

Glad Tidings

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The new windows (second level above) are installed. The bottom shows the old window.



Our intrepid youth group and their adult mentors helped rehab houses in Appalachia. Mission trip photos by Peg Manochi. More photos of their activities on page 3.



Photo by Joe Routon

Rally Day is on the Way! September 7th

Rally Day begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The festivities will include breakfast and displays by a wide variety of church programs and activities. This is your opportunity to become more involved in adult education and our many mission fields.

Julia Fonshell, Intern

Winding up her summer as our Youth Intern, Julia Fonshell preached the sermon on Sunday morning, August 17. Her sermon: "Love in Mind."



Pastor's Notes

Dear Family of Faith Members,

No doubt you have heard that Rachel and Matt Rhodes welcomed their daughter into their lives on Saturday, August 2. Madeline Jane Chamblee Rhodes will be all of three weeks old by the time you are reading this. Many of you will have already sent cards and notes to express your joy and excitement.

And you should have, for Rachel has been such an important part of our lives and has nurtured the faith of so many young people during her first four years with us. But the birth of Maddie Jane, while a cause for great celebration, should also serve as a great reminder that all the children in our church family are of immense value. They

deserve the same love and affection we will shower on Maddie Jane.

Although times have changed, fortunately, expectations on pastors' children have changed, too, but some old expectations still remain. Be sure your only expectation for Matt and Rachel's daughter is that she will be a child of God, one who behaves like all children and should be treated like all children.

When Rachel returns to her ministry later this fall and Maddie Jane is introduced to us, shower them both with your embraces and welcome home. But remember to embrace in the same way all the children God has blessed us with in this household of faith.

In Christ's peace,

Bill

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**When a
train goes
through a
tunnel and
it gets dark,
you don't
throw away
the ticket
and jump
off. You sit
still and
trust the
engineer.**

—Corrie Ten Boom



Carol Tatem, retiring Financial Secretary, on her last day at the office

Carol Tatem Retires After 30 Years

Please join us on Sunday, September 14, following the 11:00 service to thank Carol Tatem for her 30 years of ministry with us. A reception will be held in Fellowship Hall. We will present her with a thank you purse that day. If you would like to contribute to her gift, please bring or mail a check to the church office, noting in the memo "Carol's Gift." Be sure to extend your appreciation to Carol for all she has done for us!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Introducing Maddie Jane!

Rachel and Matt Rhodes welcomed their daughter, Madeline Jane Chamblee Rhodes, around 9:00 p.m. on August 2. Rachel and Maddie are both doing well. We offer prayers of thanksgiving for this wonderful gift!

If you'd like to send a card to Rachel and Matt, congratulating them on the birth of Maddie Jane, here's their new address:

Rachel and Matt Rhodes
6 Meadow Ct.
Pennington, NJ 08534



Rachel Rhodes
Associate Pastor

Our Youth Mission Trip to Appalachia Was a Great Experience for All Concerned



Our talented teens worked to rehab housing inside and out, found time to sign their good work, and enjoyed making new friends among the families they were helping. They reported on their experience on Youth Mission Sunday in Fellowship Hall. If you missed hearing them, check our website for an instant replay!



Photographs by Peg Manochi



Peter Leibensperger
Music Director

Dear Friends,

It's time to make music once again! There's a place for everyone in First Presbyterian's music program. Regardless of your age and musical background, our various choirs can accommodate you and your family. Newcomers are most certainly welcome, and no audition is necessary.

Please see the schedule below to find the beginning dates and times so that you will make that all-important first rehearsal. **And please note that Thomas Sherrerd Memorial Choir has been moved to 6:45 p.m., while Kirk Ringers will begin at 7:30 p.m.** If you have any questions, please call me at 610-301-2776.

