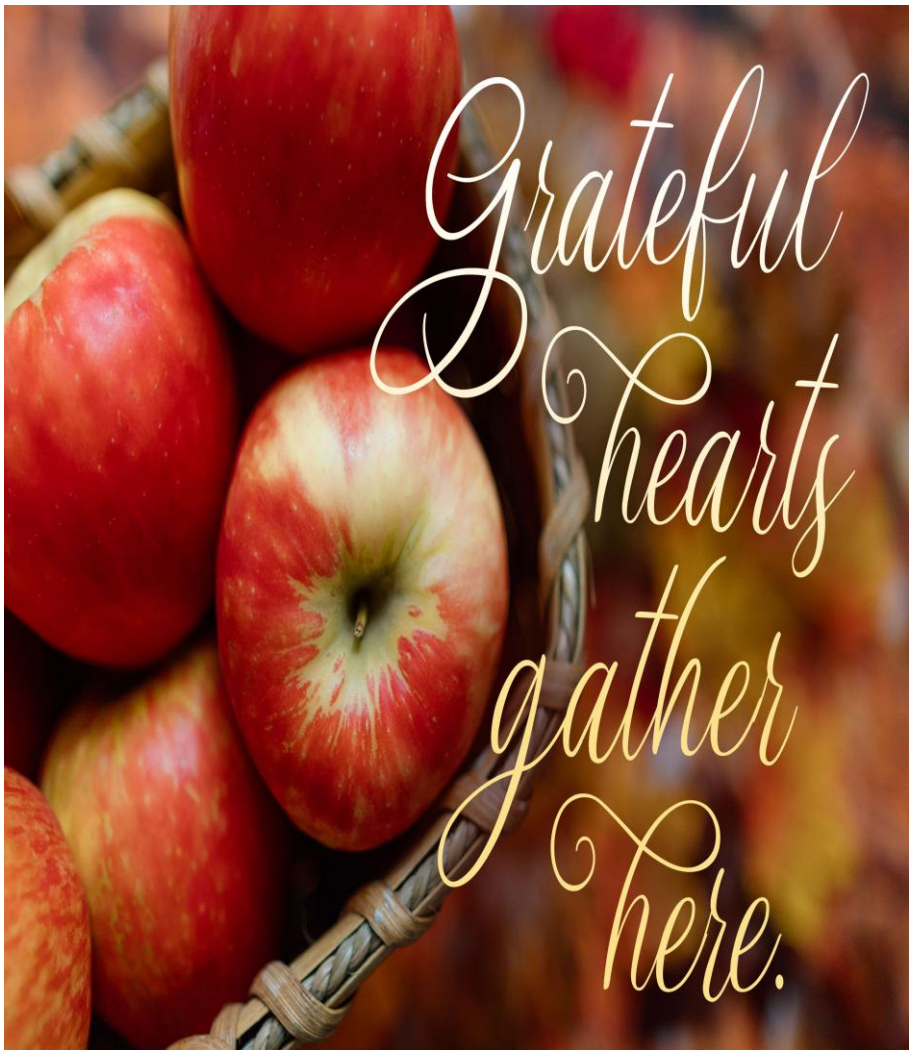
November 6, 2026

# First Presbyterian Church

*meets at*

292 West Main Street · Newark, DE 19711
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Worship Grow Serve




## This Week's Worship – November 8, 2026

**Ushers:** Wade Catts, Ron Olson, Mimi Lovelace, Carol Olson
**Liturgist:** Fe Wright
**Closer:** Wade Catts
**Counters**: Matt Reyne, Joe Kowalski

**You Tube Channel**

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMgrt0yHvgOjUPphSOFgxxA

**Website**

www.firstpresnewark.org

**Church Calendar**

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**Next Week's Worship–November 15, 2026**

**Ushers:** Joe Huggins, Stan Blair, Julie Blair, Laura Sievert
**Liturgist:** Nancy Black
**Closer:** Joe Huggins
**Counters**: Ron Olson, Kwansa

**Office Hours**
**Tuesday through Friday**
**9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

# Letter to the Congregation

To my beloved congregation, grace and peace to you. Tina and I have been overwhelmed with the love and support you have shown us these past few weeks during my hospitalizations and attempts to recover at home.

