

# The Messenger

April 2024

The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield

Volume 33, No. 4

Dear Members & Friends,

Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We rely on and are sustained by His power, grace, and authority over the Church. Therefore, we can only praise Him for His work of renewal across time, in our lives, and in the life of the First Baptist Church of Haddonfield, especially in this season of resurrection. This month, I wanted to present a report from the pastor similar to last month, only a little shorter. Rather than simply giving you, God's church, an update, I wanted to align this month's updates to our Mission 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.*

## Global Outreach

We continue to work with our Sister Churches and pastors Jung-Po Kim and Aphrodis Muthabaruka for continued missions. Some of our youth and members will be traveling to Korea again later this year to lead a youth group in English. Please be in prayer for them, and see me or Pastor David if you would like to get involved or offer support!

## Local Outreach

Our Missions Board has been hard at work preparing efforts to assist in many local missions. Most notably, this month, we will be visiting Camp Lebanon and supporting them in their spring clean-up efforts. However, there is much more than that. Please see the Mission Board updates for more details on how you can get involved.

## Introducing Others to a Relationship with Christ

As was true this last month, we have a few great opportunities to reach out again this month! Our Saturday night praise service continues to flourish and will begin meeting at 6 PM weekly beginning April 20th. The following Saturday, April 27th, the Fellowship of Friends Christian Singles Group will meet again, this time at 4 PM, in the hope of being able to catch that evening praise service as well! Many other inspirational opportunities are coming, so I will try to keep you updated as those come up! What is obvious is that our Lord continues to bless these efforts. Please continue your prayers that God's people will come and be moved!

Finally, I pray that the season of Lent and Easter moved you to a deeper, more profound relationship with our Lord and Savior! As we look forward to these many new things, as well as Baptisms and New Members on April 7th, I ask that you continue to pray for God's will to be done here at FBCH as it is in heaven. Lean into the blessings of this resurrection season, and be blessed!

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Ryan Miller

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of Haddonfield

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**Senior Pastor**  
REV. RYAN MILLER

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ROBERT GARDNER

**Director of Handbells**  
ROBERT GARDNER

**Office Manager**  
KATIE WILLIAMS

**Cemetery Administrator**  
BETTY WILLINGMYRE

**Maintenance Engineer**  
DAVID FUNK

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## April Birthdays

1ST ERICA EARWOOD  
4TH NOAH GARDNER  
5TH ELAINE NIEUKIRK  
5TH LOUIS STEWART  
5TH MARION MUNN  
7TH BARBARA TARDITI  
10TH PAM POWERS  
12TH MARLENE HOSKINS  
16TH JOHN HAYES  
17TH ELOISE FOGLIA  
19TH EILEEN BLACK  
22ND ELIANA FAGIN  
26TH MATTHEW HAVENS

## April Anniversaries

22ND PAUL & KATHY FOGLIA

***Is your birthday or  
anniversary missing  
from this list?  
Please let us know!  
Call the church office  
or email Katie so we  
can celebrate with you!***

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katie@fbchaddonfield.org



## Praises &



## Prayer Requests

- \* Ava ~ young girl battling cancer - in last month of chemo - praise God!
- \* Judy ~ recovering from serious health issues
- \* Anna ~ in rehab
- \* Karis ~ recovering from hip surgery
- \* Andy ~ medical issues - also in need of salvation
- \* Tom ~ recurrent heart failure - hospitalized
- \* Jimmy ~ young boy battling cancer
- \* Bob - recovering from a fall
- \* Marietta - battling cancer
- \* Linda - shoulder pain
- \* Bill and Sandra ~ renewed health and strength

“Rejoice always, pray continually,  
Give thanks in all circumstances;

For this is God’s will  
for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 6:00pm - 8:30pm Cub/ Boy Scouts (Social Hall) 7:00pm - 9:00pm GriefShare	<b>2</b> 9:30am - 10:30am Staff Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm Mission Board 8:00pm - 9:00pm Diaconate Meeting	<b>3</b> 2:00pm - 3:00pm Ladies Bible Study (Conference Call) 7:00pm - 9:00pm CrossRoads Weekly Bible Study	<b>4</b> 11:30am - 1:30pm AA Group Meeting (Board Room) 6:45pm - 7:45pm Carillon Ringers Rehearsal 7:45pm - 8:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 7:30pm - 8:30pm Church Family Bowling Event (All Ages)	<b>6</b> 8:00am - 11:00am Saturday Work Crew 7:00pm - 8:00pm Praise Service
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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

# Meaningful Missions

We were off to a great start in January with our Mission to St. Wilfrid's in Camden. Chip Chapman, Cassandra Ulrich, Ryan with the LLAMAS, and Mission Chair Renee Cordero served in the coat and clothing ministry in addition to enjoying a fun time of fellowship. We will be returning on a Saturday morning, soon This is your opportunity to get involved with our communities as we spread the love and the gospel of Jesus Christ. **If you would like to join us, tap Renee Cordero on the shoulder!**



Imagine not having a meal to eat or a way to feed your children. What if you needed to see a doctor and did not have the resources? Could it happen to you? What would you do?

