

LECTIONARY June 2016

JUNE 5 1 Kings 17:8–24 Psalm 146 Galatians 1:11–24 Luke 7:11–17

JUNE 12 1 Kings 21:1–21 Psalm 5:1–8 Galatians 2:15–21 Luke 7:36–8:3

JUNE 19 1 Kings 19:1–15 Psalm 42 and 43 Galatians 3:23–29 Luke 8:26–39

JUNE 26 2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14 Psalm 77:1–2, 11–20 Galatians 5:1, 13–25 Luke 9:51–62

the Messenger Thank You, Chip!

ust before Mindy left us last year, one of our new members brought a friend with her to church one Sunday morning and introduced him to us. The member was Olivia Hall and her "friend" was Chip Rotolo, and when Mindy and I discovered that he was a student at Princeton Theological Seminary, we both had exactly the same idea. Chip could be our seminary intern! Sure enough, it all worked out, and Chip began work here during the summer of 2015 and has continued through his senior year at Princeton Seminary working with our young adults and assisting in worship at both of our services. He has done an absolutely wonderful job in every respect, and we are all very sorry to see his time here draw to a close. This fall Chip will enter a doctoral program in the sociology of religion at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana, and he and Olivia will be moving there soon for Chip to begin his studies and for Olivia to begin her new job working at the university. I know that everyone here joins me in wishing Chip and Olivia the very best in this new chapter of their lives (including their impending marriage!). And thank



you from the bottom of our hearts, Chip, for all you've done here at First.

—Jesse Garner



June 2016 at a Glance

Wednesday, June 1

7:00 pm Young Adult Fellowship

Thursday, June 2

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

Saturday, June 4

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

(Plenty Café, 1602 Spruce Street)

9:00 am Habitat Volunteer Day9:00 am New Member Workshop

Sunday, June 5

9:00 am Celebration! Worship (Old Buttonwood Hall)
9:45 am Lectionary Bible Study (MacColl Room)
9:45 am Spiritual Direction Group (Whitefield Room)

11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

12:15 pm Church Picnic (Old Buttonwood Hall)

Monday, June 6

10:00 am Reading Buddies

11:00 am Congregational Care Team

Wednesday, June 8

10:00 am Planned Giving Team

6:30 pm Documentary Film: Where is Our Place?

(Old Buttonwood Hall)

Saturday, June 11

8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Plenty Café)

9:30 am Session Retreat

Sunday, June 12

9:00 am Celebration! Worship (Old Buttonwood Hall)
9:45 am Lectionary Bible Study (MacColl Room)
9:50 am Make a Joyful Noise! (Old Buttonwood Hall)

11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

12:15 pm Fellowship (Old Buttonwood Hall)

Wednesday, June 15

7:00 pm Young Adult Fellowship

Thursday, June 16

5:30 pm Membership & Evangelism Committee

Saturday, June 18

8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Plenty Café)
10:00 am Urban Tree Connection Volunteer Day
11.00 am Memorial Service for Joanne Hamstrom
3:00 pm Young Families/Young Adults (Frankford Hall)

Sunday, June 19

9:00 am Celebration! Worship (Old Buttonwood Hall)9:45 am Lectionary Bible Study (MacColl Room)

11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

12:15 pm Fellowship (Old Buttonwood Hall)

Tuesday, June 21

9:30 am Wise Retirees6:00 pm CE Committee

Wednesday, June 22

7:00 pm Young Adult Fellowship

Saturday, June 25

8:00 am Men's Bible Study (Plenty Café)

Sunday, June 26

9:00 am Celebration! Worship (Old Buttonwood Hall)9:45 am Lectionary Bible Study (MacColl Room)

11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

12:15 pm Fellowship (Old Buttonwood Hall)

Monday, June 27

6:30 pm Missions Committee

Wednesday, June 29

7:00 pm Young Adult Fellowship

Musicopia is Music to Our Ears This Spring!

The Musicopia String Orchestra (MSO) will host its Annual Spring Concert on Saturday, June 11th at 4 pm at the Church of the Holy Trinity on Rittenhouse Square at 19th & Walnut Streets.

