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"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

– Matthew 18:20

In 1901, the area that is now Haddon Heights, NJ (officially incorporated in 1904) was a growing community. The farms of the 19th Century (many which dated back to the 18th Century) were being converted to subdivisions away from the smoke and noise of the cities of Philadelphia and Camden. Many new communities had sprung up along the Atlantic City railroad line, which ran parallel to the White Horse Pike. Haddon Heights - alongside the communities of Woodlynne, Oaklyn, Collingswood, Westmont, Audubon, Barrington, Magnolia, Hi-Nella, and Laurel Springs – grew up along the rail line and became popular commuter suburbs for residences and small businesses.

In 1900, Philadelphia Presbyterians who had moved to Haddon Heights began a petition to establish a Presbyterian Society for these new residents.

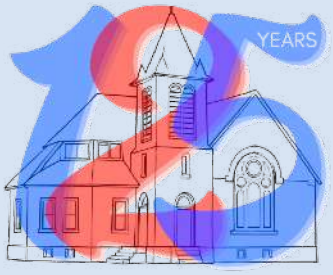
On November 18, 1901, eight men and women who sought to organize the church met at a home on 4th and Green and recommended the church be established.

On November 30, 1901, a motion was officially approved to merge the Haddon Heights Presbyterian Society into the First Presbyterian Church of Haddon Heights and bylaws were drawn up and approved.

Douglas McVarish writes in his history of the church: "The lot on which the chapel, and eventually the church, would stand was sold by Helen V. B. Haines of Camden to Henry Gossert and William J. Maynard on November 14, 1901 for $240. Two days later, before the official establishment of the church, the lot was conveyed to the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Haddon Heights for one dollar." (All historical information above comes from Douglas McVarish's *History of First Presbyterian Church, Haddon Heights* which will be published and available to you soon).

This November 2026, we mark 125 years since the faithful Presbyterians of 1901 established a worshipping community here at the corner of 7th and Green. We hope you can join us for two special celebrations this month to honor the ministry and service done in God's name in the last 125 years.

On November 1, we gathered for a celebratory brunch at Tavistock Country Club (see pictures from this gathering on page 11).



On November 15, we will celebrate a special worship service, designed on the very first worship service held in our sanctuary from 1902. Our worship will include music from our choirs, and will welcome special guests from among our former pastors and the moderator of the Presbytery *For* Southern New Jersey.

I am excited to celebrate our church family's heritage and history with you, as we look ahead together at the future God has in store for us.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Eliza



From the Pastor's desk

Take a Trip Down Memory Lane with the Stewardship Committee

We kicked off our 2027 Stewardship Campaign last month with a journey down memory lane, reminiscing about all the crazy themes from the past. We may not have surprise costumes or crazy skits this year, but we still need your support. The 2027 Budget & a letter from our Stewardship Committee was distributed via email last month, and can be found on our website at https://fpchaddonheights.org/online-forms/stewardship-2027.



There are several ways to submit your pledge:

- Fill out a pledge card (available in the narthex & pew backs) & return it to Leslie Clark or to the church office.
- Scan the QR code here to submit your pledge online.
- Visit our website at the link above to print your own pledge card.
- Submit your pledge via email or verbally directly to Leslie Clark.

There's a reason our church is celebrating 125 years in good financial and spiritual health, and that reason is YOU. We're grateful for many years of faithful congregational support of our annual budget. Help us continue making memories by pledging toward our 2027 budget today!

*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 2027

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 2027 Stewardship Commitment



KEEP THIS PORTION as a record of your financial stewardship commitment for the year of 2027.

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:

_____% (A) ✕ $_____ (B) = $_____ (C)

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

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

Amount of quarterly gift: $ _____(C) ÷ 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





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 13, 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 20, as well as on Thursday, 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 6.**

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.

Thanks from your Music and Worship Committee!