I am truly blessed to be in your service, and I miss you more than words can express. The goal for me right now is to work on getting stronger so that I can be with you as soon as possible. In the meantime, I know that my friend and colleague Steve Clark will take excellent care of you. By now you should have a taste of his excellent preaching skills.

I consider myself blessed to have a congregation who is so concerned and loving. You comfort me more than you know and you will play a large part in my recovery.

It is in times like these that Jesus' commands to us come to the forefront and we realize that there is nothing so great on earth as loving and caring for each other.

Go in peace and we will see one another soon.

Love Pastor Dan

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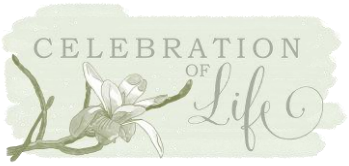
**THE GRACE OF GOD**



**Flowers** can be dedicated **in honor** or **memory** of a family member, friend or loved one. You may **keep** or **donate them.** Please sign up on the Chancel Flowers Donor Sign-up Form located in the Narthex to indicate your preference.

Checks, ***clearly identified for chancel flowers,*** may be placed in the weekly offering plate or brought to the church office. Please **note on the check** whether you will ***keep or donate both*** flowers or ***keep one and donate the other.***

**Chancel Flowers $31.00**




Ray Liebfried – Memorial Service - Friday, November 13, 2026, at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary

# Scripture reading for Sunday, November 8, 2026

**1st SCRIPTURE READING** - *Psalm 139:1-18 (p.503)*

1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
3 You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.
4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.
5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
7 Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
9 If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.
11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"
12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.
13 For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.
15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.
17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
18 I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end —I am still with you.

This is the word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God!**

**2ND SCRIPTURE READING** - *Matthew 25:1-13 (p. 806)*

**1** "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.
**2** Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.
**3** When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them;
**4** but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.
**5** As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.
**6** But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'
**7** Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.
**8** The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'
**9** But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'
**10** And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.
**11** Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us.'
**12** But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'
**13** Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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**Thanks be to God!**

## Venture In Faith (VIF) 2027

Stewardship is the cultivation, management, and distribution of God's bounty to us as individuals and families; and the Church's provision of God's gifts made available by God's people. Each year First Presbyterian Church asks its members to review what they have given with an eye toward meeting any unmet personal goals, as well as increasing gifts for greater support of God's work by the Church.

We build our stewardship through donations of time, talent, and treasure.

- We can commit our time to serve on boards and committees, as well as organizations that benefit and serve our brothers and sisters in the local community and throughout the world.
- We can commit our talents to perform the tasks and projects necessary to maintain and build the places where we worship and spread the Good News.
- We can commit our treasure to meet the expenses of organizing, teaching, and articulating the Gospel for a world that so desperately needs to understand and live by it.

By financial support, member volunteer efforts, and the sharing of facilities, First Pres Church has contributed toward meeting the needs of the community and the world. Examples of these include, but by no means are limited to, the following: Hope Dining Room, Food for Success pantry, the recovering communities, missionary efforts around the world, our sister church in Dinanga, alternative gift market, refugee family resettlement, and Scouts of America.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Newark asks that you give prayerful thought and consideration to what you believe our church could and should be doing to feed, clothe, shelter, prepare, and inspire those who do not have enough. Share with the Session the opportunities you see, and express your commitment of time, talent, and treasure for 2027 on the attached Venture In Faith form.

And always remember the words of the late Dr. Ed Gliwa, a saint of First Pres, "Give until it feels good."

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## Venture In Faith (VIF) 2027 Pledge Form

Please complete this form and return it by placing in the collection plate, giving it to the church office, emailing to fpchurch@firstpresnewark.org, or mailing to First Presbyterian Church, 292 West Main Street, Newark, DE 19711. Your response will help the church plan its activities and outreach efforts for the coming year. It is not necessary to sign this form. Your commitment is between you and God.

