



¹ God said to me, "O mortal, eat what is offered to you: eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." ² So I opened my mouth, and God gave me the scroll to eat. ³ God said to me, "Mortal, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it." Then I ate it, and in my mouth it was as sweet as honey.'

Ezekiel 3:1-3



All superheroes need a good origin story. Peter Parker becomes *Spiderman* when he's bitten by a radioactive spider. Tony Stark becomes *Iron Man* when he creates a suit of armor to save his life. Bruce Wayne becomes *Batman* after his parents are killed by a villain, and he vows to stop crime. Diane Prince becomes *Wonder Woman* after winning a championship among the Amazonian people. Kal-El/Clark Kent becomes *Superman* when his spaceship crashes to earth.

The same is true for "**God's Justice League: the Prophets.**" Isaiah says "Here I am, send me" to God only after an angel with 6 wings touches his mouth with a red-hot coal. Jonah runs away from God's call and is swallowed by a whale. Amos experiences God's word in an earthquake. Micah is a rural farmer who sees a vision of a holy mountain. Ezekiel eats the actual Word of God, swallowing a scroll. Jeremiah protests to being a prophet so God's own hand reaches out to touch his mouth.

Whether they are serving God or the multiverse, a superhero's dramatic call story leads them to help people in need. We may not have been bitten by a radioactive spider or swallowed by a whale ... but we have had monumental experiences of faith. We've each experienced God in powerful ways (and just like those prophetic superheroes, in ways that are different from one another).

This Fall, we are walking alongside the Prophets to discover how we can dramatically serve our communities in our time, just like they did in theirs. Continue joining us in worship as we form our own 'Justice League' and impact our community together.

What will your origin story be?

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Eliza



From the Pastor's desk



Nothing to Report This Month!

September is somewhat of a transition month for our Session so there's nothing new to report this month.

Stay tuned for important news and notes from our Elders in our November *First Press Newsletter*.

2026 Stewardship Campaign Launches on October 19!

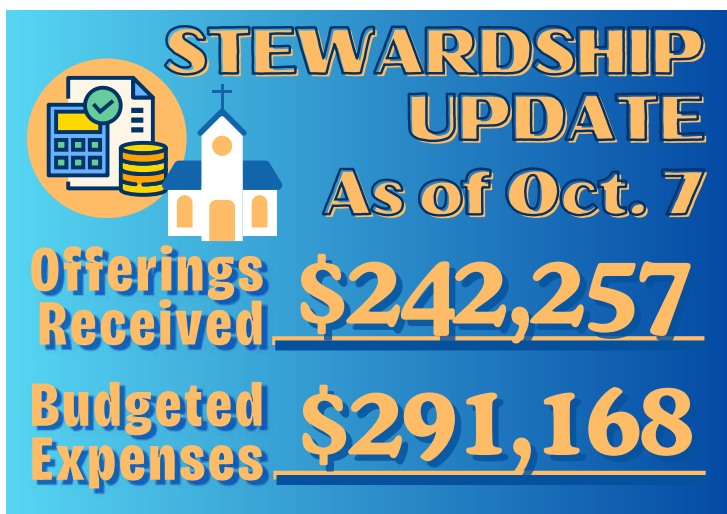
Yes, it's that time of year again: stewardship season is **descending upon us!** You have a whole month to **count your blessings** before we present our draft budget and ask for your prayerful consideration. The official launch was postponed and will be held on Sunday, **October 19 ... – for heaven's sake,** don't miss this exciting time!

Your Stewardship Committee

Can YOU guess the theme for 2026?



Thank you to everyone who donated their costume jewelry! (We have plenty!). The committee is now looking for small boxes or bags that they can use for packaging the donated jewelry for the kids. Look for a box or bag in the Parlor to donate your boxes or bags ... or give your items Suzanne Ritter. Thank you!





Christian Ed *update*

sunday school + bible study + nursery



Kids *sunday school*

Our SS classes are in full swing and we're excited to enter a new season 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 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, or by clicking the link below to sign up through SignUp Genius.



With appreciation,
Judy Wilson & the
CE Committee

Click here
to sign up!

Click here to volunteer for
**Sunday School SignUp
Genius**



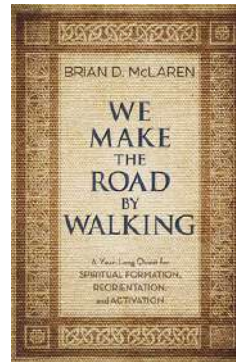
First Pres YOUTH GROUP

Our First Pres Youth Group holds social & service events for teens in grades 6-12 throughout the year. This year they are liaising with FPC Haddonfield and Trinity Pres (Cherry Hill) to bring more opportunities for service and social activities to our youth! We're thrilled to announce the upcoming **Summer Youth Mission Trip 2026** hosted by FPC Haddonfield. More details are included on **page 6** – read more there and contact Laura Masi with any questions or for additional info.



