

The Messenger

What Shape Are You In?

“What shape am I in?” is a question we might ask ourselves. No I’m not asking you to go on a diet or join a fitness club. I’m thinking about Erik Rees book Shape: Finding and Fulfilling Your Purpose for the Future.

Your “shape” is your design. You are designed by God to make a difference in the world. SHAPE is an acronym:

- S** stands for Spiritual Gifts. When we receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, we receive spiritual gifts. You are gifted, not for yourself, but for His glory.
- H** stands for Heart or Passion. What are you excited about?
- A** is Ability. You are capable of more than you think.
- P** in SHAPE is for Personalty. Are you an extrovert or introvert, a vision person or a detail person?
- E** stands for Experience. We all have experiences in life. How have they molded you to be of service to others?

When we get to heaven, I think God will ask us two questions. First, what did you do with my Son Jesus Christ? He died on a cross for you. Did you accept Him or blow Him off? Second, I made you for a purpose. What did you do with your life?

On Sunday September 26th we’ll be focusing on Spiritual Gifts and examine some guidelines to check things out. On Sunday October 3rd we’ll have a luncheon after worship and take a few minutes to see what SHAPE we are in as a church and as a congregation

The program is sponsored by the Nominating and Personnel Committee of our church. Our goal is to connect people with specific ministries in the church.

What SHAPE are we in? Come Sunday September 26th and then on October 3rd for the luncheon and program.

Blessings



The Rev. Dr. Michael J. Feicht



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NEWS FROM THE MISSION BOARD

Many prayers and the efforts of many people have been offered in the work of re-establishing the American Baptist mission work in Rwanda, and for the Rwandan refugees in Uganda. Delegates from the Baptists of Rwanda, Rev. Andre and Rev. Laurence, will be guests at the ABCNJ annual meeting in September. Rev. Andre will be preaching at our church on September 19th, and will give a presentation following a luncheon on that day. Members of other churches in the Greater Delaware Valley Association will be invited to the luncheon and presentation. The luncheon will be provided by the Mission Board, with a free-will offering taken up after the meal to reimburse costs. A sign-up sheet will be provided in the Chapel prior to the luncheon. Please put this event on your calendar and plan to attend.

FAMILY NEWS – PRAY FOR...

Joyce Carr; Ruth Ford; Ed Papa; Megan, James & Hugh Creegan; Sandra Lamont's son, Roland; Amy Halsted; John Heljenek; Dean Cucchinotta; Peg Redman's granddaughter; George Clauston; Amy Melichad; Sam Borders; and Yulia & Jesse Bagwell. To place some one on the prayer list, call Chuck Benson at 856-429-0430.



TEACHERS NEEDED

Teachers are needed for the fall 2010 Sunday School. All you need is a love of children and a desire to serve the Lord. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Jim Dennion at 609-267-7208 or at JSDennion@verizon.net.

WOMEN'S ANNUAL FALL KICKOFF DINNER SPONSORED BY FRIENDSHIP/DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Join us Monday, October 4th at 6:30 PM as we celebrate the Fall Startup of our Women's Bible Studies Groups. We will enjoy an evening of Christian fellowship and a sumptuous dinner prepared by Natalie & Gary's Catering. After dinner, Praise Songs and Hymns will be led by the inspiring women from "Heart of Joy"! All women of the church and their friends invited.

Menu:

Chicken Parmesan,
 Penne in Blush Sauce,

Green Beans Italiano, Garden Salad Dessert:
 Fruit Salad, Mini-Cannoli and Ice Cream

Cost: \$17.00. Reservations and Payment must be made by Sun., Sept. 28.

Sign-up sheet and box for payment will be on chapel table.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Mezger at 856-429-7540.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

The Men's Bible Fellowship meets in the Lounge at 7:30 PM (unless otherwise noted) on:

Tuesday, September 7

Tuesday, September 14

Tuesday, September 21 – Cancelled due to Quarterly Business Meeting

Tuesday, September 28

Tuesday, October 5

Tuesday, October 12

Tuesday, October 19

Tuesday, October 26

Come and join us as we follow the life of our Lord in the Book Matthew! For more information or to attend the bar-b-que, please contact Jim Dennion (609-267-7208).

