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The Messenger

EASTER SHEPHERD

"NOW MAY THE GOD OF PEACE who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. . . "

How would you teach the parable of the Good Shepherd to a class who spoke practically no English? That's what I was trying to do in my LOGOS class of Burmese refugees last week. I began this way, "Who knows what a sheep is?" No response. My explanation began with my sketches and sound effects, both of which elicited laughter from the children. What a pastor won't do to get a message across!

From the little experience I have with the quadruped I can say they are stubborn, wandering and fragile. They have a sense of direction that is determined by the grass in front of their nose. And we, the Bible says, "all like sheep have gone astray." Calling us sheep is far from flattering, rather it points out the flaws in our constitution.

Look at the lives of all the great biblical characters in the Old and New Testaments. Adam ate the apple. The first family produced a murderer. Abraham lied to the Pharaoh about his wife's identity and allowed her to be taken into his harem without so much as a, "Hey, wait a minute!" The patriarchs were all flawed including King David, who was nevertheless called "a man after God's own heart." (I Samuel 13:14) Jesus' disciples weren't much better.

The biblical accounts are shamelessly transparent. Why? Because they were what we are: a mess. We're flawed. We make mistakes. And the annoying thing is that we remain sheep throughout our lives.

Like sheep we need a shepherd. The good news is that Jesus was our shepherd, and Jesus is still our shepherd. On Easter the Great Shepherd of the sheep rose from the dead. He is still there to guide us, to correct us, to protect us and to redeem us from our own messes.

Yes, we are sheep and throughout life remain sheep. The good news is Jesus Christ remains our shepherd.

Paster Mchael

COMING APRIL 12TH & 13TH - 7 PM TO 9 PM!

Dr. Lee Spitzer will lead a workshop developed from his book, Making Friends, Making Disciples.

For centuries, the Christian church has led the way in creating communities of people. Dr. Lee Spitzer proposes that today's church can sustain that leadership role by developing a transformative paradigm for church growth. The key, Spitzer asserts, is learning to expand and enrich our circles of friendship—in our home, our congregation, and our community.

Dr. Spitzer examines how Jesus understood and practiced the art of friendship, and from there develops a theology of friendship based on the totality of biblical teaching. Spitzer's compelling resource introduces the Friendship Circles model and explores how we may practice friendship as a personal and corporate spiritual discipline. Making Friends, Making Disciples concludes with nine key friendship circles exercises for personal and church group use.

Dinner will be served both nights at 6 PM
Tuesday, April 12th – Tacos with all the fix'ns. Beverage provided; please bring a dessert.

Wednesday, April 13th – Hungarian Goulash, Salad, Rolls. Beverage provided; please bring a dessert Please sign up in lounge. Child care provided.

TUESDAYS IN LENT

Grace Episcopal Church will be hosting Tuesdays in Lent services at 12 Noon, every Tuesday from now to April 19th. The theme this year is "God's Gift of Grieving" and the schedule is:

April 5th: Matthew 5:4 – Rev. Glenn Englehardt

April 12th: John 11:32-37 – TBA

April 19th: Mark 14:72 – Rev. Wayne Zschech

CHURCH OFFICERS AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING EVENTS (COAL)

Theme: Growing Healthy Congregations
April 2, 2011 – Columbus Baptist Church, Columbus, NJ
8:30 AM Registration 9:00 AM -- 3:30 PM Training
Cost is only \$15.00 per person. This covers your registration and a luncheon served by the host congregation.

There are registration forms on the table in the Chapel or you can get a form at www.abcnj.net/abcnj-events/coal-training-event

READY TO DO SOME SPRING CLEANING? ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY, April 29th – 9 AM to 7 PM Consider donating some of your gently used

items for our Annual Rummage Sale
We will start accepting donations Monday, March
21st. It would be a great help if you could pre-sort
your own items at the various stations set up in the
ABC room. All volunteers are welcome to help

ABC room. All volunteers are welcome to help sort, set up, and work the day of sale. Please indicate your willingness to help to Erin Phillips.



FAMILY NEWS - PRAY FOR ...

Joyce Carr; Ruth Ford; Hugh Creegan; Amy Halsted; Connie Asquith; Jim Dennion; Gail Benson; Bette Kerswill; Jan Williams; Catherine Royall; Lauren Guy; Betsy Marsh; Will Gass' Ministry; Michael Wetherington; Charlie, Jessica & Jena Williams; and Yulia & Jesse Bagwell. To place someone on the prayer list, call Linda Jacobson at 354-1031.