Adult *sunday school*

Our two Sunday School classes for adults began last Sunday. The first class (in Room 2) is using *The Wired Word* curriculum, which chooses a weekly current event and analyzes how it relates to Scripture, encouraging thought-provoking discussions on how we can apply God's word to our everyday lives.



The Faith Walk class, led by Pastor Eliza, meets in the Nursery and 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, & peace,

with questions designed to encourage meaningful conversation. All adults are welcome — we hope you'll join us for either of these Sunday School classes!



Wednesday *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 fall they began a new study called ***The Apostles' Future***. Contact the office for more information about what their new study topic will be, and for the Zoom link to join.





Thank You!

The Mission Committee is grateful for the boxes and bags of rice. Rest assured, it will be delivered to the food pantries we support and greatly appreciated.



Peace & Global Witness

Our Peace and Global Witness Offering was collected on **Sunday, October 5**. Thank you for your generosity toward peace in the world on **World Communion Sunday**.

If you would still like to contribute, there are envelopes are in the pew racks that you can use; just put your donation in the offering plate. FPCHH is able to keep 25% of the collection to use toward peace in our nearby communities.

It's Time to STEP Up!

Save the date for this year's CROP Hunger Walk, on **Sunday, October 12**, at 1pm. We'd love to get more registered walkers this year, so take a look at the website (or reach out to Patti Pawling) & consider signing up to walk with FPCHH. We'll meet at Logan Memorial Church in Audubon and begin the walk there following a similar route as in previous years.

target item this month. October

FOOD pantry

Cereal, Breakfast Bars, & Instant Breakfasts!

It's time to move on to helping families by supplying them with nutritious breakfasts. In October, we are collecting Cereal, Breakfast Bars and Instant Breakfasts. Please include these items in your shopping lists so we can help those who are food poor provide breakfast to their families.

TWO CENTS a Meal

In September we collected **\$93** for 2 Cents a Meal! This will be used to purchase cereal for Your Food Shelf in Camden.

Next collection: OCTOBER 12!

After worship on August 31, we packed:
 -270 Utensil packets for Cathedral Kitchen
 -110 cookie bags for Treats on the Street which are handed out to folks in Camden.

Thank you from the Mission Committee!

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 12

Haddon Heights Interborough Ministerium

ENDING HUNGER
ONE STEP AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK

walk. give. change the world.



Scan the QR code or click [here](#) to register to walk or support our Haddon Heights team in their walk to end hunger.

Friendship Circle This Month



The Friendship Circle meets on the third Tuesday of the month (Sept - June) at 9:30am in the church Parlor. We hope you can join them this month on **October 21**.

This fall they are reading and discussing the book, *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*, by Rhashell D. Hunter, which is part of the PW Horizons Bible Study series. All women are welcome to join them for an enriching time of fellowship, food, and Bible lessons. They are usually finished by 11:00am.



The Friendship Circle had a great turnout at their first fall September meeting.

Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering

The Presbyterian Women of PFSNJ is holding their annual Fall Gathering on Saturday, **October 18**, from 9:30am - 12 noon at First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield (20 Kings Hwy East). The speaker is Dorrie Papademetriou, founder of MudGirls Studios in Atlantic City. MudGirls Studios transforms the lives of women facing adversity, offering them training, employment, and guidance toward a path of self-sufficiency—using clay as their vehicle to change lives. Through their own creations and sales of functional art & aesthetic objects, these women gain a source of long-term supplemental income along the way.



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Join women from throughout our presbytery to learn about this local south Jersey program of hope and resiliency. Registration & light breakfast begin at 9:30am; all women & friends are invited. RSVP to Joanne Erwin.



Some pieces created in the MudGirls Studios program.



Men's Breakfast This Month

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 on **Wednesday, October 29, at 9:00am**. As always, please contact Rick Clark with any questions and to let him know that you are coming. Please call the office for his contact information if you don't have it.



At September's gathering, the men celebrated Joe Wilk's 80th birthday (on October 3)!

