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“And the streets of
the city shall be full of
boys and girls playing
in its streets.”

(Zechariah 8:5)

One of my family’s favorite things to do on a hot day, is to go into our basement (the coolest area of the house), sit around the table, and play a board game. Depending on who is playing, we’ll play cards or word games or strategy games or games of chance. Board games provide families not just with an opportunity to connect with one another, but also to learn lessons that apply to our lives. They are also a source of joy – the laughter we share with one another. Many of my extended family legend stories that we tell every time we gather come from a laughable moment during a board game.

This summer, our church family will find that joy and connection through board games! We’ll play a little, pray a lot, and explore how some of our classic games help us navigate the lives God has given us.

Join us each week this summer as we:

- Spin the wheel on the journey of **Life**.
- Have an adventure on the sweet path of **Candy Land**.
- Buy and sell in **Monopoly**, remembering “Do Not Pass God.”
- Figure out the **Clue** of a Biblical murder mystery.
- Spell Jesus, the Word on the Crosswords of **Scrabble**.
- Stack up the stories of the Bible in **Jenga**.
- Test out our knowledge in **Trivial Pursuit: Bible Master’s Edition**.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Eliza



From the Pastor's desk





Kudos to the CAP Team

The Session would like to thank the CAP (Capital Awareness Project) Team for their years of service and dedication to our church. We are extremely grateful for the funds they were able to raise over approximately ten years of work which improved the condition of our building and worship space.

We are also thankful for their request to use the remaining funds in their account for improvements to the bathroom facilities in our building. Work will be coming on the bathrooms in the Sunday School building. Many thanks to these faithful servants!



Budget Committee Needs a Few Good Men & Women

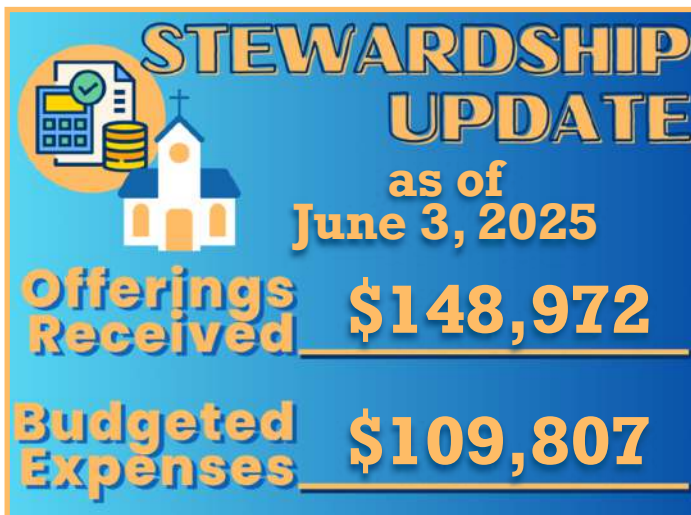
Budget Committee Volunteers

Although the budget planning process won't start until late summer, it's always nice to know ahead of time who will be willing to serve on the committee. There will be at most two meetings with any other business done via email, and the entire process is short and sweet. You don't have to be a financial whiz to qualify! It is important to have voices from the congregation and their perspectives on our spending. If you are interested, please let Leslie Clark know.

Christian Ed Committee Needs YOU!

The Christian Ed committee is seeking **two additional committee volunteers** to help us plan our CE program throughout the year. We meet 5-6 times per year via Zoom and are responsible for planning curriculum; recruiting teachers; planning the first family session in September; organizing Very Big Sunday in June; organizing events for middle and high school students; ensuring that nursery services are available and of high quality; and, most importantly, keeping a joyful Christian education possible for our children!

Please join us! Contact Judy Wilson via text or email for more info. (Contact the office for Judy's contact info if needed).



Christian Ed update

sunday school + bible study + nursery

Wednesday on zoom adult bible study



Our Wednesday Adult Bible Study meets weekly **Wednesday mornings at 11:00am** via Zoom to share in fellowship & prayer from the comfort of their own homes.

This spring and summer, they have been studying "Creeds and Confessions."

Contact the office for more information and for the Zoom link to join.



Kids sunday school

Very Big Sunday

We had a great time celebrating our youth and kids with games, crafts and outdoor worship at our Very Big Sunday (VBS) on Sunday, June 8! Thanks to all of our members and friends that were able to join in this special event with us.