CARING MINISTRIES

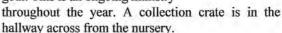
Need meals, errands, transportation, etc? Please call Sandra Dennion, Margo Schreiber or Sue Nazak.

CARING HEARTS MINISTRY

Caring Hearts now needs donations of <u>underwear</u> for children and adults of all ages. If you would like to donate this item, please bring them to church by **April 10**. There is a container marked "Caring Hearts" in the chapel. If you have any questions, please call Saowanee Sweeney at 856-751-6416.

ONGOING FOOD DRIVE

We are collecting for the Greater Delaware Valley Association. The goal is to collect 100 items of non-perishable goods a month. If we all brought in one can a month that we would make our goal. This is an ongoing ministry



HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The Historical Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, May 3rd at 1 PM in the church lounge. If you are interested in learning about the history of the church, please join us. For information about the group, contact Margaret Hunt (428-9717) or Sandra Mezger (429-7540).

WOMEN'S READING FELLOWSHIP

On April 1, the book discussion will be on Radioactive. Acclaimed author and artist, Lauren Redniss presents an illustrated biography of Marie Curie, the Polish born French physicist famous for her work on radioactivity—she was the first person to win the Nobel Prize twice. If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Mezger 429-7540 or Saowanee Sweeney 751-6416. Location of gathering is the Jersey Java & Tea Cafe, 140 Haddon Ave., Haddonfield at 10:00 AM. On May 20th, the memoir A Mountain of Crumbs by Elena Gorokhova will be discussed.

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FROM THE DESK OF ERIN PHILLIPS

The following are events I would like the children, youth and families to be aware for the coming months:

- ✓ Sunday, April 3 Daffodil day in Sunday School (11:00 am). The children will discuss the bulbs they planted on Veteran's Day and they will visit the children's garden to view the flowers budding from the ground.
- ✓ Saturday, April 16 High School Youth Event at Camp Lebanon (10:00 am 3:00 pm). "Close Encounters: Young People and Our Friendships." It will be a region-wide conversation with Dr. Spitzer and a multi-cultural panel of young people.
- ✓ Sunday, April 17 Palm Sunday (11:00 am). The children will participate in an Easter Egg Hunt and a Palm Processional with Jesus and a donkey. Jesus will read the children the Biblical story of the Palm Processional.
- ✓ Sunday, April 24 Easter (11:00 am). Families are invited to worship our Risen Savior together this morning.
- ✓ Sunday, June 5 Youth Sunday Worship (11:00 am). Young people that have completed the Salvation/ Baptism/Communion class will be baptized on this morning and Communion will be served.
- ✓ Wednesday, June 8 Family Night Dinner (6:00 pm).
- ✓ July 11 July 15 Youth Mission Trip. We will be serving the local community at such places as the Cathedral Kitchen, South Jersey Food Bank, etc.
- ✓ August 1 August 5 Summer Enrichment "Shake It Up"

I look forward to these upcoming events and participating alongside you and your family!

URBANPROMISE

We need your help! Our AfterSchool Programs are in urgent need of volunteers!

Consider volunteering your time to change the life of a child... Cut backs in the Camden police force coupled with inferior public schools make this a critical time for the future of Camden's hard working youth. We are in need of people willing to help tutor children from grades K-8. Our AfterSchool Program kids would thrive with the opportunity to receive one on one tutoring from an individual who is willing to come once a month, once a week or even daily! All you need is the ability to love coupled with a desire to make a difference and you will help a child be a success! Our youth are in need of people to help with: math and language arts homework, practice multiplication facts with flash cards, reading partners and much more.

Potential volunteers are encouraged to schedule a time to come visit the program they are interested in during program hours. Contact Susan Wihelm at 856-382-1865 or swillhelm@urbanpromiseusa.org.

ABCNJ SPECIAL MEETING APPROVES NEW BY-LAWS!

What does this mean?

- The Membership and activities of the 8 associations remains the same.
 - The authority of the churches and their delegates at Annual Session remains the same.
 - The ministry and role of the Executive Minister remains the same.
- Council is smaller in size 32 members instead of 46.
 - This would include 7 officers, 8 association moderators or their designated alternates, 3 ABCUSA General Board representatives, and the chairs of the 14 region-wide ministries of ABCNJ. Annual Session would vote to approve all Council members.
- Council is composed of associated representatives and representatives from our regional ministries.
 - This arrangements lets the voices of our churches be heard on 3 levels: through direct vote for regionally nominated officers, through association representatives, and through the ministries that are the expression of our cooperative mission.
- · Council is empowered to represent the will of the churches in exactly the same way it does now.
 - Council's size and make-up will change, but its function, power and authority will remain the same.