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The Historical Committee continues in its efforts to raise money for the preservation of the 20-year diary of Rev. Sisty (our congregation's first pastor). We are participating in Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" event on Tuesday, October 5, which is a fund-raising day for area non-profit organizations. Our committee will be offering, for \$5.00, a 25% discount shopping pass for purchases made on Friends Helping Friends day. The entire \$5.00 from every ticket sold benefits the church. On October 5, each purchaser can recoup their \$5 through the savings they will enjoy with their ticket at any Boscov's store. Free refreshments are served in the stores as well as other special events. These tickets are available now by contacting Margaret Hunt at 428-9717 or Sandra Mezger 429-7540.

The Historical Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, September 7 at 1:00 PM in the church lounge. If you are interested in this area of church ministry, please join us.

QUIZZIE HADDON!

Quizzie Haddon Trivia Night will resume on Tuesday, September 28th at 7PM for Season Three!!! Come solo or bring a small team of family and friends for a night of friendly competition answering trivia questions of a general nature. Snacks and beverage will be provided. A free-will offering will be taken for the benefit of the Shine Forth Renovation Campaign. Quizzie will take place the fourth Tuesday of every month. Don't miss the fun!

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A Galactic Blast!

Psalm 150:6 "Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD."

We are coming to the end of another successful summer . . . vacations, mission trips, and summer enrichment. Since I have caught you up on the miracles of vacation and the work of the mission trip, I would like to share how amazing Summer Enrichment was . . .

152 kids amazing . . .

12 junior helpers amazing . . .

46 adult volunteers amazing.



Of the 152 campers, 23 of them came to us from The First Asian Baptist Church in Merchantville. The children are Burmese refugees that moved to the United States seven months ago. Rev. Hojin Yu was an excellent leader who picked up the children from their homes and dropped them off at their homes at the end of the day. The children were well-mannered, well-behaved and enjoyed the camp immensely.

The program truly was a blast. It allowed us to see and learn how amazing, wonderful, incredible, awesome and magnificent God really is in each of our lives. We are blessed to run a week-long camp that reaches out to the families in this community. The week of snacks, recreation, crafts, music and Bible study were out of this world. The children were blessed by the volunteer's devotion of time and energy throughout the whole week. It truly takes a village . . .

There are certainly areas in which we can build upon and make some slight changes to prepare for next year – even more children – and even more adult volunteers.

As I reflect upon the week I am blessed by the stories of the children acknowledging a lesson they learned, thanking a volunteer for their help, or a teenager expressing interest in getting more involved in the church and I know that the ministry that happens in one week is worth every drip of sweat, sore muscle, and headache that may happen in the process. I understand the awesome responsibility that we have as adults to teach our young people the Word of God and I continue to challenge the church to strive towards the goal of reaching as many young people through ministries of the congregation – whether it is inviting a child to sit with you at church, sponsoring a child at LOGOS, or volunteering your time – we can accomplish great feats for the Kingdom when we work together . . . families and the church!

Blessings,
Pastor Erin




I Loved VBS.
Thank You
FOR making
this camp



Dear VBS,

August

I had a lot of fun at
VBS. I hope I can come
Back. I  VBS!

Love,

Jesse Eble Hargro



August 15, 2010

Vacation Bible School Staff,
Volunteers, Teachers:



What a great week of VBS! Both
of our kids loved their first VBS
experience, and we are so grateful for this
gift that you have given to the families in our
community. The curriculum, the music, the
crafts - all were awesome. Thank you! The Table
Homes?

