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APRIL 3

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 5:27-32

Psalm 150

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

APRIL 10

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 9:1-20

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

APRIL 17

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

APRIL 24

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

the Messenger

Christ Is Risen!

He is risen indeed! Holy Week was once again a moving experience at First Church. Beginning on Palm Sunday with our participation with neighboring churches in the ecumenical Liturgy of the Palms in Rittenhouse Square (cold, but no snow!), and then on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday with meaningful observances of the Last Supper, the betrayal of Jesus by his followers, and finally his death on the cross, we prepared for the celebration of his resurrection on Easter. And celebrate we did at three services beginning bright and early at 7:00 A.M.

Good Friday is always special here at First Church, and this year was no exception. With the choir singing the St. Mark Passion of J. S. Bach (as reconstructed by Simon Heighes), accompanied by orchestra, and with meditations led by Chip Rotolo, Wonjae Choi, Margaret Somerville and myself, we marked the solemn hours recalling Jesus' death on the cross. It was a very moving

experience for all of us. With modern work schedules making attendance at Holy Week services more and more difficult for many, it is all the more important that such occasions still provide for those who can attend the opportunity to reflect deeply upon the events leading up to Easter.

I would call your attention to several special events coming up as we move into Spring. First, note the special Christian Education series on Sunday morning beginning on April 10. Members of our congregation will lead discussions of the water crisis in Flint, Michigan (and elsewhere), the issue of privacy in an iPhone world, and finally, the grim plight of Christians in Iraq and the Middle East today. See a fuller description later in these pages. Also, the volunteer season is upon us, with opportunities coming up for outdoor work with Urban Tree Connection (April 23) and Habitat. Hope to see you there.

—Jesse Garner

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT IT!

Most of us are uncomfortable thinking about end-of-life issues, and we often put off addressing them until they seem more pertinent. The Planned Giving Team invites you to a program presenting information to assist us in facing the challenge of planning for end-of-life issues. One of our speakers will be Nadine Doolittle, Esquire, of the Trusts and Estates Department of the law firm of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis, LLP. The program will also include a presentation on the columbarium project by Lisa Dustin, AIA, of Atkin Olshin Schade (AOS), the architectural firm we have selected for the columbarium project. Join us for brunch on **Saturday, April 9** from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon in Old Buttonwood Hall.

Please RSVP to Gwen in the church office (215-567-0532 or office@fpcphila.org) **by Tuesday, April 5.**

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April 2016 at a Glance

Sunday, April 3 — Second Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Celebration! Worship (Old Buttonwood Hall)
 9:45 am Christian Education
 —Adults (Lounge)
 —Children & Youth (Cochran Room)

11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 12:15 pm Fellowship (Old Buttonwood Hall)
 12:15 pm Young Adult Brunch

Monday, April 4

10:00 am Reading Buddies
 11:00 am Congregational Care Group

Tuesday, April 5

5:30 pm Worship Committee

Wednesday, April 6

10:00 am Planned Giving Team
 7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study (Cochran Room)

Thursday, April 7

6:30 pm Trustees Meeting
 6:45 pm Deacons Meeting

Saturday, April 9

10:00 am Planned Giving Brunch

Sunday, April 10 — Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Celebration! Worship (Old Buttonwood Hall)
 9:45 am Christian Education
 —Adults (Lounge)
 —Children & Youth (Cochran Room)

9:45 am Spiritual Direction Group (Whitfield Room)
 11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 12:15 pm Fellowship (Old Buttonwood Hall)

Wednesday, April 13

7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study (Cochran Room)

Thursday, April 14

6:30 pm Session Meeting

Sunday, April 17 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Celebration! Worship (Old Buttonwood Hall)
 9:45 am Christian Education
 —Adults (Lounge)
 —Children & Youth (Cochran Room)

11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

12:15 pm Fellowship (Old Buttonwood Hall)

Monday, April 18

10:00 am Reading Buddies

Tuesday, April 19

6:00 pm CE Committee

Wednesday, April 20

7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study (Cochran Room)

