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"LET MUTUAL AFFECTION CONTINUE. DO NOT NEGLECT TO SHOW HOSPITALITY TO STRANGERS, FOR BY DOING THAT SOME HAVE ENTERTAINED ANGELS WITHOUT KNOWING IT."

HEBREWS 13:1-2

Last Sunday, our esteemed Stewardship Chair, Leslie Clark, began our 2026 Stewardship camp by donning wings and a halo. She reminded us: we have angels in our midst. Perhaps you won't wear your wings this Sunday ... but you are an angel in your support and service of the mission and ministry of FPCHH. As the author of Hebrews reminds us: when we show hospitality and welcome, we entertain angels.

In the next month, you will be hearing more about our Stewardship Campaign to fund our 2026 Faith Budget. We do understand that discussing money is a difficult task; however its vitally important. Faithful stewardship of our money is not just a necessity in running a church that we love, it is also a part discipleship in Christ.

Giving back to God a portion of the resources God gives us is a practice that dates back to the beginnings of the Bible. The Ancient Israelites practiced tithing, as we see in Leviticus 27:30: "All tithes from the land, whether the seed from the ground or the fruit from the tree, are the Lord's." This basically means that everything we own (yes, everything) belongs to God. Of course, God lets us use almost all of it, but in return God asks that we give a portion back. So we are called to give out of gratefulness for what God has already done for us. No matter what we have, large or small, we have a responsibility to be thoughtful, charitable, and even joyful givers.

As you faithfully consider your 2026 offering pledge, please also take some moments to look at how our proposed budget (sent via email) carries out our church's vision with your offerings. Your Session, Deacons, and Trustees take great care to wisely spend the monies you so thoughtfully give. Your offerings fund our mission projects, our worship, our music, our Christian Education Programs, keep our building a safe place to be, and faithfully pays our devoted and talented staff. As a church family, we are each joyfully responsible for creating a welcoming space, where God's worship, mission, and ministry can be done. You are a valued angel!

As you pray about your pledge, remember Paul's words: "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Eliza



From the Pastor's desk





EVERYONE IS INVITED

to join us after worship for
A.K.A. **ADVENT HAPPENING**

SPECTACULAR ADVENT WORKSHOP!



On **Sunday, December 7**, immediately following the worship service, we invite everyone to join us for a festive lunch together in the Social Hall. Due to its popularity last year, we'll be serving **soup and salad**, and we encourage everyone to start digging up your favorite recipes to share your soups or salads with your fellow attendees. *(Be sure to write down your recipe to share with others ... there were many requests for recipes last year!)*



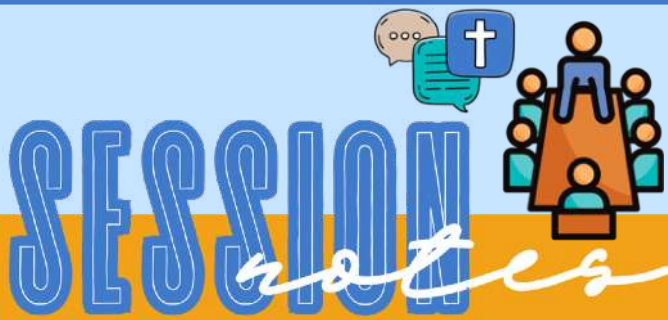
Following lunch, the children will be able to visit our many different stations including fun crafts, games, our Christmas Shop (where they can pick out small gifts for their parents and siblings), and a special one-on-one visit with Santa. While the children are rotating through their stations, interested adults can return to the sanctuary to sing Christmas Carols with our talented vocalists and musicians. The end of the event will culminate with goodies and punch in the parlor.

Please sign up on the poster in the parlor if you plan to attend (which will be available soon!), or simply call or email the church office, so we can plan for the number of attendees. This will be a wonderful day of good food, fellowship, music, and joy as we prepare to celebrate our Savior's birth ... you don't want to miss it!



SAVE THE DATE!





Elders Boundary Training

Our elders have been attending the PC (USA)'s mandated Boundary Training. The training covers topics like sexual misconduct prevention, child sexual abuse prevention, and the proper use of social media, power, and finances. Elders and pastors are required to take the training every 3 years.

New Music Set-Up Assistant

Duncan Fogerty (grandson of Nancy and Joe Wilk) has been hired as our church "Set-Up Assistant." He will be responsible for setting up and taking down the equipment used by the 7 & Green Band and the Covenant Ringers. Be sure to introduce yourself to Duncan when you see him!