Custom FPCHH Mugs for Sale



The deacons are happy to announce that they are once again taking orders for your **personalized FPCHH coffee mugs**. The cost is still only \$10. If you don't have one yet, now

is your chance! There is an order sheet on the piano in the parlor. Please indicate on the order sheet what name you would like on your mug. Payment can be given to any deacon. Contact Bill Burrough with any questions. *Orders due by Sunday, October 12!*

Classical Violin Recital @ FPCHH

Bruce Erwin will be giving a violin recital on Saturday, October 18, at 3:00pm in our sanctuary. The program will include Bela Bartok's 2nd Rhapsody for violin and piano, Beethoven's Romance in F major, Tchaikovsky's Scherzo op. 42 and a couple of fiddle tunes. Come on out to hear our talented violinist!



Help Needed for Music Set-Up

We're

HIRING!



We need your help! If you could use a bit of extra money, please consider being our setup person for the new *7 and Green Band*. It's not a lot of heavy lifting ... mainly chairs & music stands. They practice on the Saturday before the Sunday that they perform, so they just need to be set up for rehearsal. The job also includes taking down the band's equipment, and periodically the bell choir's equipment as well. Pay is **\$50** for each set up & break down event. Contact the church office or Al Andrews for additional info.

First Pres YOUTH GROUP SAVE the DATE(S)!

Youth Group MobilePack Project

The Haddonfield Council of Churches is hosting a Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) food-packing event at Haddonfield Middle School on **Saturday, November 22**. Join volunteers of all ages & backgrounds as we come together to help pack life-saving meals for those suffering from food insecurity. More details and the link to register will be coming soon!

Youth 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, & our youth (and friends) are invited to join. Details are below (flyer coming soon):

- June 21-27, 2026
- West Virginia (most likely; specific location is TBD)
- Rising 9th graders—12th graders (incl. 2026 graduates)
- Cost is \$600/person + add'l expenses (only 50 spots!)



Scan the QR code for registration info or visit the ASP Missions website [here](#) for more info about their organization.

(Laura Masi, our Youth Group Director, has attended several mission trips starting in her high school years, and has firsthand knowledge of how "these experiences empower students, cultivate leadership, allow them to experience new cultures, and ignite a lasting passion for volunteerism.")

Boscov's Discount Shopping Day

Boscov's
"Friends
Helping
Friends"
discount
shopping day
is Wednesday,
October 22.



Start your Christmas shopping early at Boscov's **Friends Helping Friends** discount shopping day on **Wednesday, October 22**, from 8am - 11pm. Purchase a discount pass from Pat Masi for just \$5; use your pass for 25% off Boscov's lowest sale prices on everything in the store, or enter the discount code online for 25% off your online purchases. All profits from the discount passes go directly to support Mission Teens.

IHOC Dine & Discover Evening



IHOC will be holding an informational dinner gathering at FPCHH (in the Parlor) **this Tuesday, October 7** at 6:00pm. The gathering will give attendees the opportunity to

explore the questions and myths associated with homelessness and learn more about IHOC's new initiative. Contact Cheryl Hauske to see if there is still space open to attend.

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 and hands-on engagement will be included. Additional information available soon.



Mission Teens Update Testimony

My name is Tim, and I am from Bridgeton, NJ. I moved when I was 24 to Pennsylvania & Virginia. I have 6 kids and I was not much of a father. I was there. But that's about it. I was trying to find myself for many years.



I was in church when I was younger but strayed away. I got saved in 2003 and I knew God and He has always been close in my life but I felt that I had to experience life and that got me into the wrong things – a lot of dependence on drugs, women, people, money, etc. I got so lost that I forgot where I came from. My mom died and I came back home, 8 months before I came to the Mission. I was blindsided because I was there. I had a good job in PA. A house and sober living for God and I came back here with no plan.

I failed, became homeless and was eating out of the trash. I smoked crack and had no family, as they all turned on me. I was lost. On January 15, 2025 I was in Atlantic City, on a bridge, and I was going to jump, but God had other plans. He sent 2 men to talk to me and they pulled me down.

I was so angry. I wanted all the pain to go away. I had lived with all the physical and emotional stress of a life that I just wanted to end. Within a week, I met a lady who would change my mind. The Holy Spirit moved and I came to the Mission. It's not been easy, but God is the best healer.

Tim is graduating from the program and has accepted a transfer from Mission Teens in Norma, NJ to participate in the Staff Training program in Savannah, GA.

BEYOND THE PULPIT:

HADDON HEIGHTS SPIRITUAL LEADERS

Pastor Eliza was featured in the most recent publication of *The Heights Report*, as part of a new section called *Beyond the Pulpit*. If you haven't seen the article it's included below.

