

First + Press

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I KNOW THAT THERE IS NOTHING BETTER FOR THEM THAN TO BE HAPPY AND ENJOY THEMSELVES
AS LONG AS THEY LIVE.

—ECCLESIASTES 3:12

The writer of Ecclesiastes encourages us to work hard and play hard! God wants us to be loving, kind servants who follow God's ways and walk in Christ's footsteps. At the same time, God wants us to find joy – in this life and in one another. God wants us to celebrate what matters to us!

As we conclude our 2025-2026 program year, its time to rejoice and celebrate! We have so much to celebrate in these coming weeks and we hope you will join us!

As we walk through the end of our program year, we hope you will join us for these special celebration dates (there is more information about each event inside!).

• **JUNE 7: VERY BIG SUNDAY! Celebrating FPCHH's 125 Birthday!**

- VERY BIG BIRTHDAY! 10:30 AM: Outside Worship, led by Christian Education; celebrating the 125th Birthday of FPCHH, with songs, trivia, and traditional birthday games!
- Music from the Calvin Choir!
- Deacons' Picnic, outside after worship, with good food, a cupcake contest, and more games!

• **JUNE 14: Confirmation Sunday!**

- Celebrating Confirmands: Diane Corso, Rachel Hirt, Nick Russo, and Mia Teti
- Last Sunday for Chancel Choir
- A special performance from the Cherub Choir with their moms!

• **JUNE 21: Summer Worship Start Time: 9:30am**

- Worship led by 7th and Green Band
- Father's Day
- Annual Congregational Meeting for Program Reports and Officer Nominations

• **JUNE 28: Worship at 9:30am with special music**

• **JULY 5: Happy 250th Birthday, America!**

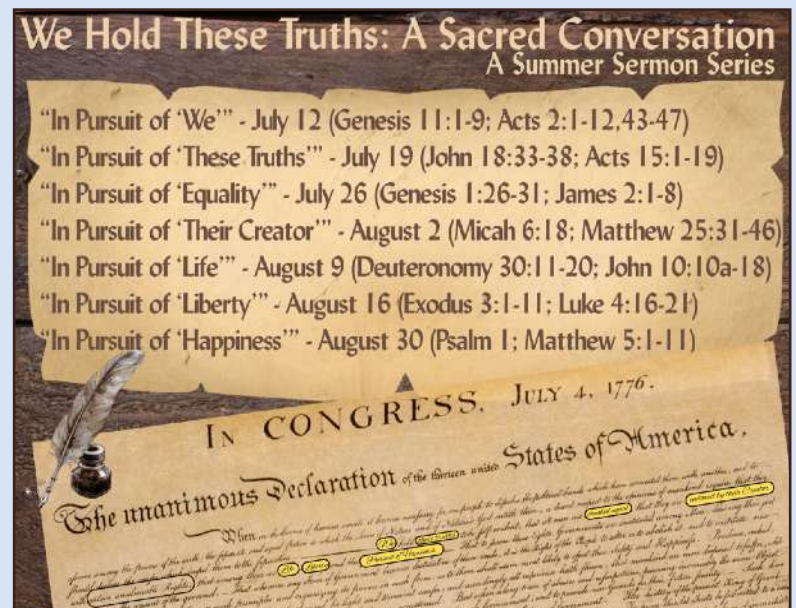
- This special worship service, hosted by our Music & Worship Committee, will feature members of our church family who served in the US Military.

• **JULY 12: Summer Sermon Series Begins:**

"We Hold These Truths: A Sacred Conversation"

- The summer sermon series will place the values proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence in conversation with Scripture. How do we pursue *We, Truth, Equality, Our Creator, Life, Liberty, and Happiness* today?

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Eliza



From the Pastor's desk



Very Big Sunday & Deacons' picnic June 7th



Join us as we celebrate our own **125th Birthday** & our Nation's **250th Birthday!**

- Outdoor Worship!
- Fellowship!
- Games!

-Submit an entry for the **Cupcake Contest!**



Sign up now in the Parlor!