Heights Library Christmas Tree

We are once again donating a Christmas tree to the Haddon Heights library's annual fundraiser. Ornaments are being made by our Sunday School students.



October 6th Meeting Notes

The deacons held a zoom meeting on October 6th.

- During the meeting we discussed how the pancake breakfast went and what we needed to do to improve the event.
- We are currently taking orders for personalized coffee mugs as there has been an influx in new members since our last order. We've had preliminary discussions with the trustees about having an additional rack installed in the kitchen for the mugs that will be delivered in the next few weeks.
- Our next meeting is set for November 23, at which time we will prepare the church for the holiday season.

Thanksgiving
COMMUNITY
WORSHIP

**TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 25
7:00PM**

*Join friends & clergy from
our area for this special
Thanksgiving worship service.*

Hosted by:
**First Presbyterian
Church of
Haddon Heights**
28 Seventh Avenue
Haddon Heights

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His love endures forever.
-Psalm 136:1*

**STEWARDSHIP
UPDATE**
... as of
October 7, 2025

**Offerings
Received** **\$242,257**

**Budgeted
Expenses** **\$291,168**



2026 Stewardship Campaign

Stewardship season has begun, and *It's a Wonderful Life!* This year our Stewardship committee asked, **what kind of angel are you?** There are so many stories of the 'angels' in our church who quietly stepped in to help someone in need ... each of us has experienced this God-sent help, and we have likely provided the same for others. Your pledge contributes to the work of this church in countless ways — it's not just money; it's a blessing on our church. Please be an angel and pledge now, so we can plan for next year.

Pledges can be submitted online (just scan the QR code to the right) or using the pledge card pictured below & located in the narthex. As always, your prayerful consideration toward your pledge is greatly appreciated. Thanks in advance from your Stewardship Committee.



Please **return this section** to the church office or to Leslie Clark, Stewardship Chair.

Envelope No. (if known) _____

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Financial Stewardship Commitment for 2026

Grateful for God's love in Jesus Christ, I (we) make the following commitment to support the mission of the church through our congregation.

\$ _____ per ☐ week ☐ month ☐ other: _____
(This commitment may be increased or decreased due to changing circumstances.)

☐ I (we) wish to receive information about giving through Estate Planning.

Our 2026 Stewardship Commitment



Keep this portion as a record of your financial stewardship commitment for the year of 2026.

My (Our) financial stewardship commitment

\$ _____

per ☐ week ☐ month ☐ other: _____
(This commitment may be increased or decreased due to changing circumstances.)



"But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift."

Ephesians 4:7

Personal Commitment Planner

Weekly amounts proportionate to income are shown in the adjacent chart, or you can use the Commitment Planner below to determine the amount of your gift based on a percentage of your income. Keep this portion for your records.

Proportionate giving decision: _____ %
(A)

Annual household income: \$ _____
(B)

Amount of annual gift:
_____ % $\times$ \$ _____ = \$ _____
(A) (B) (C)

Amount of bi-weekly gift: \$ _____ (C) $\div$ 26 = \$ _____

Amount of monthly gift: \$ _____ (C) $\div$ 12 = \$ _____

Amount of quarterly gift: \$ _____ (C) $\div$ 4 = \$ _____

Annual Income	Approximate Weekly Commitment Proportionate To Income						
	15%	10%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%
\$100,000	288.00	192.00	135.00	115.00	96.00	77.00	58.00
\$75,000	216.00	144.00	100.00	87.00	72.00	58.00	43.00
\$60,000	173.00	115.00	80.00	69.00	58.00	46.00	35.00
\$50,000	144.00	96.00	67.00	58.00	48.00	38.00	29.00
\$45,000	130.00	87.00	61.00	52.00	43.00	35.00	26.00
\$40,000	115.00	77.00	54.00	46.00	38.00	31.00	23.00
\$35,000	101.00	67.00	47.00	40.00	34.00	27.00	20.00
\$30,000	87.00	58.00	40.00	35.00	29.00	23.00	17.00
\$25,000	72.00	48.00	34.00	29.00	24.00	19.00	14.00
\$20,000	58.00	38.00	27.00	23.00	19.00	15.00	12.00
\$15,000	43.00	29.00	20.00	17.00	14.00	12.00	9.00

Christian Ed *update*

sunday school + bible study + nursery

Kids *update* sunday school

Our SS classes are in full swing and we're excited to enter this new season of inspiring our littlest *Superheroes for God* this fall!