2014-2015 Choir Rehearsal Schedule

CHOIR	AGE	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
Cherub	4&5 year olds	Wed., Sept. 10; 3:45-4:25	2R Dreamcatchers
Carol	Grades 1-2	Wed., Sept. 10; 4:30-5:15	2R Dreamcatchers
Chapel	Grades 3-6	Wed., Sept. 10; 3:45-4:30	Choir Room
Alleluia Bells	Grades 4-6	Wed., Sept. 10; 4:30-5:15	Handbell Room
Whitechapel Bells	Grades 7-8	Wed., Sept. 10; 5:30-6:15	Handbell Room
Thomas Sherrerd Memorial Choir	Grades 7-12	Wed., Sept. 10; 6:45-7:30	Choir Room
Kirk Ringers	Grades 9-12	Wed., Sept. 10; 7:30-8:30	Handbell Room
Moore Bells	Adults	Thurs., Sept. 11; 6:30-7:30	Handbell Room
Chancel Choir	Adults	Thurs., Sept. 4; 7:30-9:30	Choir Room

Chancel Choir Retreat!

Although the arrangements are still in the works, Chancel Choir members are reminded to mark their calendars for September 6th's Choir Retreat. The retreat will take place in the morning and afternoon with lunch provided, and we are hoping to be "off campus." It will be a chance for us to get a head start on our music and recall some choral-singing basics, but it will also be a time of fellowship and fun. Keep your ear to the ground for more details.

We need choir parents for the fall!

Although most parents find the job to be a relatively easy and enjoyable one, I can tell you personally that Choir Parents are a huge part of what makes our dynamic music program possible here at First Presbyterian. Any adult interested in assisting us as a choir parent for one of the children's choirs is invited to contact me at 610-301-2776.

Rally Day on September 7th!

Please swing by the Music Table on Rally day to meet Nancy Ruth and me, to get more information regarding the music program here at First Presbyterian Church, and to fill out an enrollment form for your child.

PW Gathers Grooming Items for Migrants' Children

For over 50 years Presbyterian Women have been delivering personal grooming items to the children of migrant workers in South Jersey. Members of Circle 1 sew cloth bags which then are filled by the women in Circle 3. A toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, shampoo, soap and washcloth were included in 106 kits that were delivered this past June. PW accepts donations of these items all year long, and we thank the congregation for their continuing support of this project.

Bowling, Anyone?

The SUBURBAN CHURCH BOWLING LEAGUE bowls at the Playdrome at Ellisburg around 6 p.m. each Monday, starting in mid-September and ending in May. It is a social group and not strongly competitive, using a handicap system based on a bowler's average which evens one's odds against a really good bowler. There are normally 10 teams of 5 persons each. There is now an opening for a new team of 5 to join.

The cost is nominal. It's a fun time. If you're interested, call Gene O'Neill (856-795-8234) for more information. There may even be room for a single substitute bowler.

A Letter of Appreciation: Joe Routon, Master Musician

After nearly 15 years of faithful service as Choral Assistant and 32 years of singing in the Chancel Choir, Joe Routon has decided to step down from his roll in the music ministry at First Presbyterian Church. In his own words, “After 55 years as an organist and/or choir director and singer, I feel it’s time to take a break.” He plans to continue his role as Pastoral Assistant—helping Bill with visitation—and as Online Editor of Glad Tidings with Betsy Westermaier, but, sadly, we will no longer benefit from Joe’s musical expertise on a weekly basis.

While I agree that Joe has earned his break, I am extremely grateful that he decided to take it after 55 years and not 54. It would have been an easy (and probably appropriate) time for him to step down last summer when his wife, Joyce Ann, and friend, Ken Carter, left after three decades of service, but, instead, Joe chose to stay and help me face a time of transition and trial. During my first year here, Joe was a source of stability, wisdom, support, and constant encouragement. He helped recruit virtually every new member last year; he rehearsed the choir most Sunday mornings; and he suggested voice-part rearrangements and new repertoire. The entire choir and I will deeply miss his presence and talent.