Thursday, April 21

5:30 pm Membership & Evangelism Committee

Saturday, April 23

10:00 am Urban Tree Connection Volunteer Day

Sunday, April 24 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Celebration! Worship (Old Buttonwood Hall)
 9:45 am Christian Education
 —Adults (Lounge)
 —Children & Youth (Cochran Room)

9:45 am Spiritual Direction Group (Whitfield Room)

11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

12:15 pm Fellowship (Old Buttonwood Hall)

Monday, April 25

6:30 pm Missions Committee

Wednesday, April 27

7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study (Cochran Room)

7:00 pm Concerts@First - Edward Landin

Saturday, April 30

10:30 am 4th Annual Sojourner Truth Walk

CONCERTS@FIRST PRESENTS EDWARD LANDIN, ORGANIST

Wednesday, April 27th at 7:00 P.M.

EDWARD LANDIN started his musical career as a choirboy at the famed St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, in New York City under the direction of Gerre Hancock. He later attended the Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan for high school, studying organ with Thomas Bara. Mr. Landin is a graduate of Westminster Choir College, where he was a student of Ken Cowan, and graduated Magna Cum Laude. He is currently Assistant Organist and Youth Choir Director at the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Landin's program will feature works by J. S. Bach and Felix Mendelssohn as well as contemporary American composers Pamela Decker, Joan Tower, and

Craig Phillips. Mendelssohn was a great admirer of the compositions of Bach and included in the program are two works by the master which Mendelssohn performed regularly, as well as one of his own Preludes and Fugues written as an homage to Bach. Rarely heard, Tower's *Ascent* will be performed — as its title suggests it ascends both melodically and dynamically. Also included are two pieces that were written for Mr. Landin: Decker's *Praeludium* and Phillips' *Prelude on the Carillon d'Alet*.

Come enjoy an evening of organ works from the past and present! This concert is offered free of admission. Please join us as Mr. Landin shows off the vast sound palette of First Church's acclaimed pipe organ!

Christian Education Social Justice Series

In April adult education will delve into current issues of the day with members of our church speaking about the iPhone privacy law issue, the water crisis in Flint, Michigan, and the plight of Christians in the Middle East. Join us for these fascinating discussions in the MacColl Room at 9:45 A.M. on Sundays in April.

Get the Lead Out — Sunday, April 10

With the news of lead contamination in the drinking water in Flint, Michigan, residents all over the country — including the Philadelphia region — are asking the same questions: Is my water safe? What are the impacts of lead pollution and who is supposed to monitor our drinking water?

Come learn about the prevalence of lead pollution in all of our communities, the real crisis on lead contamination and how it is one of the largest socioeconomic barriers for academic success, and perhaps most importantly, how we can fix the crisis and protect the health of our children in all of our communities and schools.

Doug O'Malley is director of Environment New Jersey. Doug has worked on a broad array of environmental issues over the last 15 years in Trenton. His work has included campaigns to protect New Jersey's waterways from fracking waste and clean up New Jersey's air, building public support for the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) to combat global warming, and fast-tracking New Jersey's clean energy economy through expansion of solar, off-shore wind and energy efficiency. As a clean water advocate, he ran

successful campaigns to protect some of the state's largest reservoirs and rivers from development close to their banks.

iPhone Privacy: A Technical Vantage Point — Sunday, April 17

The legal battle between Apple and the U.S. Government continues to dominate the consciousness of a world that is becoming more dependent on mobile technology every day. Join us as **Robert C. Romano** explores the technical aspects of what is happening and why it's important for us all.

Rob is a software developer at Susquehanna International Group LLP, a global quantitative trading firm based in Bala Cywyd. He previously worked in Silicon Valley as Principal Software Engineer for Altera Corporation, a leader in programmable logic devices recently acquired by Intel Corporation.

