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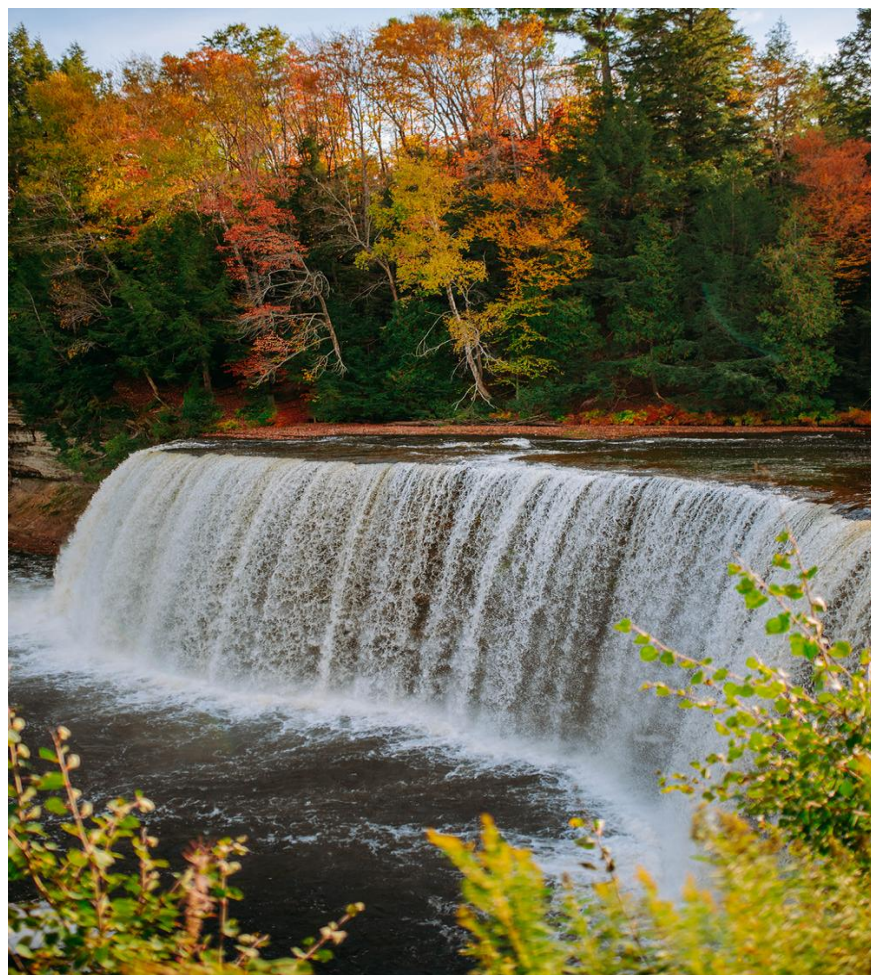
Next Week's Worship—October 18, 2026

Ushers: Ron Olson, Carol Olson, Dan Raff, Kim Raff

Liturgist: Nancy Boulden

Closer: Ron Olson

Counters: Harvey Conner, Joe Kowalski



This Week's Worship – October 11, 2026

Ushers: Joe Huggins, Stan Blair, Julie Blair, Laura Sievert

Liturgist: Kim Raff

Closer: Joe Huggins

Counters: Matt Reyne, Marianne Piser

Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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Chancel Flowers \$31.00

MANY THANKS

Girl Scout Troop 15



COMMUNITY GARDEN: WEEK ONE

WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR
YOUR SUPPORT IN HELPING US
BRING THIS PROJECT TO REALITY!!

Riley Nora Alana

Emma Mallory

Olivia

Mia

Dear friends,

I had a wonderful visit with our long-time church member Marty Gronka. At almost age 100, he remains alert and has a cheery disposition. The dizziness and itchy skin problems he has had have gone away. He enjoyed the church flowers and cookies I brought. His son, Steven, is his excellent care giver who enables Marty to remain in his home. Marty's hearing is poor, but he can communicate effectively. I promised him I would be back to celebrate his 100th birthday on November 3rd.