Sunday, June 21
after worship

Congregational Meeting
for Program Reports



9:30am

Worship Time
Starting

June 21

**SUMMER
WORSHIP**


Saluting Those Who Served



Please join us for a special worship service on **Sunday, July 5**, at 9:30am to honor our military members and their service to our country.

We'll hear from several members of our congregation who served in different branches of the military, and we'll learn more about their experiences during and following their time in the armed forces, and how it shaped their lives.

Many thanks to our Music & Worship committee for planning and preparing this service. We hope to see you there!



Pastor *out of office*

Pastor Eliza will be out of the office for continuing education from

Monday, June 22 through Sunday, June 28,
and will be on vacation from

Monday, June 29 through Sunday, July 5.

Please contact the office for assistance during office hours or Marci Spiegle, Clerk of Session, when the office is closed. There will be a pastor on call for pastoral emergencies as well.

Did You Hear the Good News?!

We have obtained four hearing assist devices, located in the narthex (between the parlor & sanctuary) for use on Sunday mornings for those who have trouble hearing the sermons. Our Deacons can assist you in operating them.



There are two types:

1. One fits over your ear;
2. One goes around your neck with a speaker that your hearing aid can pick up (for those who use hearing aids);

We hope these devices make your worship experience more enjoyable.



June is jam-packed! We look forward to seeing you at these events:

Very Big Sunday & Deacons' Picnic


Join us on **June 7** for outdoor worship at 10:30am, including games, fellowship & fun as we celebrate our church's 150th birthday! The Deacons' Picnic follows worship with hotdogs, burgers, snacks and a Cupcake Contest!

Confirmation Sunday, June 14

Four of our teens will be confirmed on June 14 during worship. Our Fellowship Committee will be hosting a special coffee hour after worship as well.

Congregational Meeting

The session has scheduled a Congregational Meeting for **Sunday, June 21**, immediately following worship for the presentation of the 2025-2026 Program Reports & the election of the nominating committee.



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

... as of
May 13, 2026

Offerings Received	\$162,275.05
Budgeted Expenses	\$115,227.16



MISSIONS update

Thank You for Your Generosity



Many thanks for supporting the Mission Committee's support of our "adopted" kindergarten class at UrbanPromise by purchasing books for the students to take home over the summer.



Start Stocking Up on School Supplies

We know how expensive things are and we truly appreciate your support of the Mission Committee's various collections. We normally begin a collection of **school supplies** in July, but we decided to spread our appeal out over all of June and part of July. So, here's a starter list for any of you early shoppers:

- ◆ 1-inch & 2-inch binders
- ◆ 3X5 index cards
- ◆ composition books
- ◆ post-it notes
- ◆ lined paper
- ◆ spiral notebooks
- ◆ pencil eraser tops
- ◆ pink erasers
- ◆ pens
- ◆ pencils
- ◆ crayons



Cleaning Supplies! Missions Collection This Month

Thank you for your generous contributions of cereal and oatmeal during the month of May.

The Mission Committee's target item for this month is CLEANING SUPPLIES!

What do you use to clean your house? Please consider 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.



(Please keep in mind that we appreciate any & all donations; the designated monthly items are just suggestions as we note our food pantry's needs.)

TWO CENTS a Meal



Thank you from the Mission Committee!

On May 10 we collected \$101.00 for the **2 Cents a Meal Collection**. Thank you for helping us *change* lives while supporting people with food to eat.

Next Collection: June 14!



