



August 28, 2026

First Presbyterian Church

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Website

www.firstpresnewark.org

Church Calendar

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Online giving through PayPal



Next Week's Worship—September 6, 2026

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

Liturgist: Nancy Lewis

Closer: Joe Huggins

Counters: Ron Olson, Francis Kwansa

Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday

9:00 am to 1:00 pm



This Week's Worship – August 30, 2026

Ushers: Wade Catts, Bob Wunder, Mimi Lovelace, Pam Wunder

Liturgist: Nancy Lewis

Closer: Wade Catts

Counters: Kevin Thomson, Mimi Lovelace

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS DONATED BY

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ANNIVERSARY DATE 8/30/1969



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

Scripture reading for Sunday, August 30th, 2026

1st SCRIPTURE READING - *Exodus 3: 1-15 (p.44)*

Moses is tending the flock of his father-in-law when he sees a sight which will change his life forever. Let us listen to God's Word. Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—

has sent me to you.’ “This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

2ND SCRIPTURE READING - Exodus 4: 1-17 (p.45)

Moses answered, “What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, ‘The Lord did not appear to you?’” 2 Then the Lord said to him, “What is that in your hand?” “A staff,” he replied. 3 The Lord said, “Throw it on the ground.” Moses threw it on the ground, and it became a snake, and he ran from it. 4 Then the Lord said to him, “Reach out your hand and take it by the tail.” So, Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand. 5 “This,” said the Lord, “is so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you.” 6 Then the Lord said, “Put your hand inside your cloak.” So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, the skin was leprous - it had become as white as snow. 7 “Now put it back into your cloak,” he said. So, Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh. 8 Then the Lord said, “If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first sign, they may believe the second. 9 But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground.” 10 Moses said to the Lord, “Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.” 11 The Lord said to him, “Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? 12 Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.” 13 But Moses said, “Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else.” 14 Then the Lord’s anger burned against Moses and he said, “What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you. 15 You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. 16 He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him. 17 But take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it.”



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Affordable Housing Forum

Memorial Hall West on Sunday, August 30, 2026 at 11:30 am
Lunch will be provided

We will continue the Listening Session with the Housing Forum.

What can we do as a church to spread God's love?

Learn about affordable housing needs in our community.

The Newark Interfaith Co-Leaders will share information on affordable housing actions, options, and opportunities. In addition, Habitat for Humanity and Newark Co-Housing will share their ideas to address these needs. Time is scheduled for questions and discussion.

**Note: There is no plan at this time for any use of our church land.
This forum is to inform and stimulate ideas and discussions.**



VIF Giving Summary

as of July 31

Total VIF giving = \$208,187

VIF Goal for 2026 = \$336,000

Looking for a Drummer!!

The praise team is seeking a drummer to join us on Sunday mornings. We gather at 8:45 AM for rehearsal. The church has a digital drum set that we use during services and for our weekly YouTube videos.

If you're interested in sharing your talents, please contact Larry Benson at praiseleader@firstpresnewark.org. Peace, Larry

Looking for Liturgists!!



Help proclaim God's Word by volunteering to be a Sunday worship liturgist! Any and all are invited to help lead our worship service! No prior training or experience is required, and Pastor Dan will answer any questions you may have. Helping to lead worship is a wonderfully fulfilling experience and a great way to deepen your relationship with the congregation and our Lord. Call or text Pastor Dan at 302-731-5644 or 484-557-9838.

Looking for work!!

An Afghani man who STAR Foundation has been assisting needs employment. This gentleman has applied for but has not received his Green Card. He is handy and is happy to do work around the house such as yard work, helping to move furniture, do simple repairs, etc. The suggested rate of pay is \$20.00 per hour. If you need work done around your home and are interested, please contact Nancy Lewis or the church office. Thank you.



An Afghan family with six kids aged 19 to 7, just moved to Newark this July. Their father passed away in June, and they moved here because they have family in Newark. They need furniture and blankets and towels. The family also really needs school desks for the children.