Blessings, Judy Agnello



Scripture reading for Sunday, October 11, 2026

1st SCRIPTURE READING

Liturgist say-*Our first scripture reading today comes from Isaiah 25: 1-9 (p. 568)*

- 1 - O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
- 2 - For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the foreigners' palace is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt.
- 3 - Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
- 4 - For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat; for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall,
- 5 - like heat in a dry place. You subdue the noise of the foreigners; as heat by the shade of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is put down.
- 6 - On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
- 7 - And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.
- 8 - He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.
- 9 - It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

2ND SCRIPTURE READING

Pastor says –*Our scripture reading today comes from Philippians 4: 1-9 (p. 955)*

- 1 - Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
- 2 - I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.
- 3 - Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.
- 4 - Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
- 5 - Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.
- 6 - Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
- 7 - And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- 8 - Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
- 9 - Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.



SPIRITUAL EDUCATION

On October 4, the Adult Discipleship group began a new topic, “The Kingdom of God”. Many, if not most, of Jesus’ teachings dealt with this topic, but what does it mean? Is it here now or a future utopia? Author Greg Jao says this, “We will explore the nature of God’s reign and how Jesus inaugurates and embodies the Kingdom’s program of renewal and restoration in His life and ministry.”

The study will run for 10 weeks. Each week is a separate topic, so please join us even if you can’t attend every Sunday. We hope to see you after Worship in the Parlor for this enjoyable and interesting study.

– Allen Sievert



John C. Winter

Jun 7, 1945 — Oct 1, 2026
Newark, DE

John C. Winter, 81, of Newark, DE, passed away Thursday, October 1, 2026. He was the beloved husband of the late Barbara H. Winter, who died November 20, 2025.

Born June 7, 1945 in Pittsburgh, PA, he was the son of the late Lawrence and Ruth (Chambers) Winter.

John was a long-time member of First Presbyterian Church in Newark, DE, where he volunteered his time extensively. Among other things, he served as an usher, helped maintain church facilities, and participated in Code Purple, a program to supply shelter and hot meals to unhoused people during the cold winter months.

He enjoyed playing tennis and fishing, watching sports (especially the Phillies and Eagles), and cheering on his three sons at all of their various endeavors. He spent long hours on the back porch with Barbara watching the birds and was the official grill master, groundskeeper, and pancake-maker of the family.

John trained as a mechanical engineer at West Virginia Institute of Technology. He had a long career at Dupont before becoming an independent contractor doing safety and corrosion testing for equipment in the chemical and petroleum industries. He travelled nationally and internationally for work; in his retirement, he and Barbara enjoyed trips abroad, in particular to visit historical religious sites, including Scotland and Turkey.

Survivors include his children, David L. Winter (Makiko Yasuda) of New York City, NY, John Andrew Winter (Anne Polakovic) of Newark, DE, and Joseph S. Winter (Adam Shecter) of Queens, NY; his grandchildren, Emi Winter and Hiroki Winter; brother, James Winter (Connie) of St. Albans, WV; and sister, Sarah Bishop (Terry) of Whitsett, NC.

Relatives and friends may call after 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at Huff & Lakjer Funeral Home, 701 Derstine Ave., Lansdale, followed by the Funeral Service at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Roslyn, PA.

SYMPATHY CARDS CAN BE SENT TO: **Mr. David Winter**
1623 Third Ave. #7a
New York, NY 10128

Harvest FESTIVAL

First Presbyterian Church of Newark

292 West Main St, Newark, DE 19711



Sunday, October 18th, 2026

Immediately Following Worship

11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Join us for an afternoon of
food, fellowship, fun, and community!

Our Harvest Festival is open to everyone—
not just our congregation.