Founded in 2005, our MSO serves students in the Greater Philadelphia area by providing constructive outlets for creativity and learning through music. Musicopia is grateful for these opportunities to showcase our mission in action - Inspire, Provide, Transform.

If you're not able to attend the spring concert but would like to support young musicians, join us for dinner! Our annual Musicopia String Orchestra Fundraising Dinner will be held on June 13 at 6:00 PM at the beautiful Paradiso Restaurant, 1627 E. Passyunk Avenue in Philadelphia. This lovely evening will feature savory dishes from northern Italy and student performances, with special guest performance by cellist Eliana Yang.

Help us raise funds for these talented musicians, many of whom come from underserved and under-resourced communities. Tickets are \$125 per person and include salad, pasta course, choice of 2 entrees, dessert and more! You can RSVP online at www.musicopia.net/give-a-gift-today. Be sure to write "MSO dinner" in the Additional Comments



box. Alternatively, checks can be mailed to Musicopia c/o Denise Kinney, 543 Woodland Rd., Radnor, PA 19107. For more information,

contact Debbie Singer at <u>Debbie@musicopia.net</u> or 215-829-9522, ext. 109.

First Church is Becoming More Social

hether you're an avid user or a die-hard holdout, there's no denying that social media has become a vital part of communication. Social media are computer-mediated tools that allow people or companies to create, share, or exchange information, interests, ideas, and pictures/videos in virtual communities and networks.

If you're a Facebook user, have you "liked" the <u>First Church Page</u>? Do you know that we're on <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Twitter</u> too (@firstpresphilly)? Do you know what a hashtag (#) is and why everyone is using them?

We realized that we should take advantage of the social media movement and use these "modern" tools to expand our reach. Earlier this year the Personnel Committee contracted with Slice Communications, a local, award-

winning firm that specializes in helping clients to use social media like Facebook and Instagram more effectively. Slice convened a small group of members and staff to bring focus to their efforts, and in April the firm began its work with First Church to enhance our presence in

social media and to help create a program for using social media in the future. The contract with Slice is for six months, after which it is anticipated that a newly hired part-time Communications Director will continue to implement the social media effort that has been created.

You can help First Church become more social too! Be sure to "check in" on Facebook when you're at the First Church, and don't forget to "tag" the church in your posts.

#firstchurchlove

@firstpresphilly



"Like" and "share" our Facebook posts. On Instagram we're running a hashtag campaign; a hashtag is a type of label or metadata tag used on social network

services that makes it easier for users to find messages with a specific theme or content. With

your help we're going to document First Church's love in action in our church and in the community. Use the hashtag #firstchurchlove with your photos on Instagram, and tag us by using @firstpresphilly. We'll select an image of

#firstchurchlove every week to post on Instagram, Facebook, and our website!

Ladies' Spring Tea

The third Annual Ladies Tea was once again a wonderful success, hosted and headed by Fran Kraemer and Jacque DeLombard and their committee. Fifty-seven ladies of all ages sat down to tables set with elegant china and plates that looked like a painting with tea sandwiches of smoked salmon, egg salad and cucumber. This was followed by delicious scones baked by Jean Witmer served with butter and strawberry jam and a selection of cakes. Our background



piano music was played by Ginnie Mesibov, and our tea was followed by a very appropriate talk by our own Margaret Sommerville. Our hard working hostesses made sure that our cups and plates were

Instagram

never empty and they deserve so many thanks for treating us to such a delightful afternoon. It was indeed a treat.

-Sheila Ferguson

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

Earlier this month we kicked-off a new offering following the Celebration! service, in which we pulled out shakers,

tambourines, and other instruments, and made a joyful noise to the Lord! While not having every instrument listed in Psalm 150, we began with a reading of the Psalm, and then sang about 10 different songs to-



gether. We sang about God's love, about sharing that love, and even learned about what the Old Testament means when it talks about aliens. Our next gathering will be at 9:50 on June 12, and children of age as well as those who are kids at heart are invited to join us in Old Buttonwood Hall as we Make a Joyful Noise!

Megan LeCluyse

Summer Christian Education Schedule

Children & Youth

School's Out! Thank you so much to Olivia Hall, Karen Marston, Emily Roan, and Becky Yep for teaching our First Church children every Sunday morning! Thank you for coordinating your schedules, getting to know the kids and passing on the Bible Story to our youngest ones! Our Sunday School has concluded for the summer and will restart in September.