If you have anything you could donate, please contact Nancy Lewis at 302-598-5021.

Thank you.

HOPE DINING ROOM NEWS

As many of you know our church serves lunch at the Hope Dining Room once per month on the second Monday. We provide a well-balanced hot meal to whomever comes in. Our team includes Willee and Paul Short, Jane McAlpine, Kathleen Jolly, Steve Hardwick, Jim and Vickie Pierson Perry, Stephanie Birdsall, Greg Hills and me.

Our Presbyterian Pasta is delicious and we generally always have someone come to the kitchen window and thank us and tell us that lunch was good. Along with the pasta, we provide mixed vegetables, a salad, a roll, butter and some cookies (unless we have left over strawberry short cake). Milk is available as well.

Donations are the funding source for our meals. If you are inclined to contribute, please make your checks out to:

First Presbyterian Church Hope Dining Room

There is a mailbox for Hope Dining Room in the office or you can just hand me the check and I will deposit it swiftly.

On behalf of our dining guests, our team thanks you for your generous support.

Mimi Lovelace



Come and join us!!

Adult Discipleship recently began a new short study on the book of Esther. If you've ever found yourself stuck in distressing circumstances and didn't know which way to turn, you can identify with Esther! Come learn more about this remarkable woman, and how her choices can apply to us today.



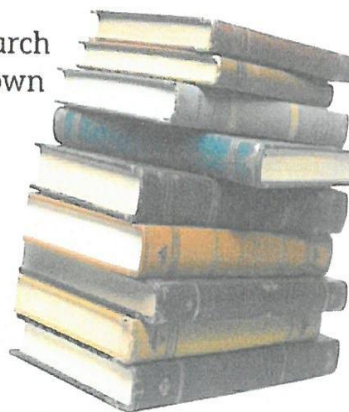
Presbyterian Women

Supporting a United for the Nations project by collecting gently used books in support of education in a sensitive region of North Africa.

UFTN builds long-term trusting partnerships with local church leaders as they accomplish projects to commission in their own contexts. They are helping to :

- Start a Christian College
- Continue bible translation in 30 languages
- Distribute radios and audio bibles
- Catalyze a radio station in a difficult location
- Strategize to fulfill the Great Commission

For more information about United for the Nations go to:
www.unitedforthenations.org