We have three levels of classes: **Pre-K—2nd grade; 3rd—5th grade; and 6th—7th grade;** and we need all of our Adult Superheroes to volunteer! Everything for the class is prepared for you, and if you can commit to 2, 3, or 4 consecutive weeks, the consistency is great for our kids — but a single week helps, too. Sign up on the board in the Parlor, by scanning the QR code here, or clicking the link in your weekly e-News. Thank you!



Click here to volunteer for
Sunday School Sign Up
School Genius

Wednesday *update* on zoom adult bible study



Our Wednesday Adult Bible Study typically meets weekly on **Wednesday mornings at 11:00am via Zoom**

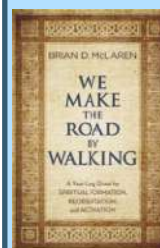
to share in fellowship & prayer from the comfort of their own homes. **They will be taking a short hiatus from their meetings for November**, but may be starting a new Advent study in December (stay tuned for more info regarding that study). Please Contact the office for more information & for the Zoom link to join.



Adult *update* sunday school

Our two Sunday School classes for adults began in September along with our children's classes.

The first class (in Room 2) is using **The WiredWORD™** *The Wired Word* curriculum, which chooses a weekly current event and analyzes how it relates to Scripture, while encouraging thought-provoking discussions on how we can apply God's word to our everyday lives.



The Faith Walk class, led by Pastor Eliza, (in the Nursery) is reading the book, *We Make the Road by Walking*, by Brian McLaren. The book provides insight on what it means to live joyfully & responsibly in today's world as agents of God's justice, creativity, and peace, with discussion questions designed to encourage meaningful conversation. All adults are welcome — we hope you'll join us for either class!

First Pres *update* YOUTH GROUP

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

We're excited to announce that our FPC Youth Group is liaising with FPC Haddonfield and Trinity Pres (Cherry Hill) to bring more opportunities for service & social activities to our youth. Information about the **Feed My Starving Children MobilePack** service project on **November 22**, and the upcoming summer mission trip, is all included on page 9.

They also have an upcoming social outing, a **Hayride & Bonfire at Springdale Farms on Friday, November 14, at 4:41pm (not a typo!).** More details to follow.

Please contact Laura Masi for more information about any of these upcoming events.



MISSIONS update

Thank You!

The Mission Committee asked a lot of the congregation during the month of October - contributing to the CROP Walk, and to the Peace & Global Witness offering, and donating lots and lots of breakfast items. We cannot thank you enough!



November Food Pantry Collection

Now, **Thank We All Are God!**

November is the month of thanks, and we give many thanks for our congregation which is generous and giving. This month we are concentrating on just 2 items: **stuffing mixes and instant potatoes**. Please help with providing these easy to purchase items for families who are thankful for anything they are given.



Stuffing Mix & Instant Potatoes

Walking to End Hunger

FPCHH joined in the CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 19, to help end hunger, one step at a time! Many thanks to their generous supporters.



Haddon Heights Interborough Ministerium

**ENDING
HUNGER
ONE STEP
AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK**

walk. give. change the world.

**TWO CENTS
a Meal**



**Next
Collection:
November 9**

Thank you for your coins and bills that are helping us 'change' lives. We collected \$127 on October 12th and that money was used to buy food for a local food pantry, Audubon Peer to Peer, which is a volunteer group that supports people in Camden County when they have food needs.

November 9 is our next **2 Cents a Meal** collection and we will use this money, in honor of Veterans Day, to purchase food for the Military Support Group. This group supports military families in New Jersey, as their spouses are deployed. Please give generously.

Christmas Poinsettia Orders

The Music & Worship Committee invites you to honor or remember a loved one this Christmas by dedicating a poinsettia in their name. Starting on Sunday, December 14, and remaining through Christmas Eve, the beautiful Poinsettia plants will grace the front of the sanctuary.



The dedications will be listed in our bulletin on Sunday, December 21, as well as on Wednesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve).

A donation of \$5.00 (*regardless of how many dedications you submit*) is suggested to help cover the cost of the plants.

To submit a dedication, please fill out the order form located on the following page (and available to pick up in the narthex, as well as included in your bulletin soon), and return it with your donation by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7**.

You can place your donation in the collection plate or mail it to the church office. Please write **"Christmas Flowers"** on your check or envelope and remember to **print ALL names clearly** so we can ensure the correct spelling in the listing.