Time: Hours per week_____ or per month_____

Talent: Work on projects described_____ or units completed_____

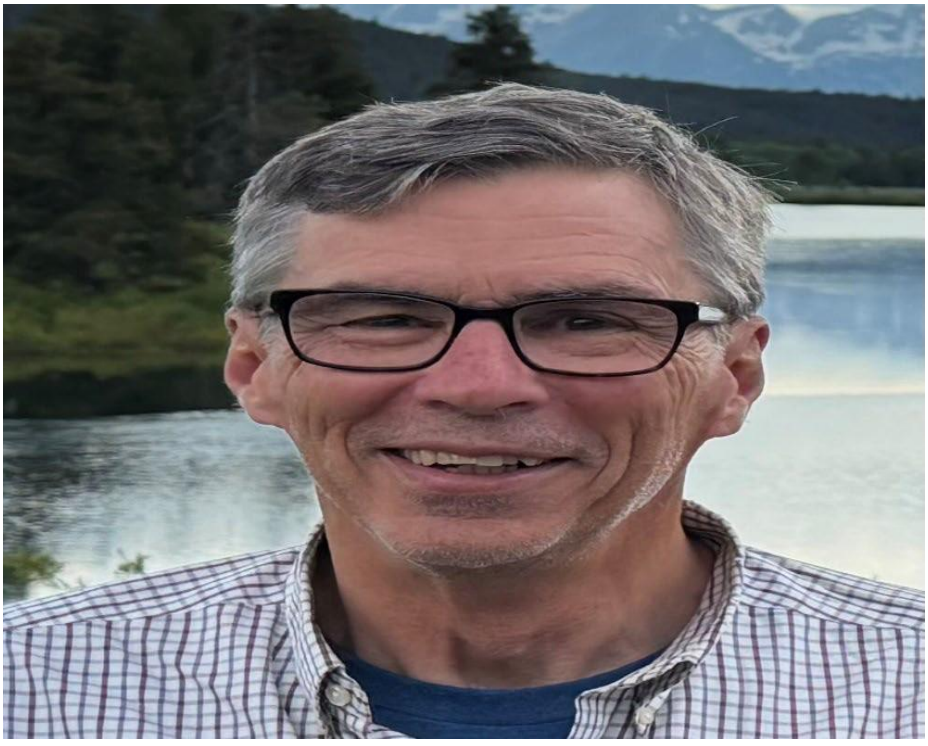
Treasure: $_____ per week / per month / per quarter / other

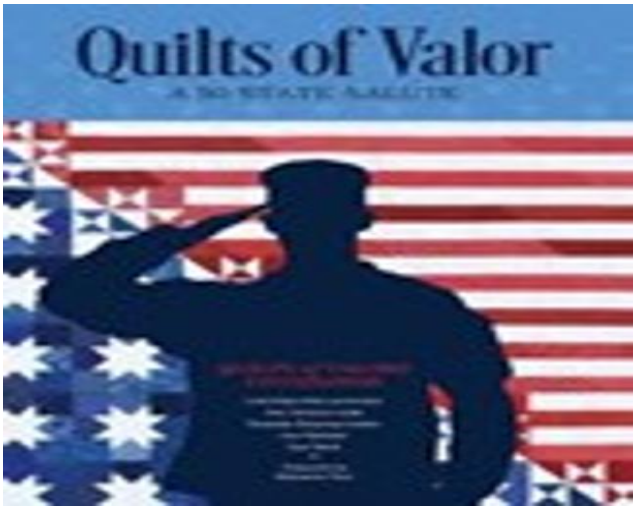
The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Newark, DE thanks you for your prayerful commitment




*To the members of First Presbyterian Church of Newark:*

*We are privilege to have Pastor Steven Clark step in as our Interim or Bridge Pastor, during Pastor Dan's absence. He is a semi-retired Presbyterian Pastor who has previously visited us.*






**This Sunday, November 8th, after worship, a Quilt of Valor presentation ceremony will be held for some of our First Presbyterian military veterans. It will be held in Memorial Hall starting at 11:30. We will honor and comfort our veterans with a handmade quilt presented by the Piecemakers Quilt Club of Whispering Woods, Middletown. What is the story of Quilts of Valor? It began in 2003 when founder Catherine Roberts had a dream of a quilt covering and comforting a soldier returning from conflict and service to our country. To date over 460,000 quilts have been awarded. For more information go to their website: qovf.org.**