We warmly invite our friends, neighbors, families,
and the Newark community to celebrate with us!

Church Will Provide:



Turkey



Stuffing



Sides



Beverages



Want to Contribute?

Please bring a salad or
dessert based on your
last name:



A-K:

Bring a Dessert



L-Z:

Bring a Salad

**Fun for
the Kids!**

Children can enjoy
games and activities
throughout the
afternoon.

**Everyone Is
Welcome!**



Come as you are, bring your family
and friends, and enjoy a wonderful
afternoon of food, laughter, and community.

~♡ We hope to see you there! ♡~



COME HELP US SUPPORT
OUR MISSIONS

Sat. Nov. 14th

Time: 10 AM – 1 PM



Presbyterian Women Fall Fundraiser



Soup Chili
Bake Sale
Basket Raffles



Cash only: Soup/Chili: 1 for \$12 or 2 for \$20. Baked Goods: Price varies.

Proceeds will be used to support missions such as NCP Guatemala Project,
Newark Area Welfare, Hope Dining Room, Friendship House and more.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

It's coming back! Just like last year!

Do you have a favorite soup or chili recipe?

**This is your opportunity to donate quarts (containers provided) of your creation
to our PW fall Fundraiser!**

HOW?

- Stop by the office and pick up empty quart containers and labels from Marchelle after 9/29.
(They will also be in the Narthex on Sundays beginning SEPT 27th)
- Sign up: your name, type of soup/chili, # of quarts and contact info
- Cook your delicious soup/chili before Nov. 13th
- Soups can be made fresh/refrigerated, stored frozen at home or in the MH Kitchen freezer.
- Soup/Chili, baked goods need to be dropped off to MH kitchen on Fri., Nov 13th 9am-1pm.
- Questions: Contact Pam Wunder (302)588-4481 or Carol Olson (302)593-0734

Fellowship SNACK SCHEDULE

*Let's fellowship
together!* 

Beginning in **September**,
each month will be
assigned to a specific
group in our church.
That group will bring
snacks on Sundays.



**SNACKS ARE
SERVED FROM
11:15–11:30 AM**

after the service.

Thank you 

for helping us build
community and
fellowship together!



Jan	Session
Feb	Deacons
March	Praise Team
April	UD/Community Outreach
May	Finance Committee
June	Ushers
July	Adult & Children Ed
August	PW CT
September	Worship Committee/ Band of Brothers
October	Hope Dining Hall
November	Choir
December	PW Circle Members



**November 7th —UD / Community
Engagement Committee**

December 5th —Hope Dining Room

VIF Giving Summary

as of August 31

Total VIF giving = \$219,133

VIF Goal for 2026 = \$336,000

Food for Success Volunteer Coordinator - Nancy Lewis - nancylewis2011@gmail.com

Food for Success Open Dates for 2026

Dates circled in Green are holidays—Food for Success pantry is closed

The figure displays 12 monthly calendars for the year 2020, arranged in a 3x4 grid. Each calendar is titled with the month name and shows the days of the week (SU, MO, TU, WE, TH, FR, SA). Days with a red circle containing a white 'X' indicate a reported coronavirus case. The number of cases increases each month, with the final calendar (December) showing 25 cases, including a green circle around the 25th.

