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The Messenger

The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield

Celebrating the Wilderness

Some years ago I took off with a Baptist men's group. We were bound for adventure, ready to leave the humdrum of Iowa City, where I was in graduate school, for the wilds of the Minnesota boundary waters. It was a long trip to Ely Minnesota, where we rented our canoes and equipment. We were ready for carrying our canoes over five portages to travel from lake to lake. Each lake seemed more and more remote, more and more pristine as we traveled farther and



farther away from the habitation of people. I loved to listen to the loons and imitate their call across the water. I enjoyed the freedom to dip my cup into the untouched lake for a drink of water. At early evening, when we stopped our paddling and made it for our campsite, we were always ready for the unsurpassed treat of just taking in the spectacular beauty of God's creation.

Augustine said that God has given us two revelations of himself - one is the Bible and the other is nature. The Book of Genesis says that the trees of the Garden of Eden were pleasant to the sight. We need eyes to see, ears to hear and skin to touch the beauty of the natural world as a marvelous evidence of God's divine nature.

We reflect on William Cullen Bryant's beliefs about beauty in nature. True, we have managed to destroy the forests, toxify the earth and acidify the oceans. But whenever we manage to get away from human destruction of the world, we find something of the original paradise of God's creation.



John Muir, great nature photographer, writes, "everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in where nature may heal and cheer and give strength to body and soul alike."

We need to make peace with nature. To stop destroying and start the healing process. We need to remember that we are not only stewards of creation, we are also part of the network of creation. To save nature from exploitation will be the means of preserving our very existence, which is a part of the web of life on God's creation. How will you preserve nature? Think about it as we near Creation Sunday, April 24.

Blessings,

Pastor Michael



Praise and Prayer Requests

To add someone to the prayer chain, contact Linda Jacobson at 856-354-1031 or fill out a blue prayer card. Please mark on the card if you would like your prayer placed in the bulletin. We love to hear updates and praises as well as concerns! Please notify the office if someone can be removed.

Eleanor Gatzke - Sandra Dennion's mom. Praise for successful back procedure and that she is doing well.

Joan - Pam McCullough's sister. Joan is now in hospice care. Prayers for peace during this journey.

Janice Hill - Marilyn Nutt's friend. Janice's fiancé was shot and killed. Prayers for the families and all involved.

Donald—Anna Keppen's husband. He is having back pain and PT isn't helping.

Betty Lou Newburg - Needs back brace; blood in stomach and needs tests.

Kevin - Prayers for him to hear the Lord's calling.

Janice - marriage issues.

Pat Hertzog - in Barclay Rehab.

Ed Maryasz - Prayers for recovery from back surgery.

Carl Agoglia - Prayers for comfort; end-stage cancer.

Jane Sanborn - Suffered a stroke recently. Requested by Eileen Black.

Rita Ralston - Isabelle Nutt's Grandmother. Alzheimers.

Dave Curran - Must have facial reconstruction; is sodium deficient.

Sue Nutt - Prayers for possible surgery.

Kathy Seymour - Having issues following eye surgery.

Rachel Ann Avery - Is in Avista Healthcare in Cherry Hill. Prayers for continued recovery.

Bobbie Clouston - Marilyn Nutt's sister; having a cyst removed from her parathyroid gland on May 4 at Cooper Hospital.

Jim Reinick - in VA Hospital in Philadelphia. Prayers for Jim and his daughter, Laurie.

Jack Yezzi - father of John Yezzi. Dealing with medical issues.

Madeline Williams - Madeline Yezzi's mother. Prayers for good health and blessings.

Donald Steadman - Marilyn Steadman's brother. Re-occurrence of cancer.

Lisa - friend of Jim and Sandra Dennion. Sciatica.

Brenda Lee Watson's family - Please pray for a relative with addiction issues.

Mary Tharom - Marilyn Steadman's friend. Brain injury from fall.

Brian Carpenter - Friend of Julie Eckert. Cancer.

Diane Dunbar - Marilyn Nutt's sister. Having surgery on May 12 at Jefferson.