**Please be sure to join us for this truly moving presentation. Of course, food and drink will be served!**




## From Cindy Kohlmann:

**Pastor Eric's surgery went well and the surgeon is pleased! He will be recovering for the next couple of weeks. We are grateful for all the prayers, cards and flowers. They are beautiful and mean so much! Thank you.**

**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

**FPCN Presbyterian Women Fall Fundraiser**

**COME HELP US SUPPORT OUR MISSIONS**



# Sat. Nov 14, 2026



**Time: 10 AM – 1 PM**

**Cash Only**



## Soups & Chili

**1 for $12** **2 for $20**





## Bake Sale

**Prices vary**

## Basket Raffles

**Piano music provided by Matthew Shuman**

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

**Memorial Hall West & Kitchen**
**First Presbyterian Church – Newark**
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**Newark, DE 19711**
**pw@firstpresnewark.org**

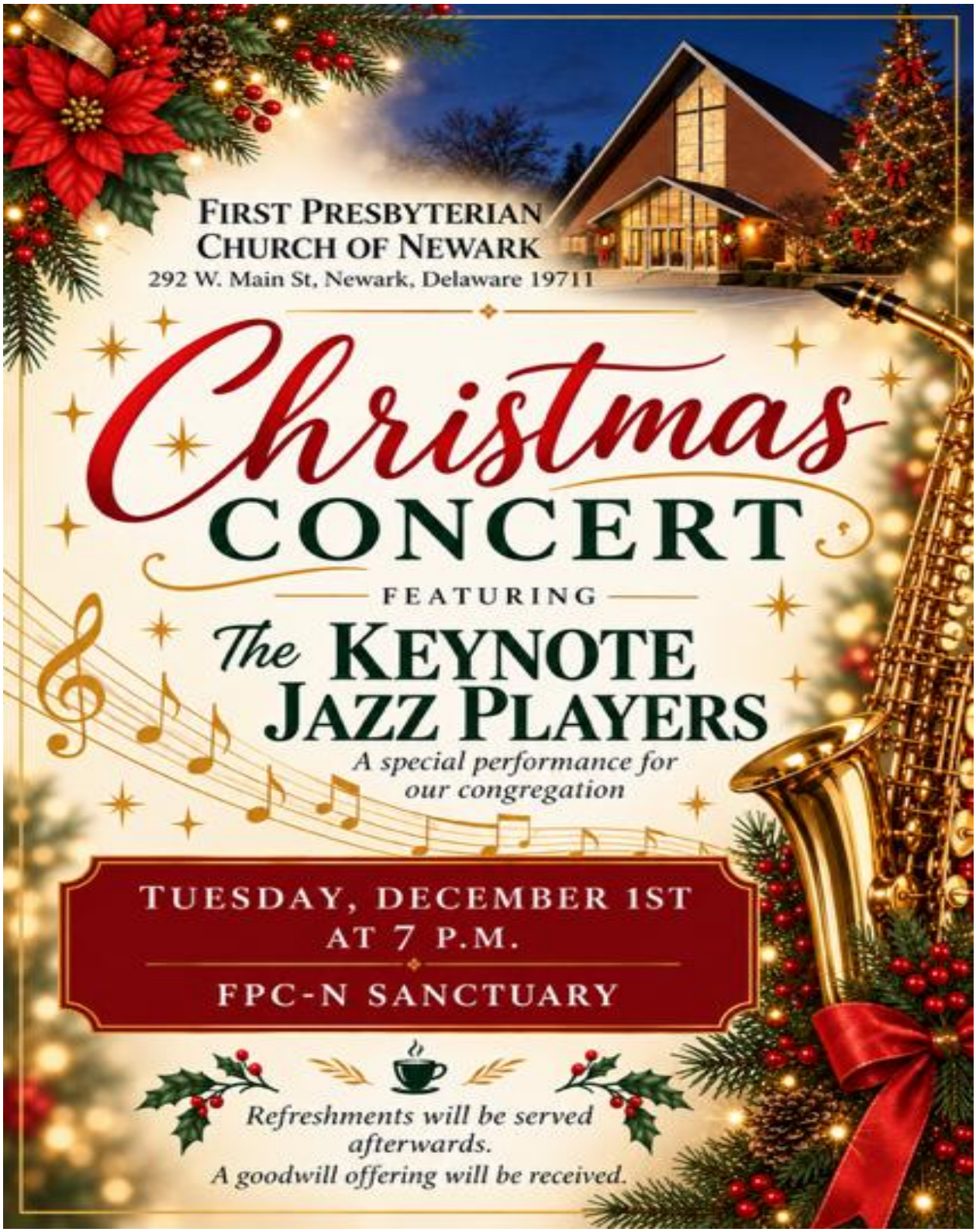



**<u>Saturday, November 21st</u>**

***At 10:00 am***

**Come join us as we decorate the Sanctuary for the Advent and the Christmas Season. Lots of volunteers needed!**




First Presbyterian
Church of Newark
292 W. Main St, Newark, Delaware 19711
Christmas
CONCERT
FEATURING
The KEYNOTE
JAZZ PLAYERS
A special performance for
our congregation
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
AT 7 P.M.
FPC-N SANCTUARY
Refreshments will be served
afterwards.
A goodwill offering will be received.



