

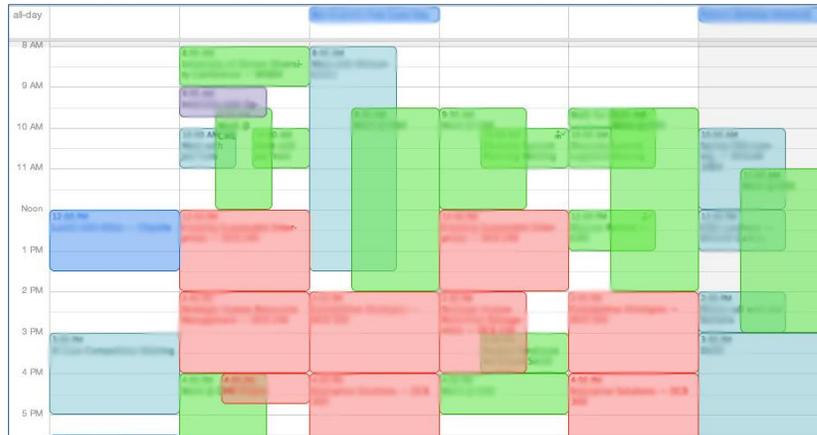
# This week's news...



June 17, 2021

Dear Friend,

## Reawakening



The staff of the church just completed a two-hour staff meeting during which we began populating the church calendar with all known events, programs, classes, and groups. In a nutshell: it's a lot!

After 15 months of virtual programming and services, moving things back into the building is refreshing and energizing. Managing space and schedule and resources are creative challenges and ones that we enjoyed working through. Yet, the extended church closure also offered another opportunity: it interrupted "usual." For better or for worse, we collectively relished a sense of freedom to deviate from the "way we've always done it" and were able to re-examine items on the calendar and think: does this still work? Is it still meaningful? Is it time to change or cancel or tweak?

As the church reawakens to increased activity and usage of the facility, this is the time to think things through. Rather than simply responding to a "knee-jerk" impulse, it's great to give it some thought. Some things just need to end—most have a natural lifespan and even the most cherished of traditions often need to evolve or end. There's a fine line between a "tradition" and a "rut." Breaks such as the one from which we are emerging are appropriate times to consider that distinction.

Maybe there are some things in our personal lives that have drifted into "rut" territory and deserve some modification or even deletion? Seems like a good time to give that some thought!

Be well, stay safe, and God bless,



## CONVERSATION ON RACE MEETS IN PERSON



FPCH's commitment to the Matthew 25 initiative has led to an active Sunday morning discussion group. Join the conversation each week after worship in the choir room, across from Fellowship Hall. This week the discussion is on Critical Race Theory. Listen to this podcast in preparation: [Teaching Race and History in America's Schools](#). All are welcome, regardless of whether you have joined prior conversations on race or not! Questions? Contact [Becky Bryan](#).

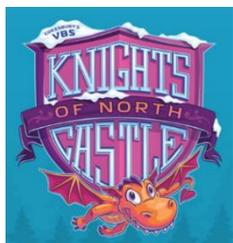


Children's Church  
&  
Nursery

**The Nursery is Back!** The nursery is back for infants – 3-year-olds. Parents wishing to drop off their darlings can do so in the Hospitality Room where our nursery helpers will be happy to entertain your babies while you worship. Want to save time at drop off? Please have your information filled out ahead of time for our helpers. The link to the forms can be found here: <http://www.haddonfieldpres.org/children>. Any questions concerning the nursery do not hesitate in reaching out to [Gabrielle Heimerling](#).

**Children's Church is Back!** Have children too big for the nursery? Send them to Children's Church! Each week kids ages 4-10 are invited to join us in Children's Church in the C.E. Room for a bible story, craft, and some play. Masks are required. We look forward to seeing you there!

## REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR VBS 2021



**REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR VBS 2021 – Knights of the North Castle, July 26-30 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. for children ages 4-10.** Become Knights on a quest to the North Castle in a frozen land to find the King's Armor. We are looking forward to another great VBS week filled with music, games, crafts, and bible stories. Let's take up the gauntlet and accept the challenge to "armor up" and be strong with God! [Info here](#). Due to limited spaces this year, your child(ren)'s spot in camp will not be confirmed until payment is received. Registration alone is not a confirmed spot in camp. If there is available space for your child(ren), you will be sent information regarding payment. Once payment is received, your spot will be confirmed.

## VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS!

Please consider donating your time for one of these:

**Children's Church:** Volunteers are needed to teach our young friends each Sunday during the worship service. All that is needed is a willingness to read a story and facilitate a craft. Gabrielle Heimerling will provide you with everything you need to help with the class – all we need is you! All classes will take place in the CE Room (formerly the yoga room) on the lower level.

**VBS: Calling all Shepherds!** Hello teens – we are looking to you to shepherd our campers through various stations this summer. Come relive your crafting, playground and choir days with us. VBS will run from July 26-30. It's always such a fun week made all the better by volunteers like you. Contact Gabrielle Heimerling to sign up.

**VBS Calling all Station Leaders!** Hello grown-ups – we are looking to you to help us staff our various stations for VBS. Please consider helping with Games, Crafts, or Bible Story. All supplies and lessons will be supplied to you – all we need is you! VBS will run from July 26-30. It's always such a fun week made all the better by volunteers like you. Contact Gabrielle Heimerling to sign up.

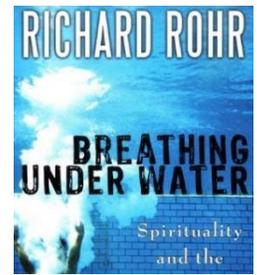
## PORCH BIBLE STUDY

The Porch Bible Study will continue its study of Philippians (on Zoom) on Tuesday, June 22. Class starts at 7 p.m. All are welcome. Please contact [Rebecca](#) at the church office for the link.

**DOUG'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** (8 a.m. [via Zoom](#)) is ongoing and open to all. The text for the coming week is 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27.

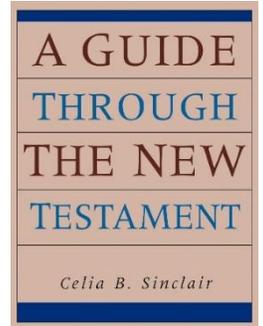
## NIKKI'S BOOK STUDY HAS BEGUN

Pastor Nikki discussion of Richard Rohr's *Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps* has gotten underway. It meets Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. via Zoom; [link here](#). Purchasing the book is required. Contact Pastor Nikki [npassante@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:npassante@haddonfieldpres.org) with any questions. This group is open to anyone: believers, seekers, doubters, addicts alike. All are welcome to attend.



## A GUIDE THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT STARTS NEXT WEEK!

This course, like the one on the Old Testament, is meant as an introduction to Bible Study and is perfect for someone who hasn't had much experience with the text. The course is a combination of online teaching and discussion led by Doug and weekly homework in the workbook. Course meets on Mondays from 11:00 a.m. to noon on [Zoom](#), and **will begin on June 21st** and run for approximately 12 weeks. (Don't worry if you'll be away on vacation — this is easy to do on your own!) If you'd like to sign-up or would like a book to use on your own, send [Doug](#) a note and he'll reserve one for you! Books are \$15! **Books will be available this Sunday!**



## MATTHEW 25 BOOK STUDY FOR FALL

The congregation is invited to read Isabel Wilkerson's book *Caste*, in preparation for a book discussion in early September. Wilkerson began researching the construct of caste as a better way to capture race relations in our country after writing her award-winning book *The Warmth of Other Suns* and hearing the word used repeatedly by her sources. Is "caste" a better way to describe U.S. race culture? Is discussing caste emotionally easier than discussing racism? Please make this book one of your summer reads and look forward to a thought-provoking conversation.

## AN UPDATE FROM THE DEACONS: THE GUATEMALA MILK PROJECT

The Deacons are privileged to support the Guatemala Milk Project, which provides much needed support to those living in Guatemala. With God's help and faithfulness, the Guatemala Milk Project remained operational even when the country had to close down due to the pandemic. A video below describes this process: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FvDmvyCRjG8>. Furthermore, this wonderful organization was determined to continue serving those in need. To see how, watch this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3OJ7virze0>. God bless the Guatemala Milk Project!