Christian Ed *update*

sunday school + bible study + nursery



Kids Sunday School

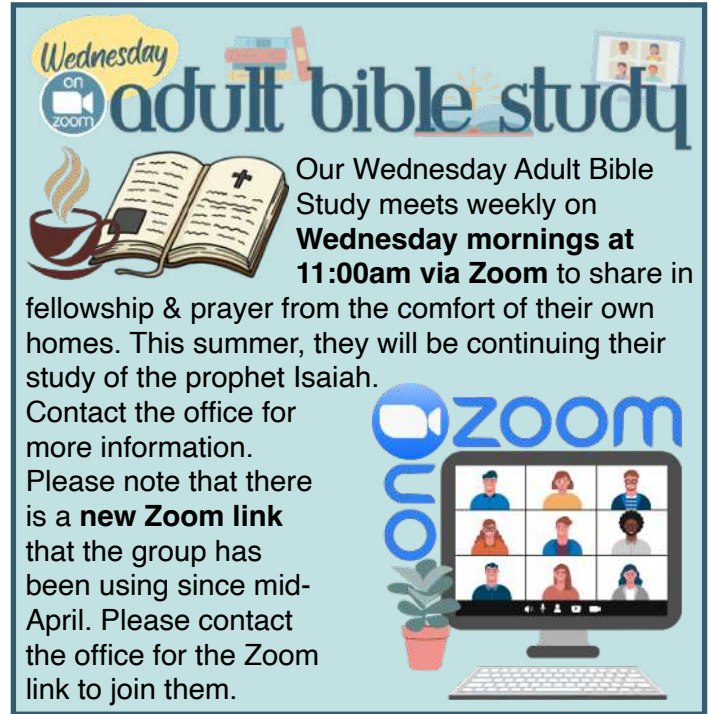
Very Big Sunday

June 7th

We'd love to see everyone celebrate the church's 125th and the nation's 250th together in a morning of fun, appreciation, and fellowship! Our Very Big Sunday & Deacons' Picnic is on **Sunday, June 7**, and promises an abundance of fun and fellowship, including outdoor worship, crafts, games, & a celebration of our youth.

Be sure to sign-up in the parlor to help the Deacons prepare for the picnic after worship.


More information will be coming this summer about how you can help teach & raise our littlest ones in the Lord when we gather again next fall.



Wednesday on Zoom Adult Bible Study

Our Wednesday Adult Bible Study meets weekly on **Wednesday mornings at 11:00am via Zoom** to share in fellowship & prayer from the comfort of their own homes. This summer, they will be continuing their study of the prophet Isaiah.

Contact the office for more information. Please note that there is a **new Zoom link** that the group has been using since mid-April. Please contact the office for the Zoom link to join them.




Adult Sunday School

SUMMER BREAK

Our Sunday School classes (for both kids and adults) have completed for the summer.


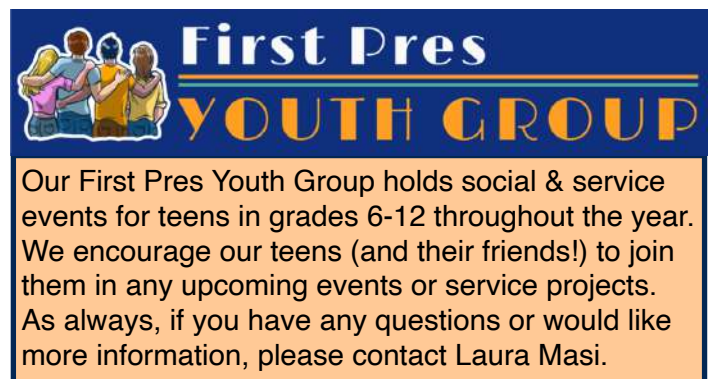
They'll be meeting again in September with two adult classes — one, which meets in Room 2, and The Faith Walk class, led by Pastor Eliza, which meets in the Nursery. Their topics of study are not yet determined for the fall. We hope you'll join us in September for either of these Adult Sunday School classes!



confirmation

Confirmation classes concluded last month and these four teens will be confirmed during worship on June 14:

- Diane Corso
- Nick Russo
- Rachel Hirt
- Mia Teti

First Pres YOUTH GROUP

Our First Pres Youth Group holds social & service events for teens in grades 6-12 throughout the year. We encourage our teens (and their friends!) to join them in any upcoming events or service projects. As always, if you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Laura Masi.

Youth Group & Sunday School Families!

end-of-year

POOL Party

Haddon Glen Swim Club

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 | 1:00PM

Join us for our final event of the school year! Open to all our Youth (grades 6-12) & our Sunday School Families.

Pizza is provided; you can also purchase food or snacks at the snack bar.



Please RSVP whether you are a Haddon Glen member or not because we need to give all guests' names to the swim club.



