Our Third Annual Messiah Sing-Along will be held in our sanctuary on Sunday, March 8. Under the direction of Paul Bryan, Dean of the Faculty and Students at The Curtis Institute of Music, the singers will be accompanied by an elite ensemble of instrumentalists from Curtis, the Philly Pops, and others. The solos will be sung by some of the Philadelphia area’s finest professional singers, including our own Kelly Leibensperger.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to experience the thrill of Handel’s Messiah in all its glory, singing (or just listening) in the midst of a joyous, soul-stirring group of musicians. The cost to participate in this uplifting and inspiring event is $20 per person (the music score will be provided), which will go to Feed My Starving Children. Additional information is included in this issue of Glad Tidings.
Pastor’s Notes

Dear Family of Faith Members,

One of my greatest sources of gratitude as one of your pastors is how deeply we care about one another. If I were forced to jettison every ministry and mission in our church except one, our ministry of compassion would be the one I’d cling to!

But this does not mean we always care perfectly. One of my greatest sources of sadness is finding out that I or we have neglected one of our members who needed our support, love, and presence.

So my request in this month’s Glad Tidings is that we all keep our eyes, ears, and hearts open to those in our family of faith who are struggling. Then do something for them. Reach out in a way that works for you. And please be sure to contact the church staff. We only know what’s going on if you inform us.

I love you all very much, and my heart-felt desire is that we love and care for each as fully as we can.

In Christ’s peace,

Bill

There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.

—Mahatma Gandhi

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Gifts of Women Sunday
On February 15, we celebrated the gifts that women have brought to our church in times past and present. Presbyterian Women thank Rebecca Bryan, Director of Urban Promise’s Wellness Center, for her meaningful sermon. We’re also grateful to Elyse Yerrapathruni, Janet Lehman, Judy Sikora, Jeanne Spinelli, and Margaret Warner for their roles in the services. Special thanks go to Laura Colee, our Director of Christian Education, for organizing the celebrations.

The special music for Gifts of Women Sunday was sung by the Chancel Choir’s Women’s Chorus. The anthem, “Lift Thine Eyes,” from Mendelssohn’s “Elijah,” was directed by conducting assistant, Rob Joubert.
What Does It Mean?

It’s something we see every Sunday, but what does it mean?

IC XC is an abbreviation, in Greek, for the name Jesus Christ. NIKA is a Greek verb that means “conquers.” So, the letters stand for “Jesus Christ Conquers” or “Jesus Christ is victorious.”

The symbol is the Triumphant Cross, sometimes called the Cross of Victory, symbolizing the final triumph and reign of Christ over the world.

A Milestone in Our Live-Streaming

On Gifts of Women’s Sunday, another young woman did her part, sharing one of her gifts: Lisa, a talented young videographer, live-streamed the 11:00 a.m. service. She is one of several who alternate the live-streaming of Sunday’s services.

We were recently informed that our live-streaming has been watched over 35,000 times! by people all over the world.

We’re grateful to Dr. and Mrs. Charles Tourtellotte, who funded the ministry, and to Logan Peterson, who organized and put it all together.

Pictured at left are Pastor Rachel Rhodes, Dr. Leong Seow (who led our special two-session study of Job), Director of Christian Education Laura Colee, and Pastor Bill Getman.
Justice and Advocacy Watch
March 2015

As we did last spring, JAC is planning to send representatives to Washington, D.C., to attend the Ecumenical Advocacy Days conference, April 17-20.

The conference is an exciting opportunity to meet with people of faith from around the country who are working to make national policy responsive to people in need.

Last year, Ginny Ritchie and John Dowd took the opportunity offered by the conference to meet with the staffs of both New Jersey senators to talk about ending gun violence.

This year’s theme is Breaking the Chains: Mass Incarceration & Systems of Exploitation, and again there will be the opportunity to meet with congressional representatives on Capitol Hill.

This time the conversation will focus on “a prison-industrial system that incarcerates millions of people in the U.S. and abroad.”

Reserve now for one, two, or all the days of the conference. Go to http://advocacydays.org/2015-breaking-the-chains/ for information.

You could even pack meals for FMSC in the morning and arrive in D.C. in time to hear the keynote speakers Saturday night.

Lamentations asks,
“When all the prisoners of the land are crushed under foot, when human rights are perverted in the presence of the Most High, when one’s case is subverted – does the Lord not see it?” (Lam. 3:34-36) Do we?

To coordinate with FPC members making the trip, contact Marius Vermeulen 10degrees.south@gmail.com.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Laura Colee, D.C.E

LENT
HONEST TO GOD: LENTEN PREACHING SERIES ON THE PSALMS
During the 2015 Lenten Season, we will explore the Psalms in worship on Sundays. Whether we feel joyful and full of praise or afraid, mournful, and full of anger, the Psalms create a space for us to be fully honest with God. As we reflect and ask hard questions this Lent, it is our hope that this preaching series will help you dive deeper and more fully into your relationship with God.

