

*This week's news...*



July 1, 2021

Dear Friend,

## What do Jeopardy! and First Presbyterian of Haddonfield have in common?

If you're a regular viewer of the greatest game show ever aired on television, you'll know that long-term host, Alex Trebek, died in November of 2020 after hosting Jeopardy! for 37 seasons. He was, in essence, synonymous with the show as an entire generation had only seen Alex host. (You can date yourself if you remember Art Fleming!)



Since Alex has been gone for seven months, who, you might ask, is the new host?

Alas, the "real" host has yet to be named and a series of "guest hosts" have subbed for two-week stretches. The three pictured above garnered the highest ratings yet there are many more to try out! ([Here's](#) a complete listing of past, present, and future hosts.) The show's producer recently hinted that a permanent replacement may be named later in the summer.

Why so many subs? Why not just hire one and move on? Alex was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer two years before he died, surely that was enough time to quietly scope out a new host. Here's what Mike Richards, the producer, said in explanation of the delay:

**"We started talking about it internally that to name someone right away would be very hard for us because we were still reeling from the loss," said Richards. "If on Friday it's Alex's last show and then Monday it's a new person's show, that would probably be unfair to the person stepping in to do it."**

That sentence captures much of why FPCH has a Transitional Pastor: In the long run, undergoing this time of a "long-term sub" is really for the person you call to be your next "real" Pastor/Head of Staff. A typical interim time is two years and no one really knows yet what the effect of the pandemic has on that average, but regardless, the church is on schedule.

From this "guest host" I can only convey my gratitude that God saw fit for me to cross the Delaware and serve among some truly lovely and faithful Presbyterians in Haddonfield, New Jersey!

Be well, stay cool, and God bless,



## On Sunday, July 4, come celebrate the Lord's Supper!

Deacons Offering will be received

(There will be no Nursery or Children's Church on July 4)

*The Weekly Email is going on vacation!  
Expect to see us back on July 22.  
Meanwhile, keep sending news and photos  
to [Rebecca Mannion](#) and [Anne Vial](#)*

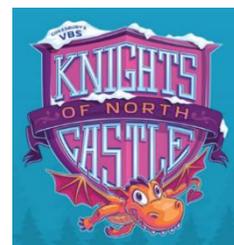


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### REGISTER FOR VBS 2021

**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!

**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.

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### CONVERSATION ON RACE



We are taking a break for July 4 but offer [this resource](#) on racial identity for reflection. The Conversation resumes on July 11 with a discussion about observations from visits to other houses of worship. All are welcome to join in, regardless of whether you have joined prior conversations on race or not! Conversation meets after worship in the choir room, across the hall from Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact [Becky Bryan](#).

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### A GUIDE THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

Workbooks are still available. The course is a combination of online teaching and discussion led by Doug and weekly homework in the workbook. Work can also be done on your own. Course meets on Mondays from 11:00 a.m. to noon on [Zoom](#). Questions? Contact [Doug](#).

**DOUG'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** (8 a.m. [via Zoom](#)) is ongoing and open to all. The text for the coming week is Mark 6:14-29.

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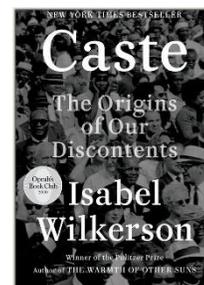
## AUGUST WORKSHOPS ON VISITATION AND PRAYER

Beginning August 5th Pastor Nikki will be offering a series of Equipping Workshops for people who wish to deepen their life of faith, spiritually strengthen relationships, and develop a compassionate posture to all God's children. All workshops will be offered at 6:30 on Thursday evenings [via Zoom](#):

- August 5th: The Art and Skill of Home and Hospital Visitation  
*Our time will be dedicated to tips and suggestions for making in-house visits, and providing resources for those desiring to visit the hurting and lonely. We will examine the healing spiritual gifts that every person brings to the table in challenging situations. This workshop is recommended for Deacons, Elders, and those who feel called to a ministry of visitation.*
  - August 12th: Prayer Workshop #1
  - August 19th: Prayer Workshop #2
  - August 26th: Prayer Workshop #3- Guest Speaker  
*Each week participants will be introduced to a different prayer technique, and we will hear what Jesus, Thomas Merton, Richard Rohr, and C.S. Lewis, among others, have to say about prayer. On August 26th, Laraine Thulin will be our guest facilitator. Laraine is the Leader for the Prayer Ministry Team at Excelsior Covenant Church in Minnesota.*
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## 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.