Lectionary Bible Study

We'd like to say a special thank you to Jesse for being the rock of the Christian Education program by leading the Lectionary Bible Study almost every week. The Lectionary Bible Study will continue throughout the summer on Sundays at 9:45 AM.

—Jeffrey Halili



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 30-minute documentary was to have been our final final Social Justice Series offering in April, but we rescheduled to enable Father Bishop to be with us personally to share his experiences. A light meal will be served. Please join us.

Youth Retreat and Mission Day

Thanks to all the youth of First Pres. and East Falls Pres. for participating in the Youth Retreat! Highlights included some great games like "Psychiatrist," "Cops and Murderers," "Ugh" and "Romans and Christians: Star Wars Edition." Thanks to Maren Wennberg and Emily Roan who provided the new games, and to Jesse for an evening prayer that won't be forgotten. Thankfully, the weather held up and some of the group were able to help out with Urban Tree the day after. Thanks to all the parents for supporting our Youth and the CE program!



PAN Vegan Pledge Program

irst Church is excited to once again host the PAN Vegan Pledge program this summer! The program runs from July 9 to August 6, with weekly meetings on Saturdays from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The program is FREE and lunch is provided at meetings.

Participants will commit to a month of veganism, and will be paired with an experienced vegan mentor and given a free goody bag! If you have ever considered going vegan for the animals (sparing the lives of approximately 100 animals per year), the environment (animal agriculture is the largest



single contributor to climate change), social justice (the environmental impacts of animal agriculture have the most severe impact on the poorest populations) or even your own health (vegan diets

can reduce many health risks, including heart attack, diabetes and certain cancers), this is a great opportunity for you.

For more information or to register, please visit www.peaceadvocacynetwork.org/find-a-city/philadelphia/. You may also email questions to Leila Vaughan (leila.vaughan@fpcphila.org).

Spotlight on First Church Missions: Kirkwood Camp

Kirkwood Camp is a joint ministry of the Lehigh and Philadelphia Presbyteries. Kirkwood's mission is to strengthen the church of Jesus Christ by enabling children, youth, families and adults to begin or deepen their experience of God in the context of nature and a caring Christian community centered on the Word of God.

"Kirkwood is the best place on earth to be!! It's a place where my friends and I can get together and be closer to God. Honestly I don't know where I would be without Kirkwood."

Nestled in a hidden valley in the foothills of the Pocono Mountains near Stroudsburg, PA, Kirkwood is a beautiful 292-acre sanctuary with meadows, woodlands with abundant wildlife. Mountain ridges and big Pocono Creek punctuate the serene beauty of Kirkwood.

The Mission Committee of the Session would like to share a letter received from Tommy Campbell, Director of Kirkwood Camp, reflecting the impact of FPC's mission work.

Young Families & Young Adults Plan Joint Outing

The Young Adults and Young Families of First Church will join together on Saturday, June 18th at 3:00 PM for some fun in the shade at Frankford Hall in Northern Liberties (1210 Frankford Avenue). Join us for good conversation with room for little ones to roam. We expect to have a great time. Contact Drew Harrison (drew.harrison@fpcphila.org) for more information.

Dear Friends,

I'm new, and I really should introduce myself. But first Iwant to tell you a story. It's a cloudy December morning. An 11-year-old boy stands at the beginning of a short path that leads through a forest of beautiful, tall pine trees that grew in symmetrical rows.

Two summer camp counselors, home from college for winter break, are on either end of this path, waiting. Their directions: Quietly, one at a time, we will walk down this path. Listen for God.

The 11 year-old boy probably had a lot of things on his mind. He was halfway through the first year in middle school. Making friends and fitting in was at the top of the list. Especially considering his family couldn't afford much. He was attending 6th grade wearing hand-me-downs and with minimal school supplies.

But, this particular morning...an incredible thing happened.

The boy began to walk down this path. The wind blew gently through the trees. His mind cleared. And he felt, for the first time ever, the presence of God.

At the end of the path were a group of campers the same age, his new camp friends. Also waiting was the camp counselor, the spiritual role model for the weekend, and for years after.