For the final four Sundays of Lent—March 8, 15, 22 and 29—we will offer a time of creative and reflective Lenten worship for people of all ages during the 9:30am service. Families are invited to bring their children with them to worship these four Sundays. Note: ALL Sunday School classes will meet in the Sanctuary for creative Lenten worship on Sundays, March 22 and 29.

ADULT EDUCATION TWO-PART LENTEN CLASS TAUGHT BY DR. LEONG SEOW MARCH 1ST 9:30-10:30AM CHAPEL

An Introduction to the Book of Job: Job in Art, Literature, Film and Theology
During the season of Lent, the early Christian Church turned to the book of Job for spiritual guidance on their Lenten journey to the cross. For the first two Sundays of Lent 2015, we too will be diving into the book of Job with Princeton Theological Seminary professor, Dr. Leong Seow. As one of the world’s preeminent Job scholars, Dr. Seow will present a general introduction to Job and also help us explore how this timeless book has been presented in visual arts, literature, film and theology.

We invite you to join us Sunday, March 1, from 9:30-10:30 am in the Chapel for part two of this Adult Education event. You won’t want to miss it!

LENTEN SMALL GROUPS have begun and will continue meeting during the month of March to discuss our Lenten study book: The Questions of Jesus by John Dear. Books are available in the Parlor and the Office for $10. Contact me at lcolee@haddonfieldpres.org if you’d like to join a Small Group.

LENT DEVOTIONAL WRITTEN BY THE CONGREGATION
Daily Lent Devotionals are now available in the back of the Sanctuary and Chapel. Members of our own community helped to create this year’s Lent Devotional by writing a reflection on one of their favorite Psalms. Our community-written Lent Devotional promises to help you reflect and worship during the Lenten season. You can also follow the daily devotional online at fpchaddonfield.tumblr.com.

The Third Grade Communion Sunday will be March 1st. On this day, Third Grade students will complete their four week Communion Class, where they explored the origin and meaning of the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. At the 11am service, the Third Graders will take communion with the congregation and receive their very own Communion cups.

Registration for our 2015 Vacation Bible School will begin on Sunday, April 12th! VBS will be held from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., July 13-11 at First Presbyterian Church. Registration forms will be available April 12th in the church office, at www.haddonfieldpres.org, and will be distributed through Sunday School and the FPC Pre-School classes. Volunteer station leaders and teenage shepherds are needed! Please contact me at lcolee@haddonfieldpres.org for more information.
MUSIC MINISTRY

This March will be full of beautiful music dedicated to God’s glory as we journey through the season of Lent. Please take a look at the schedule below to see when your ensemble will participate in worship.

Peter Leibensperger
Music Director

Worship Participation Schedule

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Messiah Sing Along on March 8th!
Please mark your calendar for the Messiah Sing Along on March 8th at First Presbyterian Church beginning at 2:00 pm! You will hear some of Philadelphia’s finest musician, including Philly Pops musicians and musicians from The Curtis Institute of Music. All proceeds will be donated to Feed My Starving Children. Registering for the event at www.haddonfieldpres.org will really help the event organizers to plan ahead, so please do your part to fight hunger — register now!

Community Choral Concert March 15th!
On March 15th, the Lutheran Church of Our Savior will host a community-wide choral event beginning at 4:00 pm. Our Chancel Choir will participate in this event, and proceeds from a free-will offering will be given to Feed My Starving Children. Please bring your family and friends to enjoy the concert.

Thomas Sherrerd Choir’s New York Trip
On February 7th, Thomas Sherrerd Choir spent the day in New York City. We saw Lion King and enjoyed a great dinner at Planet Hollywood in Times Square. But, more importantly, the choir spent time in fellowship outside of their daily school routine. Thank you to all of the parents of choir members who made this possible, and a very big thank you to the people who helped plan and chaperone this trip.

Messiah Sing-Along
Join singers, music lovers, and friends who just love to hum along in a memorable, musical afternoon at the 3rd annual Feed My Starving Children Messiah Sing-Along hosted by our church on Sunday, March 8, at 2:00 p.m.

Sing-Along participants will join soloists Kelly Leibensperger, Maren Montalbano, Perry Brisbon, and Justin Hopkins and be accompanied by an all-star orchestra of musicians from ensembles including the Philly Pops and the Curtis Institute of Music.

The Sing-Along will be hosted and conducted by Paul Bryan, dean of faculty and students at Curtis.

Each Messiah Sing-Along participant will play a role in the fight against hunger.

The $20 registration fee covers the cost of 90 meals to be packed at the Feed My Starving Children packing event on April 17–18.