Christmas Poinsettia order form

Please submit all dedications by **Sunday, December 6.**
Thank you for printing all names CLEARLY!

In MEMORY of: .....

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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!



Pancake Breakfast Offering

The Goodwill Offering at the Pancake Breakfast yielded $343 which will be given to the Urban Promise food co-op. Thanks, Deacons for a great job!

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Teachers are still needed for the Sunday School classes.

November 15 Anniversary Celebration

After our special Anniversary Celebration worship service on November 15th, we will then celebrate with cake. Thanks, Fellowship Committee!



Ella B. Chase Memorial Fund Is Open for Applications



One of the blessings that Collingswood Presbyterian Church members brought with them when they joined with First Pres is a fund that had been set up in the 1950s in memory of Ella B. Chase. This is a restricted fund that is only available for education-related purposes. Some examples of these are:

- Financial assistance for a person seeking college, seminary or theological training in preparation for devoting his or her full time to Christian service.
- Prizes or grants to Sunday school members for essays or other achievements.
- Payments to a speaker or speakers not on the pulpit supply list to lecture on aspects of practical Christianity or religious education.
- Grants to attendees of mission work or summer religious camps.
- Other educational purposes the committee deems qualify under the terms of the trust.

The committee which presides over the use of the memorial fund consists of the pastor, president of the Trustees, clerk of Session, a member of the Christian Ed committee, and a member of the Finance Committee. Applications are available for any individual or group seeking funds that qualify under one of the above-listed conditions, or another education-related and committee-approved use.

Contact the church office for an application, go to our website at https://fpchaddonheights.org/online-forms/ella-b-chase-fund/, or scan the QR code here for a form that can be completed and submitted online.

If you have any questions about filling out the application, or about an intended use, please contact Leslie Clark or any member of the Finance Committee.

Christian Ed update

sunday school + bible study + nursery

kids sunday school

Follow Me — Biblical Practices for Faithful Living

Our Sunday School year is continuing strong & we're looking forward to a fruitful year ahead!

Teachers Needed!

We always need volunteers to teach the PreK-2nd & the 3rd-5th classes. Everything is prepared ahead of time for you - we just need an hour of your time for our littlest disciples. Sign up to teach on the board in the Parlor. Contact Kathy Mullan for more information.

Sunday School Snacks Needed!

We're going through our collection of snacks for the Sunday School kids quickly, so we're in need of some snacks and drinks for the kids on Sunday mornings. Any prepackaged pretzels, cookies, granola bars, crackers, juice boxes, etc would be greatly appreciated. They especially enjoy Capri Sun, Sun Chips & Goldfish crackers! Thank you!



Wednesday on zoom adult bible study



Our Wednesday Adult Bible Study began meeting again in mid-September. They meet weekly at 11:00am via Zoom, sharing in fellowship & prayer from the comfort of their own homes.

They're continuing their study series on the book of Revelation. Please contact the office for more information or for the Zoom link to join the study online.



Adult sunday school

Our adult Sunday School classes continue meeting at 9:30 AM throughout the year. The first adult Sunday School class, meeting in Room 2, is using *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, *For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional,* by Hanna Reichel,



which provides a thoughtful framework for discernment rooted **in** scripture, historical wisdom, and the core commitments of Christian faith. All adults are welcome — we hope you'll join us for either class!

nursery



Our nursery is open and staffed by two adults each Sunday for our little worshippers in kindergarten and younger during the service.

Please reach out to one of our Deacons on Sunday morning for assistance in locating our nursery or for any other information you may need.



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. Please see page 8 (or Laura Masi) for information about the 2027 Summer Youth Mission Trip.

MISSIONS update



Missions Collection for November:

Stuffing Mix & Instant Potatoes!



There was so much going on in October with the Mission Committee and we are grateful for your support for the CROP Walk (thanks Patti & Ellie for walking), the World Communion offering and donations of cereal bars, cereal and instant breakfast.