Enter **Open Door Clinic in Camden, NJ**. We will continue serving at St. Wilfrid's & Grace Church in Camden, NJ during the Open Door Clinic on Saturdays. Pray for us as we lift our servant's hearts to help meet the need of others.

**Is God calling you to serve to help others in need but cannot spare a dime? Why not spare your time?**

**VOLUNTEER! VOLUNTEER! VOLUNTEER! VOLUNTEER! VOLUNTEER! VOLUNTEER! VOLUNTEER!**

**CAMP Clean-Up Day!**

**CAMP  
LEBANON**

**SERVICE DAY - APRIL 27TH 2024  
9AM TO 1PM-LUNCH PROVIDED**

Camp Lebanon is ABCNJ's campground and many of us will be carpooling to make the trip on April 27<sup>th</sup> to help Hilary and Barbara prepare for the camping season! We are looking forward to fellowship with one another!

**Sign-up sheet is available in the Middleton Room. Please see Renee with questions.**

**Coming in May and June -**

**MAY -**



**JUNE -**



Our Missions Board and friends of the board are scheduled to serve at Cathedral Kitchen on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



IF you are interested in participating in this event with us, please email Renee at [renee.miller.823@gmail.com](mailto:renee.miller.823@gmail.com) on how to get registered.

**2024 Mission Trip to South Korea- Sponsored by American Baptist International Ministries- August 6-15 (Tues.-Thurs.), 2024. Registration is timely, spaces are limited. Please see Pastor Yu for more information.**





# ARBOR Day 4-26

## American Baptist Churches Policy Statement on Ecology

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*We call on all of the members of the  
American Baptist Churches of the USA to:*

1. Affirm the goodness and beauty of God's creation.
2. Acknowledge our responsibility for stewardship of the Creator's good earth.
3. Learn of the environmental dangers facing the planet.
4. Recognize that our practices and styles of life have had an effect on the environment.
5. Pursue a lifestyle that is wise and responsible in light of our understanding of the problems.
6. Exert our influence in shaping public policy and insisting that industries, businesses, farmers and consumers relate to the environment in ways that are sensible, healthy and protective of its integrity.
7. Demonstrate concern with "the hope that is within us," as despair and apathy surround us in the world (Rom. 12:21).
8. Become involved in organizations and actions to protect and restore the environment and the people in our communities.

*Adopted by the General Board of the American Baptist Churches-June 1989*



**Submitted by Marlea Gruver and Sandra Mezger  
for the Environmental Committee.**



Dear Church Family and Friends,

The earth is awakening..... telling us spring is here! Spring brings forth new growth and the beauty of the earth begins to shine forth. Let Your LOVE Shine Forth as the Lord instructed by donating turkey/\*beef bologna with cheese sandwiches, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, healthy snacks and fruit to help Cathedral Kitchen feed God's children experiencing food insecurity. Although winter has passed, there continues to be a great need for our donations.

I recently read in the "Cathedral Kitchen Annual Report 2023" some staggering facts. "The Meal Program in 2023 provided 180,975 free hot, nutritious meals and distributed 143,310 take-away bags filled with sandwiches, fruit and snacks, the highest in Cathedral Kitchen's 47 year history.....a 39% increase in on-site meals were served compared to 2022.... and a 66% increase in the number of families coming to Cathedral Kitchen since 2022. Also, 65% of Camden City residents are experiencing some degree of food insecurity" and, as you are aware, food costs continue to rise.

In 2023, despite our small number of donors, **YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE!** You helped make the number of take-away bags possible by donating approximately 3,500 sandwiches plus healthy snacks, fruit, utensil packets and personal care items. **YOU ARE NEEDED... LET YOUR LOVE CONTINUE TO SHINE FORTH!**