## ST. WILFRID'S OPEN DOOR CLINIC

This week marks the 67th straight week that the Open Door Clinic at St Wilfrid's has distributed food during the pandemic: 87 bags this week, 6,200 total. Over 155,000 pounds of food and dry goods have been distributed by the all-volunteer, everything-donated, nobody-gets-paid Open Door Clinic. Thank you all for your generous collections and contributions.

**Needs:** Canned fruits and veggies, applesauce, adult diapers—large and extra-large, wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, and always plastic grocery bags from Shoprite or Wegman's, paper grocery bags to line the plastic bags, and newspaper bags to hold hygiene products. All items may be dropped off weekdays in the St Wilfrid's bin behind Grace Church and on Sundays on the table outside FPC Fellowship Hall or on the table outside the door to the offices of the church. **Box fans** are greatly needed and may be dropped off or sent to Corey Crumley at 40 Warwick Rd., Haddonfield. **Help is needed with foodbank pickup and drop off** on July 9 and July 16. If you might be interested, email Rose Guthrie [intrepidrose@hotmail.com](mailto:intrepidrose@hotmail.com). Also, if you are available to **help on Saturdays filling food bags or distributing food OR interpreting Spanish** to help fill out forms for new clients, please call Jill Mascena at 856-428-7342 and leave a message. Check out the website for additional information: [www.opendoorcliniccamden.org](http://www.opendoorcliniccamden.org)

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## 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.*

## THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

With both sadness and the assurance of resurrection, we report the death of long-time member David Russell on June 26. David's family will greet friends on Friday, July 23, 2021, 10-10:45 a.m. at Kain-Murphy Funeral Services, 15 West End Ave., Haddonfield, NJ 08033; where his Memorial Service will follow at 11 a.m.

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### 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)

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### WEEKLY CALENDAR

July 4 – 10 a.m. In-person and Online Worship with Communion

July 4 – Conversation on Race does not meet

July 5 – 11 a.m. New Testament Class

July 6 – 8 a.m. Doug's Bible Study

July 7 – 7:30 p.m. Richard Rohr book study with Nikki

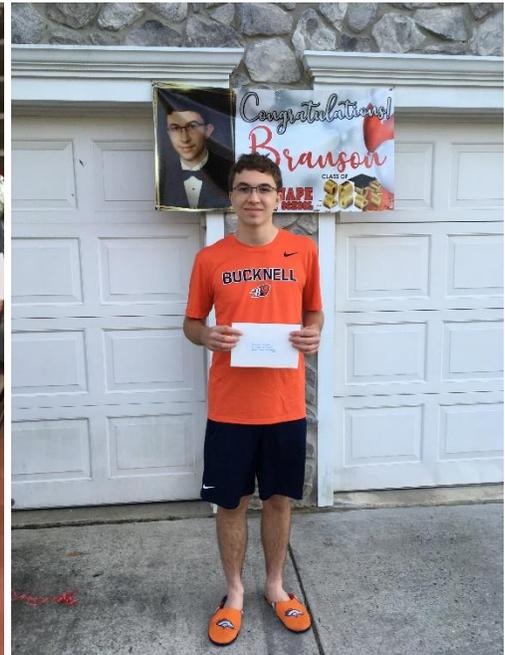
July 11 – 10 a.m. In-person and Online Worship



### Congratulations to Deacons Scholarship Recipients and their families!



From left to right, Julia Piotrowski, Olivia Willison, Lauren Crumley, Pete Devine, father of recipient Lianne Gormley-Devine



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