You are welcome to take home one of the beautiful poinsettias after the Christmas Eve service is over.

Thanks from your Music and Worship Committee!

Sunday, Nov. 2

Daylight Saving Time Ends



**DON'T FORGET TO
SET YOUR CLOCKS
BACK 1 HOUR!**

VACATION

Pastor Eliza will be out of the office from
**Monday, November 3 through
Sunday, November 9.**

Please contact
**Marci Spiegle, Clerk
of Session, in a
pastoral emergency.**



Out of OFFICE

Please Note!
The Church office will be **CLOSED**
from **Tuesday, November 4
through Thursday, November 6,**
while both Pastor Eliza and Mary
are out of the office.

Mary Johnson will be on
vacation from
**Tuesday, November 4 through
Thursday, November 13.**

Office hours may fluctuate
during this time.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA

Order form

Please submit all dedications by **Sunday, December 7.**
Thank you for printing all names CLEARLY!

In **MEMORY** of:

Given by:.....

In **MEMORY** of:

Given by:.....

In **MEMORY** of:

Given by:.....

In **HONOR** of:

Given by:.....

In **HONOR** of:

Given by:.....

Your Name:

Phone Number: Amount Enclosed*:

*A \$5.00 donation is optional, regardless of the number of dedications you place. Thank You for helping to beautify our Sanctuary this Christmas!

Men's Breakfast

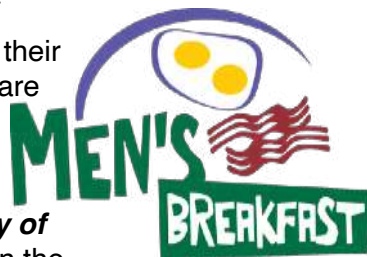
All First Pres men, and their friends and neighbors, are invited to the monthly Men's Breakfast gathering! We meet on the **last Wednesday of the month at 9:00am** in the church parlor.

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 gathering will be **Wednesday, December 3, at 9:00 AM** in the parlor.

(PLEASE NOTE the change of dates due to the Thanksgiving holiday - there is NO meeting in November!)

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!



Youth Group Collection

The Haddonfield Council of Churches is hosting the annual *Feed My Starving Children* (FMSC) food-packing event at Haddonfield Middle School.



Our Youth Group has **25 spots reserved** to help with this event on **Saturday, November 22 from 12:00 to 2:00pm.**

Join volunteers of all ages & backgrounds as they come together to help pack life-saving meals for those suffering from food insecurity. Scan the QR code here to register (or click on the link in your e-News). All youth, church members, friends and families are welcome to join in! Contact Laura Masi if you have any questions.



Youth Group Summer Mission Trip

We're excited to announce that our FPC Youth Group is liaising with FPC Haddonfield and Trinity Pres (Cherry Hill) to bring more opportunities for service & social activities to our youth. Along those lines, Haddonfield Pres is hosting a **Summer Youth Mission Trip in 2026** — they have currently fill all 50 spots, but they are opening up **4-5 additional spots for our youth (plus 2-3 adults)**. If you are interested, please let Laura Masi know ASAP. We're happy to announce that we are allowed to use funds from the Ella B. Chase fund (received from Collingswood Pres) to **cover 50% of your cost**, bringing the total down from \$600 to \$300!



Details are:

When: June 21-27, 2026

Where: West Virginia

(most likely; the specific location is TBD)

Who: Rising 9th graders — 12th graders (including 2026 graduates)

Cost: ~~\$600~~ \$300/person + addl. expenses



Scan the QR code for registration info or visit <https://asphome.org/about/> to learn more about the Appalachia Service Project organization.

Did You Hear What I Hear?



Many of us appreciate, and are inspired by, Pastor Eliza's sermons. We nod in agreement, chuckle and sometimes outright laugh, and silently give thanks to God for what we are hearing. But this doesn't apply to all us.

For some, hearing the sermons, and yes, even the whole service, is difficult even when the sound system and Eliza's voice are clear and can be heard by many. In the past, we have had hearing assist devices for those who had trouble hearing. Unfortunately, they were found to be incompatible with the new sound system. As a substitute, beginning November 16, copies of Eliza's sermons will be available at the sanctuary's doors each week. Should you be in need of a copy, please ask the Deacon on duty for one. A small caveat ... Eliza, for the most part, will be preaching from the sermon copy available, but keep in mind we all go off script occasionally and she is no different. We hope that having copies of the sermon available will allow everyone to "hear" the sermon. Thanks be to God!