Please Continue to Pray for These People With Ongoing Needs

Jan Gardner; Connie Asquith; Sandy Williams; Ivan Avery; Jim Dennion's niece, Nicole; Jim & Pam McCullough's grandchildren Kate McCullough, Hugh & Luke; Liam; Nancy Hubbard; Pat Papa; Mildred Mayes; Alma Goodman's daughter-in-law Randi; Pastor Erin Phillips; Brian Brick; John Reheis; teen with eating disorder (Jane Brick's friend); Allan & Janet (Eleanor Shockey's brother and sister-in-law); Loue & Campbell Families; Kelli Dreyer; Jaclyn Smith; Walker Hinkle; Bob Fish; Jo Anne Trout; Diane Ott; Father Michael Doyle.

April Birthdays

1	Erica Earwood	12	Fay Gasparro Marlene Hoskins
3	Jan Williams Andrew Haddon	17	Francis Halsted
5	Elaine Nieu Kirk Louie Stewart Marion Munn	19	Caroline Rapone Eileen Black
7	Barbara Tarditi	20	Sandy Williams
9	Rene Goodman	21	Neal Curry
10	Pam Powers Karen Waleski	26	Richard Coggins Matthew Havens



April Anniversaries

- 5 Mr. & Mrs. William Coggins
- 9 Mr. & Mrs. James Dennion
- 18 Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Petrongolo
- 25 Mr. & Mrs. William Wertz



WE WANT TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU!

If you have a birthday or wedding anniversary to add to our list, please send the information to Judy in the Church Office at
ipetrongolo@firstbaptisthaddonfield.org or
 call Judy at 856-429-2326



Please also keep us posted on family happenings and achievements - we love to post good-news stories!

First Baptist Community News

Welcome to the world, little ones!

Pastor Michael and Elizabeth's daughter and son-in-law, Emily and Brian Flasiński, have a new son, Brian Joseph Flasiński, who was born on February 11, 2016.

Betsy and Lloyd Wood's daughter and son-in-law, Kali and Rodney Jokerst, have a new son, Evan Gray Jokerst, who was born on February 27, 2016.



John Michael Nazak

John was born in Lyndora, Pennsylvania on September 9, 1925, to Michael and Anna Nazak – the fourth of five children. His siblings have predeceased him. In his youth, John had a paper route, played basketball, was active in Boy Scouts and when old enough helped his father on Saturday deliver bread from the family bakery. He was extremely proud of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. John graduated from Butler High School in 1943 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy at age 17. He served proudly as an Aviation Electronics Technician in Hawaii and Guam. After his discharge, he studied Electrical Engineering at the University of Pittsburgh where he received his degree in 1949. John married his high school sweetheart, Mary Rogers, on June 15, 1946, and they had three children. They were married for 52 years until her death in 1999.

John worked for the U.S. Government as a contract specialist, before joining the missile and surface radar division of RCA in 1956. He was named manager of radar marketing and range and reentry systems. In 1967, John was promoted to district manager for defense marketing in Dayton, Ohio. Upon relocating to Burlington, MA, he served as manager of radiation systems. In 1983, he returned to Moorestown as senior marketing manager for undersea warfare until his retirement in 1986.

John was a man of deep faith and commitment to the Lord. His membership at First Baptist Church of Haddonfield spanned more than 60 years where he taught Sunday School, served on numerous committees and boards, including Chair of the Executive Board. While living in Dayton, John was involved with the Dayton Christian Center, a social service agency, as well as the Dorothy Lane Baptist Church. After retiring, he became a volunteer reading teacher with Literacy Volunteers of America and was named Volunteer of the Year. An avid golfer, John was a member of the Moorestown Field Club for 30 years.

He was dearly loved by his wife of 15 years, Susan, and his children, Margaret Sutterley, Patricia Clement, Timothy Nazak (Karen) and his stepchildren, A. Richard Ross, Jr. and Pamela McIlvaine (Douglas). John went home to the Lord on March 15th and will be deeply missed by his wife, children, stepchildren, 5 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and extended family members.

Because He lives
I can face tomorrow.....

We extend our sympathy and condolences to Anna Keppen on the loss of her sister, Ruth.



Riverview Estates Flower Planting Day

May 21, 2016

TIME: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.



Volunteers are needed for a special opportunity to work at our annual Flower Planting Day. We hope to have many teams for this one day event to plant 100 flats of flowers to make our grounds beautiful and welcoming! A box lunch will be provided as well as community service verification.