We are so grateful for all of our Sunday School teachers who served this past year, as well as our dedicated SS directors and CE committee. We are looking for new members for our Christian Ed Committee to help us plan and provide meaningful classes and events for our children. **Please see page 3 for more information about the current needs on the Christian Ed Committee.**

We encourage you to continue attending worship as a family throughout the summer months. In August, we'll begin requesting volunteers to teach our kids' Sunday School classes again, which will resume on September 14. Abby & Kam prepare everything for you beforehand, we just need YOU and your faithful service to mentor and guide our youngest disciples. If you have any questions about teaching or serving, feel free to reach out to Judy Wilson.

nursery

Our nursery is open and staffed by two adults each Sunday for our little worshippers in kindergarten and younger during the service. When we need assistance in coverage, we'll let you know!

Adult sunday school



Our Sunday School classes (for both kids and adults) have completed for the summer. They'll be meeting again in September with two adult classes — one, which meets in Room 2, and will continue using the "Feasting on the Word" curriculum and discussion guide that align with the lectionary's scripture passages for each week. The Faith Walk class, led by Pastor Eliza, will meet in the Nursery; their study topic is undecided at this time.

We hope you'll join us in September for either of these Adult Sunday School classes!

First Pres YOUTH GROUP

Our First Pres Youth Group holds social & service events for teens in grades 6-12 throughout the year.

Stay tuned for more information about specific outings and dates in the future.



Missions Update



Thank You!

Thank you for providing the all important laundry detergent during the month of June. The Mission Committee knew you would provide and sure enough, you did! *Thank you!*



July Food Pantry Collection:

Cleaning Supplies

In July, in addition to school supplies, we are collecting cleaning supplies. What do you use to clean your house? Please think about buying duplicates of what you use and donate to those who would love to have a clean house, but can't afford the items needed to do so.



August Food Pantry Collection: Peanut Butter & Jelly



In August, we will be collecting peanut butter and jelly. What kid doesn't love a good peanut butter and jelly sandwich? As summer draws to a close and families have been trying all summer to provide lunch for the kids, an infusion of peanut butter and jelly is what parents need. And who better to provide it than the wonderful mission angels of First Pres.

Summer "School Supplies" Collection - Due August 3rd!

The Mission Committee continues to collect school supplies to donate to local schools for students in need. These supplies will be delivered to schools in Haddon Heights, Barrington, Lawnside & Sharp (Collingswood). Donated items need to be brought in to the church by **Sunday, August 3**, so they can be organized and distributed. They can be placed in Room 2, in the donation bin outside the Sunday School building, or in the Missions cabinet in the Parlor. Below is a list of suggested items to be donated.

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| -#2 pencils | -1" & 2" binders |
| -pencil eraser tops | -pocket folders |
| -24-pack crayons | -composition books |
| -highlighters | -lined paper & dividers |
| -dry erase markers | -spiral notebooks |
| -sets of colored pencils | -"Post-It"-type notes |
| -pink erasers | -glue sticks |
| -3x5 index cards | -ball point pens in red, blue and black |



Next Collection: Sept. 14

We raised \$123 in our 2 Cents a Meal collection on June 22! We used this collection to purchase cereal & other supplies for the Military Support Group of NJ. This local group supports families of our military and sends packages overseas to all branches of our military forces. *(Many thanks to Mary Jane Lange for delivering the items!)*

We also used this collection to purchase peanut butter & jelly for making sandwiches for Cathedral Kitchen during our Mission Service Sunday on June 29. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Class of 2028 Church Board Members Elected

At our annual congregational meeting on June 22, our congregation elected new members to our church boards and renewed other members for a second term. On Sunday, July 20, the following first and second term members of the Class of 2028 will be commissioned and installed:

Elders

Marci Spiegel (2nd Term)
Cheryl Walmsley (1st Term)
Hal Wyckoff (1st Term)

Deacons

Suzanne Lange (2nd Term)
Laura Masi (2nd Term)
Kate Colantonio (1st Term)
Fred Heuser (1st Term)
Ro Hudson (1st Term)

Trustees

Will Burrough (1st Term)
Chuck Maienza (1st Term)
Cathy Zobel (1st Term)



Thank you to the outgoing members of the Class of 2025 for your faithful dedication and service:

Elders: Bruce Erwin & Diane Gallagher

Deacons: Molly Callahan, Sue Hawco, & Linda Moon

Trustees: Phyllis Bozek, Sandy Langford, & Suzanne Ritter



Finally, thank you to Al Andrews and the Nominating Committee for their hard work in finding candidates to fill these important roles.

