



The Messenger

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The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield

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From Our Interim Pastor for Preaching ...

*"Lord, what do you want me to share
from Your Word with Your people?"*

This question is always on my heart and mind as I prepare to preach each sermon. God calls me to be true to the Scriptures and to be alert to the needs of the people. The old saying that a sermon should *"comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable"* shows the sweep of the preacher's task. Preaching is more than teaching. It is a call from one heart to another to walk with Jesus in trust and in faithfulness.

Above all I need to have the Holy Spirit fill me. Then God's Word can speak to my heart so I can address the hearts of the people of God. For this I ask for your prayers. With the coming of autumn, I will begin a new series of messages in the Gospel of Mark. In his introduction to Mark in the Message Eugene Peterson writes,

"Mark wastes no time in getting down to business—a single-sentence introduction, and not a digression to be found from beginning to end. An event has taken place that radically changes the way we look at and experience the world, and he can't wait to tell us about it. There's an air of breathless excitement in nearly every sentence he writes. The sooner we get the message, the better off we'll be, for the message is good, incredibly good: God is here, and he's on our side. ... He doesn't want us to waste a minute of these precious lives of ours ignorant of this most practical of all matters—that God is passionate to save us."

I look forward to journeying with you into this *"Greatest Story Ever Told."* So, fasten your seat belts! It's going to be a wonderful ride.

Pastor Bob Santilli

The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield

We are located at 124 Kings Highway East ~ Haddonfield, NJ 08033.

Weekly worship services are held at 11:00 am on Sundays in person and via Live Stream on Facebook.

Like and Follow our Facebook page at First Baptist Church of Haddonfield.

Visit our website at **www.fbchaddonfield.org**

to view our calendar, worship services and so much more.

Contact us by phone at 856-429-2326 or by email at katie@fbchaddonfield.org.

The Church office hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

The Baptist Cemetery can be contacted at 856-429-1644.

If you have a Pastoral emergency outside of office hours,
please call the church office and leave a message.

We stand ready to help and someone will return your call.

VISION STATEMENT:

IN A MISSION THAT IS LOCAL AND GLOBAL, WE WILL INTRODUCE OTHERS TO A RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST,
WE WILL GROW IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM, GROW IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER AND GROW IN OUR SERVICE TO OTHERS.

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September Birthdays

1st	Rev. David Yu
2nd	Chris Saladik
3rd	Robert Hoskins, Jr.
3rd	Betsy Maya
6th	Cindy Minuti
6th	John-Michael Earwood
8th	Frank Stevens
13th	Jane Brick
14th	Lily Yu
17th	Amy Bobb
18th	Bill Mezger
18th	Kathy Voldish
19th	Annie Wharton
21st	Jim Carrano
23rd	Marlea Gruver



September Anniversaries

7th	Bill & Sandra Mezger
14th	James & Margaret Havens
30th	Don & Marilyn Nutt

- * **Pastoral Search Committee**
- * **Donna** ~ recovering from surgery
- * **Marilyn** ~ success in physical therapy
- * **Bob** ~ on hospice care
- * **Bill M.** ~ ongoing medical issues
- * **Betty** ~ upcoming medical tests
- * **David B.** ~ serious medical condition
- * **Marietta** - battling cancer
- * **Don** ~ medical challenges
- * **Ed** ~ back pain
- * **Sandra D.** ~ in recovery program
- * **LaNetta** ~ battling cancer



September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:45am - 10:45am Adult Sunday School (Boardroom) 11:00am - 12:00pm Traditional Worship Service (In Person & Livestream)	1 6:00pm - 8:30pm Cub/ Boy Scouts (Social Hall)	2 7:00pm - 8:00pm Mission Board 8:00pm - 9:00pm Diaconate Meeting	3 2:00pm - 3:00pm Ladies Bible Study (Conference Call)	4 11:30am - 1:30pm AA Group Meeting (Board Room)	5	6 8:00am - 11:00am Saturday Work Crew
7 9:45am - 10:45am Adult Sunday School (Boardroom) 11:00am - 12:00pm Traditional Worship Service (In Person & Livestream)	8 6:00pm - 8:30pm Cub/ Boy Scouts (Social Hall)	9 7:00pm - 8:00pm Finance Board 8:00pm - 10:00pm Executive Board	10 2:00pm - 3:00pm Ladies Bible Study (Conference Call) 7:00pm - 8:00pm Music & Arts Meeting	11 11:30am - 1:30pm AA Group Meeting (Board Room) 7:00pm - 8:00pm Carillon Ringers Rehearsal (Bell Room)	12	13 8:00am - 11:00am Saturday Work Crew
14 9:45am - 10:45am Adult Sunday School (Boardroom) 11:00am - 12:00pm Traditional Worship Service (In Person & Livestream) 2:00pm - 6:00pm PHE Rehearsal	15 MESSENGER DEAD-LINE 6:00pm - 8:30pm Cub/ Boy Scouts (Social Hall)	16	17 2:00pm - 3:00pm Ladies Bible Study (Conference Call)	18 10:30am - 11:30am Sandwich Collection for Cathedral Kitchen in Church Parking Lot 11:30am - 1:30pm AA Group Meeting (Board Room) 7:00pm - 8:00pm Carillon Ringers Rehearsal (Bell Room)	19	20 8:00am - 11:00am Saturday Work Crew 10:00am - 4:00pm PHE Rehearsal
21 9:45am - 10:45am Adult Sunday School (Boardroom) 11:00am - 12:00pm Traditional Worship Service (In Person & Livestream) 12:15pm - Quarterly Business Meeting	22 6:00pm - 8:30pm Cub/ Boy Scouts (Social Hall)	23 7:00pm - 8:00pm Christian Ed Meeting	24 2:00pm - 3:00pm Ladies Bible Study (Conference Call) 6:00pm - 8:00pm Community Conversations (Sanctuary)	25 11:30am - 1:30pm AA Group Meeting (Board Room) 7:00pm - 8:00pm Carillon Ringers Rehearsal (Bell Room)	26	27 8:00am - 11:00am Saturday Work Crew 10:30am - 11:30am Men's Breakfast at Legacy Diner
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KEY: S - Sanctuary, L - Lounge, MR - Middleton Room, BR - Boardroom, N - Nursery, SH - Social Hall, K - Kitchen, SR - Scout Room, ABC - ABC Room, SL - Skylight Room, G - Green Room, B - Bell Room, M - Music Room