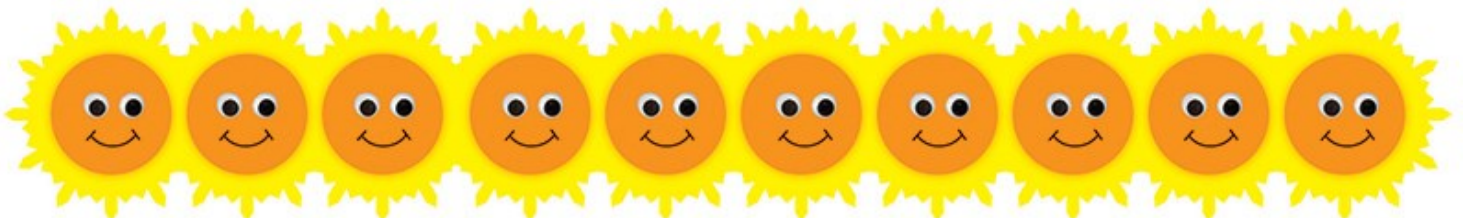
**JOIN US, IN THIS OPPORTUNITY TO OBEY THE LORD'S COMMANDS AND LET YOUR LOVE SHINE FORTH,  
THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024: DONATE SANDWICHES, HEALTHY SNACKS AND FRUIT**

#### GUIDELINES FOR MAKING SANDWICHES

- ◆ Sandwiches should be made no earlier than 1 day prior to donation date
- ◆ Cathedral Kitchen requests we work on sanitized/clean surfaces and wear gloves
- ◆ Any type of bread is fine (wheat is even better)
- ◆ Turkey/\*Beef Bologna and Cheese or Peanut Butter and Jelly (\*religious or cultural preferences)
- ◆ Please do not include dressings (mustard, mayo, tomatoes, etc.)
- ◆ No need to slice sandwich in half
- ◆ Place each sandwich into a sealed plastic baggie and label appropriately. Please separate PB&J sandwiches from turkey/bologna with cheese.
- ◆ Place all sandwiches into a large plastic or paper bag

We will continue donations to Cathedral Kitchen on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Please deliver sandwiches to the First Baptist Church of Haddonfield parking lot on Thursday, April 18, 2024 between 10:30-11:30 AM. **YOUR DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!!!** Invite a friend or neighbor to join us. Each sandwich makes a difference. We request your prayers for the Lord's continued direction for the Hands and Feet Sandwich Ministry. Contact Jane Brick concerning any questions about donating sandwiches, healthy snacks and fruit or the Hands and Feet Ministry in general.

**IN HIS SERVICE - Jane**





The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield presents

**THE PINE  
BARONS  
CHORUS**



*Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 4:00 pm*



**The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield  
124 Kings Highway East ~ Haddonfield, NJ 08033**

*\*No tickets are required but  
seating is first come, first serve.  
First Baptist Church  
is handicap accessible.*

A free-will offering will be collected  
to support the ongoing concert series.  
A \$15 minimum donation per person is requested.

*\*Please join us for a reception immediately following the performance.*



## ————— What's Happening At The Cemetery? —————

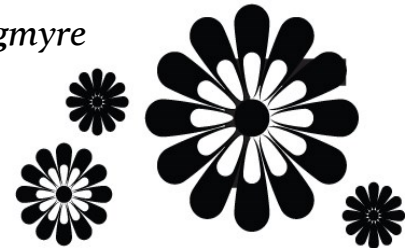
The news from the cemetery is there was one interment placed and three foundations ordered.

Still have not made contact with Reanimate or Alonso Taylor for the roof on the chapel. The certified letter that was sent to his house and business was returned in February ... never opened nor delivered. The cemetery needs this money to help pay for the new roof on the chapel, if grants are available for this purpose. I will try some other line of getting in touch with this business person.

I have been reading several books that explain why the cemetery does what it does. The book entitled "Over My Dead Body" is an interesting read starting out with a teenager cutting grass in the summer for money until he journeys around the United States. He explains how some cemeteries are placed on older properties which were not kept up. In the state of New York in 2023, an average of eight cemeteries have gone under and now are under the municipality that they are in. At the same time, more Americans are being cremated than buried. The First Baptist Cemetery of Haddonfield still favors full burial. I will try to input some of this man's thoughts about burials, He calls Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, California the "Disneyland" of graveyards. This is the final resting place for Walt Disney. So, keep reading about this man's journey with famous grave sites.

On a final note in passing, I live on a dead end with about twelve houses. We are a neighborhood that celebrates all the significant events in life with a United Nations feeling. There are two Indian families from India, a family from Honduras, another from Mexico and then there is me ... a first generation American with parents coming from Germany and Ireland. The neighborhood was shaken up by the announcement of a neighbor's 30 year old son dying while traveling to a foreign country. He was a husband of eight months and an owner of a house in South Philadelphia. His wife awoke to what she thought was a bad nightmare that he was having but then realized that he couldn't catch his breath. She did CPR and called a nurse who was traveling with them and then the paramedics but the young man was dead. Our neighborhood is collecting money for a memorial at his parent's house with either a tree or bushes. The parents will make the decision of what they want. This is my neighborhood and I am proud to live there. Old time values of being there for someone and just plain caring are not completely forgotten in this rush, rush world.

