - Dinner Church
Parlor and Chapel

Holy Communion
First Sundays

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship Participation Schedule

Chapel Choir	10/1/17	10:00am
Thomas Sherrerd Choir	10/1/17	10:00am
Moore Bells	10/8/17	10:00am
Whitechapel Bells	10/15/17	10:00am
Kirk Ringers	10/15/17	10:00am
Cherub Choir	10/22/17	10:00am
Carol Choir	10/22/17	10:00am
Chapel Choir	10/29/17	10:00am

Thank you to the Zidek Family Foundation!

This year, the music program received another generous grant from the Zidek Family Foundation—an independent foundation that benefits educational, health-oriented, and religious groups. Their gift has made it possible for us to welcome Paula Meyer and Liz Olson as our Cherub and Carol Choir accompanists, and Anthony Sharp, a senior, vocal-performance major at Temple University, who serves as our Chancel Choral intern. My thanks also go to the worship committee for guiding us through the grant writing process.

Robe Guardians

Each summer, our dirtied choir robes need to be cleaned, and in early September a gracious team of volunteers led by Donna Wasik made it happen. Thank you to all of the musicians who ensured that our appearance would match our sound!

Choir Boot Camp a Success!

Thank you Bud Miller, Peg Manochi, Bonnie Bell, Nancy Ruth, Anthony Sharp and the entire Chancel Choir for a day of sandwiches, snacks, ice-breakers, vocal pedagogy, and joyful singing/socializing! Not only did the Chancel Choir accomplish much at their retreat, but also we had a great time doing it!

Spaghetti Wednesdays

If your child is involved in rehearsals and other activities on Wednesdays, finding time for dinner can be difficult. No longer! Spaghetti will now be provided from 6pm- 6:30pm in the Hospitality Room. Family and Friends are invited. Thank you to the Vanderkuips for making this possible!

Christian Education

FALL EDUCATION AND ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES GALORE!

PEACEMAKING IN TURBULENT TIMES—FOUR WEEK ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS — 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8 at 8:30 in the Back Board Room (2R)

We are offering an Adult Education Series discussing Peacemaking in Turbulent Times. The class met on September 17 & 24 and will continue October 1 & 8 from 8:30-9:30am in the Back Board Room. We are exploring how we can have difficult conversations as Christians and as a church and how to work for peace in divisive times. Pastors Bill and Laura, and a peacemaker from Vietnam will be leading our conversations together. We hope to see you there! Here is the schedule for the rest of the series:

- 10/1 - Peacemaker Manh Nguyen from Vietnam will discuss peacemaking efforts in his home country
- 10/8 - Pastor Bill will discuss how we can talk to each other about difficult cultural and social issues

BOOKS FOR ORDINARY RADICALS — SMALL GROUP BOOK STUDY —OCTOBER BOOK: *THE FIRE NEXT TIME*

TUESDAY EVENINGS — 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24 at 6-7pm in the Church Parlor

Our faith in Jesus challenges us to live out our lives in radical ways. Throughout the year, this small group will be gathering to discuss books that stretch and challenge us in our faith, opinions, and world views. During the month of October, we will read James Baldwin's classic text *The Fire Next Time* and gather to discuss the book on Tuesday evenings at 6pm in the Parlor. Sign up for the small group in the Parlor or contact Laura Colee for more information.

MOM TO MOM — ADULT EDUCATION BIBLE STUDY — BOOK OF HEBREWS

FRIDAY MORNINGS — 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27 at 9:30-11am — Front Board Room (2R)

For six weeks, the Mom-to-Mom small group will gather on Friday mornings from 9:30-11am in the Front Board Room to discuss Lisa Harper's study, *Hebrews: The Nearness of King Jesus*, which helps make the connection between God the Father and God the Son. Join us as we explore Jesus as a supreme, compassionate, and loving King. Sign up for the study in the Parlor and email leader, Kelly Shirley, at kelshirley@comcast.net for more information. Books are available for \$10. Childcare provided upon request.