RSVP to Cathy Smyth at:
cathys@riverviewestates.org or
call (856) 829-2274 ext. 153

303 Bank Ave. Riverton, N.J.
www.riverviewestates.org

Betty Willingmyre would like to thank Jane, Margo, Sue, Linda, Betsy, Justine, Stacy and Eileen (in spirit) for providing baked goods for the Easter sunrise service. The open house after the service was enjoyed by all who ventured inside. The Diaconate is in charge of this fellowship hour. 175 people attended this year, which is the largest attendance we have had in a while.



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Thanks also to Pat Papa and Glen Jacobson for ordering and picking up the Easter flowers, and to the Diaconate for having them delivered to our homebound members.

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Ada Foulkes appreciated the efforts, time and pleasant visit with Alma Goodman, who was so kind to bring the daffodils from the church.



Quizzie Haddon!

This monthly fun night continues on **April 26th at 7 PM in the Social Hall**. If you enjoy friendly competition and answering trivia questions, this is the event for you! Come as a small team or join an existing team. Snacks and beverage provided. Free will offering will be taken. All are invited!

♦ **March's winners:** The Skippers: Fran Mockus, with Sue, Jay, and Molly Parks. Four teams competed in a very close race.

2016 Fellowship Hour Assignments

January - Christian Ed

July - Finance

February - Music & Arts

August - Music & Arts

March - Mission

September - Diaconate

April - Diaconate

October - Mission

May - Christian Ed

November - Property

June - Property

December - Finance



THE STORY

STUDIES and GROUPS FOCUSING ON STUDY OF THE BIBLE USING "THE STORY"

FOR ALL

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Will meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room. Tom Minuti and Bill Keane are leading a study of "The Story." All are welcome!

FRIDAY EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Will meet every Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Bill and Kathleen Keane are leading a study of "The Story." All are welcome!



FOR WOMEN

FRIENDS IN THE SPIRIT - Will meet on Wednesday, April 6 and 20 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room. We will be studying "The Story." If you have questions, contact Sandra Mezger at 856-429-7540. All are welcome!

FRIENDS IN FAITH - Will meet on April 4 at Carol Hoeberg's home and April 18 at Pam McCullough's home. We'll gather at 9:30 for fellowship and a continuation of our study of "The Story". Women of all ages are welcome to give us a try. Call Sue Nazak with questions at 856-321-9360.

FOR MEN

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST - The breakfasts take place at 8:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of the month, alternating between First Baptist and Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. The next one will be April 9 at Mt. Olivet. Women are welcome!

<div></div>						Friday	Saturday
						1 Pastor Michael Vacation 4:30 PM Asian Church Youth (SL) 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study (BR) 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Phila. Handbell Practice (B)	2 Pastor Michael Vacation 7:00 AM Volunteer Work Group
3  Pastor Michael Vacation - Rev. Santilli Preaching 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (BR) 9:30 AM Asian Baptist Ch (SL) 10:00 AM Praise & Prayer Service (S) 11:00 AM Worship w/Communion (S) 11:15 AM Children's SS 12:30 PM Carol Choir (S)	4 Pastor Michael Vacation 9:30 AM Friends in Faith 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (SR) 7:00 PM Environmental Committee (L) 7:00 PM Missions Board (BR)	5 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (BR) 12:00 PM Pastoral Meeting @ FBC (BR)	6 8:00 AM Clergy Breakfast 10:30 AM Gathering for Prayer 1:30 PM Friends in the Spirit	7 12:00 PM AA Mtg. (BR) 6:45 PM Carillon Ringers (B) 7:45 PM Chancel Choir (M)	8 4:30 PM Asian Church Youth (SL) 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study (BR) 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM FMSC Food Packing Event at Haddonfield Middle School	9 7:00 AM Volunteer Work Group 11:00 AM Memorial Service for John Nazak - Reception to follow in Lounge	
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24 Creation Sunday 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (BR) 9:30 AM Asian Baptist Ch (SL) 10:00 AM Praise & Prayer Service (S) 11:00 AM Worship Service (S) 11:15 AM Children's SS 12:30 PM Carol Choir (S)	25 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (SR) 7:30 PM Diaconate Meeting (BR)	26 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (BR) 7:00 PM Quizzie Haddon (SH)	27 Administrative Professionals Day Office is Open 9-12 10:30 AM Gathering for Prayer 12:00 PM Administrative Professionals Day Luncheon	28 9:00 AM Brass & Beat (SH) 12:00 PM AA Mtg. (BR) 6:45 PM Carillon Ringers (B) 7:45 PM Chancel Choir (M)	29 4:30 PM Asian Church Youth (SL) 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study (BR) 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Phila. Handbell Practice (B)	30 7:00 AM Volunteer Work Group	