Where Is Our Place? — Sunday, April 24

Since 1987, the Iraqi Christian community has been reduced from 1.4 million to 400,000 people. Christians are being mercilessly pursued and persecuted by Daesh (ISIS). Many have been forced to leave their homes on foot, without their clothing or money. They now live in tents, abandoned buildings and basements. **Father Chris Bishop** from St. Martin's Church in Saint David, PA, traveled to Iraq in the fall of 2015. He has prepared a documentary film of his experiences and of the remaining Christian community there. This hour-long documentary is our final Social Justice offering.

Ladies' Spring Afternoon Tea

Ladies of all ages — members and guests alike — please save the date of Saturday, May 14, 2016 to join together for Afternoon Tea at 2:00 P.M. This will be our third annual intergenerational Spring Tea in Old Buttonwood Hall.

We are so happy to have many new members and visitors at First Presbyterian. What a perfect time to get acquainted with someone you haven't met or re-connect with women in the church that we only see for brief moments after a worship service! Please bring a guest, and consider offering a ride to someone who might not have transportation. The event will conclude by 4:00 P.M. Childcare will be provided.

More information will follow. Invitations will come in the mail if we have your address. R.S.V.P.s will be important for the planners. Any questions, or for volunteering to help with food preparation or as a hostess, call Fran Bjorneby Kraemer at 215-356-8865.



SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

The 2016 Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of First Church was held on Sunday, February 7th in Old Buttonwood Hall, following a joint worship service at 10:00 A.M. Thanks to the foresight and planning of the Worship Committee, the joint service was held in lieu of our two separate 9:00 A.M. (Celebration!) and 11:00 A.M. (traditional) services, making it more convenient for all members to attend the meeting. A fine lunch was provided by the deacons. The meeting opened with prayer by the Moderator, the Reverend Jesse Garner.

Treasurer Craig Boddorff presented a summary of the 2015 financial statements, including the Capital Fund and the Preserving First Fund. Mr. Boddorff noted that the final surplus was the largest the church had realized in a number of years.

Elder Dave Huting, representing the Stewardship and Budget Committee, presented the 2016 Annual Budget and explained the process involved in developing a budget, including the participation of the Program Review Committee.

Worship Committee Chair, Elder Bill Leonard noted the positive aspect of some changes in worship experiences and expressed thanks to Jesse Garner, Barbara Chapel, Drew Harrison, Megan LeCluyse and Chip Rotolo for their valuable contributions to our services.

Elder Leonard, as Chair of the Church Nominating Committee, presented the following nominees for the church boards:

<u>Session</u>	<u>Board of Deacons</u>	<u>Board of Trustees</u>
Emily Buurma (2019)	Linda Deis (2019)	Joanne Bailey (2018)
Beverly Cowart (2019)	Edna Dick (2019)	Craig Boddorff (2019)
Rosalyn Hsueh (2019)	Olivia Hall (2017)	Andrea Bowman (2019)
Philip McMunigal (2019)	Dave Huting (2019)	Michael Carl (2019)
Patricia Sassoli (2019)	Frances Kraemer (2018)	Jennifer Gay (2019)
	Anita McLarin (2019)	Robert Romano (2019)
	Evelyn Schwartz (2019)	

Elder Leonard discussed the difficulty in recent years of the 15 places on the church boards required by the Church By-Laws. That requirement having become unrealistic, a motion was made that the congregation shall elect for each board no fewer than nine and no more than fifteen members, each board being divided into three equal classes, and that the Session be delegated the authority to establish, from time to time, the number of members of each board, staying with above guidelines. The congregation voted to approve this motion.

The following members were elected to the Church Nominating Committee: Rebecca Horowitz (representing the Board of Trustees), Dave Huting (representing the Board of Deacons), as well as Michael Smith, Joan Mount, Diane Rogers, Stella Tsai-McCarthy and James Schreyer representing the congregation at-large.

It was voted to approve the Terms of Call for Jesse Garner as presented in the 2016 Church Budget.

