



# First Presbyterian Church

meets at  
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## Communicator

*A nurturing community in Jesus Christ  
reflecting God's love for the world as we Worship, Grow and Serve.*

**We look forward to you worshipping with us!**



**Scripture:** *Genesis 18:1-10a; Luke 10: 38-42*

**Sermon:** *Mark Twain*

**Given By:** *Rev. Eric Markman*

**USHERS:** Bob and Sandy Wenner

**COUNTERS:** Don and Kathy Tancredi

**LITURGIST:** Jerry Holt

**CLOSER:** Greg Hills

JULY 15, 2022



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[https://www.youtube.com/  
channel/  
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jUPphSOFgxxA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMgrrt0vHvgO-jUPphSOFgxxA)

**Website**  
[www.firstpresnewark.org](http://www.firstpresnewark.org)

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**JULY 24—IN MEMORIAL HALL**

**USHERS:** Vickie Pierson-Perry,  
Tom Shaw

**COUNTERS:** Harvey Conner,  
Kevin Thomson, Pat Steele

**LITURGIST:** Doris Brewer

**CLOSER:** Rick Agnello

**Summer Office Hours**  
**Memorial Day—Labor Day**

Monday-Friday  
9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

### Vital Congregations:

Creating A Vision For Our Church's Future  
Join in the Vital Congregations Conversations!  
July 17

**Please join us right after worship.** We are gathering ideas that will guide the Mission Study Team, whose work is a vital step in our search for a new pastor. **Your ideas and observations are very important.** Meeting will be held both in person and hybrid.

If you're online, click here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85161379131>

**Our Circle of Care** is sponsoring an Afghan friend, fluent in English, wanting to earn income by assisting older adults in need of transportation to medical appointments or grocery shopping, household maintenance/repairs or yard work.

In order to contact him, please contact Carolyn Morton at [carolyn.morton62@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.morton62@gmail.com) or 302-737-7612. Respond today!

## Snack & Chats



### What is it, you ask?

Our new fellowship time (Snacks & Chats) will take place immediately following worship in. It will continue through the summer while we worship in MHW. Stop by, have some punch, eat a cookie or two, catch up with friends and make new friends. Enjoy a time of fellowship in the comfort of MHW without the bugs!

Any questions, please contact Pam Wunder.



**Chancel Flowers** can be dedicated in honor or memory of family, friends and loved ones. **Cost is \$31.00 for two.**

*Sign up sheet located on the bulletin board in Memorial Hall outside the office.*

***PLEASE INCLUDE DEDICATAION AND IF YOU WISH TO KEEP OR DONATE.***

## Dinanga Computer Lab Update

The attached link has photos of the construction of the Dinanga school addition for the computer center. Please click the link to see the photos.

**Computer Lab Photos—7 26/2022 Update**

Now that the 2022 General Assembly has ended – the first-ever hybrid assembly – the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will try to live into the commitments made and the work ahead. Ruth Santana-Grace and Shavon Starling-Louis, the new co-moderators, stood for election using the theme “Unbounded We Thrive,” and the assembly spoke its mind on issues affecting the church and the world.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY 225 ROUNDUP

**Israel/Palestine.** The assembly voted 266-116 to approve one of the most controversial items before it — INT-02, declaring that the PC(USA) recognize the laws, policies and practices of the Israeli government regarding the Palestinian people “fulfill the international legal definition of apartheid.” Some have criticized the PC(USA) stance towards Israel as antisemitic, saying it hurts interfaith relations. Others say the assembly spoke courageously in supporting human rights for the Palestinian people.

**Climate change.** Voting 340-41, the assembly directed PC(USA) entities to divest from five oil and gas companies it concluded are not moving quickly enough to try to slow global warming — Chevron, ExxonMobil, Marathon Petroleum, Phillips 66, and Valero Energy. The vote reflected continued support for the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI)’s strategy of corporate engagement and selective divestment. Action on another item, ENV-09, also affirmed “that working in the fossil fuel industry is a necessity for many” and assured Presbyterians that “divestment is not a condemnation or judgment of their choice of employment.”

**Litany of repentance.** One of the assembly’s most powerful emotional moments came when White Presbyterians recited a litany of repentance from RGJ-08, offering an apology to African Americans for the sin of slavery and its legacy. One assembly committee focused exclusively on issues of race and gender justice — including violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, disparities experienced by Black women and girls, and racial disparities in health care. Other concerns: confronting White supremacy in the PC(USA) and working for reparative justice.