In comparison, November is an easy month. We are collecting Stuffing Mixes (boxed or bagged) and Instant Potatoes. Thanksgiving is approaching and while some food pantries supply a turkey to their clients, they don't always get the side dishes. Your contributions will help with that.



Next Collection: *To be Determined…*

Thank you from the Mission Committee!

October was a month of lots of *Change*! Our collection was $145.16 and this money was used to buy rice for Betel De Casa Church on Nicholson Road in Audubon. They have a food distribution site, once a month, and they service 150 clients. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!





Sunday, October 18, 2026

walk. give. change the world.

We did it! Patti Pawling & the Crop Walk team raised **$1,320** to "End Hunger, One Step at a Time."
Our thanks to Hal Wyckoff for sitting at our church to hand out water and granola bars to the walkers.



FPCHH & Logan Memorial Crop Walkers: Meg and Grace Murray, Dave Hancock, Patti Pawling, Carol Nygren, & Betsy O'Hara

Friendship Circle

Friendship Circle, a part of the Presbyterian Women, meets on the third Tuesday of the month (Sept - June) at 9:30am in the church Parlor for an enriching time of fellowship, food, and Bible study. This fall they will be reading and discussing the book, *Senior Saints.* Their next meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 17 at 9:30am** in the Parlor. Sharon Cole will bring refreshments and Joanne Erwin will lead Lesson 3: *Building a Godly Heritage* (Psalm 90). All women are welcome to join us for an enriching time of fellowship, food, and Bible lessons. They are usually finished by 11:00am.

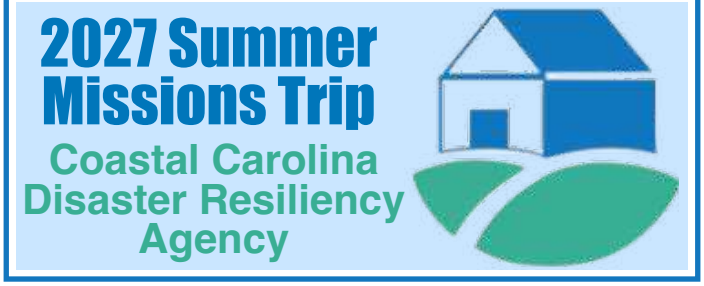
Fall Clothing Collection



As we are 'falling' into November, please think of others as you change to sweatshirts and warmer jackets. Cheryl Hauske will be collecting sweatshirts, sweatpants and jackets of all sizes for *She Has a Name* & *Joseph's House*. If you have any of these cooler weather items, place your items in Room #2 with a note attached stating they are for *"She Has A Name"*. Thank you!

2027 Summer Mission Trip

We have an opportunity to join Haddonfield Presbyterian Church again this summer for the Summer Mission Trip in New Bern, North Carolina, from July 11–17, 2027. The group will be working with Coastal Caroline Disaster Resiliency Agency (CCDRA), a disaster relief organization who will coordinate all activity at the worksites. ***They are looking for adult volunteers to attend the trip as well.*** The cost is still being determined. Please see Laura Masi with questions or for more info.



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 2, at 9:00 AM** in the parlor. ***(PLEASE NOTE:*** *due to the Thanksgiving holiday there is* ***NO meeting in November!)***

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. Hope to see you there!

Christmas Card Collection



The Care Committee is looking for any unused Christmas cards from last year that you are no longer using. Please give them to Cheryl Walmsley or bring them to the church office. Thank you!

2026-2027 Church Directories Available



The 2026-2027 was distributed to our members and friends in September via email. If you didn't receive it, please contact the church office. Printed copies are available in the narthex and church office. Please contact the office if you need one delivered to you.

Vacation and Office Hours



Pastor Eliza will be out of the office from Monday, November 2 through Sunday, November 8. Please contact the office, or Marci Spiegle, Clerk of Session, when the office is closed. Rev. Rachel Sutphin from Hammonton Presbyterian Church (609-561-0168) is on-call for pastoral emergencies during Pastor Eliza's absence as well.