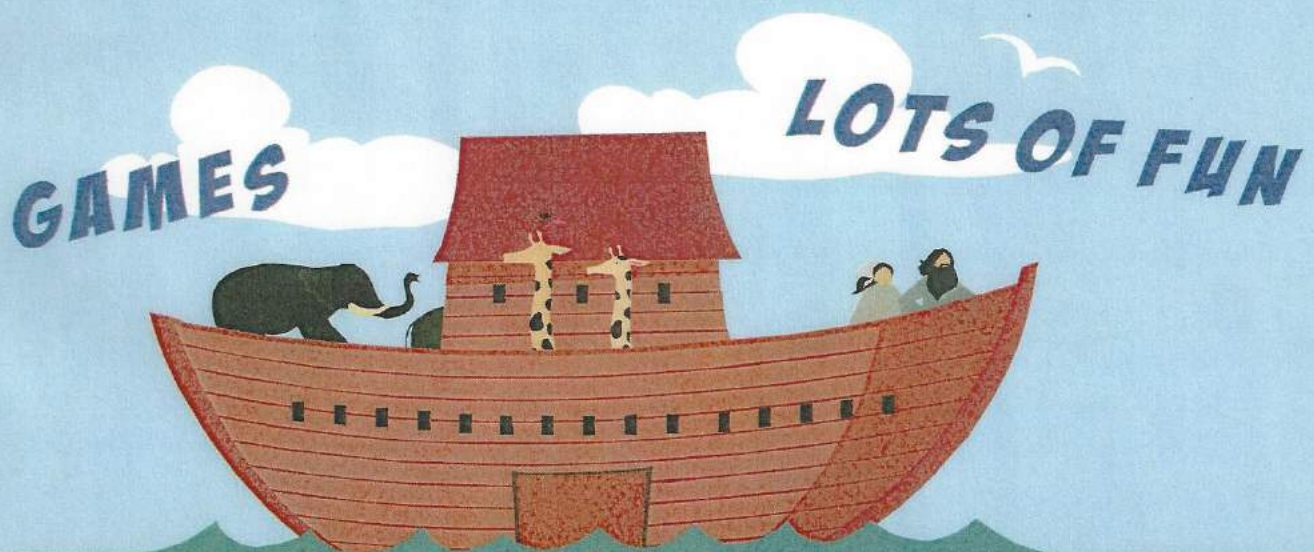
KEY: S - Sanctuary, L - Lounge, MR - Middleton Room, BR - Boardroom, N - Nursery, SH - Social Hall, K - Kitchen, SR - Scout Room, ABC - ABC Room, SL - Skylight Room, G - Green Room, B - Bell Room, M - Music Room

Mrs. Noah and Her Ark Animals

SUNDAY, APRIL 17th AT 11:00 AM

Bible Story Presentation

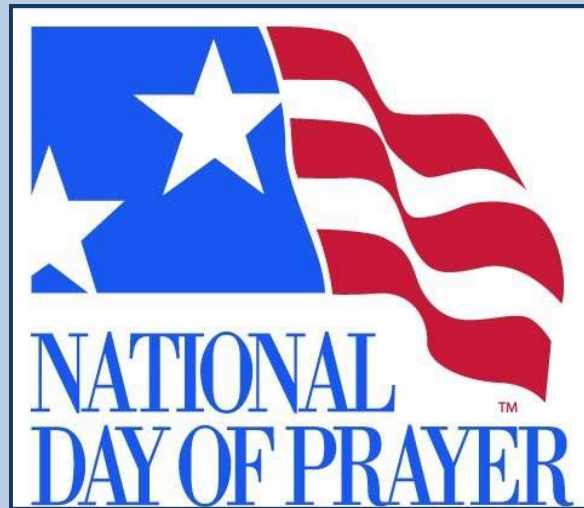
Hands-on-Experience with the Animals



FREE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

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HADDONFIELD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES



BREAKFAST THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Brenda Halliburton-Williams
Director of Christian Ministries to
Immigrants and Refugees, ABC-USA

Breakfast: 8:30 a.m.