Mr. Garner thanked Gwen Scott, Andrew Senn, Chip Rotolo, Drew Harrison, Megan LeCluyse, Barbara Chaapel and Ken Ross for their invaluable contributions to the life of First Church.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Moderator at 12:30 — a 1 hour, 5 minute productive meeting!

-George Schneider, Clerk of Session

A “Thank You” from Musicopia

The Musicopia String Orchestra extends a sincere thank you to The First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, our warm and welcoming rehearsal home.

SAVE THE DATE!

Musicopia String Orchestra Spring Concert

June 11 at 4:00

Holy Trinity Church–Rittenhouse

19th & Walnut Street

The mission of the Musicopia String Orchestra (MSO) is to inspire in children a lifelong love of music, provide a pathway and the tools to achievement and success, and transform lives and communities. Musicopia founded this ensemble because we believe that participating in serious, long-term musical endeavors over time can have a life-changing impact on students. With modest admission requirements and generous financial aid, the MSO welcomes all students to audition — regardless of their ability to pay.

Random Acts of Dining



Sharing meals together is one of the best ways to get to know new people, develop stronger bonds of friendship, and gain new perspectives on the world. First Church is initiating a simple way to meet or get to know other people in our community: *Random Acts of Dining*. Sign up as an individual or couple and you will be assigned to a dinner group of 6–8 people to share a meal (or meals) from May through July. Groups arrange for a date and plan their own meals, either a pot-luck in the home of a group member or at a restaurant in the city. Don't worry if you can't host or aren't a great cook!

The emphasis is on having fun and getting to know people in the church. You can sign up to join using the cards found inside the pew pads or via the website (fpcphila.org/random-acts-of-dining) through the month of April. If you are interested in being a host/coordinator, please indicate it on the form.



Camp Sojourner
Girls' Leadership Camp

4th Annual Sojourner Truth Walk: Celebrating Girls' & Women's Leadership

April 30, 2016

Join the First Presbyterian Church team at the Sojourner Walk on **Saturday, April 30!** The Walk benefits Camp Sojourner, Girls' Leadership Camp which provides leadership and team building experiences for Philly girls through week long camp programs and year-long mentoring.

Alisha Berry from Camp Sojourner will speak during the Minute for Mission April 17. To join the FPC Walk team, or to make a donation to our team, visit girlsleadershipcamp.org. For more information, contact Christina Carl at christina.c.freeman@gmail.com or (314) 724-9457.

MEMBER NEWS

Births

GWENDOLYN GRACE and **WILLIAM PETER MELLEY**, twins born to Rebecca Santoro Melley and Peter Melley on March 13.

Deaths

HELEN McDERMOTT, died on March 10 at Penn Hospice at Rittenhouse, at the age of 87. Helen worked for the denominational offices of the Lutheran Church in Chicago. After retirement, she moved to Philadelphia and became a very active member of First Church and faithfully attended services until the last few months of her life. She served on the Deacons and the Council on Community Concerns. She enjoyed the cultural life of the city, attending numerous events with friends, and was an enthusiastic member of the Lombard Swim Club. Helen was inurned in the Woodlawn Memory Gardens in St. Petersburg, Florida, alongside her mother.

Marriages

EMILY BUURMA was married to **CHRIS ROAN** on March 18 at First Church; the Rev. Jesse Garner officiated.

New Members

CORY CLIPPINGER grew up in Greensburg PA, just outside of Pittsburgh, and has just fulfilled his lifelong dream by starting work as an architect here in Philadelphia. He is equal parts bookworm and outdoorsman, and loves swimming, camping, snow skiing, waterskiing, and jet skiing. He loves the music at First Church and would someday love to be an organist, but was most attracted by the welcoming and accepting environment here at First.