With this in mind, I thought it appropriate to publish a very condensed list of Joe’s significant musical contributions and accomplishments relevant to his time here at First Presbyterian. Here are some things about Joe Routon that you may not know:

At Murray State University, in Kentucky, Joe earned the Bachelor of Music degree in organ performance, and at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, he received the Master of Sacred Music degree. He and his wife, Joyce Ann, have led music programs in churches in Kentucky, New Mexico, Tennessee and New York.

The Routons were responsible for bringing Ken Carter to Haddonfield. Before his move, Ken was Music Director at First Presbyterian Church in Johnson City, Tennessee, while Joe was Music Director at First Methodist Church across town. They became very close friends, and the rest is history.



Joe Routon at the console of the Atlantic City Convention Center Organ, the largest pipe organ in the world.

Personally, I also credit Joe Routon with bringing our current organist, Ted Barr, to First Presbyterian Church as well. One of my very first acts as Minister of Music was to bring Joe onto the organist search committee after Joyce Ann stepped down; it was probably the best decision I made all year. After a very difficult beginning to the search, Joe mentioned that one of the country’s leading ministers of music, Bill Roper, had a nephew in Cherry Hill, who was also a very fine organist. Joe spoke with Ted, and convinced him to give Haddonfield First Presbyterian a try. Again, the rest is history.

Three years ago, in order to provide more musical variety in the 8:15 and 9:30 worship services, Joe Routon founded Grace Notes, the small ensemble of 8-10 voices to sing sacred repertoire. The group sings on the second Sunday of each month.

Joe, you have been and you remain an irreplaceable part of this congregation. Thank you for all you have done in the name of this church and for the sake of God’s glory. Our prayers and support are with you always.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter Leibensperger

Deacons' Bench

Congratulations to Sarah Hoobler, Carolyn Kirsch, and Logan Peterson, recipients of the 2014 Deacons Scholarship awards. We have been very fortunate to have these talented and dedicated members of our church family. Sarah and Carolyn have served as Deacons, and Logan has served as an Elder. Logan will attend Temple University. Sarah will attend Drexel and Carolyn will be studying at Gettysburg. We wish them continued academic success. This is one of the many projects that the Deacon envelopes support. As you know, these blue envelopes are collected every Communion Sunday (first Sunday of every month) and provide the monetary support for the Deacons' work.

Thanks to all of those who patronized Gino, the vendor at the Art and Craft celebration in July. The 2014 fundraiser was a success. The vendor, Gino Jr. received \$1200 in proceeds, and donated \$300 to our Deacons' fund. Thanks to Rich Kouhoup and his crew for a job well done.

Stay alert for upcoming fall announcements about dining fundraisers at various restaurants. We are very grateful to Mark Smith and Linda Cipriani of Tortilla Press for their generous support of the Deacons' fund over the last few years. We hope to branch out to other venues this year.

Thank You Note

Dear Church Family,

Thank you ever so much for supporting me through my recent illness. You prayed, visited, made telephone calls, cooked, delivered flowers, held my hand and let me know I had folks who cared for me. It is good to know there are no orphans in our church family!

Sincerely, Helen Walters

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rally Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 7th at 9:30 AM. It will be a time for the church family to gather for breakfast together, consider the wonderful ministries available in the church and register the children and youth for Sunday School. Sunday School will begin the following week on September 14th.



Laura Colee
Director of Christian
Education

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

ROUND 3

Last year we packaged over 160,000 meals in just one day—critical food sent to our neighbors in Haiti. I still find that number staggering. But, if you follow the international news, you know that this year the number of children in war torn nations, in refugee camps, and in areas of severe drought and famine seems higher than ever. We need your help to continue this wonderful and important mission.

We will kick off our first fund raising event with our Chili Cook Off on Saturday, September 27th. So dig out your grandma's recipe, and let's have some fun as fall begins. More information will follow on this event in the weekly bulletins.

As you might know, Paul Urian, one of the founders of this event for our church, is leaving the area. We wish Paul all the best and know that his heart will always be with FMSA. But this is an opportunity to bring in new people to work on this event.