Program: 9:15 a.m.

**At The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield
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856-429-2326**

**Tickets are \$10 and are available from
Pastor Michael and all Haddonfield church offices.
Tickets must be purchased by 5/2.**

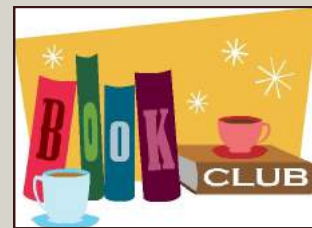
Historical Committee and Book & Breakfast Group

We would like to thank Carol Malcarney for her donation to the Historical Committee's "200th Anniversary Fund." Carol generously gave a portion from the sales of her recent book, "Liberty Street - World War II Correspondence between Janice Y. Chandler & Alfred G. Chandler M.D." For background of her book and a copy, you can visit www.carolchandlermalcarney.com.

Women's Book & Breakfast Reading Fellowship

Date: Friday, April 29, 2016

Book: *South of Broad* by Pat Conroy



We will meet at the Bistro Restaurant, 57 East Kings Highway at 10:00 AM. For information concerning this event, contact Sandra Mezger at 856-429-7540.



Join us in the Sanctuary **every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.** for a Praise and Prayer service led by Jason Hahn and Pastor Michael.

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Come and lift your hearts in praise for the one who Created us, loves us, and died so that we may live!



**GOAL: \$750.00**

**TOTAL RAISED: \$612.00**



## BOARD MEETINGS IN APRIL

Monday, April 4 at 7:00 PM - Missions Board

Sunday, April 10 at 12:30 PM - Property Board

Sunday, April 10 at 12:30 PM - Music & Arts Board

Monday, April 11 at 7:30 PM - Finance Board

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 - Executive Board

Thursday, April 14, 2016—Environmental Committee

Monday, April 25 at 7:30 PM - Diaconate



### CEDARS OF LEBANON 2020 SCHOLARSHIPS TO CAMP LEBANON GOAL FOR 2016: \$500.00

UPDATED TOTAL 2016: \$110.00

Envelopes are available in The Middleton Room for this special ongoing collection. Donors are asked to make their check out to ***First Baptist Church*** and write "***Cedars of Lebanon***" on the memo line.



The Diaconate Food Drive is ongoing. All donations are greatly appreciated. You may place items in the large wooden box in the Middleton Room. This time of year is especially difficult for many families. Please be generous. Every item helps!



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Keep up with our events, updates and announcements!!! Check out our Facebook page and "Like" us!

Our page name is:

["First Baptist Church of Haddonfield"](#)



# ANNUAL CREATION SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE April 24 at 11 A.M.

## *"The Wilderness"*

This service is a celebration of God's Creation through prayer, scripture and music; and also serves as a reminder of our role as stewards.

*O Lord, how manifold are Your works!  
In wisdom You have made them all...*  
~ Psalm 104:24



I went to the woods because  
I wished to live deliberately,  
to front only the essential  
facts of life, and see if  
I could not learn what it  
had to teach, and not,  
when I came to die, discover  
that I had not lived.

-HENRY DAVID THOREAU  
WALDEN: OR, LIFE IN THE WOODS



**Submissions for The Messenger are due to the office no later than the 15th of each month, to ensure timely delivery. If you'd like something included in The Messenger, please make sure it gets to Judy by the 15th!**

**Just a  
reminder...**



**You may email it to Judy at  
[jpetrongolo@firstbaptisthaddonfield.org](mailto:jpetrongolo@firstbaptisthaddonfield.org)  
or drop it off at the church office  
Monday through Friday,  
9:00 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.**