YOU ARE INVITED

Greater Delaware Valley Association Annual Meeting
Rev. Erin Phillips, Moderator
Sunday, April 10
Registration 2:30, Meeting and Worship 3:00, Fellowship 5:30
At Kaighn Avenue Baptist Church
831 Kaighn Avenue, Camden

FROM ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP "GOD'S GREEN HOUSE"

... observe and seek out all the commandments of the Lord your God, that you may possess this good land, and leave it as an inheritance for your children after you -1 Chronicles 28:8 forever.

We have all been affected by the natural catastrophe in Japan. The Atomic Power Plants that were involved also show the manmade potential for catastrophic endangerment to humanity and the environment. Closer to home, we have been speaking of the drilling in the Marcellus shale for natural gas in Pennsylvania and its relevance to our state because it may impact the drinking water and pollute the air quality. Recent headlines highlight the need for better monitoring of the industry and its reporting systems on contaminated wastewater disposal. "There seems to be many inconsistencies in how operators report the wastewater." (Inquirer, 3/10/11) Two large Pennsylvania water providers say they are planning to test public water supplies in response to outcry over a news report that radioactive gas-drilling wastewater may have been discharged into the state's streams. Plans are underway to take monthly radiological samples at two treatment plants. Though the New York Times reported that wastewater at well sites contained elevated radioactivity, the potential health effects are unclear because little testing has been conducted since the shale boom took off three years ago. Radioactive materials such as uranium and radium occur naturally in deep rock formations and are brought to the surface in the wastewater associated with hydraulic fracturing, the controversial technique that drillers use to release natural gas locked up in the mile-deep formation.

For more information about drilling in the Marcellus shale, visit the website www.damascuscitizens.org or rent the documentary "GASLAND" by Josh Fox.

Also plan on attending the next Environmental Group meeting to be held on Monday, April 25th at 7:30 pm in the church lounge.

INDIA MISSION

Pastor is organizing our summer Mission to Andrha Pradesh, India. People interested in coming with us are invited to speak with Pastor Michael. Organization meeting will be held at 4 PM, Sunday, April 10th.

NEW MEMBERS

~Gary & Victoria Farnesi (already in the church directory)

~Michael & Isabel Rumer, 408 Westmont Avenue, Haddon Township, NJ 08108 - 856-858-0701 (please add them to your church directory)

WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP AND **DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS**

- * Friends in the Spirit Join us in the church boardroom at 1:30 PM as we begin a new study by Charles Stanley, Practicing Basic Spiritual Disciplines - a focus on the foundational principles of Christian living. We will meet on Thursday, April 7th, May 12th and 26th, and June 9th and 23rd. Bring your Bibles and we will provide the study guides. If you have any questions or childcare needs, please contact Saowanee Sweeney 751-6416 or Sandra Mezger 429-7540.
- ★ The Mustard Seed will meet on Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00 PM at the home of Joyce Carr. Please call Jan Gardner at 856-858-1091 for more info.
- * Friends in Faith will meet at the home of Eileen Black on April 4th and on April 18th at the home of Sue Nazak. We gather at 9:30 am for fellowship and Bible study. Women of all ages are invited to join us for Christian fellowship. Call Sue at 856-321-9360 with any questions.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HADDONFIELD

BAPTIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (BYF) FUNDRAISER

Wednesday, May 11th, 4:00 - 8:00 PM



BISTRO TO GO

492 Haddon Avenue Collingswood, NJ 08108 bistrodimarino.com

On Wednesday, May 11th, Bistro To Go will donate 15% of sales to the BYF (This flyer must accompany purchase).

Hot, take-out food! Just pick, purchase and partake at home. Good to eat that night and purchase an extra meal for later!

April 2011 ALL INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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OUIZZIE HADDON TRIVIA NIGHT!

Quizzie Haddon Trivia Night will take place on Tues., April 26th at 7 PM. Come solo or bring a small team of family and friends for a night of friendly competition. Questions are of a general nature. Snacks and beverage will be provided. A freewill donation will be taken for the benefit of the Shine Forth Renovation Campaign.



February's winners were The Skippers. Teammates were Chip Chapman, Marian Haigis, Susan, Jay, and Molly Parks, Martha Breedlove and Rene Goodman. Questions included: 1. What TV series from 1979 to 1984 about a couple of amateur detectives starred Robert Wagner and Stefanie Powers? 2. They Call Me MISTER Tibbs" is the 1970 film sequel to what Oscar-winning film? BONUS: What is Mr. Tibbs first name? 3. In what city is Tahrir Square? (Find the answers elsewhere in this Messenger.)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

The Men's Bible Fellowship meets in the Lounge at 7:30 PM (unless otherwise noted) on: April 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th.