*Presbyterian Deacons are called to a ministry of "compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress" (G-2.0201)*

## MEMBER CARE COORDINATION TEAM

Do you know of needs in the congregation? Please contact one of these folks:

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Any questions or comments, please contact Pastor Nikki at [npassante@haddonfieldpres.org](mailto:npassante@haddonfieldpres.org)

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Please keep members and friends of the congregation in your prayers. The weekly Prayer List is available in Sunday's bulletin or online [here](#). If you would like to add a personal prayer request, please contact one of the pastors or Anne Vial. Please obtain the permission of the person needing prayer. *The Prayer Request portal on the website is still available for private requests sent directly to the pastors.*

## ST. WILFRID'S OPEN DOOR CLINIC

This week marks the **65th straight week** that the Open-Door Clinic at St Wilfrid's has distributed food during the pandemic; **83 bags, 6,003 total. Over 150,075 pounds** of food and dry goods, distributed by the all-volunteer, everything-donated, nobody-gets-paid, Open Door Clinic at St. Wilfrid's. Thank you all for your generous collections and contributions. If we touch just one life, we will have done our job!

**Foodbank Schedule: Day off: there is NO FOODBANK PICK-UP this week.** The next foodbank pick-up is scheduled for June 25. Please contact Rose at [intrepidrose@hotmail.com](mailto:intrepidrose@hotmail.com).if you can help then or at anytime during the summer

**HELP!!!!** We need more volunteers on Saturday mornings as many of the regular volunteers will not be available for the next few months. Help is needed Saturday mornings stocking shelves with food, diapers, hygiene products, and bread. You can also help distributing food bags or help with paperwork involved as clients arrive. If you would like to learn more, text Norman at 856-979-8736.

**NEEDS:** Please, we need canned tuna, canned vegetables (all but green beans), jarred or canned fruit and applesauce, diapers size 5 & 6, baby wipes, adult diapers size large and extra-large, 1 gallon plastic bags with ties, and zipper sandwich bags. As always plastic grocery bags from Shoprite or Wegman's, paper grocery bags to line the plastic bags, and newspaper plastic bags to hold hygiene products are needed. These items may be dropped off weekdays in bins behind Grace Episcopal Church or on Sundays on tables outside Fellowship Hall or on the table outside the church on the office side until 12pm for those who can't attend church in person. Other items: We are now collecting box fans and bottled water for our clients. And unwanted iPads to help register new clients more quickly. These may be dropped off at Corey Crumley's house, 40 Warwick Road, Haddonfield. (Email her to give her a heads-up is [crumleyc@gmail.com](mailto:crumleyc@gmail.com).) If you have any questions or would like more information about anything, please call Jill Mascena at 856-428-7342 or check the website, [www.opendoorcliniccamden.org](http://www.opendoorcliniccamden.org).

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***HAPPY 91ST BIRTHDAY,  
KAE FRETZ!***

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

June 20 – 10 a.m. IN-PERSON and Online Worship  
June 20 – 11 a.m. Conversation on Race in Choir Room  
June 21 – 11 a.m. New Testament Class  
June 21 – 7 p.m. Session meeting  
June 22 – 8 a.m. Doug's Bible Study  
June 22 – 7 p.m. Porch Bible Study  
June 22 – 7:30 Deacons Meeting  
June 23 – 7:30 p.m. Richard Rohr book study with Nikki  
June 27 – 10 a.m. In-person and Online Worship



**We are so proud of our 4th-grade Communion Class** for completing their 4-week study and participating in our in-person Communion Sunday on June 6th. Well done MJ Andrews, Kevin Brees, Alexis Chamberlin, Meghan Cunningham, Bryce Davis, Chase Davis, Chelsea Lawrence, Ivy Meyer, and Brogan Strauss. Thank you for being a thoughtful, funny, inquisitive class!