September 2010

ALL INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 PM Newcomers	2 12:00 PM AA (BR) 6:45 PM Carillon 7:30 PM Webelos (SR)	3	4
			Michael J. Feicht – Vacation			
5 Erin Phillips Preaching 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10:10 AM Children's Sunday School	6 Office Closed for Holiday Labor Day	7 9:30 AM ABC/NJ Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Auxillary Meeting at Baptist Home 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study	8	9 9:00 AM Brass & Beat (SH) 12:00 PM AA (BR) 6:15 PM Bear Den (SL) 6:45 PM Carillon 7:00 PM Mission Bd. 7:30 PM Webelos (SR)	10 7:00 PM Cub Pack Committee (SR)	11 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM StageCoach Schools (SL, G, Bell & Choir)
Michael J. Feicht – Vacation				Pastor Michael Feicht to Chicago		
12 Church Picnic Erin Phillips Preaching 10:00 AM Worship 10:10 AM Children's Sunday School 12:30 PM CE Board	13 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Finance Bd.	14 10:00 AM Quarterly Meeting Report Deadline 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM Garden Club (SH) 7:30 PM Executive Bd. 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study	15 10:00 AM Deadline for Messenger Announcements 4:30 PM LOGOS (SH, BR & 3rd floor) 6:30 PM Tiger Cub Den (SR)	16 12:00 PM AA (BR) 6:45 PM Carillon 7:30 PM Webelos (SR)	17	18 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM StageCoach Schools (SL, G, Bell & Choir)
Pastor Michael Feicht...						
19 Pastor Andre Preaching 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 11:10 AM Children's Sunday School 12:30 PM Rwanda Luncheon (Mission Board)	20 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Environmental Group (L) 8:00 PM Artisans (SH)	21 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study 7:30 PM Quarterly Business Meeting	22 4:30 PM LOGOS (SH, BR & 3rd floor)	23 9:00 AM Brass & Beat (SH) 12:00 PM AA (BR) 6:15 PM Bear Den (SL) 6:45 PM Carillon 7:30 PM Webelos (SR)	24 Music and Arts sponsored concert 9:00 PM Haddonfield Ecumenical Youth Council Movie Night	25 Annual Session Meeting ABC/NJ 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM StageCoach Schools (SL, G, Bell & Choir)
			Staff attending "Worship & the Future" Ocean City			
26 World Mission Offering 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship w/Youth 11:10 AM Children's Sunday School	27 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Diaconate	28 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Quizzie Haddon (SH) 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study	29 4:30 PM LOGOS (SH, BR & 3rd floor) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts – Eagle Board (N, BR, L, SR or other)	30		
V. Timms – Vacation – Volunteers Needed to Cover Office						

KEY: S - Sanctuary, L - Lounge, C - Chapel, 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

FALL LOGOS

LOGOS begins September 15, 4:30 - 7:30 pm for 4 years old - 8th grade; 9th - 12th grade 6:30 - 7:30pm.

Registrations are being accepted.

See Pastor Erin for a registration form and invite a friend.

Are you called by God to help volunteer? Sign up today!

Haddonfield Ecumenical Youth Council Movie Night

Who: All High School Students

When: Friday, September 24 @ 9:00pm-11:15pm

Where: Haddonfield United Methodist Church

What: Movie Night...a movie, fellowship, food, fun and games

Quarterly Business Meeting

Tuesday, September 21st

7:30 PM

All reports due into the office no later than 10 AM on
Tuesday, September 14th. Thank you.

Anniversaries Happy Anniversary!

September

7 Mr. & Mrs. William Mezger

9 Mr. & Mrs. John Nazak

14 Mr. & Mrs. James Havens

30 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Nutt

Birthdays Happy Birthday!

September

2 Chris Saladik

3 Judy Oberg
Robert Hoskins, Jr.

4 Patrick Hurley

6 John-Michael Earwood

8 Francis Stevens
Kenneth Clark

9 John Nazak
Rev. Elizabeth Marsh

11 David Gallus

12 Brian Jones
Leonard Jones

13 Jane Brick

15 Jack Wood

16 Gilda Cooper
Nancy Hubbard

17 Amy Bobb
Mary Thomson

18 Bill Mezger
Kathy Voldish

21 Erin Phillips

24 Emily Feicht
Kali Wood
Zachary Krogstad

25 Bob Hertzog
John Ngo

26 Daniel Kennan

30 Dennis Wood

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child will start up on September 12th. Boxes and flyers may be found across from the nursery. The due date will be October 31st for all the boxes to be returned. All information about what supplies are to be included in the boxes, plus shipping fees can be found in the flyers. Thank you again for shining Jesus' light to all the children of the world.

WOMEN'S READING FELLOWSHIP

The next book selection to be read is Travels with Charley in Search of America by John Steinbeck, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1962. Discussion will take place on Friday, September 24 at 10:00 AM at Jersey Java & Tea, 140 Haddon Ave., Haddonfield. Please contact Sandra Mezger at 429-7540 if you have any questions.

UNUSUAL USES FOR CHALK

Think chalk is just for teachers and kids? Think again. This sidewalk staple gets high marks as a household helper.