Friendship Circle

the circle connection

Upcoming for Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle continues their study of *Let Justice Toll Down* by Patricia Tull. They gather on the 3rd Tuesday of the month and their next meeting is Tuesday, **November 18, at 9:30am** in the parlor. All women are welcome to join them for an enriching time of fellowship, food, and Bible lessons. They are usually finished by 11:00am.

What IS the Friendship Circle?

Below is some information about the events that the Friendship Circle hosts and the organizations they have supported over the years.

Kiva Loans

Since 2012, the Women's Circle of First Presbyterian Church Haddon Heights has provided \$14,875 in Kiva loans to women in underserved communities throughout the world. These women are entrepreneurs who need a little help to expand or improve their businesses. The loan is usually \$200. Although that appears to be a small amount, its impact can dramatically improve the recipient's business and life. Each recipient is expected to pay back the loan over time. In 13 years of providing Kiva loans, 98% of our recipients have paid back their loans in full. The Circle currently has four outstanding loans.

Thanksgiving Tea

Members of the Friendship Circle will host the annual Thanksgiving Tea after our worship service on Sunday, November 23. Join us for this special time of fellowship!

Coming Soon!

In January, the Friendship Circle will repeat what was a popular fundraiser: laundry sheets! These sheets replace your regular liquid or powder detergent, have minimal (paper) packaging and eliminate the need for us to recycle or discard millions of plastic bottles every year. And yes, they work!

Supporting the MudGirls

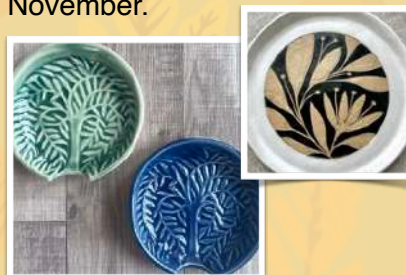
On October 18 our Friendship Circle co-hosted the Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering at the Haddonfield Presbyterian Church. Thirty women attended, coming from various churches in our Presbytery. Dorrie Papademetriou, founder of the MudGirls Studio in Atlantic City, gave an excellent presentation on the organization, which provides opportunities in art and entrepreneurship to economically disadvantaged and at-risk women by providing training in the creation of unique and beautiful ceramic pieces.

Joanne Erwin led the group in singing hymns, while Carole Leadbeater & MaryJane Lange presented the Thank Offering Dedication.



Members of the Friendship Circle attended the Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering at Haddonfield Pres.

Members of the Circle have voted to support MudGirls Studio in two ways: (1) Individuals may opt to order ceramic pieces for their own use and as gifts (If you are looking for that perfect Christmas gift or just want to treat yourself, a visit to their website is a must (www.mudgirlsstudio.org), and you will be contributing to this very worthwhile organization), and (2) the Circle will make a monetary donation to the organization in November.



Some pieces of pottery available from MudGirls Studio.

Additionally, any member of the congregation who wants to add to our monetary donation should contact Circle president, Nancy Wilk.

FROM OUR EARTH CARE COMMITTEE



"Recycling" Your Vegetable Scraps

by Nancy Wilk, for the Earth Care Committee



Don't Throw Away Those Vegetable Scraps!



When you're cutting and peeling your vegetables for a healthy lunch or dinner, don't throw away those scraps (unless you have a composting bin). You can simply put them in a gallon-sized (freezer-suitable) reusable container and stick them in the freezer. Easily add to the container until it is full, and then place the contents into 8 cups of water to make your own vegetable broth! Just make sure they are clean and not spoiled.

Do's and Don't's for Your Vegetable Scraps

Here are some general guidelines to follow:

Do's

- carrot scrapings
- celery leaves and tips
- brown onion skins
- garlic skins
- parsley stalks
- wilted thyme and other herbs (*the herbs that sit in fridge when you only needed two teaspoons and had to buy the bunch!*)
- green carrot tops
- parmesan rinds



Don't's (*these items may leave your broth bitter*)

- broccoli
- cauliflower
- brussels sprouts
- cabbage
- potatoes (*these are not recommended because the starch will turn your broth cloudy.*)

Strain the broth through a sieve, add seasoning, and enjoy!

Plus, you have saved the earth from some trash!

"Unmentionables" Need Your SUPPORT!