Mary Johnson, office admin, will be out of the office on Thursday, November 12. Office hours may vary during this time.

Advent Devotionals Available Soon



This Advent we will have devotionals available that feature scripture & commentary, poetry & art, and reflection prompts. This devotional aligns with Pastor Eliza's Advent Sermon Series by *A Sanctified Art*©: "What Do You Fear? Insisting on Hope This Advent."

In Luke's Gospel we see that Jesus' story began in a fearful world, filled with oppression, disparity and uncertainty … often much like our own. However, throughout the story of Christ's birth the angels deliver a recurring message: "Do not fear."

This Advent series takes seriously the angels' message and trusts that Christ's birth truly is good news of great joy for all people. The series looks closely at the fear and terror looming in the background during the time of King Herod and invites us to consider the fears we hold now. Fear can divide and paralyze us, and even be used as a tool for oppression. What if naming our fears helps us see more clearly how God is breaking in and where God is at work? This series gently invites us to identify where fear is present—both in the Advent story and in our lives—while also finding our way toward hope, with the angels' voices in our ears. We hope you'll join us as we embark on a journey to find hope by trusting that God's good news is greater than our fear.

Why Buying Acme & ShopRite Gift Cards Is a GOOD Idea!



For a few years now Cheryl Hauske has been selling gift cards to ShopRite and Acme. This is a fundraiser for IHOC, as the organization gets **5% of every card sold**. Anyone who shops at either of these stores should take advantage of this opportunity to support IHOC.

- If you generally pay cash for groceries, give the cash to Cheryl and get gift cards to use instead. It's an easy switch. You spend the same amount but now you are also helping IHOC.
- If you usually pay for groceries with a credit card then pay off your credit card balance each month, please rethink that habit. Most credit card companies charge a 3% fee to the grocery store. In effect, you are "donating" 3% of your purchases to the credit card company. Buying gift cards instead means you're donating 5% of your purchases to IHOC. What a blessing! And again, there's no increased cost for you.

For example, **every $100 gift card = a $5 donation**. When enough people keep buying gift cards the totals add up to a generous amount of money. Yet, no one spends a single cent more on groceries they are already buying anyway.

Consider giving your grocery buying habit a makeover and make a difference!

Pull-Tab Collection Update



Our church members & friends donated **over 25 lbs. of pull tabs** (yes, you read that correctly) to the Ronald McDonald House in Camden (from cans of soda, soup, etc.). We didn't count the pull tabs but you all know how light they are so it took A LOT of them to make up 25 lbs!!

We began participating in this project when our friends from Collingswood joined us and Lorrie Heuser brought this project to our Mission Committee. The collection bucket is located in the Green Street narthex so please continue to collect these tabs & ask friends and family to join us in collecting these for this important project.

—The Mission Committee

Village Playbox On Stage This Month

The Village Playbox brings the main stage to life as they kick off their featured performance, *The Philadelphia Story*, on Friday, November 6. *The Philadelphia Story* is a classic 1940 romantic comedy directed by George Cukor. It follows a wealthy, self-willed socialite named Tracy Lord on the eve of her second marriage to a dull, self-made businessman . Her plans go awry when her sarcastic ex-husband and an undercover tabloid reporter crash the weekend. All shows are held at FPC in the Social Hall. Visit http://villageplaybox.org/tix/checkoutmainstage.htm to purchase tickets.

When: Friday & Saturday,
Nov. 6 & 7; 13 & 14, 20 & 21 @ 8:00 PM
Sunday: Nov. 8 & 15 @ 3:00 PM

Tickets:
General Admission: $22.00 ($20 Online)

Seniors/Students:$19.00 ($17.00 Online)

Child Under 12:$10.00 ($8.00 Online)

Calvin Choir Continues to Grow

The Calvin Choir, led by Chris Thomas, continues to grow in participation. Rehearsing on Sunday mornings at 9:00am, they are increasing their musical knowledge, while building friendships and camaraderie amongst their friends and peers. *Are you a youth in second through sixth grade?* Contact the office for information on how you can join this growing ensemble!