Reverend Eliza Cramer Jaremko Pastor of First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Eliza Cramer Jaremko has served as the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Haddon Heights (FPCHH) since 2011. Originally from the small town of Zelienople, PA (north of Pittsburgh), she felt immediately at home here in our beloved small town of Haddon Heights. Before moving to Haddon Heights, Pastor Eliza served as the Associate Pastor of Crossroads Church (a PC-USA Congregation) in San Antonio, TX and as the Pastoral Assistant at Bensalem Presbyterian Church, Bensalem, PA. She is a graduate of the College of Wooster (BA in English) and earned her Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. She is currently pursuing her Doctor of Ministry in Creative Writing and Public Theology from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. With a passion for writing, Pastor Eliza is working on a book of biblically-based historical fiction and a children's book on celebrating noises in worship. She is a contributor to the Presbyterian Outlook and writes on her personal blog "ReverendMama" about parenting in a beautifully chaotic world.

In her role as pastor of FPCHH, Pastor Eliza is proud to lead a friendly and diverse church where EVERYONE is welcome. FPCHH prides itself on inclusivity, respecting all voices, and a genuine care for those in need. With programs for adults and children of all ages, Pastor Eliza loves that there is a place for everyone to learn, grow, and participate in God's work. While the mission of FPCHH expands globally, much of the work of the congregation is focused locally, supporting organizations like Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council, Interfaith Caregivers, UrbanPromise, Your Food Shelf, local food pantries, providing school supplies to Haddon Heights students, and much more.

Besides leading mission work and teaching Bible studies, Pastor Eliza seeks to creatively explore the Word of God every Sunday morning in Worship (10:30am). This summer's sermon series matched up favorite board games like Clue, Monopoly, and Jenga with biblical stories like King David, Year of Jubilee, and The Tower of Babel. This Fall, Pastor Eliza's sermon series "God's Justice League: Prophets from Then for Now" will explore how to be superheroes for God in our own community.

News from the Paganos

"For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing."
2 Corinthians 2:15

We do trust this update finds you well and rejoicing in God's mercies every day.

The good news in Vineland is that a few weeks ago we saw 2 people place their trust in Christ for salvation. For some time we have been praying for a young lady, named Ericel. And you may remember Ruby's husband, Ramon!! Answered prayer, praise the Lord! We as a church have been praying for Ramon for at least 10 years. Ruby was a good example of a Christian wife.

In September JoAnn organized a ladies gathering. What a joy to sit under the teaching of the Word by our daughter, Anali



and Valentina also came. She shared from 2Corinthians. 2:15, the fragrance of Christ in our lives.

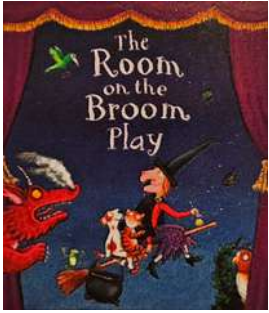
Alberto & JoAnn Pagano are a missionary family with church plants in Blackwood and Vineland.

The Paganos were previously supported by Barrington Presbyterian Church.

Thank you for loving us, thank you for loving God's work and being involved in our lives.

Love in Christ,
Alberto and JoAnn

On Stage for Village Playbox



The 2025-2026 season of the Village Playbox continues this month when *Giant Grasshopper Theatre* returns with their children's performance, ***The Room on the Broom***: a tale about a witch and her cat, who fly about the forest picking up

animal hitchhikers along the way. But with too much weight on the broom, they take a tumble and come face to face with a hungry dragon--and then real the fun begins! (There will also be an encore of last year's popular play, *The Gruffalo*!)

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the door or online.

SHOWTIMES:

Saturday, October 11
(at 1:00 & 3:00pm)

Sunday, October 12
(at 2:00pm)



Supermarket Gift Cards

IHOC Supermarket Gift Card Special!



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 Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council (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, **but for the month of October, IHOC will receive 10% of the amount of the gift card** (e.g. a \$100 gift card will generate a \$10 donation to IHOC). Contact Cheryl Hauske to buy a gift card or to learn more about this program.

thank you

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Tony and Pat Masi just want to say **YOU ALL ARE TERRIFIC!!!** Meals, cards, and faithful love and prayers have flowed in & around us.

FPC has amazing cooks and you tailored meals to Masi household tastes, everything from perfectly cooked meats, yummy potatoes and pasta, Hispanic classics, fresh veggies and salads, topped off by the occasional decadent dessert.

Pat has already regained (and more) the couple pounds lost to a pesky swallowing issue. Your prayers and loving thoughts are tangible evidence of family caring and are deeply appreciated.