Unmentionables! Too often, they aren't mentioned or even thought of when we look to donate to people in need. In 2008, Bra Recyclers realized that not only weren't bras being donated but that they all too often ended up in landfills.

Bra Recyclers serves as a pipeline to shelters and high schools to get needed garments to women of all ages and needs. We can help! Throughout October & November, look through your "unmentionables" drawer and bring any no longer used bras (any style, any size) to the bin in the parlor. Fellas - we didn't leave you out! In addition to bras, they also collect NEW ladies' undies!

You can place any new undies (packaged/tagged, please!) in the bin as well, or donate to help us purchase these items for the group. Place your donations in the offering plate (checks payable to FPCHH & clearly marked UNMENTIONABLES fundraiser) or donate on our PayPal site using the QR code & selecting *Unmentionables* in the drop-down list. See Jenni Maienza with questions!



Supermarket Gift Card Program

As we enter fall and are reminded of how much we have to be thankful for please consider purchasing Shop Rite or Acme gift cards supporting the IHOC. The gift cards come in amounts of \$25, \$50 and \$100 to either store. Typically, 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.



NJ Immigration Discussion

On **Saturday, November 8**, from 10am to 12:30pm, the First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield (20 Kings Hwy E) will be hosting a discussion regarding "The Past, Present, & Future of Immigration in Southern NJ."

Speakers, discussion, and hands-on engagement to be included. Visit <https://www.haddonfieldpres.org/> for more information.



thank you

Church family,

Thank you for the ice cream social retirement reception, on September 21st, and the many cards, emails, texts and phone calls. A very special thanks to Charlie Rugge for her "masterpiece scribble". My appreciation to Tony Masi, Suzanne Ritter, Cheryl Hauske, Suzanne Lange and Mary Johnson, for your assistance.

It has been a long journey, starting with singing offertories and special music under the guidance of Howard Johnson, with Gale, and other members. It was time to take a much-needed deep breath. Of interest to note, is, when the original Praise Band played at private gigs, we were known as, the Green Street Band. Good luck to the 7 & Green band.

May the good Lord bless & keep you.
Sincerely,
Pete

To All at FPC Haddon Heights,

Thank you for your hospitality in letting us use your building. Our (retired pastors) luncheon was a huge success.

Special thanks to Mary and Tony for all your help.

Peace and Blessings,
Kathy Dain

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 Presbyterian Mission Committee; all the tabs are donated to the Ronald McDonald House to support their mission.



Village Playbox On Stage This Month

The Village Playbox is gearing up for their featured fall performance, the area premier of an original musical, *Showplace—The story of Steel Pier* (book, music & lyrics by Rob Kristie; directed by John Blackwell). This is a chronological musical story of the unique venue known as Steel Pier of Atlantic City, NJ. It blends both fictional and nonfictional characters along with historical data of this phenomenal showplace. It covers the Steel Pier history from 1925 to 1977. You'll feel like you are there! All shows at FPCHH.

Dates: November 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 & 22 @ 8PM
November 9 & 16 @ 3PM

Tickets: \$24.00 (\$2 discount for online tickets)
Seniors/Students: \$21.00
Children Under 12: \$12.00

Visit: <http://www.villageplaybox.org/>
for tickets & more info.

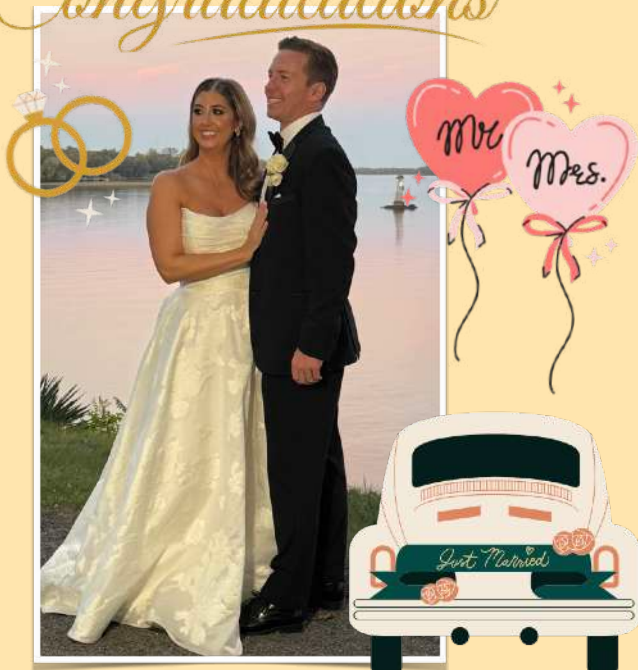


Congratulations, Amanda & TJ

Cheryl & Mark Hauske's daughter, and Suzanne Ritter's niece, Amanda Hauske, married Timothy Joseph Brown, on Saturday, October 18.