Congratulations Abby & Luke!

Abby Burrough, daughter of Bill & Sue Burrough, and co-director of our Nursery and Christian Ed, married Luke Steplewski on Saturday, October 10. Please join us in wishing the happy couple God's overflowing blessings on their new life together!















Memorial Garden Dedication and Service of Remembrance

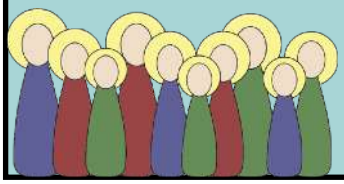
On Sunday, November 1, we concluded our worship service in the Memorial Garden for the dedication of the garden, and a Service of Remembrance for All Saints Day.













Anniversary Brunch

On **Sunday, November 1**, we celebrated our 125th Anniversary with a church-wide brunch at Tavistock Country Club.

Polly Mitchell has shared an album of pictures from the afternoon of celebration. You can access the pictures from the brunch by clicking the link in your November *First Press* Newsletter email.
(For the privacy of our members & friends, we are not publishing the link here since our newsletter is posted publicly.)

Many thanks to our Anniversary Committee for their time & dedication in planning & coordinating this amazing event for our church family:

- *Sharon Cole, Chair*
- *Phyllis Bozek*
- *Suzanne Ritter*
- *Marci Spiegle*
- *DJ Volk*

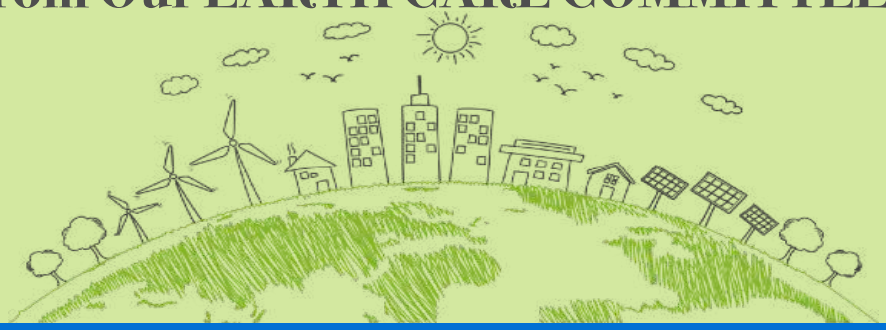




On behalf of the celebration committee & those who were fortunate enough to attend the brunch on Sunday, many, many thanks to the performers who contributed to a wonderful event. We so appreciate the joy provided by Lee Whitaker, Friendship Circle, Fred Heuser, Men's Breakfast, and our terrific emcee, Rick Clark. Also a huge thank you to Jack Powers for putting together the slide show which was so fun to watch.

Please join us on Sunday, November 15, as we celebrate our 125th Anniversary with a special worship service, including participation & messages from former pastors.

From Our EARTH CARE COMMITTEE...



A REMINDER: LOOK FOR ITEMS MADE OUT OF RECYCLED MATERIAL

by Polly Mitchell for the Earth Care Committee

Quite recently, a friend replaced his side porch. The new porch, railing and steps looked beautiful, but I couldn't quite identify the material. Although both the deck and the steps look like wood, they were actually made of a kind of plastic.

I learned that the deck and steps were made from recycled plastic and reclaimed wood, wood that comes from waste products or byproducts of other industries such as flooring and cabinet manufacturing. (One common brand name of this wood-alternative product is Trex, an American company that — according to its website — has recycled more than 5 billion tons of plastic film.)