**Wilmington Handbell Ensemble**

*An American*

# CHRISTMAS

Saturday, 12/5 4PM
Head of Christiana
Presbyterian Church
Newark, DE 19711

Sunday, 12/6 3PM
Silverside Church
Wilmington DE 19810

Saturday 12/19 4 PM
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Wilmington, DE 19806

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# Children's Nativity Service



Refreshments provided! Plus, a small gift for every child.



RSVP & Inquiries
phone# 856-745-8736

Barcelle

## 10-11 am 13 Dec 2026

Everyone is welcome!

First Presbyterian Church
292 W Main Street, Newark DE 19711

# 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!



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| 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**

**January 2nd – Bob Wenner**

## ***Give the Blessing of Warm Feet***

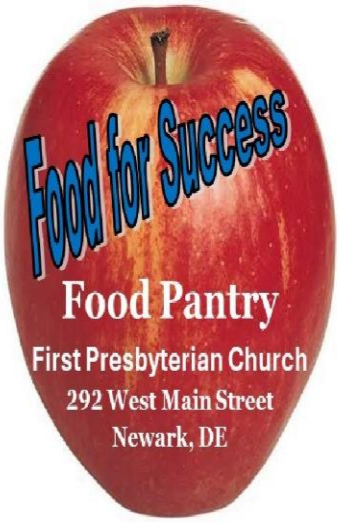


**We are collecting donations of new men's socks between now and the end of November.**

**These will be given to those in need during our turn to provide a free lunch in December.**

**Please bring your donations to church and put them in the red tote that you will find in the narthex. Thank you for your kindness and care.**

- **The FPC Hope Dining Room Team**




## Volunteering is good for you - providing benefits to both mental and physical health!

Help our *Food for Success* food pantry provide supplemental food for community members in need of nourishing meals.