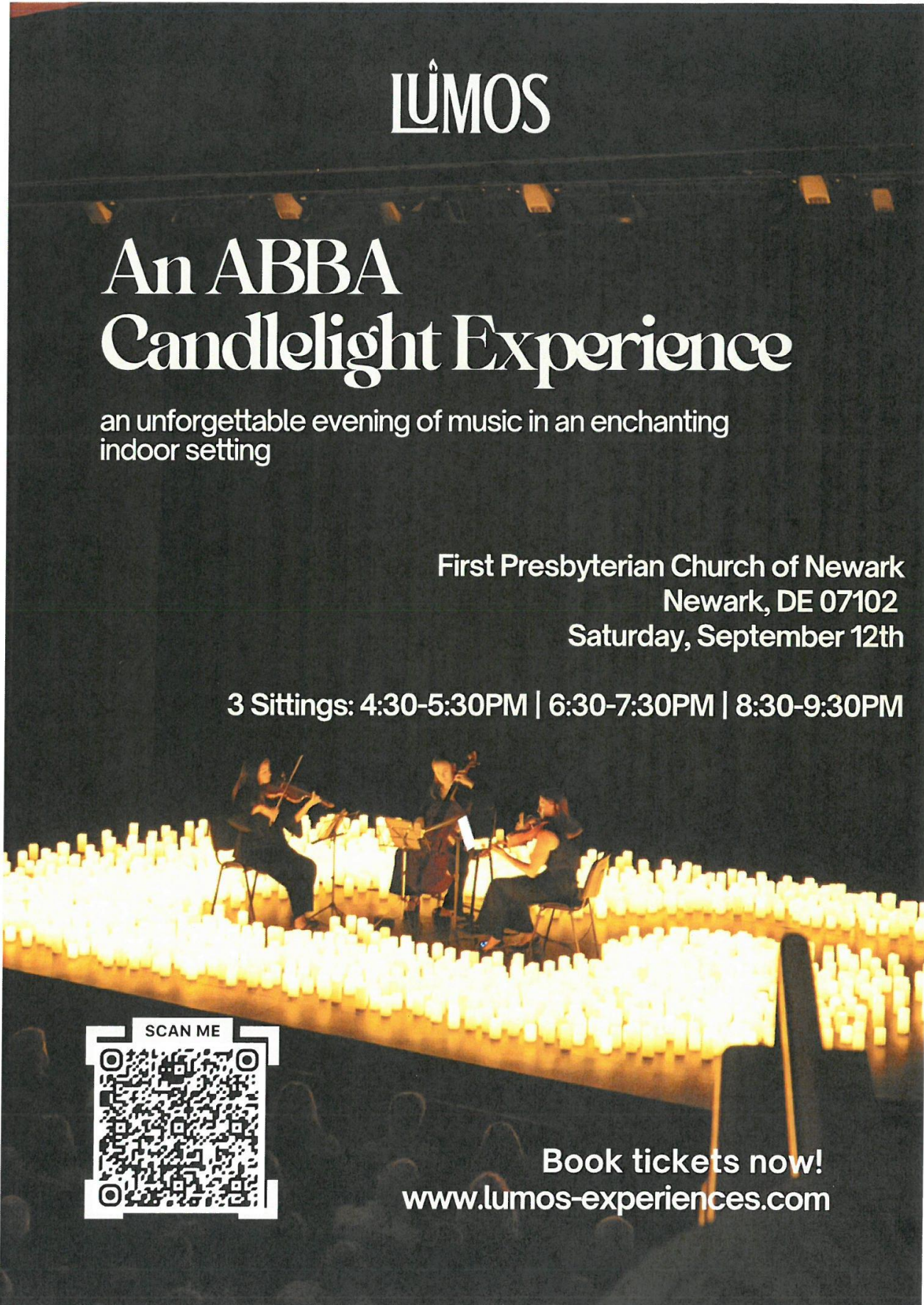
Collection bins are located in the Narthex and Memorial Hall

Thank you for supporting PW in this mission.

Contact:
Sandy Wenner
 302-753-5347

Specific Book Categories for Christian College Books

Bible Atlas	Historical Theology
Books of Law	History of the Church
Christian Apologetics	Homiletics
Christian Counseling	Methods of the Bible Teaching
Christian Discipleship	Missions
Christian Education	OT/NT Commentaries
Christian Ethics	OT/NT Dictionaries
Christian Leadership	OT/NT Introduction
Christian Marriage and Family	OT/NT Survey
Christian Music and Worship	OT/NT Theology
Christian Philosophy	Pastoral Counseling
Church Administration	Pastoral Letters
Church Planting and Missions	Personal Ministry Preparation
Conflict Management and Resolution	Preaching
Cross Culture	Spiritual Formation
Encyclopedia (historical and theological)	Synoptic Gospel
Evangelism and Church Growth	Systematic Theology
Guides to the Bible	Theology of Doctrines
Hermeneutics	Wisdom Literature



LUMOS

An ABBA Candlelight Experience

an unforgettable evening of music in an enchanting
indoor setting

First Presbyterian Church of Newark
Newark, DE 07102
Saturday, September 12th

3 Sitzings: 4:30-5:30PM | 6:30-7:30PM | 8:30-9:30PM



Book tickets now!
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An ABBA Candlelight Experience - Newark, DE – Saturday, September 12th



- 3 Shows – 4:30 PM, 6:30PM and 8:30PM
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWARK, 292 West Main St., Newark, DE 19711
- Tickets Prices: \$27.50 -77.50

Go to: www.lumos-experiences.com

Select **US**

Scroll down to **NEWARK, DE**

Next to Saturday 12th September, select **BUY TICKETS**

Click on **ENTER PROMO CODE**, then a **box appears** before the word **APPLY CODE**, enter **WELCOME15**, which will give you a 15% discount

Select your time and showing and quantity of tickets below

Then click **GET TICKETS**

The next screen requires you to register for a FATSOMA account with your First Name, Last Name, Email and Password. Keep this information for future use.