Scan the QR code here to RSVP:



See Vicki Clarke for more info!

SAVE the DATE!

Haddon Heights 4TH OF JULY PARADE!

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH

Help us represent FPC sharing God's **LOVE** and **CANDY** with our community!



THANKS TO ALL OF US, OUR COMMUNITIES SCORED BIG!

THIS YEAR, OVER 1300 GROUPS ACROSS THE COUNTRY RAISED

\$4,921,349

FOR LOCAL FOOD CHARITIES!

Order Forms will also be included in your bulletin & available to pick up in the office & narthex.

MEMORIAL garden

The Memorial Garden was first established in the courtyard at Collingswood Presbyterian Church; in 2025 it was carefully relocated to FPCHH along Green Street.

engraved memorial bricks



We are offering members and friends the opportunity to remember loved ones who have passed away, wherever they may be currently buried, by placing an engraved paving brick in our Memorial Garden. The bricks can be engraved with the name of your loved one, as well as their date of birth, date of passing, or an alternative inscription.

The paving bricks are **\$150 each** and will be installed in the garden when they arrive (approximately 12 weeks after we place our order). Please fill out the form below with your inscription & return it to the church with your payment.

Each brick holds 4 lines of up to 17 characters each. Enter your text using **one character per box** (all punctuation & spaces are one character). All text will be centered on the brick. **Please print clearly.**

Example:

M	i	c	h	a	e	l	J	a	m	e	s						
M	u	l	h	o	l	l	a	n	d								
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0	6	/	2	0	/	2	0	2	5								

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Order forms & checks (payable to FPCHH) can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church at:
28 Seventh Ave. Haddon Heights, NJ 08035

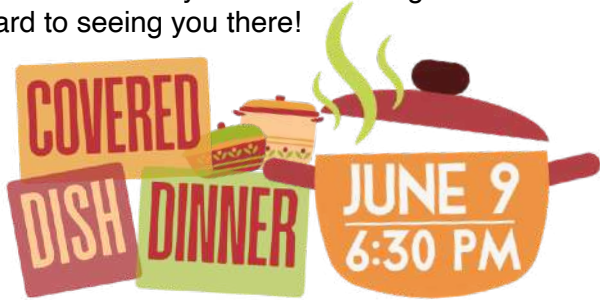
All orders are due by Wednesday, July 15.



Covered Dish Dinner

Women of First Pres! You are invited to the Friendship Circle end-of-year **Covered Dish Dinner!** A much anticipated annual event, the Women's Friendship Circle's covered dish dinner will be held

on **Tuesday, June 9**, at 6:30 PM in the church parlor. **ALL WOMEN** are invited: bring your sister, your daughter, your mother, your neighbor! Bring a dish to share; we always have wonderful food! In addition to a great meal & fellowship, you will enjoy fun & entertainment, so please plan to attend. Sign up on the poster in the parlor (or let Polly Mitchell or Nancy Wilk know), indicating how many will be with you and what dish you will be sharing. We're looking forward to seeing you there!



The Friendship Circle takes a break during the summer months but will begin meeting again on Tuesday, September 15.

CLASS OF
Congratulations **2026**

Emma Whitman

Emma is graduating from the University of NC - Chapel Hill with two Bachelor of Science degrees in Chemistry & Biology.
CONGRATULATIONS, EMMA!

Jacob Whitman

Jacob is graduating from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science.
CONGRATULATIONS, JACOB!

Please contact the office if we failed to recognize your spring graduate here!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

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. Their next meeting will be **Wednesday, June 24, at 9:00 AM** in the parlor. As always, please contact Rick Clark to let him know you're coming so they can get an accurate head count. Hope to see you there!

PENTECOST SUNDAY

On Pentecost Sunday, May 24, we celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church by waving our flames!

"We Do!" — Part 2!

Joe & Nancy Wilk celebrated 60 years of marriage on March 26. On Sunday, May 31, they renewed their wedding vows during worship in front of friends and family members.

Congratulations to the happy couple!