Cory Clippinger

BRITTAN HALLAR is a lifelong Presbyterian who grew up in rural Missouri, but has also lived in Georgia and West Virginia. She has been in Philadelphia for the past four years working at Research for Action, a non-profit education research firm. She and her husband Justin, who runs Norris Square Neighborhood Project, are expecting their first child this summer. Brittan really appreciates the sense of community First Presbyterian extends to those that

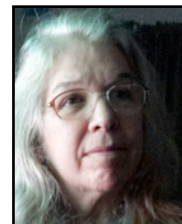


Brittan Hallar

attend church service and the larger Philadelphia community as well.

DOUG MURKEN has lived in Pennsylvania his whole life. He grew up in Pittsburgh, went to Penn State for undergrad and is now doing his surgical residency here in Philadelphia. Halfway through his surgical training, he sometimes wishes he'd been born into a wine family in Oregon or France, since that is where his wife Fanny is from. Doug loves golfing in the summer and snowboarding in the winter, and he and his wife have a nine-month-old son, Henri. Doug loves the outgoing and welcoming congregation, excellent music, and moving sermons at First Church.

NANCY PROIOS was born and raised in New York City because her father was a minister at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich Village. She has spent the last twenty years raising her sons John and Alex with her husband Bill and caring for her mother after her father died. Nancy and Bill moved to Philadelphia in 2014 from Long Island, and Nancy loves being with family, cooking, and traveling. She chose First Church because it has all the elements she needs in worship: great preaching and great music.



Nancy Proios

KARL MILLER grew up in Massachusetts and was confirmed into the Wilbraham United Church (UCC). He graduated from Cornell University and RPI with degrees in Electrical Engineering. He retired in July 2013, having held a number of engineering, finance and strategic planning positions. He has served as President of the Cornell Club of Philadelphia, Chair of Cornell University's Council Technology Transfer Committee and as President of the Cornell Engineering Alumni Association. In Philadelphia, he has served the Community Outreach Partnership for almost thirty years as a Board member, Chair and Treasurer. He currently serves on the board of his condominium council. His children Sarah and Steven are married and live in Vermont and Maryland, respectively. He lives with his wife, Roberta K. Tarbell, a Professor Emerita of Art History in Center City.



Roberta Tarbell & Karl Miller

MEMBER NEWS (continued)

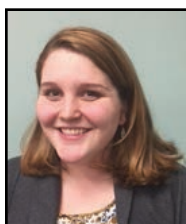
ROBERTA TARBELL grew up in the Finger Lakes region of New York and graduated from Cornell University. She earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in Art History at the University of Delaware, where she taught from 1980 to 1984. She spent the next twenty five years teaching Art History at Rutgers University, chairing the department for four years and directing the Museum Studies Program. Currently she is Visiting Scholar, Center for American Art, Philadelphia Museum of Art and she mentors doctoral students in Preservation Studies. She was active in the United Methodist Church in Hockessin DE where she lived for 36 years before moving to Philadelphia in 2001. She and her husband, Karl F. Miller, frequently are helping with the five children and six grandchildren whom they share and who live in California, Connecticut, Maryland, and Vermont.

MAREN WENNBORG grew up in Reading, Pennsylvania, and now works in medical research focusing on gastroenterology. She has been very active in First Church already, participating in Young Adults and on the Membership and Evangelism committee. Maren loves the hiking, biking and being outside, and feels right at home here at First Church.



Maren Wennberg

SANDRA SIMMONS grew up in Syracuse and studied at Ithaca College in New York. She has recently begun work teaching special education in Wayne. Sandra loves fine dining, studied opera, and is engaged to longtime member Douglas Roberts.



Sandra Simmons

RICK AND SHELLIE UNGER met while at Vanderbilt University, but have lived in Philadelphia for quite some time. Rick grew up in Phoenixville and Paoli, PA, and Shellie grew up in Nashville, TN. Shellie works at ACHIEVEability, an education nonprofit, and Rick is a lawyer with Duane Morris. They have two children, one in Boston and the other in New York City. They love to snow ski, play golf, cook, entertain, and read, and love First Church because they feel at home here.