It was a simple thing. A short walk through the woods. A simple group of Christians, creating fellowship and building a community with one another. It set that boy up for a lifetime of faith.

And it's done that for countless others.

This is the incredible impact you have at Kirkwood.

Busy schedules. Distracting technology. Kids growing up younger. Kids being so mean.

Kids trying to find themselves in a crazy, mixed-up and unbalanced world. But...I'm getting off track here.

The boy grew up attending camp every summer and winter from that December forward. His faith grew as a part of a community of people who were totally okay with being themselves.

Senior year of high school, his youth group started going in a different direction—one no longer welcoming. He stopped going to church. The family had been struggling for years, and he was old enough—17 now—to know that they didn't have the money to send him back to camp this year.

But that was before the camp director called, with a huge offer.

"We would love for you to be able to attend our Leaders-in-Training program this summer!" The partners of the camp and the director made sure they didn't lose him now. It was too important. And by providing a full, two-week camp scholarship—they didn't lose him.

The next year he was hired as a Camp Counselor. And the year after that. And later he would be hired as the program director. And then....he was hired as the Camp Director at Kirkwood Camp.

That's right, the 11-year-old boy? That was me. So when Isay thank you—I really mean it. Sure, this was a while ago, and it wasn't even this camp. But somebody, somewhere, just like you, made a huge difference in my life. To me it's the same thing.

Experiences at camp—that's how I met Jesus. That's how I met some of my closest friends, that I still have to this day. That's how God led me here. And we're making sure that it gets paid forward.

God is doing incredible things at Kirkwood; we still have so much work to do together—work that is just so important.

But first—thank you. Thank you for helping me. Thank you for helping so many other kids. Thank you for being our partners in our work for Christ. For your continued support—it makes a hugh difference. Thanks!

Grace & Peace, Tommy Campbell Director, Kirkwood Camp

MEMBER NEWS

Births

REBECCA AND PETER MELLEY are proud to introduce twins GWENDOLYN (right, white blanket) and WILLIAM (left, green blanket), who were born on March 13, 2016. After a short stay in the "lap of hospital luxury" Gwen came home on April 30th and Will on May 2nd. The twins are growing quickly, and keeping Rebecca and Peter busy! Rebecca and Peter thank all of First Presbyterian Church for your support with meals, cards, and emails. Many blessings and congratulations to the new loving family.

Baptisms

HUDSON LEE ADAMS, son of Brian & Kristin Adams, was baptized on May 1. EVAN MICHAEL CARL, son of Mike & Christina Carl, was baptized on May 15.



Deaths

JOANNE AUDREY HAMSTROM was a long time and very faithful member of First Church who died suddenly on May 14. Growing up in Philadelphia, Joanne commuted to the University of Pennsylvania for her college education. She spent most of her working career as an employee of Strawbridge & Clothier department store, a long-standing Philadelphia institution founded in 1868. Joanne eventually became the secretary for the chairman of the company and retired after many years of service when the company was sold to May Department Stores. Joanne had two sisters, both of whom had pre-deceased her, and she is survived by three nephews living in New York and California. Her memorial service will be held at the church on Saturday, June 18, at 11:00 A.M.

Our Graduates

Along with 460 classmates, **Lela Garner** was awarded her bachelor's degree on May 28 at the 211th commencement ceremony at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine. At Bowdoin Lela majored in environmental studies and sociology, and has worked at the school the past two years helping to implement its new environmental sustainability program. She is now looking for a job in this same field. While at Bowdoin, Lela was also a varsity swimmer (one of her coaches the past two years was her sister Allen), and this year Lela and several of her teammates were named Division III Swimming All-Americans.





Atticus Tsai-McCarthy received his BFA in Industrial Design from the Cleveland Institute of Art on May 14, 2016. The recipient of a Gund Family Scholarship, Atticus was also nominated by the CIA faculty to be a finalist for the ID Department Award. His selected projects include "Wyatt" the dragon, which he designed to make picking up toys more fun for children, and "Azure," a peacock that helps children develop cognitive and gross motor skills. We are happy that Atticus is home with his friends and family for the time being, but we understand he will go wherever his brilliant career in toy design takes him.