2017-2018 Christian Education Calendar

Sunday, October 1st – World Communion Sunday

☒ ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES MEET IN THE SANCTUARY

Sunday, October 22nd – Third Grade Bible Sunday, 10am Worship

Sunday, November 26th – Advent Festival, 5pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 24th – No Sunday School. Merry Christmas!

Sunday, December 31st – No Sunday School. Happy New Year!

Sunday, January 21st – Gifts of Women Sunday

Sunday, January 28th – Confirmation Class meets with Session

Sunday, February 4th – Third Grade Communion class begins

Sunday, February 11th – Confirmation Class Worship

An Autumn Prayer

In the fading of the summer sun
and shortening of days,
In monarch flight and moonlight rays,
May we see our Father's hand.

In the gilding of leaves once green,
In geese awing above field and stream,
May we see our Father's hand.

As the berry bows its head with frost,
May grace possess the soul once lost;
And as day and night in balance lie,
May dreams soar free unto the sky.

— Elizabeth Kessler

Preschool News



Barbara Sewall
Preschool Director

Yeah! The halls are again filled with children during the week!

The Preschool is celebrating 47 years! Celebrate this New School Year with us by walking through the Preschool Hallways and smile! Look for the 18 foot giraffe in the Rainbow Room, Van Gogh's "starry night" in the Blue Room, and the wall of sunflowers that are growing outside the Choir Room.

What is Parent Sharing Night at Preschool?

It is a night where parents come with the 3, 4, or 5 year-old and magically turn into the same age. There will be block building, easel painting, circle time, and clean up time for all to participate. Parent Sharing: October 11th or 12th — AM Classes: 5:30 to 6:15pm — PM Classes: 6:30 to 7:15 pm. Parents check your bulletin boards for your dates.

Preschool Continental Brunch - Halloween Parades

Oct. 24 Tues. & 25 Wed., 9:15 am & 12:35 pm

All parents, grandparents, friends - come for a grand party! The "goblins" will parade and sing songs, snacks are provided by the room moms, vendors from Discovery Toys, Mary Kay, Tastefully Simple, Longaberger Baskets, Pampered Chef, Nerium, Stella Dot, 31 Bags, Yunique Cosmetics, Tupperware and more will be in Fellowship Hall for your early Christmas buying.

"Even when freshly washed and relieved of all obvious confections, children tend to be sticky."
—Fran Lebowitz

Thank you to: Mr. Bob Myles who helped with traffic into the lots on our first day of school and Andy Reinicker who installed the paver in recognition of Rachel Rhodes

YOUTH GROUP HAS BEGUN!

Middle school youth group meets Sundays from 4-5pm in the Light House. Consider staying for Dinner Church. High school youth group meets Sundays from 6:30-7:30 in the Light House. Come early for Dinner Church! Games, fellowship, friends – there is a place for you!

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

The Peace and Global Witness Offering (Formerly Peacemaking Offering) will be received on **World Communion Sunday, Oct. 1st**. Donations go to Presbyterian Church (USA) peacemaking and advocacy initiatives. Go to www.pcusa.org for more information. We can designate 25% of our donations to a mission of our choosing. We have selected **The REHAB Project in Pakistan** to help Shakila Rani continue her work educating, counseling and sheltering abused, impoverished and virtually powerless Moslem women. Shakila's story touched us during her visit last year. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues to recover from extreme pain in her knees. If you are unable to make a contribution on the first, donations may be placed in the offering plate the following week or dropped off at the church office.

October is Designated Awareness Month for Two Important Issues:

Domestic Abuse Let us be mindful of the dangers faced by women and others near and far. We have an obligation to work for change everywhere. We can change the culture of silence and stigma that perpetuates this in our society. Physical and mental abuse is not just in lands under extreme Moslem law. Go to pcusa.org to learn about what our denomination is doing.