	The Session	
	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
	Al Andrews (1) Personnel & Nominating	Leslie Clark (2) Stewardship
	Carmen Muni (1) Fellowship	Vicki Clarke (2) Outreach
	Judy Wilson (1) Christian Education	Sharon Cole (2) Music & Worship
		CLASS OF 2028
		Marci Spiegel (2) Clerk of Session
		Cheryl Walmsley (1) Care & Membership
		Hal Wyckoff (1) Missions

	The Board of Trustees	
	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
	Cheryl Hauske (2)	Dan Mullan (2)
	Tony Masi (1)	George Newnam (1)
	Mark Zimmerman (2)	Patti Pawling (2)
		CLASS OF 2028
		Will Burrough (1)
		Chuck Maienza (1)
		Cathy Zobel (1)

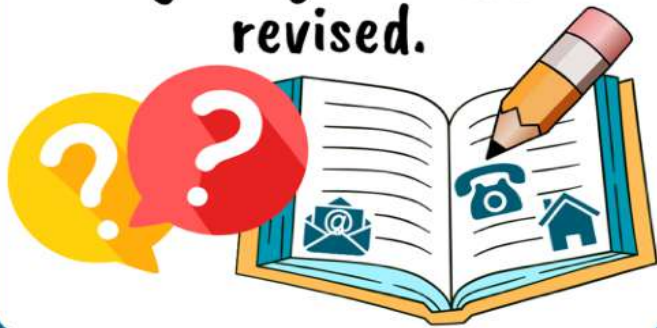
	The Board of Deacons	
	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
	Anne Andrews (1)	Bill Burrough (1)
	Margie Kent (1) (2-yr term)	Tom Clarke (1)
	Daniel Mullan (1)	Melanie Diven (2)
	Janice Perry (1)	Kelly Evans (2)
	Ellie Wyckoff (2)	Kyle Jaremko (1)
		CLASS OF 2028
		Kate Colantonio (1)
		Fred Heuser (1)
		Ro Hudson (1)
		Suzanne Lange (2)
		Laura Masi (2)

2025 Church 2026 Directory

Coming in September!

Did you ditch your old landline? Or get a new email address?

Please check our current church directory to make sure your info is correct & contact the office if anything should be revised.



A New Look for Our e-News

weekly e-News



First Presbyterian Church
of Haddon Heights

We've recently transitioned to using *MailChimp* for sending our weekly e-News. Most of you are familiar with this format as many of your emails from businesses and organizations use this platform for sending messages. This change will make it easier to read the e-News & click on the links in the body of the email for additional information about events. If you **HAVE NOT** been receiving your e-News on Thursdays, check your "Junk" or "Spam" folder. You can add the sender's email address to your contacts, or you can mark the e-mail as "Not Junk" - depending on the email client that you use. Contact the office if you have any questions or problems.

Men's Breakfast

All First Pres men, and their friends and neighbors, are invited to the monthly Men's Breakfast gathering!



We meet on the **last Wednesday of the month at 9:00am** in the church parlor. We eat, laugh, tell stories, reminisce, and try to tackle one thought-provoking question or idea at each gathering. A \$5 donation covers the cost of the meal and also goes toward an annual charitable donation. The best part? We share in a growing camaraderie and genuine appreciation for each other as we "travel this road" together.

This summer, the men **will NOT be meeting July**. They will, however, be meeting at the end of August, on **August 27 at 9:00am** in our Parlor.

As always, please contact Rick Clark with any questions and to let him know if you'll be attending. Please call the office for his contact information if you don't have it.



On Sunday, June 8, our
Christian Ed
Committee & Deacons
hosted our annual...

Very Big Sunday & Deacons' Picnic



**Many thanks to our
Christian Ed Committee &
our Deacons for hosting a
wonderful day for our kids
and congregation!**

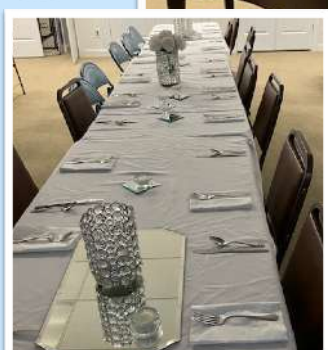




The Friendship Circle celebrated the end of their year with a delicious covered dish dinner on June 10 in the parlor. The evening was highlighted by a special Fashion Show featuring many of our FPC runway elite in true satirical style!



Many thanks to Nancy Wilk for coordinating the fashion show, to all our wonderful & courageous volunteers who participated in the event, and to Aidan Williams who videoed the performance.



GALA NIGHT