*Celebrating
a special milestone
with our sister in Christ,
Marietta Brownell*



Men's Breakfast

September 27th at 10:30 am

Legacy Diner

136 South White Horse Pike ~ Audubon, NJ

All Men Are Invited! Contact Earl Upperman for more details.



SCHOOL
IS BACK
IN SESSION



CAN YOU ANSWER THESE GENERAL FIFTH GRADE QUIZ QUESTIONS???

(Answers on page 6)

1. Which clouds are also referred as 'Fair weather' clouds?
2. In which country did the War of the Roses take place?
3. If Barbara is facing north and turns 90 degrees to her left, what direction is she facing now?
4. Which is the capital city of Hungary?
5. Name the capital of Egypt.
6. Where is Valley Forge located?
7. How many congruent bases are present in a solid Prism?
8. Which huge waterfalls separate the United States and Canada?
9. Round the number 2650 to the nearest thousand.
10. What is the answer for $77 \times 10 \div 0$?
11. In what tense is the sentence "We ate a large pizza yesterday" ?
12. How many consonants are there in the English alphabet?
13. Who wrote the play Othello?
14. What type of sentence ends with a question mark?
15. What was the first animal to visit space?

Dear Church Family and Friends,

The heart of Cathedral Kitchen is their **Meal & Outreach Program** that serves more than 350,000 meals each year. Dining Room service is available Monday through Friday, To-Go meals are handed out on Saturdays and groceries are shared with guests all week long. Beyond that, food waste management is a huge concern. While many people don't have enough to eat, food waste across the nation is on the rise. Up to 40% of the good, safe food produced in America never makes it to people's plates (*Feeding America*). Cathedral Kitchen partners with grocery stores, restaurants, and farms to provide more food to those who need it most while reducing the amount of food that goes to waste and fills landfills. They pass on any donated food they can't use to other organizations and individuals that can use it. Food scraps from meal production are donated for animal feed and composting. Your donations support this ongoing effort and show the love of Jesus in a tangible way. Indeed, hunger continues but so do we!

JOIN US IN THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 FROM 10:30 – 11:30 AM DONATE SANDWICHES, HEALTHY SNACKS & FRUIT

GUIDELINES FOR MAKING SANDWICHES:

- Sandwiches should be made no earlier than 1 day prior to donations and refrigerated
- Cathedral Kitchen requests we work on sanitized surfaces & wear gloves
- Any type of bread is fine (wheat is even better)
- Turkey or *Beef Bologna with Cheese *(religious/cultural preferences)
- NOTE: Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches.... please place peanut butter on each slice of bread with jelly in center to prevent soggy sandwiches
- Please do not include dressings (mustard, mayo, tomatoes, etc.)
- No need to slice sandwich in half
- Place each sandwich into a sealed plastic baggie & label appropriately
- Please separate PB&J Sandwiches from Turkey/Beef Bologna with Cheese
- Place all sandwiches into a plastic or paper bag and label appropriately

We will continue to collect and deliver donations to Cathedral Kitchen on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Invite a friend or neighbor to join us on Thursday, September 18th between 10:30AM–11:30AM at the First Baptist Church Parking Lot. Please pray for the Lord's continued direction for the Hands and Feet for Jesus Sandwich Ministry. If you have any questions, contact Jane Brick.

In His Service ~ Jane

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CATHEDRAL KITCHEN AND OTHER WAYS TO VOLUNTEER, VISIT www.cathedralkitchen.org

11. Past Tense 12. Twenty-One 13. William Shakespeare 14. Interrogative Sentence 15. Dog

1. Cumulus 2. England 3. West 4. Budapest 5. Cairo 6. Pennsylvania 7. Two 8. Niagara Falls 9. 3000 10. Zero

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st at 12:15

C H U R C H
B U S I N E S S
M E E T I N G

Light lunch will be provided.

As We Search ...

Greetings in the name of Christ from your Pastoral Search Committee. We met in August to continue on our path for finding our next pastor. Committee members have been in contact with others in the ministry for expressing our needs and desires as discerned through prayer and conversation. The hope is to hear from interested candidates through these references. We are currently working to specify requirements and recommendations with regard to background and qualifications.

Rejoicing in hope [*Romans 12:12*].

Moses Chandran

Patti Freeland

Bob Gardner

Rhonda Holland

Bob Mehmet

Marilyn Steadman

Jack Tarditi

Joan Trojan

Earl Upperman

BE JOYFUL IN HOPE,
PATIENT IN
AFFLICTION, FAITHFUL
IN PRAYER.
ROMANS 12:12

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Deadline to submit for next issue: October 15th

WE ARE A RECYCLING COMMUNITY! PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSLETTER!