Rich Woodland will work with Gerri Rice this year as co-chair. But we want more people, both within First Presbyterian and outside our church family to join us this year. If you are interested, feel free to email Rich at rwoodland99@yahoo.com. We will have a table setup at Rally Sunday if you want more information.

This summer, we heard the sermon about Christ feeding the multitudes with just a few loaves and fishes. I can't think of a better way to begin our program this year. —Rich Woodland

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

AN INVITATION

Presbyterian Women is the national organization of the Presbyterian Church made up of more than 300,000 women. It offers a variety of ways women can work for justice and live out their faith in an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the church and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom. We invite all women of our church to join in the activities of the organization.

Our PW is made up of four Circles which meet monthly, two in the morning, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, for fellowship, Bible studies and community service. Volunteers give their time and talents to the Women's Jail Ministry and to the Presbyterian Coffee Project. Other services include raising money for missions and making clothing or knitting for worthy groups.

One of the highlights of the monthly Circle meetings is the Horizon's Bible study. This year's study will focus on **Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians**. Paul's writings are among some of the most influential in Christianity – and probably among some of the most controversial. Throughout the year, we will study Paul's writings not only in the context of his time but also as they apply to our lives today.

To learn more about Presbyterian Women, contact our Membership Chair, Carol Carty at 856- 858-6442. Carol will be happy to answer your questions, suggest a Circle which will fit your needs or help you organize a new Circle. Supporting members are also welcome. Stop by the PW table on Rally Day in September to learn more about our activities.

We invite you to expand your horizons and join us in the fellowship and camaraderie that go along with PW Membership.

Preschool News



Barbara Sewall
Preschool

1st Presbyterian Preschool celebrates 44 years with the beginning of the 2014 - 2015 school year!

We are celebrating new windows this year -- they are great. "Thank You," Dick Leach and all contributors.

September 5, Friday, classroom visitations for those families enrolled

September 8 - 12, First week of classes.

Church members may register for 2015 - 2016 in this month of August.

Parish Register

Baptisms

June 8

Maddox Paul Ulmer

son of John and Sarah Ulmer

Michael William Hall

son of
Ryan and Kimberly Stout Hall

Birth

May 21

Grayson Morris Gabler

son of Julie and Rick Gabler.

Grayson is the great, great grandson of Dr. Robert Hugh Morris, a former pastor of our church. His grandparents are Bob and Joanne Morris.

Joined the Church Triumphant

Ruth Shaffer

June 30

Sara Harper

July 21

Paul Bickel

July 31

Senior Ministry

The first Senior Ministry Meeting will be Wednesday, September 17, in Bill's office. All are welcome to attend, and ideas are gratefully appreciated.

Primetimer Luncheons will start October 8th followed by a program by Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital called "Life at Lourdes." This is a program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), a unique program that can enable elders to live safely at home while being helped by a team of healthcare experts. This will be in the parlor following the luncheon. Call the church office before October 6th for reservations.

On the Bus with Betsy B! - Christmas will be here before we know it. This year we're going to the American Music Theatre for their Christmas Show, "Joy to the World," on Saturday, November 22. Before the show we'll have a Christmas Bus Tour with an Amish step-on guide, followed by a buffet luncheon at Plain & Fancy Farm. The cost for this trip is \$110. Reservations must be in by October 15. Call Betsy B. in the office for a flyer.

Nominations Needed

The Nominating Committee is charged with presenting a slate of dedicated church members to fill the seats of those Deacons and Elders whose terms expire in December. If you are interested in serving on either of those boards or know someone else who would be a good candidate, contact Andy Levering at andylevering@comcast.net.