Please wish the happy couple congratulations & God's overflowing blessings on their marriage!

Congratulations



7 & Green Band Debut



The official debut of our new ensemble, 7 & Green Band, was on Sunday, October 12.



Pastor Eliza presented the children's sermon on October 12 about how the Psalms can provide us comfort in our greatest and joyous moments, as well as in our times of struggle and mourning.

October Classical Recital

On Saturday, October 18, our very own violinist, Bruce Erwin provided a free classical recital in our sanctuary. It was quite well-attended!



Memorial Garden Dedication and Service of Remembrance

On October 26 we concluded our worship service in the Memorial Garden for the official Dedication of the Memorial Garden, and a Service of Remembrance for All Saints Day.



UrbanPromise Adopt-a-Class Visit

Members of our FPCHH Missions Committee (Lois Maynard, Marci Spiegle, & Hal Wyckoff) visited our Kindergarten-1st Grade "adopted" class at UrbanPromise on Friday, October 12.



UrbanPromise





Mission Teens Update

Testimony Update ...

From Pat Masi: In September, when Shelby Peel was doing well at The Lion's Den Mission Teens center in Roscommon, Michigan, we shared her testimony in the FPC newsletter. However, much of Shelby's past was hidden from people and unconfessed to God. Her deep unwillingness to "come clean" led to behavior that caused her to be transferred to our center in Crossville, Tennessee. There Shelby had a spiritual break through in which she finally accepted the deep, deep love of God in Christ. At last she told the whole truth about the depth of the abuse she endured as a child and released the guilt and shame of her subsequent behavior which held her captive for years.

I am sharing Shelby's revised testimony for two reasons: firstly, because it shows how God uses Mission Teens to work in the lives of desperate people; secondly, to encourage us all to trust this God in our own lives. We can come to God just as we are and let Him do a deep cleansing work in us which will assure us that we are loved and forgiven and part of His family with gifts to share and a life to be lived! If you are interested in another miracle story from Mission Teens, her story is below.



Shelby Peel, while a resident at the Michigan Mission Teens Center.

My name is Shelby Peel. I am 40 years old, and I was born in Flint, Michigan. I grew up in Grand Blanc, MI with my mom, stepdad and younger brother. My biological dad never had custody of me because he went to prison for selling cocaine when I was little. When he got out, I was told he refused to take any drug

tests to be able to see me. I didn't know him well and he passed away when I was 15. I was molested from the age of 3 to 7 by a girl that was 4 years older than me, after that I "played" the same "game" she taught me with other kids that were close to my age. It made me feel dirty and I was way too young to be thinking about things like that, let alone doing them.

I was taught about Jesus by my stepdads' parents when I was 8 I believed in Jesus but thought I was going to hell because they told me that homosexuals go to hell. They tried to preach the full gospel to me, but I didn't understand repentance, and I had never told anyone about what happened to me. I felt condemned for years. I experimented with alcohol at the age of 8 and pot at the age of 11. I became an alcoholic as a teenager and was raped two different times while I was blacked out. I started using cocaine at the age of 18 so I wouldn't black out anymore. I met my ex-husband at 19, got pregnant at 20 and had my daughter at 21. I got married while I was pregnant with her. I cut back on the cocaine during this time but was smoking pot instead, I then had my son at 24. I was not faithful in my marriage and in 2011 I got divorced. I thought I wasn't happy because of my ex-husband, I now know that was not true. My life got progressively worse after my divorce. I always believed in Jesus, but I wasn't following him, instead I chased after drugs, sex, and men putting that in front of my relationship with God and my children. In 2016 my mom died of a heroin overdose, that was probably the hardest thing I have ever been through. Two months after she died, my ex-husband took my children away from me to protect them from my downward spiral. My addiction got worse, I started using needles, injecting different drugs, overdosing, and I was terrified that I was going to put my children through the same pain I was going through. I tried multiple secular rehabs, attempted getting sober many times, but Jesus was the only answer. In April of 2024, I went to the Lion's Den mission, I graduated and planned to stay for staff but got into trouble there, I didn't want to transfer somewhere else, so I just left instead. I relapsed 2 days after leaving. I went back to the Lion's Den on May 24, 2025, and got into trouble again. This time I took the transfer to Crossville Mission on August 13, 2025. I'm working on letting go of my past and becoming who God created me to be. I'm looking forward to letting God use me to help others who have been where I have. I surrender it all to him and trust that he will help me fulfill his purpose for my life.