HUNGER The requests for food and funds seem never ending. Unfortunately, the need is never ending. In fact, wars, natural disasters, economic issues and environmental changes are creating more and more

people in need of assistance. In response, we cook for New Visions and collect non-perishable food to be distributed here and at St. Wilfrid's clinic. We support Feed My Starving Children, Heifer International, the Guatemala Milk fund and PCUSA mission programs. Few can do it all but we can all do something this month and all year long.

The Third Saturday of Each Month, the clinic at St. Wilfrid's desperately needs **Translators, Doctors, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners and Helping Hands of All Ages**. Fall clothing and gently used shoes (especially for children) are needed at St. Wilfrid's.

Any Saturday Morning Doctors, Nurses and Nurse Practitioners are needed to help with health screenings at the **food co-op at URBAN PROMISE**.

Pick your own date to come. Call Jill to confirm as circumstances may require changes.

Please contact Jill Mascena (856) 428-7342 for more information about either location.

It's Cooking and Sweet Treats Time Again!

Join us in the church kitchen at **1 pm on Tuesday, October 24th** to prepare a meal for 150 people at New Visions Community Day Shelter. No experience necessary. Individual fruit cups are still being used for the Sweet Treats dessert to go with the meal. Please drop them off in the kitchen before we cook. The fun and fellowship will continue on November 14th and December 12th.

October Seniors Ministry

Mix, Mingle and Munch with us Mondays at 10:00 am in the Parlor. Seniors are invited to join others for conversation, fellowship, games and lunch, starting Monday, October 2. And then gather on Wednesday, October 18, at 1:00 pm in the Parlor as we hear from church members who live at Medford Leas, Cadbury, Collingswood Manor, the Evergreens and Wiley. Making plans to move into a local retirement and life care location? Come discover what these have to offer.

Little Things Mean So Much!

Baskets at the entrances to worship are waiting for your FOOD donations. (Peanut butter, tuna, canned meats, tomato sauce, pasta, and beans are important.) During the week, you can place your donations in the open mission closet on the first floor. Regular and Travel Size Toiletries are also needed all year.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

OUR COFFEE PROJECT RETURNS

Once again, the Presbyterian Women of our church are reaching out to our neighbors overseas by supporting the Presbyterian Coffee Project. Since 2004, we have offered items from this project – coffee, tea, cocoa and chocolates –and the enthusiastic response from members of our congregation has made the project a success. Be sure to stop by our attractive table in the parlor which has been set up by Bonnie Manskopf, and her helpers, and enjoy the selections.

Besides our usual items, something new has been added this year!

Organic, extra-virgin Palestinian olive oil, cold-pressed by farmer cooperatives and sent to Equal Exchange where it then goes through clearing check points in Israel before being shipped to our country.

Organic pineapple cashew fruit and nut bar

Organic dark hot cocoa

All products are sold through the Presbyterian Coffee Project which operates in conjunction with Equal Exchange, a worker-owned cooperative supporting family farms which use organic methods. Through Fair Trade, small farmers are better able to support their families, gain control of their own livelihoods, educate their children and improve their communities.

When we buy these products and enjoy an excellent cup of coffee, munch on a tasty nut bar or warm with a hot cocoa drink, we are making a difference in the lives of people we will may never meet. We thank you for your past support and ask that you continue this year.

MEET OUR PARTNER STUDENT

Did you know that our Presbyterian Women sponsor a student at UrbanPromise Academy in Camden? By sponsoring the student through the Partner Program, PW is helping to provide that student with a quality education within a safe, structured and stimulating atmosphere, rich in love and compassion. Our student, Aaliyah Gore, is a hard-working high-schooler. She is active in after school programs and has worked in the summer school programs.

A Partner's investment includes more than tuition. Partners encourage and motivate their students to stay focused on their studies, overcome challenges, and

value their education. Learn more about the program at Partner Day at UrbanPromise Academy on November 8, from 9:30 to 12:30. Visit the campus during a regular school day, meet Aaliyah, listen to presentations, learn what is taught in the classrooms and talk with students and teachers.

All interested members of our church are invited to attend UrbanPromise's Partner Day on November 8. Call Neva Bosch, 856-869-3070, to learn more specifics. Carpooling can be arranged through Carol Carty, 856-858-6442.