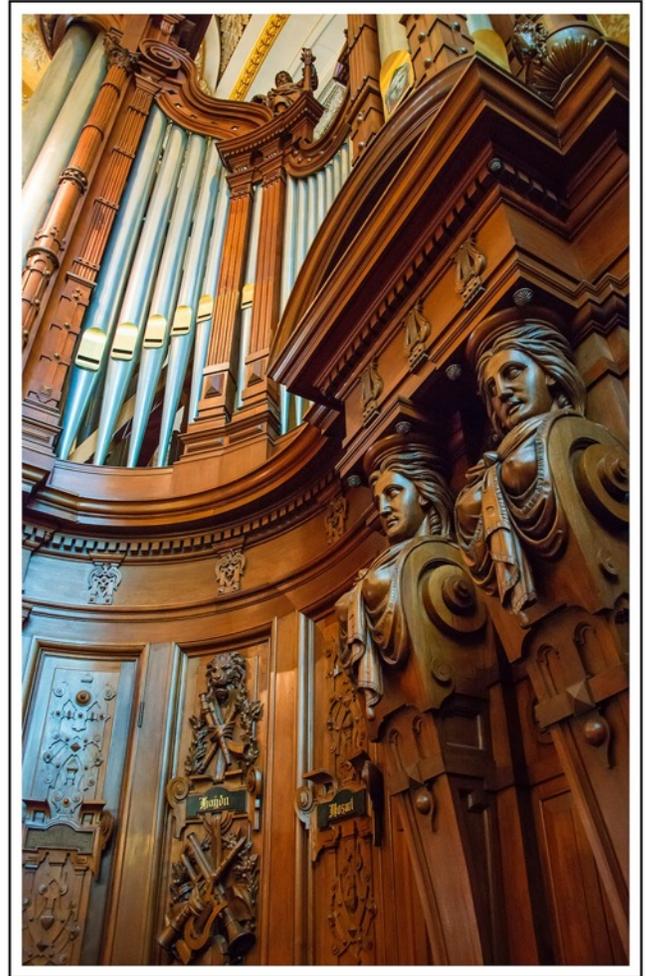
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	1 LABOR DAY CHURCH CLOSED 5:00 Count, HC	2 10:00 Senior Exercise, CR 11:00 Tai Chi, CR	3 9:00 Preschool Teachers Orientation, Blue Room	4 7:30 Chancel Choir, CR	5 9:00 Parent, Child Time	6 Chancel Choir Retreat
7 Rally Day 8:15 Worship, Ch 9:30 Breakfast, FH 11:00 Worship.S	8 1st Week, Preschool 9:00 Aerobics, FH 9:30 Preschool, CR 9:30 Quilters 11:30 Creative Movement Class, FH 12:40 Preschool Orientation CR 5:00 Count, HC	9 8:00 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Aerobics, FH 10:00 Staff Meeting, 2R 10:00 Senior Exercise, CR 11:00 Tai chi 11:00 Glad Tidings Deadline 11:30 Creative Movement Class, FH	10 9:00 Aerobics, FH 9:30 Preschool, CR 10:30 Bible Study, P 11:30 Creative Movement Class, FH 12:40 Preschool, FH 3:45 Chapel/Cherub 4:30 Alleluia/Carol 5:30 Whitechapel Bells 6:45 Thomas Sherrerd, CR 7:30 Kirk Ringers 8:15 HS Bible Study, LH	11 9:00 Aerobics, FH 9:30 Preschool, CR 11:30 Creative Movement Class, FH 12:40 Preschool Orientation 6:30 Moore Bells, BR 7:30 Chancel Choir, CR	12 9:00 Aerobics, FH 9:30 Preschool, CR 11:30 Creative Movement Class, FH 12:40 Preschool 6:00 Smith Rehearsal	13 8:00 Teacher Breakfast 3:00 Smith Wedding
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*Thanks to those who volunteered
and to those who supported them
with financial aid and prayers.*

The Methuen Organ



Joseph Routon



One of the most magnificent organs in the country is in Methuen, MA, at the Methuen Memorial Music Hall. During the recent National Convention, in Boston, of the American Guild of Organists, Joe Routon, Glad Tidings' photographer and one of the Convention's official photographers, was asked to take photos of the organ that could be used for Methuen's web page and publicity. Here are a few he made.