December Newsletter Articles

Due on Thursday Nov. 20th



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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!

New Church Directory Available!

The new 2025-2026 Church Directory is available in print if you haven't picked one up yet; copies are available in the narthex and the church office. If you would like a directory mailed or delivered to you, please contact the office.

As always, please contact the church office if you have any updates or revisions to your contact information.



Sundays after Worship in the Parlor!

FELLOWSHIP *hour*



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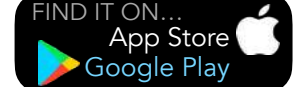
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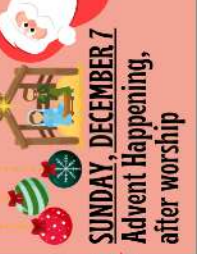
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Eliana Masi	2	Judy Durham	20
Cameron Morgan	2	Tony Logandro	20
Bruce Erwin	4	Nancy Wilk	20
Melissa Corso	6	Ed Trout	21
Suzanne Ritter	6	Kathy Antrobus	22
Ellen Oakes	7	Celena Myers	25
Donna Govan Gilden	9	Luca Colantonio	28
Maria Masi	11	Mike Rugge	28
Simon Jaremko	12	Chuck Maienza	29
Sean Remington	12	Don Hart	30
Ro Hudson	13	Matt Myers	30
Alyssa Davis	14	Allison Wood	30
Kyle Jaremko	14		



November Anniversaries

Dave & Brenda Masi	1
Nicholas & Louise Randall	3
John & Donna Duca	10
Kim & Jay Tran	14
Daniel & Amber Clark	17
Jim & Brenda Dromgoole	18
Melissa & Gus Corso	20
Corky & Patti Pawling	22

2025 November

SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
EVERY SUNDAY Worship @ 10:30am Fellowship Hour @ 11:30am	 November target item: Stuffing Mix (boxed or bagged) & Instant Potatoes	Election Day - Go Vote!  3	 5	Covenant Ringers 6:45pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm 6	Village Playbox, 8pm, FPCHH SHOWPLACE 7	Daylight Saving Time ENDS - Turn clocks BACK 1 Hour!  1
Sunday School for ALL ages-9:30am Bells Rehearsal, 9:30am Calvins-9am; Chancel Choir-10:10am Care & Memb Meeting, 11:30, Room 2 Membership Meeting, 11:30, Pastor Eliza's Study 2	 3	Veterans' Day - Office Closed  11	Session Meeting, 7pm in the Parlor 12	Covenant Ringers 6:45pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm 13	Village Playbox, 8pm, FPCHH SHOWPLACE 14	Village Playbox, 8pm, FPCHH SHOWPLACE 15
Sunday School for ALL ages-9:30am 7 & Green Band Sunday Two Cents a Meal Collection Village Playbox, 3pm, FPCHH SHOWPLACE 9	National Homemade Bread Day  17	Friendship Circle, 9:30am in the Parlor 18	DECEMBER Newsletter Articles Due Covenant Ringers 6:45pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm 20	DECEMBER Newsletter Articles Due Covenant Ringers 6:45pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm 20	Village Playbox, 8pm, FPCHH SHOWPLACE 21	Village Playbox, 8pm, FPCHH SHOWPLACE 22
Sunday School for ALL ages-9:30am Calvins-9am; Chancel Choir-10:10am Bells Rehearsal, 9:30am Friendship Circle Thanksgiving Tea in the Parlor, 11:30am 23	Thanksgiving Community Worship @ FPCHH, 7:00 PM  25	Men's Breakfast POSTPONED to December 3! 26	HAPPY THANKS GIVING Office Closed  27	Black Friday!  28	Village Playbox, 8pm, FPCHH SHOWPLACE 29	WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00 PM 
Sunday School for ALL ages-9:30am Calvins-9am; Chancel Choir-10:10am 30	Upcoming Events in December!  30	SUNDAY, NOV. 30 Advent Begins!  30	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3 Men's Breakfast, 9am, in the Parlor  30	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 Christmas Flower Orders Due TODAY!  30	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 Advent Happening, after worship  30	WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00 PM 



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