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH							APRIL						
SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 6:30pm - 7:30pm Newark Symphony Chorus & Orch. Rehearsal	28	29 6:30pm - 8:00pm Cub Pack 56 Mtg/ Recruitment Night-MWH	30 9am - 10am Prayer Group-Zoom 12pm - 1pm Band of Brothers-Library 7pm - 8:30pm Bells Practice - Sanctuary 7pm - 8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg-MWH	1 7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice	2	3 8:00am - 10:00am First Saturday Breakfast - Session
4 Sacrament of Communion 10am - 11am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development-"The Kingdom of God" 6:30pm - 9:30pm Newark Symphony Chorus/Orch. Rehearsal	5 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	6 10:00am - 11:30am PW CT - MH Parlor 6:00pm - 8:00pm PW Dinner Program MHW 6:30pm - 7:30pm Girl Scout Troop 157 Meeting - GLIWA	7 9-10am Prayer Group-Zoom 12pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library 7pm - 8:30pm Bells Practice-Sanctuary 7pm - 8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg-	8 3:00pm - 4:00pm HR Team- MH Library 7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice	9 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success 6:15pm - 9:45pm Newark Symphony Chorus/Orch. 7pm - 8:30pm Troop 56 Com. Mtg Gliwa	10 5:30pm - 6:30pm Annual Hymn Sing Cover dish - Rock Presbyterian Church
11 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development-"The Kingdom of God" 6:30pm - 9:30pm Newark Symphony Chorus & Orch. Rehearsal	12 12:00pm - 1:00pm Hope Dining Room	13 Church office closed 7:00pm - 9:00pm Deacon's - Library - Zoom 7:00pm - 9:30pm Finance Mtg.-Zoom	14 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library 7- 8:30pm Bells Practice-Sanctuary 7pm - 8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg-MWH	15 7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice	16 6:15pm - 9:45pm Newark Symphony Chorus & Orch. Rehearsal	17 Harvest Festival - MWH Set-up
18 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:00am - 3:00pm Harvest Festival - MWH 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development-"The Kingdom of God" 1:00pm - 3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 157 Meeting 6:30pm - 9:30pm Newark Symphony Chorus & Orch. Rehearsal	19 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success Session meeting 7:00pm - 9:00pm	20 10:00am - 12:00pm Rachel Circle -MH Gliwa and Ruth Circle- Parlor hybrid 1:00pm - 3:00pm Elizabeth Circle - Parlor hybrid 7:00pm - 8:30pm Lydia Circle-Zoom/Parlor	21 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library 7- 8:30pm Bells Practice-Sanctuary 7pm - 8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg-MWH	22 7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice	23 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	24 6:00pm - 9:30am UD Chorale Concert
25 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development-"The Kingdom of God" 6:30pm - 9:30pm Newark Symphony Chorus & Orch. Rehearsal	26	27	28 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library 7- 8:30pm Bells Practice-Sanctuary 7pm - 8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg-MWH	29 7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice	30 6:15pm - 9:45pm Newark Symphony Chorus & Orch. Rehearsal	31



○ Jim Pierson–Perry	October 2
○ Jen Blackburn	October 4
○ Ron Olson	October 6
○ Art Trembanis	October 13
○ Jules Stevenson	October 18
○ Julie Blair	October 20
○ Bill Thompson	October 20
○ Brenda Breffitt	October 22
○ Jan Huckleberry	October 26
○ Helen Shores Jones	October 27
○ Judy Agnello	October 29
○ Fred Dawson	October 29
○ Allen Sievert	October 30
○ Lucia Merrick	October 31



<i>Stan & Julia Blair</i>	<i>October 14</i>	<i>26 Years</i>
<i>Don & Kathy Tancredi</i>	<i>October 30</i>	<i>56 Years</i>

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Session Clerk—Jim Pierson Perry

Class of 2027: Stan Blair, Melody Bock, Pat Nelson, Bob Wunder

Class of 2028: Carolyn Morton, Kern Piser, Mark Sisk

Class of 2029: Lois Huggins, Nancy Lewis, Jim Pierson-Perry

Deacons Moderator—Greg Hills

Class of 2027: Kaitlin Douglas, Greg Hills, Melanie Sipko, Fe Wright

Class of 2028: Judy Agnello, Kim Raff, Ann Roybal, Pam Wunder

Class of 2029: Julia Blair, Jennifer Dube, Sarah Huckleberry

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COME AND BE A PART OF OUR
CONGREGATION!!

If you are thinking of joining
our church, we would love to
have you!

Please contact Pastor Dan at
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