**We do on the job training!**

**Scan the QR code to access the Food for Success Signup Genius app**

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**

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# *November 2026*

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| **1**<br>Sacrament of Communion<br>10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary<br>11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development-"The Kingdom of God"<br>**6:30pm - 9:30pm Newark Symphony Chorus & Orch. Rehearsal** | **2**<br>**7:00am - 11:00am POWER OUTAGE - City of Newark** | **3**<br>10:00am - 11:30am PW CT - MH Parlor<br>6:30pm - 7:30pm Girl Scout Troop 157 Meeting - GLIWA | **4**<br>9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom<br>12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library<br>**7:00pm - 8:30pm Bells Practice - Sanctuary**<br>**7:00pm - 8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg - MWH** | **5**<br>**7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice** | **6** | **7**<br>**8:00am - 9:00am 1st Breakfast - Worship Committee** |
| **8**<br>10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary<br>**11:30am - 2:00pm Quilt of Valor Presentation (MH)**<br>**3:00pm - 7:00pm UD Concert & Resound Fall Concert - Sanctuary** | **9**<br>12:00pm - 1:00pm Hope Dining Room<br>**4:00pm - 6:00pm Food For Success**<br>**7:00pm - 8:30pm Troop 56 Committee Mtg - GLIWA** | **10**<br>7:00pm - 9:00pm Deacon's - Library - Zoom<br>7:00pm - 9:30pm Finance Mtg.-Zoom | **11**<br>9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom<br>10:30am - 11:30am Administrative Mtg<br>12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library<br>**7:00pm - 8:30pm Bells Practice - Sanctuary**<br>**7:00pm - 8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg - MWH** | **12**<br>3:00pm - 4:00pm HR Team- MH Library<br>**7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice** | **13**<br>9:00am - 1:00pm PW Soup/Baked goods/ raffle basket drop off<br>2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Ray Liebfreid Memorial-Sanctuary<br>**4:00pm - 6:00pm Food For Success** | **14**<br>9:00am - 10:00am Set Up PW Fall Fundraiser - MHW/Kitchen<br>10:00am - 1:00pm PW Fall Fundraiser - Soup/Bake/Raffle MHW/Kit |
| **15**<br>10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary<br>11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development-"The Kingdom of God"<br>1:00pm - 3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 157 Meeting | **16**<br>**7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**<br>**Session Meeting - Parlor** | **17**<br>10:00am - 12:00pm Rachel Circle -MH Gliwa and Ruth Circle- Parlor hybrid<br>1:00pm - 3:00pm Elizabeth Circle - Parlor hybrid<br>7:00pm - 8:30pm Lydia Circle-Zoom/Parlor<br>7:00pm - 9:00pm Session Mtg - Library - Zoom | **18**<br>9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom<br>12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library<br>**7:00pm - 8:30pm Bells Practice - Sanctuary**<br>**7:00pm - 8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg - MWH** | **19**<br>**7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice** | 20 | **21**<br>**10:00 am - Sanctuary - Hanging of the Greens** |
| **22**<br>10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary<br>11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development-"The Kingdom of God" | **23**<br>**4:00pm - 6:00pm Food For Success** | **24** | **25**<br>9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom<br>12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library<br>**7:00pm - 8:30pm Bells Practice - Sanctuary** | **26**<br>**THANKSGIVING DAY**<br>**7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice** | **27**<br>**ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED- Holiday**<br>**4:00pm - 6:00pm Food For Success** | **28**<br>**2:00pm - 6:00pm Jacob Resendez Piano Recording** |
| **29**<br>10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary<br>11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development-"The Kingdom of God" | **30** | 1<br>10:00am - 11:30am PW CT - MH Parlor<br>**6:00pm - 8:00pm PW Christmas Program- Sanctuary**<br>6:30pm - 7:30pm Girl Scout Troop 157 Meeting - GLIWA | 2<br>9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom<br>12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library<br>**7:00pm - 8:30pm Bells Practice - Sanctuary**<br>**7:00pm - 8:30pm Troop 56 Mtg - MWH** | 3<br>4:00pm - 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 157 Meeting - MWH<br>**7:00pm - 8:30pm Choir Practice** | 4 | 5<br>**8:00am - 9:00am First Breakfast hosted by Hope Dining Room**<br>**1:00pm - 4:00pm UD Carols by Candlelight Dress Rehearsal** |




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| Paul Biddle | November 01 |
| Marty Gronka | November 03 |
| Dick Hourigan | November 04 |
| Don Blackburn | November 07 |
| Molly Breffitt | November 08 |
| Elizabeth Macharia | November 10 |
| Sandra Prather | November 10 |
| Jane Moore | November 11 |
| Logan Blackburn | November 13 |
| Cassie Magliaro | November 13 |
| Vickie Pierson-Perry | November 13 |
| Steve Buckley | November 14 |
| Russ Zebnacker | November 16 |
| Ronald Mehan | November 18 |
| Pam Wunder | November 22 |
| Jennifer Dube | November 24 |
| Carlton Tappan | November 26 |
| Janet Belles | November 27 |
| Sean Ferry | November 30 |




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| Robert & Sandy Wenner | November 4 | 59 Years |
| Greg & Shirley Hills | November 8 | 18 Years |
| Joseph & Lois Huggins | November 18 | 59 Years |
| Robert & Laura Tuttle | November 24 | 52 Years |
| Ronald & Annette Mehan | November 29 | 57 Years |

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