There are several benefits of using this recycled/reclaimed material:

- the porch is almost maintenance-free,
- the material lasts for a very long time, and
- the home owner and the manufacturing company have both contributed to important steps in the circle that is recycling.

In an effort to conserve natural resources and reduce waste, American families have taken the **first step in the recycling circle** by dutifully separating their recyclables from their trash. The **second step** occurs if/when companies actually use some of these materials in manufacturing. The **third step** occurs if/when consumers intentionally seek products made from recycled materials.

I did a little research into the other kinds of things that we might see on store shelves that are made from recycled materials:

- All kinds of bottles
- Garbage bags
- Reusable shopping bags
- Party favors and goodie bags
- Toys
- Tablet and laptop cases
- Kitchen cabinets
- Indoor and outdoor furniture

Look for these recycling logos:



Let's remember to look for one of the logos above on our next shopping trip!

Mission Teens Update

Crossville, Tennessee Directors Visit NJ

We are so blessed to share that our Directors, Travis and Cassie McArthur, had the opportunity to join the directors and extended Mission family at the New Jersey Mission Teens Banquet! What a beautiful time of celebrating what the Lord is doing in the lives of these graduates.



Isabel (Boydie) Bracken, co-founded Mission Teens with husband, Jim, in 1969



Travis & Cassie McArthur

Congratulations to all of the graduates! Your time at the Mission is truly just the beginning of your new life with Christ. We pray that you continue to surrender to Him, follow His direction, and allow Him to use your life for His glory. The work God has started in you is only the beginning!

Beyond the graduation celebration, Travis and Cassie were blessed with several days filled with fun, fellowship, great food, laughter, and so many blessings from our extended Mission family.



Crossville, Tennessee Labor Day Event

What a blessed Labor Day here at the Mission! We are so thankful for a day filled with hard work, laughter, fellowship, good food, and time spent together as a Mission family. There is something so special about working alongside one another and being able to enjoy the fruits of our labor together!





We are incredibly thankful for every person who works, serves, & pours into this work. Every job, every task, & every helping hand has an impact on our household. Most of all, we thank the Lord for giving us the strength, opportunity, & ability to serve Him and one another each day.





From Pat Masi ...

Thank YOU!

A BIG THANK-YOU to all of you who purchased the $5.00 discount passes to use on Boscov's Friends & Family Day in October. 100% of your donations went to help fund the Mission Teens program. (By the way, we don't accept donations from federal agencies or religious denominations. We rely instead on gifts from individuals & many churches who are sympathetic to the work we do.) You can learn more at missionteens.com.

A Loving Avenue for Re-Gifting

We are collecting new and gently-used gift items for our residents and staff to gift to their families. Items can be for any age from babies to grandparents! Our Ladies Auxiliary will wrap the gifts; we can use tissue paper, gift bags, tags, & tape in particular, but any wrapping supplies are helpful. **Please bring in your gift donations no later than Saturday, Dec. 5.** If you would like to bless our hardworking staff, you can donate at our website (https://www.missionteens.com/) or checks can be made out to *Mission Teens* and given to Pat or Tony Masi by December 24. Unlike most non-profits, our staff members don't receive a salary, but are blessed by any donations marked "Staff.") When I first began serving with Mission Teens in 1971 there was just one center which had grown out of Sunday night prayer meetings in the Bracken's home. Today we have just under 500 residents and staff in our 21 residential centers across the country. Look what the LORD has done!

News from the Paganos

The Blackwood group has been meeting together on Sundays with the church that our daughter Andrea and her husband, Sergio lead. We could sense God's clear direction and guidance to officially join with the church, La Verdad. Sergio for several years has helped our church and now we will serve and help him in their church. Tito will of course continue preaching, teaching and discipling together with his son-in-law. What a blessing. Changes are not always easy, but sometimes they are necessary. Please pray all will make this change and will be able to accept what God has for us in the future. We are praying that it will become a stronger church, as it increases in number and that the love and Christian bond will be experienced by each member.