HIGH SCHOOL

BENJAMIN GREELEY and **MEG CHANDLER** will graduate from high school this month. In the fall Ben will attend Cornell University (Ithaca, NY), and Meg will attend Denison University (Granville, OH).

Members on the Move



SCOTT and CHRISTINE DAYTON are moving to Boca Raton, FL where Scott will serve as an Academic Counselor at Florida Atlantic University. Scott began at FAU in January and Christine will join him when the school year finishes here. She is currently interviewing for teaching positions in the area. We are sad to see them go but happy that God is leading them to new challenges and opportunities. We send them off with thanksgiving for their time here and many blessings on them in their new life in Boca Raton!

Thank you

Dear Friends.

The time has come for me to embark on the next leg of the journey as I begin my PhD at the University of Notre Dame. While I am very excited about this new adventure, I will deeply miss the community of First Church and the fellowship, love, and hospitality I have found here. It has been such a privilege to gather and worship with you each week, and I'm so grateful for the ways you have guided me and shaped me. When I arrived a year ago, I never could have expected to find the kinds of friendships I have found here. You all have been so good to Olivia and me, and we thank you so very much. May God bless this wonderful congregation that it may continue to touch others' lives, as it has mine.

Sincerely,

Chip Rotolo

Penn's Village Features Show & Tell for Grownups 6/16/16

We all have our treasured stories—some funny, some happy, some bitter-sweet. These stories and in some cases the objects that bring them to mind are an important part of who we are.

Revisit this grade school treat with Penn's Village. Bring an object and a memory to share, or just listen. Enjoy wine and cheese, and learn something special about a neighbor.

We will meet in the Community Room of Society Hill Towers, 285 St. James Place. The entrance is on South Second Street between Walnut and Spruce Streets. The meeting room is handicapped accessible.

The program is free for Penn's Village members and volunteers. We would appreciate a \$5 donation from other guests. Please register by calling 215-925-7333 or emailing info@pennsvillage.org

This event is an example of our core beliefs in Penn's Village: that we are setting an example of how to grow older with joy and confidence. In fact, the whole Village movement (around 200 villages nationwide) is about being pioneers in making choices of how and where we want to age. www.pennsvillage.org

URBAN TREE CONNECTION

On Saturday May 21st a motley group of volunteers from First Presbyterian travelled to East Falls in a light spring shower. We worked in many large raised beds removing stubborn weeds and grass for three hours. One of the local heads of the Community Council, Greg, introduced himself and said, "It was a blessing that you showed up today." He told of his plans to use this newly cleared

land to grow crops in the short term and make it part of a longer term project to help bind his community together. It was gratifying. Three hours made a huge difference in someone's life.



Our next volunteer opportunity with Urban Tree will be on Saturday June 18th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at 4157 West Girard Avenue. Contact Bruce Rapsher for more information (bruce.rapsher@fpcphila.org). Thanks to all.

—Bruce Rapsher



THIS WEEK
AT FIRST
CHURCH

STAY INFORMED THIS SUMMER!

The June issue of the Messenger is the last issue published until September. Our email "THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH" is sent every Monday and lists events for the week. Don't miss out! Join our mailing list to stay connected! Subscribe at fpcphila.org/mailinglist.

Summer Casserole Blitz: Join the Fun!

The Missions Committee is hosting a summer casserole-making event to benefit the University City Hospitality Coalition (UCHC), which has provided meals for the hungry and homeless in University City for over 30 years. We will meet in the kitchen on **Saturday**, **August 6**, **between 8:30 and 9:00 AM**. With eight to ten volunteers, the task can be completed in an hour and a half—and you can enjoy the remainder of your Saturday knowing you have helped your neighbors in need. If interested, please contact Beverly Cowart (215-382-4315 or missions@fpcphila.org).

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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 PHILADEL-PHIA 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 non-profit 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 Rapsher 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 COALI-TION (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.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

First Church is going to a Phillies Game! Join us on July 2nd as we cheer on the Phillies against the Kansas City Royals and enjoy a post-game fireworks show. The game starts at 5:50. Tickets will be \$30. E-mail Megan LeCluyse (megan.lecluyse@fpcphila.org) with questions or to reserve your tickets!





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