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

MOST COMFORTABLE T-SHIRT EVER!

Urban Promise is selling the most comfortable t-shirt ever (Just ask Pastor Erin or Sandra Mezger!). Men's and women's long and short sleeves in different sizes, colors, and styles. Proceeds of the t-shirt sales help bring workgroups and interns to Urban Promise. Get your t-shirt today!

RECYCLE YOUR OLD CELL PHONES

They can be old and broken. These phones are recycled and the funds go to the Foundation for Retinal Research. The FFRR uses 100% of its donations for research into various types of blindness. There is a basket on the table in the chapel for your old cell phones. Thank you. Don & Marilyn Nutt

SUPPORT FOR OUR TROOPS

We are still collecting cards in support of our troops. Please give them to either Marilyn Nutt or Ms Bobbie (FBC Nursery).

MUSIC MATTERS

I am amused each time I hear the comment, "You are preaching to the choir!" The inference is that the neighborhood church choir is comprised of all people who are in agreement. The rest of the congregation is uniformed in this fictitious church.

Our choir at First Baptist Church is made up of very intelligent members. But more importantly our Chancel Choir is a faithful, committed group of people. Every quarterly report contains comments about how blessed we feel as music ministers to work



with such a warm, loving and dedicated choir. We enjoy a family feeling; we work hard together to prepare anthems but we "laugh and pray hard" together as our circumstances warrant. Most members are present because they have formed the habit many years ago and couldn't dream of not being there. Some read music, some do not, but they all love to sing for the Lord.

Our choir has been experiencing a decrease in numbers. In the last two years, two have had long-term illnesses, one has retired after over sixty years of dedicated service, three have relocated to different parts of the country, two to a different church, and on and on it goes. While the singers that are left are wonderful and as with any family, loved and appreciated beyond degree, we are concerned by this downturn.

With no cutesy appeals, we are coming to you, the members of our congregation, to consider being a singer in our choir. We ask for no long-term commitments. Often a member needs to travel for a job, or has a semi-regular commitment on Thursdays . . . we can work around these. Maybe you can only come for part of the year. Perhaps you would like to try it for just a few weeks. You may decline with honor if you find that it is not a "good fit".

One of our Christ-like mentors of the past used to say, "God's work done in God's time will not lack God's supply." We are not fearful, just following the Holy Spirit's direction in asking you for your prayerful consideration.

David and Eleanor

UPCOMING CONCERTS

"Twenty Fingers: 4-Hand Music for Piano and Piano/Organ" Friday, April 15, 2011 – 7:30 PM

The concert will feature sacred and classical music written or arranged for four hands, performed by Eleanor Shockey and Bob Gardner, musicians at First Baptist. The program will include duets for piano/organ by Mark Hayes and Joel Raney, duets for four-hands one-piano by Debussy, Schubert and Beethoven and more, along with some solo piano and solo organ selections.

The Philadelphia Biblical University Chorale in Concert Sunday, May 8th - 7:30 PM

The Chorale's repertoire includes sacred choral works from various periods and styles sung a cappella or accompanied with piano or various instruments. The Chorale offers a varied selection of choral music, including hymn arrangements, spirituals, and some of the great choral classics.

CAROL CHOIR

Now that LOGOS has completed its season, we will resume Carol Choir rehearsals, which will take place on Sundays after the worship services throughout April and May. The children will sing in the worship service on Youth Sunday, June 5th. All children who are elementary and middle school age are invited to take part in this group. See you in the choir room on April 3rd at 12:15!

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PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSLETTER

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

Sunday Services (mid-Sept - mid-June): 11:00 AM Children's Sunday School: 11:10 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 Virginia Timms, Secretary
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LENTEN CALENDAR

Preaching Series The Words of Christ from the Cross
11:00 AM at First Baptist Church

Sunday, April 3rd "The Word of Substitution"

Sunday, April 10th "The Word of Humanity"

Sunday, April 17th Palm Sunday – "The Word of Victory" with Special Music by Carillon Ringers

Sunday, April 24th Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 6:10 AM Haddonfield Cemetery

Easter Sunday Service at 11:00 AM
First Baptist Church of Haddonfield
Join us as we celebrate our Risen Savior

with Special Music

- Maundy Thursday Service April 21st at First Baptist Church
 "The Upper Room"
 6:00 PM Pancake Supper 7:00 PM Service in Sanctuary
- Haddonfield Council of Churches Good Friday Service April 22nd
 Haddonfield United Methodist Church Noon to 3:00 PM