Rick & Shellie Unger



Penn's Village Volunteer Opportunities

The tagline for Penn's Village is simply "Neighbors helping Neighbors Thrive, Connect and Engage."

Apart from a small staff of two part-timers, that work is done entirely by volunteers who assist older residents stay in their own homes in the neighborhoods they cherish, in the area from Washington to Girard Avenues, from river to river. Volunteers and members enjoy the benefits of mutual support through educational and social programs as well as access to resources and basic services that allow them to continue to enjoy the activities of city life as they age.

We have a wonderful group of volunteers and we are always looking to increase that number so we can serve more people. Volunteers provide a wide range of services ranging from rides to doctors' offices, grocery shopping, friendly visits, computer and smart phone support, covering our phones and a wide range of vital administrative tasks. Sometimes they climb a ladder to change a ceiling light bulb or help organize closets.

If you are interesting in volunteering, please contact Jane Eleey, Executive Director, at 215-925-7333 or info@pennsvillage.org or download a volunteer application at www.pennsvillage.org.



URBAN TREE CONNECTION Spring Work Days

First Church will be going to Urban Tree Connection in West Philadelphia near the Philadelphia Zoo area to work on a series of urban gardens on several Saturdays this spring. Work days are scheduled for **Saturday, April 23rd**, **Saturday May 21st** and **Saturday, June 18th**. All work days are from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

It's gratifying to work in thriving gardens in once-vacant lots within the city limits, and to harvest vegetables from these gardens. Please wear work boots, a hat and to bring water, sunblock and gloves. For more information please contact Bruce Rapscher at bruce.rapscher@fpcphila.org.

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Please submit all information for the
May issue of The Messenger to
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Friday, April 22nd.

Volunteer Opportunities

MANNA, an organization founded by First Church, needs volunteers to help prepare or deliver meals for people with HIV, diabetes, undergoing chemotherapy, or other conditions requiring quality nutrition. Contact Jen Stackhouse, Volunteer Manager at 215-496-2662 ext 138 or volunteers@mannapa.org.

READING BUDDIES volunteers are needed to help children learn to read, and make a friend. Volunteers are needed at First Church and other locations throughout the city. Contact Pat Quigg at readingbuddies@aol.com.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S WEST PHILADELPHIA REPAIR INITIATIVE (WPRI) is an urban ministry that assists homeowners in West Philadelphia with repairs to their homes. The organization needs volunteers. Work can involve painting, installing sheetrock, windows, flooring, carpentry, etc. Volunteers do not need any experience. If you have interest in being a volunteer, please contact the Missions Committee at missions@fpcphila.org.

WINTERSHELTER volunteers are needed to serve meals each Monday evening during the cold weather months at Trinity Memorial Church, 22nd & Spruce Streets. Contact Suellen Smith (suellen.smith@fpcphila.org).

URBAN TREE CONNECTION (UTC) is a nonprofit organization that engages children and adults from some of Philadelphia's most disadvantaged neighborhoods in community-based, urban-greening projects. Visit urbantreeconnection.org or contact Bruce Rapscher at utc@fpcphila.com.

PENN'S VILLAGE, an aging-in-place program for Central Philadelphia seniors, needs volunteers for driving, friendly visiting, light household tasks, administrative and technical assistance, and committee work. Call 215-925-7333, email info@pennsvillage.org or visit www.pennsvillage.org.

THE UNIVERSITY CITY HOSPITALITY COALITION (UCHC) provides hot meals to anyone in need on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and, during the academic year, Sundays, at sites in the University City area. Volunteers to serve meals are needed during the summer and academic breaks, when students are not available. In addition, First Church sponsors quarterly casserole "blitzes," in which we prepare 30-40 casseroles to be served at UCHC meals. These typically occur on the first Saturday of February, May, August and November, but check the bulletin for announcements. Contact Beverly Cowart at missions@fpcphila.com.

CELEBRATION! A WORSHIP SERVICE



Sundays 9 am in Old Buttonwood Hall
(enter at 21st Street)



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