**Gun violence.** With recent mass shootings still echoing, the assembly approved VIOL-07, declaring 2022-2032 a “Decade to End Gun Violence” — asking the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) to develop tools for faith-based advocacy against gun violence and for studying “the intersection of white supremacy culture, Christian nationalism, and gender with gun violence.” It also approved VIOL-11, directing MRTI to begin a process of corporate engagement with Walmart, Dick’s Sporting Goods, and Kroger, three publicly-traded companies included in the investment

## ***Prayer Concerns/Praises.....***

*If you know of someone who is hospitalized, please contact the church office and let us know. Prayer email: prayers @firstpresnewark.org*

*Please look for our prayer journal in Memorial Hall. Please record your prayer requests each week in there. We will not be using prayer cards over summer in Memorial Hall.*

*New names are listed in bold.*

### **Praise:**

Participation in Vital Congregations sessions  
Progress/Dinanga School computer lab  
**Tom Brockenbrough 102 on July 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Volunteer Drivers**  
**Remembrance Garden for Prayer & Meditation**  
**Communication with the Congregation**  
**Alex Bock**  
**Our New Members! - Myles and David**

### **Healing:**

**Jim McNeely-healing x-ray**  
J.J.H.-lung cancer treatment (friend of Mark Sisk)  
Kay Engel-cancer (friend of Lorraine Conner)  
Sallie Annett (Jim Annett's mother)  
Bill Lewis-home  
Stacy Wenner  
**Joy Lyness-Back surgery**  
**Joanne Warren-surgery 7-18 (friend of Willee & Paul)**  
**Kevin**  
**Lynn Reyne-surgery 7-20**  
**Those battling Cancer**

### **Grief/Sympathy:**

**The Families of:**  
Those affected by gun violence  
**Sally Hillyer-died 7-3 (friend of Nancy Stevens)**  
**Sanford Blair-died 7-1**  
**Alice Rushforth-died 7-13 (friend of Willee & Paul)**

### **Comfort and Protection:**

Pastor Tshibuabua- our Dinanga Family-flooding  
Protection from more ground erosion in Kanaga  
Afghan families resettling-ongoing support  
All struggling with mental health issues  
Overworked Health Care Professionals  
People of the Ukraine  
Protection from Covid  
Stop Gun Violence  
All Teachers and students  
Victims of Earth Quake – Afghanistan  
Judy Cox  
Safe travels for all who are traveling  
All those recovering from Covid  
**Donna Thachik**

### **Wisdom:**

Pastor Eric  
God's guidance for our Church  
**For all church members to work together with Grace and Respect-Listening to each other**  
For God to bind up evil  
For God to nourish the faith of those baptized, raised and confirmed in faith but not actively worshipping  
Westminster House-recovery programs and committee working on facility  
Olivet Presbyterian Church, Glasgow, DE  
May the world leaders be led by God's wisdom  
DE Legislators to do what is best for our state  
Church Leaders  
Gun Control Legislation  
January 6<sup>th</sup> Committee  
**For ALL to know the Hope of Christ**

### **Long Term Prayer:**

Marian Bowen  
Tom Brockenbrough  
Betty Thompson  
**Doris Brewer-answers**  
Rhetta Brighton  
Lea McMurtry  
Esther Reutter  
Carlton and Martha Tappan  
**Evelyn Hayes-waiting for test results**  
Heather and Ellie Agnello  
Sarah Trembanis  
Laura Tuttle  
**Betty Hoagey-moving to memory care**  
Margaret Catts  
Betty Dalton  
Garrett Norman  
Crystal Norman

**Interim Pastor**

Rev. Eric Markman  
pastor@firstpresnewark.org  
603-770-3239

***Office Hours***

***Memorial Day—Labor Day***  
**Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

**Worship Team**

Larry Benson, Praise Team Music Leader  
Carol Olson, Worship Chair

**Administration Team**

Cindy Rogers, Office Manager  
Bob Black, Treasurer  
Nancy Lewis, Clerk of Session  
Jane Moore Moderator, Board of Deacons  
President, Board of Trustees  
John Bock, President, Westminster House  
Don Tancredi, Facilities Manager  
Harvey Conner, Financial Secretary  
Carol Olson and Pam Wunder,  
Co-Moderators, Presbyterian Women

**Nursery Staff**

Julles Stevenson

**Mission Co-Workers**

South Sudan: Bob and Kristi Rice  
Israel & Palestine: Doug Dicks

**Sister Congregation**

Dinanga Presbyterian Church  
Democratic Republic of Congo

**Sunday, July 17, 2022**

**10:00am** Worship-Memorial Hall  
**11:00am** Vital Congregations  
**1:00pm** JFS-Gliwa

**Wednesday, July 20, 2022**

**9:00am** Prayer Group-Zoom

**Thursday, July 21, 2022**

**1:00pm** Vital Congregations-Zoom

**Friday, June July 22, 2022**

**9:00am** Finance/Bill Pay-Zoom

**Sunday, July 17, 2022**

**10:00am** Worship-Memorial Hall  
**1:00pm** JFS-Gliwa

**VIF Budget Status**

**as of: 7/10/22**

	<b>7/10/2022</b>	<b>7/3/2022</b>	<b>6/26/2022</b>
VIF 2022 Giving Budget	\$343,200	\$343,200	\$343,200
Estimated 2022 VIF Giving	<b>\$315,151</b>	<b>\$312,602</b>	<b>\$310,013</b>
Estimated 2022 VIF Shortfall	<b>\$ 28,049 (8.2%)</b>	<b>\$ 30,598 (8.9%)</b>	<b>\$ 33,187 (9.7%)</b>