FALL GATHERING October 14, 9:30 AM

Twice a year, in the spring and fall, Presbyterian Women's Gatherings provide the opportunity for PW groups to enjoy fellowship with members of other churches in the Presbytery. They give members the chance to broaden their knowledge of the purposes of the PW through various programs and speakers.

This year's Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the West Jersey Presbytery will be held in the Haddon Heights Presbyterian Church. It will feature as keynote speaker, Rhonda Sanchez, Global Mission Representative from the Synod of the Northeast who served, last fall, with the San Francisco Mission Experience, "Out of the Darkness...into the Light." The Experience focused on three areas of issues: immigration; human trafficking; and domestic violence. For over a week, Ms. Sanchez and other participants discussed the long-reaching effects of human trafficking and domestic violence; the inequalities that women still face; the plight of refugees and immigrants; the status of women in both our country and the rest of the world; and the challenge of homelessness for both the city dweller and the migrant farmer.

Don't miss her talk as she describes the despair and hopelessness encountered by victims as they attempt to escape their seemingly helpless situations. What can be done? How can they survive? Who will help them? Ms. Sanchez will include outlines of programs which may provide some solutions for the problems.

Registration will begin at 9:30 AM followed by a meeting, with Ms. Sanchez's talk at 10:30. Plan to stay for a luncheon (\$8.00) and to meet the speaker and members of other PW groups. Arrangements for carpooling will be outlined in Sunday bulletins.

BE THE

CHURCH:

*Protect the
Environment*

**Care for the
Poor and**

the

Prisoners

Forgive Often

Reject Racism

Fight for the

Powerless

Share Earthly

and Spiritual

Resources

Embrace

Diversity

LOVE GOD

Enjoy This

Life

Updates from Presbyterian Disaster Relief

Hurricane Irma

On Wednesday September 6th, the Category 5 Irma, packing winds of 185 mph, tore through the northern Lesser Antilles and Virgin Islands, as well as Puerto Rico. PDA has been in constant communication with communities in its path.

PDA has been in touch with the leadership of the Synod of Boriquen (Puerto Rico) and the Presbyteries of San Juan, Noroeste (Northwest) and Suroeste (Southwest) to share contact information and grant information.

PDA is also in touch with the Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network ([FLAPDAN](#)), which is a mutually agreed upon partnership between six presbyteries in Florida. This is a unique platform in which PDA can relate to all six presbyteries at once for disaster situational awareness.

PDA is also responding in Cuba and the US Virgin Islands.

Hurricane Maria

PDA is remaining in constant contact with PCUSA leadership in Puerto Rico. It is still too early to send in National Response Team members as the resources in Puerto Rico are already stretched too thin. Emergency grants are being issued and when it is safe and secure, and volunteers will not be creating an additional burden on the limited resources, our national response team of bi-lingual volunteers will be deployed to assist. We anticipate there will an opportunity for long-term volunteers to help with the recovery.

Gifts can be designated to DR000194-Irma or DR000194-Maria.



**PEACEMAKING IN TURBULENT
TIMES—FOUR WEEK ADULT
EDUCATION SERIES**

**8:30-9:30am in the Back Board
Room**

SERIES CONTINUES 10/1 AND 10/8 -
Exploring how we can have difficult
conversations as Christians and a church and
how to work for peace in divisive times.

HYMN OF THE MONTH: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" – The origins of this acclaimed hymn extend to 1785 when playwright/historian Friedrich Schiller wrote *An die Freude* (Ode to Joy)—a poem that names joy as evidence of God's presence and love. In 1824, Schiller's text was immortalized when Ludwig van Beethoven set it to his now renowned hymn tune and used it in his final symphony, creating the first work to incorporate voices in a symphonic form. Henry van Dyke authored "The Hymn of Joy" in 1907—the text that appears in our hymnal—to replace Schiller's more secularized poetry. His hymn takes the existence of God as given, depicting joy as creation's natural response to the glorious works and character of God.