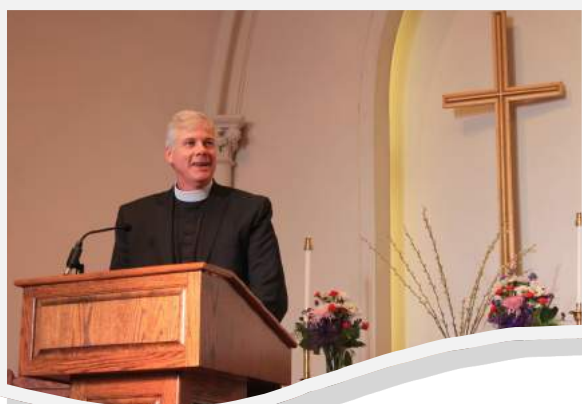


# The Haddonfield *HYMN* Festival

Thank you to all who attended. We were blessed with the glorious sounds of the voices of the choirs of Haddonfield. Thanks to your generosity, over \$4,500.00 was raised to feed the children of Haiti. That's over 20,000 hot meals!

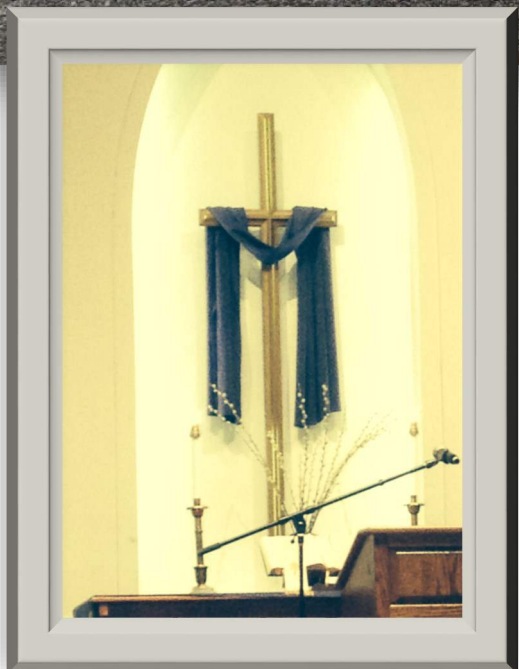


Tune my  
heart  
to sing  
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grace





# EASTER WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH





# The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield

124 Kings Hwy East

## PRESENTS

### BARITONES ON BROADWAY

Sunday May 1st ~ 4pm

*Love Broadway?*

Join us as

Allen Derriso & Jeffrey Wienand  
sing baritone solos & duets from  
Broadway's beloved musicals!

Reception following performance.



*Kings Highway  
will be alive with  
MUSIC*

856.429.2326



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**Haddonfield, NJ 08033**

**Deadline to submit for next issue: April 15th!**

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| <u>Church Staff:</u><br>The Rev. Dr. Michael J. Feicht, Pastor<br>Eleanor Shockey, Organist<br>Dr. David Shockey, Director of Chancel Choir<br>Robert Gardner, Director of Handbells<br>Marilyn Nutt, Sunday School Superintendent<br>Judy Petrongolo, Office Administrator<br>Caitlynn Capra & Dakota Wright, Nursery Staff<br>Betty Willingmyre, Cemetery Administrator | <u>Church Office Hours:</u><br>Monday through Friday<br>9:00 AM – 2:00 PM<br>Phone: 856-429-2326<br>Fax: 856-795-3680<br>Email: <a href="mailto:info@firstbaptisthaddonfield.org">info@firstbaptisthaddonfield.org</a><br>Website:<br><a href="http://www.firstbaptisthaddonfield.org">www.firstbaptisthaddonfield.org</a><br>Cemetery Phone: 856-429-1644 | <u>Every Sunday</u><br>~ 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study<br>~ 10:00 AM Praise and Prayer Service<br>~ 11:00 AM Worship Service<br>~ 11:15 AM Children's Sunday School<br><br><u>First Sunday of Each Month:</u><br>~ Communion is served at the<br>11 am worship service |
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**The Pastorial Leadership  
Of Our Community Churches  
Invite You To An Evening  
Of Music And Prayer  
In These Challenging Times**

## **A CALL TO PRAYER IN OUR TIMES**

**Friday May 20th 7pm**  
**Haddonfield Middle School Auditorium**  
**5 Lincoln Ave (at Chestnut)**  
**Haddonfield**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
**Free Parking in the Chestnut Avenue Lots**  
**No Offering Will Be Taken**

**Further Information: 856.429.2326**