Celebrating
60
Years



Joe Nancy



On May 31 (the fifth Sunday in May) we gathered in the parlor after worship and assembled **650 utensil packets** for Cathedral Kitchen. Thanks to everyone who helped out!





MISSION TEENS Testimony

I'll start my God story with Psalm 40:1 & 2 - "I waited patiently for the Lord & He turned to me and heard my cry and He lifted me out of a horrible pit, out of mud and slime and set my feet on a rock (Jesus and gave me a firm foundation to stand on...."



My name is Roselyn Ogbourne and I was born in Jamaica but grew up in the USA. My father had abandoned us due to his alcoholism and my mother moved to the US and worked very hard to bring all

seven siblings to America. The guardian my mom had left some of us with violated me sexually at a young age, so I developed abandonment issues and my heart was filled with a lot of bitterness and resentments. I graduated from High School and started using marijuana and alcohol and it continued during college.

In 1981 I relocated to Fort Lauderdale, FL and was introduced to crack cocaine. I got arrested in 1986 & 1987, but I kept abusing drugs and alcohol when released. My life got so bad that it was either suicide, a mental hospital or jail. I went to jail in 1988 and attended a church service and met Regina Carbulon, who gave me her phone number.

After I miraculously got released, I contacted her and she got me a one-way bus ticket to Restoration Ranch in Tuscumbia, AL., which was a cry of my heart, but I had never heard of Mission Teens.

I started to pray to the Lord after my Assistant Counselor commitment that He

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would open a similar Mission in Florida so, when that miracle happened, it was my ticket out of Alabama. I helped pioneer Sunrise Mission in November 1989 and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, I served on Staff for 4 years. Carmen Rodriguez was a great discipler to me during those years. Dave & Tiffany Brown were a great help to me transitioning out of Sunrise Mission. I started working and got plugged in at a small Calvary Chapel led by Pastor Fidel & Teresa Gomes, who were also a tremendous help in my life. I continued serving the Lord in prison ministry, children's and also street ministry.

I have been on several mission trips, sharing the love of Jesus in Mexico, Russia, Dominican Republic, Italy, Nicaragua, Spain, South of France, Guatemala & Peru. I also experienced a trip to Israel and Petra.

Recently, Mission Teens graduate Janet Downie and I attended *Restoration Ranch's* graduation banquet, 37 years later.

I have made amends with both of my parents and now I get an amazing privilege with a team to go share the love of Jesus in Uganda, Africa in September 2026.

I'm eternally grateful to the Lord our God and to Jim and Boydie Bracken and countless others.

To God be all the Glory, Honor, and Praise for what He has done and continues to do in our lives.

With Love,
Roselyn Ogbourne

I have known Rosie for almost 40 years. She is a beautiful ray of sunshine to every person she meets. Please pray for her mission trip to Uganda in September. Also, I'd like to ask you to pray for Victor Adair who, along with his wife Marian, head up Mission Teens' discipleship center in Ft. Lauderdale. Victor was badly injured recently by a falling tree. We all appreciate your concern and support.

Pat Masi



News from the Paganos

Dear Faithful Friends,

We are overjoyed to have experienced the celebration of 50 years in God's will serving the Lord together. It's hard to bring together all the incredible blessings and try to express our gratitude for each one; and all the times we were challenged to believe HIM and trust HIM in the trials that came our way. HE IS FAITHFUL. How wonderful it was to feel the love of many who know our story of how God brought us together, starting in 1973 when JoAnn arrived in Argentina!

We can't thank the Lord enough for each of you who so faithfully and lovingly give financially and give of your time to pray for us. You are such a beautiful blessing that only missionaries get to know. In the Daily Bread today we read Gal. 6:7-10. Warren Wiersbe said, "What we do with material things is evidence of how we value spiritual things". Thank you for your "spiritual and eternal vision" and for using what God has given you to enable us during 50 years to invest in eternity.

Please pray for our 2 churches for spiritual growth which will in turn show them the need to proclaim the Gospel.

Please pray for those who are parents, that they will understand their crucial role in instructing their sons and daughters.

Alberto & JoAnn Pagano are a missionary family with church plants in Blackwood and Vineland.
The Paganos currently reside in Barrington.