We would appreciate continued prayers for Tito's complete recovery from his knee replacement, although we are aware that it will still be a few more months. He was grateful and felt so good to be back preaching this past Sunday! The church in Vineland has been doing great even through the pastor's absence. Willy and Robert (a retired missionary we knew in Argentina and now lives in Vineland) have been sharing the Word which has been a blessing.



This is the little baby we mentioned in the last letter that he had to have open heart surgery, Emaunuel. He is doing much better now but continues to be seen at the children's hospital. His parents Usvaldo and Claudia have been faithfully attending church and last Sunday brought another couple. Continue to pray for their spiritual growth.

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

The Paganos currently reside in Barrington.

THANK YOU for being in our lives. Please be assured that we are NOT retiring...yet. Thank you for caring for us and our needs, as we strive forward joyfully, to continue the race that God has set before us. May God richly bless you, our dear friends.

In His Love,
Alberto & JoAnn



IHOC Top Golf Fundraiser



Contact Suzanne Ritter for more information.

December Newsletter Articles

Due on Friday, Nov. 20



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 2026-2027 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 November

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SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
EVERY SUNDAY Worship @ 10:30am Fellowship Hour @ 11:30am	November Food Pantry **target item:** **Stuffing Mix (boxed or bagged) & Instant Potatoes**					Daylight Saving Time ENDS – Turn clocks BACK 1 Hour!
Sunday School for ALL ages-9:30am Bells Rehearsal, 9:30am Calvins-9am; Chancel Choir-10:10am Worship - 10:30am Brunch @ Tavistock, 12noon - 3pm **1**	Pastor Eliza on Vacation: Contact Marci Spiegle, Clerk of Session, in an emergency. **2**	Election Day! Don't forget to Vote! **3**	**4**	Covenant Ringers 6:45pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm **5**	Village Playbox, 8pm, FPCHH **6**	7 & Green Rehearsal, 11am Village Playbox, 8pm, FPCHH **7**
Pastor Eliza on Vacation Cherubs-9am; Sunday School for ALL ages-9:30am Worship - 10:30am 7 & Green Band Two Cents a Meal Collection Village Playbox, 3pm **8**	National Scrapple Day **9**	**10**	Veterans Day Session Meeting, 7pm in the Parlor **11**	Covenant Ringers 6:45pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm **12**	Village Playbox, 8pm, FPCHH **13**	Village Playbox, 8pm, FPCHH **14**
Calvins & Cherubs Rehearsals-9am Sunday School for ALL ages-9:30am Chancel Choir-10:10am 125th Anniversary Worship Village Playbox, 3pm, FPCHH **15**	National Button Day **16**	Friendship Circle, 9:30am in the Parlor **17**	**18**	Covenant Ringers 6:45pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm **19**	Village Playbox, 8pm, FPCHH DECEMBER Newsletter Articles Due **20**	Village Playbox, 8pm, FPCHH **21**
Calvins-9am; Bell Choir-9:30am Sunday School for ALL ages-9:30am Chancel Choir-10:10am Worship - 10:30am Friendship Circle Thanksgiving Reception, 11:30am **22**	**23**	Thanksgiving Community Worship @ St. Rose of Lima, 7:00 PM Trustees' Meeting, 6:30pm, Parlor **24**	Men's Breakfast POSTPONED to December 2! **25**	HAPPY THANKS GIVING Office Closed **26**	Black Friday! **27**	Small Business Saturday SHOP **28**
Calvins & Cherubs Rehearsals-9am Sunday School for ALL ages-9:30am Chancel Choir-10:10am Worship-10:30am 1st Sunday of Advent **29**	**30**	Upcoming Events in December!	WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2 Men's Breakfast, 9am, in the Parlor MEN'S BREAKFAST	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 Christmas Poinsettia Orders Due	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 Advent Happening, after worship	THURSDAY, DEC. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00 PM

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