Lifts Stains: Grease stains and ring around the collar can benefit from some chalk treatment! Rub a piece of white chalk into the stain and let it soak up the grease for a few minutes. Then, dust off any excess chalk and launder as usual. The chalk dust will get into the fibers and absorb the oils, making the stain easier to wash out.

Stabilizes Screwdrivers: Rub some chalk on the business end of a screwdriver, and it's less likely to slip as you turn the screw.

Combats Mustiness: Hang a bundle of chalk in your closets and cabinets to keep them from getting damp and musty. The chalk will absorb excess moisture from the air – humidity that otherwise leads to mustiness.

Perfect Patterns: The next time you need to trace a pattern for a craft project, use the item tailors have used for ages: chalk. The markings will be clear and easy to see, and when you want to erase them, simply dust away the lines.

Repels Ants: To keep ants out of your house, draw chalk lines around your doorways and windowsills. Ants won't cross a chalk line. Why? It's not entirely clear, but some say the ants don't like the particles sticking to their feet, while others say they're averse to the calcium carbonate in the chalk. Whatever the reason, this nontoxic solution will keep ants outside where they belong.



REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 11

Presentation on
Mission to India
following
Worship on
Sunday August 29th
in the Chapel



WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP/DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

- ★ **Friends in the Spirit:** Starting September 16, we will be meeting again on Thursdays, twice monthly, but **at the new time of 1:30 PM**. Join us in the Boardroom as we study and discuss the Book of Romans. Bring your Bibles and we will provide the study guides. If you have questions or childcare needs, please contact Saowanee Sweeney 751-6416 or Sandra Mezger 429-7540. Blessings!
- ★ **The Mustard Seed** will meet on Tuesday, September 14th at 7:00 PM at the home of Jan Gardner. If you have any questions, please call Jan at 856-858-1091.
- ★ **Friends in Faith** meets first and third Monday at 9:30 AM in various homes. Please contact Sue Nazak (856-321-9360) for more information.
- ★ **Joyful Friends** meets on the first and third Tuesday evenings. Please call Marilyn Nutt (856-845-8615) or Elaine Bugoski (856-848-2628) for more information.

ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP "GOD'S GREEN HOUSE"

"On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate." – Psalms 145: 5

The Environmental Group will meet on Monday, September 20 at 7:30 in the church lounge. Please note our guest speaker, Sue Smith, scheduled to discuss the "Equal Exchange" fair trade coffee project will not be able to attend the 9/20 meeting. She has been rescheduled for the October meeting which will take place 10/18. We invite you to attend both meetings if you have a concern for this area of ministry.

In August, we were happy to have helped facilitate a field trip for a group of Urban Promise Summer Campers to the Rancocas Nature Center. Forty-three campers and sixteen counselors were able to enjoy a two-hour program on August 3rd which was provided by naturalists from the center and included trail hikes, learning about animal habitats and art activities. The bus and program was provided through a grant from the State of New Jersey for the benefit of intercity children.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

On Sunday, September 19th, we will return to 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School Classes, 11:00 AM Worship Services and 11:15 Children's Sunday School. Please make a note.



Office Hours

OFFICE HOURS

Beginning on Monday, September 13th, the church office will be open from 9 AM to 2:30 PM, Monday through Friday. The office will be closed between 12:30 PM and 1:30 PM for lunch.

SEPTEMBER VACATIONS:

Pastor Feicht will be on vacation from Sept. 1st through the 8th.

Virginia Timms will be on vacation from Sept. 27th through Oct 1st.

Volunteers needed to cover the office. Please call if you can help.

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The Rev. Dr. Michael J. Feicht, *Pastor*
Erin Phillips, *Minister of Christian Ed*
David Shockey, *Director of Chancel Choir*
Eleanor Shockey, *Organist*
Robert Gardner, *Director of Handbells*

Sunday Services (mid-Sept - mid-June): 11:00 AM
Sunday Services (mid-June - mid-Sept): 10:00 AM
Children's Sunday School: 11:10 AM (Summer 10:10 AM)
Office Hours: M to F – 9 AM to 12:30 PM & 1:30 to 2:30 PM
Summer Office Hours: M to F – 9 AM to 12:30 PM

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**Church
Picnic**

**All-Church
Picnic
Sunday,
September 12th
Check the Sunday Bulletins
for more information**