Register now at www.haddonfieldpres.org. For more information, please call 215-435-1698.

Feed My Starving Children
Greetings friends! Here’s what to expect in the coming month…

**March 1st, 8th, 15th, & 29th—YOUTH GROUP @ The Light House**

Middle School: 5-6:30pm, High School: 6-7:30pm

Also, Saturday, March 21st at 7:00 pm, join us for the FPC TALENT SHOW to benefit the Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky!

If you would like to receive regular updates about Youth Group events, please send your name and e-mail address to me at rrhodes@haddonfieldpres.org

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**Christian Heritage Class**

March 8  9:30-10:40 in the back board room, second level.
Year’s Topic:  Sacred Sites

IL CUPOLONE is Brunelleschi's famous dome for the Basilica of Santa Maria del Fiore in Florence--the largest dome in Europe. Filippo Brunelleschi won the contest in 1418 to enclose a hole 150 feet across beginning 180 feet above ground and without buttresses to absorb the stress of the enormous dome, by proving he could make an egg stand on its end (he crushed the egg). But he then refused to tell the committee how he would make their dome lest someone else might steal his idea. Lots of shouting! We will examine the way a practical and technically savvy Renaissance architect solved the problem.

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**Upcoming Event to Support Interfaith Caregivers**

**Interfaith Caregivers' Jeans & Jewels Spring Cocktail Party!**
Thursday, March 26 · 7:00 pm · Woodcrest Country Club (Cherry Hill, NJ)

Don your denim and bring out your bling for a night of great food, delicious drinks, amazing auction items, line dancing lessons and more. This year's *sparkling* theme is a mix of fun and glitz--casual with a twist!

Join us for an incredible offering of hors d'oeuvres from South Jersey Hot Chefs and wines from Moore Brothers. Then take a spin on the dance floor with line dancing lessons. Catch up with neighbors and friends, or meet new ones, all while supporting a wonderful cause--Interfaith Caregivers, a nonprofit facilitating independent living.

Reserve your tickets now before it's too late! Buy online at [www.ifchaddons.org](http://www.ifchaddons.org), email rloiseau@ifchaddons.org or call (856) 354-0298.
Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.
—Mother Theresa

Barbara Sewall
Preschool Director

We have welcomed visitors onto our preschool hallways during our Open House week. Many come with kind words for our program from neighbors, friends, and already enrolled parents of children attending. These kind words are a blessing to the preschool staff as they welcome and minister to all who enter. Take a look at the huge poster on the preschool office window of 43 women who staff the rooms during the week. Thank them for the “echoes” they are sending … on behalf of you … to the children in your church program.

Winter Carnival: Friday, March 13th. This is a day of games and prizes for preschool children. We will have a used toy/book sale. If your house is overrun with toys, books, puzzles, children’s kitchens, baby items, etc., bring the items to the preschool office. We would love to include them with our sale.

Egg Hunts: March 31, Tuesday, and April 1, Wednesday – Three year-old classes will be going to Springdale Farm for Easter Egg Hunts! Mother’s Morning Out classes, 2 ½ and 4/5’s classes will have Egg Hunts at school during this week on the playground. Hopefully not in snow!

April 3 – 10 No School, Have a joyful Easter

There are still openings for the 2015-2016 school year in some of our PM classes. Come to the Preschool Office for information, or call 429-0609.

SummerSchool: May 26 - June 12, 9:30 – noon. There are still some openings in classes. Please come to the office for information, or call.

Nothing has a better effect upon children than praise.
—Sir Philip Sidney

This goes for teachers too! Barb Sewall

Touching Home

Rocky Wilson, a Camden poet who grew up in Haddonfield and sometimes worships with us at First Presbyterian, has sent a request that we pray for a friend of his, David Simpson, who is blind and has ALS.

Speaking of David, Rocky says, “Please hold Dave and his family in the light. Got a great phone message from him last week very upbeat, but mentioned the hard things, too. If enough of us send healing energy, who knows what could happen….thanks a lot.”

TOUCHING HOME

Deep breath—
my friend has ALS.
It’s hard to hit the ball when you’re blind
so he’s no Iron Horse.
But he can write poems
that have eyes and
find the gap
in right-center.
Dave sometimes goes long too,
just like Lou
and sends a poem floating over
the fence in deep center
to the “ohs” and “ahs” of the crowd.

---Rocky Wilson
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- 9th Talent Show Tech Rehearsal
- Mission Trip Talent Show
Our Third Grade Communion Class

Haddonfield

Adult Choir & Hymn Festival

Featuring the adult choirs from Haddonfield’s First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Grace Episcopal, and Lutheran Church of Our Savior

Sunday, March 15
4:00 p.m.

Lutheran Church of Our Savior
Haddonfield