Please pray for Tito as he is scheduled for knee replacement surgery August 19, for patience till then.

Once again we thank you for being a part of our lives and ministry. We never take it for granted.

Gratefully in Him,
Alberto and JoAnn Pagano

thank you

Dear Members of First Presbyterian Church,
We want to thank you so much for your donation so we may continue to reach the hispanic community with the Gospel and regularly teach them the Word of God.
It is one of our greatest blessings to serve the Lord together for 50 years. God is faithful through the trials and challenges that makes us stronger in Him.
We appreciate your prayers that the Lord give us wisdom and direction. That He helps our 2 churches to grow in His grace and knowledge.

In Christ,
Alberto and JoAnn Pagano



The Paganos celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last month.

Supermarket Gift Card Program


Don't forget that we continue the Supermarket Gift Card program throughout the year! Please consider purchasing Shop Rite or Acme gift cards supporting IHOC. The gift cards come in amounts of \$25, \$50 and \$100 to either store. Acme & Shop Rite donate 5% to IHOC when you purchase a gift card. Contact Cheryl Hauske to buy a gift card or to learn more about this program.



July/August Newsletter Articles

Due on Thursday, July 2nd

Don't forget to send in your news, events & pictures by July 2nd!
(This newsletter will be distributed in mid-July.)



Tithes & Offerings

Use our PayPal Giving link:
www.fpchaddonheights.org/online-giving/
or scan the QR code to submit your offering when you're not able to attend worship.




PUZZL-EXCHANGE

Puzzles are located in Room 2!

Don't forget to pick up a puzzle (or two!) to work on at home, or drop off a puzzle that you've finished. The puzzles are in Room 2 and displayed on the shelves like books on a library shelf. Hope you enjoy them!

Church Directories

The 2025-2026 Church Directories are available in the narthex & church office. If you would like one mailed to you, please contact the office.







Please call or email the office if your contact info changes!

Pull-Tab Collection

Don't forget to save your pull-tabs (from cans of soda, soup, etc.) & place them in the tab container located in the narthex the next time you're at church. We inherited this project from the Collingswood Pres; all the tabs are donated to the Ronald McDonald House to support their mission.



Sundays after worship in the Parlor!

FELLOWSHIP hour







get connected!

ONLINE JOYS & CONCERNS OF FPC

Join our Facebook Group **Online JOYS and CONCERNS of First Presbyterian Church** to interact with your fellow church members, request prayers, or announce joyful praise. Use this URL to find the group (you must request to join as it's a private group):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/232637437886538/>

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2026 June

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SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	National Mail Polish Day  1	Friendship Circle, Covered Dish Dinner 6:30pm, in the Parlor  9	Zoom Bible Study, 11am 3	Chancel Choir 7:30pm 4		National Yo-Yo Day  6
Very Big & Deacons' Sunday Picnic Calvins Rehearsal-10:10am Worship - 10:30am 7			Zoom Bible Study, 11am 10	Music / Choir End-of-Year Picnic Dinner  11		National Sewing Machine Day  13
Chancel Choir-10:10am Worship - 10:30am Confirmation Sunday Two Cents a Meal Collection Pool Party, 1pm @ Haddon Glen  14	National Fudge Day  15		Zoom Bible Study, 11am 17		Village Playbox JUNETEENTH Concert; 6:30pm @ FPCHH  19	
Happy Father's Day  9:30 AM SUMMER AM WORSHIP 7 & Green Band Congregational Meeting for Program Reports, after worship 21	National Onion Rings Day  22		Pastor Eliza on Study Leave: Contact Marci Spiegle, Clerk of Session, in an emergency ...			National Sunglasses Day  27
... Pastor Eliza on Study Leave Worship - 9:30am Rev. Virginia Leopold Preaching 28	Pastor Eliza on Vacation ... National Darts Day  29		Men's Breakfast, 9am in the Parlor 24	Cleaning Supplies  25	SUMMER WORSHIP 9:30am JUN 21 THROUGH SEP 6	
Upcoming Events in July!	Haddon Heights Fourth of July Parade!		Saturday, July 4			



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