Over the upcoming 12-18 months that it will take to see results as nerves slowly regenerate, we would ask for some ongoing prayers that the purpose of this surgery will produce the best possible outcome. There was a pinched nerve in Pat's neck plus a lot of arthritis that the surgeon addressed in order to stop further deterioration in hand function. We are hopeful for also regaining some of what was lost, although there's no guaranty. Meanwhile, we are happy and healthy and so glad to be part of this awesome church family!

Pat & Tony Masi

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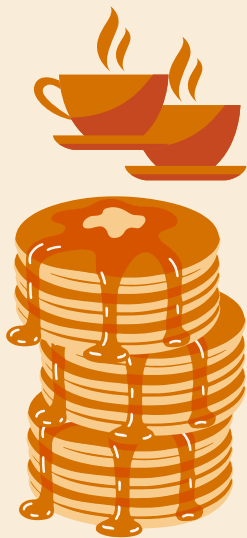
PUZZL-EXCHANGE

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!

Deacons' Famous Pancake Breakfast

September 7, 2025



Kids' Music Program Starting Strong!

Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music at FPCHH, shared the art of learning how to count and measure notes and rests in sheet music with our youngest musicians this fall.



Later in September, Mr. Chris started working with the kids on their chimes and bells skills, while continuing to guide them in how to read the music notes and rests.



FPC Sunday School Kick-Off!

On Sunday, September 14, we kicked off our 2025 Sunday School year with a fun morning filled with games, crafts, snacks, and lots of children hungry for God’s word, wisdom, and love!



Celebrating "Super Pete" Johnson

FPCHH gathered on **Sunday, September 21**, to recognize and celebrate Pete Johnson's years of service and leadership as the director of our Praise Band.





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/>

Tithes & Offerings

Did you know...
 You can use our **PayPal** giving link at www.fpchaddonheights.org/online-giving/

or scan this QR code to submit your offering when you're not able to attend worship?!




Pull-Tab Collection

Don't forget to save your pull-tabs (from cans of soda, soup, etc.) and place them in the "Tab Container" located in the narthex when 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.



November Newsletter Articles

Due on
Monday,
Oct. 20th

First Press

Don't forget to send in your news, events & pictures for the November 2025 Newsletter!

2025 Church 2026 Directory

Coming VERY Soon!

We apologize for the delay!
 The new 2025-2026 Church Directory is coming soon!



As always, don't forget to contact the church office to update your contact info if anything has changed.

October Birthdays

1.....Kate Russo
2.....Rami Bharadwaj
3.....Aidan Dromgoole
3.....Madelynne Dromgoole
3.....Lisa Vrooman
3.....Joe Wilk
8.....Alice Borden
8.....Grace Borden
10.....Mark Zimmerman
12.....Emily Hirt
12.....Michael Sabolcik
13.....Allie Klemash
14.....Owen Blair
14.....Pete Johnson
14.....Jack Powers
15.....Fred Heuser
15.....Margie Wendler
16.....Kyle Hauske
18.....Deborah Blackiston
18.....Tom Clarke
18.....Diane Gallagher
19.....Benjamin Breyer
19.....Polly Mitchell
21.....Gloria Swiecicki

22.....Jack Hagenbucher (Jr)
22.....Jeff Hudson
22.....Samantha Trout
24.....Staci Schoettler
25.....Donna Duca
27.....Justin Colantonio
27.....Patrick Cronin
27.....Stephanie Hirt
27.....Brian Spina
28.....Mike Bozek
29.....Bonnie Cole

29.....Jenni Robinson
30.....Melanie Diven
30.....James Dromgoole, IV
30.....Jonathan Kent
30.....Larissa Whitman
30.....Hal Wyckoff
31.....Vincent Collotti, Jr
31.....Brian Zobel

October Anniversaries

5.....Bill & Karen Reeves
16.....Erin & Evan Menkevich
20.....Ed & Terri Trout
29.....Fred & Lorrie Heuser

SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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7 & Green Band Sunday Two Cents a Meal Collection Sunday School for ALL ages-9:30am Worship - 10:30am	 Office Closed		Zoom Bible Study, 11am	Covenant Ringers 6:45pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm	National Pasta Day 	Presbyterian Women FALL GATHERING 9:30 AM @ First Pres-Haddonfield 
Crop Walk: Logan Memorial, 1pm  Calvins & Cherubs-9am Sunday School for ALL ages-9:30am Chancel Choir-10:10am Worship - 10:30am	NOVEMBER Newsletter Articles Due	Friendship Circle, 9:30am in the Parlor	Zoom Bible Study, 11am 	Covenant Ringers 6:45pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm	National Bologna Day 	Bruce Erwin Recital 3pm @ FPCHH
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