So, enjoy each day that you experience. Take care. *Betty Willingmyre*







# The Diaconate Herald

Greeters are needed for the Saturday evening services at 7pm. Please see or send an email to Cassandra Ulrich and John Hayes to volunteer as Lay Leaders, Greeters, Ushers, and Bell Foyer Greeters during church services.

**Diaconate Board News:** The Deacons voted unanimously to appoint Karen Hoisington as the Diaconate Vice-Chair to assist Cassandra Ulrich, the Diaconate Chair, with growing responsibilities. We are grateful for Karen's willingness to add this to her tasks in service to this congregation. Please consider becoming a friend of this board. Also, continue to pray for our congregation as we strive to grow in the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Anyone is welcome to join the deacons in the Pastor's study at 10:40am on Sundays for prayer.

**Diaconate Food Ministry:** In February, 92 families, 182 adults, and 83 children were served. The urgent needs requested are Peanut Butter & Jelly, Cereal, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Pasta & Pasta Sauce, Soup, Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise, Sugar, & Coffee. All monetary donations are also appreciated. The distribution dates this month are April 15: 4:00 pm-6:00pm and April 16: 12 noon-2:00 pm, so please leave your donations in the designated box located in the Middleton Room prior to those dates. (Reminder: There are two boxes in the Middleton Room, so be sure to deposit your donations into the appropriate one for the Diaconate Food Ministry. Don't leave used clothing in the Hands & Feet and Diaconate Food Donation boxes.)

**Treasurer's Report:** The Fellowship Fund received \$260.05 in February, and \$418 so far in March. In February, one member received \$340.24 for bills. The Bank Balance as of March 9th is \$1,725.67.

**Don't hesitate to reach out to the Diaconate Board via email with any comments/questions/concerns/needs: [diaconate@fbchaddonfield.org](mailto:diaconate@fbchaddonfield.org).**

## Practical Christianity

**Lesson 5.1) Against such things there is no law, but...** At the conclusion of the list of the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:23b, Paul writes that “against such things there is no law.” (NIV) As Christians, who are also known as disciples or followers of Christ, we are to now keep in step with the Holy Spirit since we live by God’s Spirit (Galatians 5:25). But if we back up a bit to verse 24, Paul reminds us that “those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.” (NIV) So, what exactly are these “passions and desires”? They are listed even earlier in Galatians 5:19-21. When an individual grows in the fruit of the Spirit, the “acts of the flesh” decrease in that individual’s life. This takes focus and dedication to God’s principles in addition to lots of prayer from self and others in the body of Christ, so that we do “not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.” {*Read Galatians 5:19-21, 23b-25; Pray*}



# Sandwich Ministry at Crossroads!

**Our homeless population is growing! WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Please join us on the third Wednesday night, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

We will be meeting in our FBCH Kitchen to *supplement* our

**Hands & Feet Sack Lunch Cathedral Kitchen Ministry.**

Items needed: Wheat Bread, Beef Bologna, Turkey, Fresh Fruit, Snack items, *your time.*

Please sign-up in The Middle Room at the table by the hallway door.

**This event is in ADDITION to the Thursday morning sack lunch collection Miss Jane has in the parking lot.**



## Quarterly Business Meeting

April 21, 2024

12:30 pm

Social Hall

(following the worship service)

**Members ... Please make every effort to attend. Thank you!**



## L.L.A.M.A. & Youth Bible Class

Do you have questions about scriptures you've read in the Bible? Do you want a safe space to discuss your thoughts and doubts about tough verses? Do you wonder how to live out life as a disciple of Jesus Christ in today's modern world?

\* Join other young adults and youth for weekly L.L.A.M.A. & Youth Bible Classes at First Baptist Church of Haddonfield. Where we'll read scripture, delve into difficult topics, and discuss how to apply God's principles to our daily lives. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

L.L.A.M.A.s stands for Loving Liberated Adults Making Amends, ages 18 to 35 years. The invitation is also open to Youth, ages 12 to 17. However, adults older than 35 are also welcome to attend.

**April 7th, 14th, and 28th, 2024 from 12:30pm to 1:30 pm**

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RSVP to [cassulrich@gmail.com](mailto:cassulrich@gmail.com)



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**Deadline to submit for next issue: MAY 15!**

**WE ARE A RECYCLING COMMUNITY! PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSLETTER!**



*Grow in Grace*