Electronic tickets should come to your email.

NEW SHOW ADDED: 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
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SEPTEMBER 13TH

CHURCH TACOS AFTER THE SERVICE

BEGINNING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL



Church Members are invited to participate in our
3rd Annual

Hat Day

Sun. Sept 13th

Wear your favorite hat to worship on Rally Day



== ST. JOHN AM CHURCH ==

— Presents... —

LORRAINE
MOTEL

FROM MEMPHIS TO GLORY:
A TRIBUTE TO MLK

THIS IS A PLAY BY ROBERT ANDERSON SENIOR
REFLECTING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

SCAN FOR TICKETS!



The Glory Grill Cook-out

Immediately Following the Play

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

— 2:00 P.M. —

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



September 5th— Presbyterian Woman

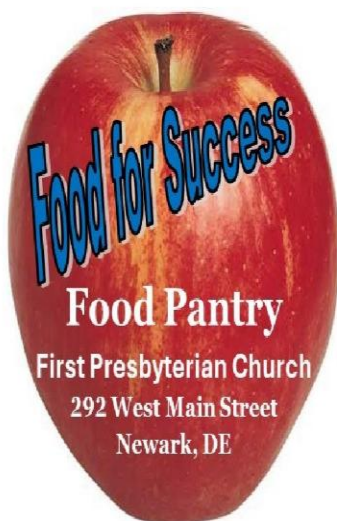
October 3rd—Session

November 7th —UD / Community Engagement Committee

December 5th —Hope Dining Room



A celebration of life for Tom Brockenbrough will be held on September 19th at 11:00 am. All are invited to a luncheon immediately following in Memorial Hall West.



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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August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	27 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	28	29 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library	30	31 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	1 8:00am - 9:00am First Breakfast - Chancel choir & Praise Team 1:30pm - 3:30pm FPC-N Women's Chesapeake Boatride
2 Sacrament of Communion 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	3	4	5 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library	6	7	8
9 10am - 11am Worship Sanctuary - Ordination & Installations 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	10 12:00pm - 1:00pm Hope Dining Room 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	11 7:00pm - 9:00pm Deacon's - Library - Zoom 7:00pm - 9:30pm Finance Mtg.- Zoom	12 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library	13 12:00pm - 1:00pm - Ladies Lunch Bunch 3:00pm - 4:00pm HR Team- MH Library	14 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	15 11am Evelyn Hayes Memorial (Sanctuary) Luncheon- MWH immediately after.
16 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	17 7-9PM Session Mtg - Parlor	18	19 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library	20	21	22
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Mallory Kowalski	August 1
Steve Breffitt	August 2
Kern Piser	August 2
Sarah Huckleberry	August 3
Kaitlin Douglas	August 6
Sandy Wenner	August 7
Marianne Piser	August 10
Morgan Habbert	August 12
Dennis Jacobs	August 12
Bob Wenner	August 12
Don Tancredi	August 13
Dave Evers	August 15
Carol Aftosmis	August 16
Matt Reyne	August 16
Brian Ruiter	August 16
Grace Ferry	August 23
Jane McAlpine	August 24
Kenneth Kincaid	August 28
Kim Habbert	August 29
Sally Hamilton	August 30

ANNIVERSARIES

David & Paula Berkebile	August 13, 1966	60 years
Steve & Brenda Breffitt	August 14, 1971	55 years
Harvey & Lorraine Conner	August 14, 1971	55 years
Rick & Judy Agnello	August 20, 1966	60 years
Matt & Lynn Reyne	August 20, 1966	60 years
Russell & Gloria Zehnacker	August 21, 1971	55 years
Ronald & Carol Olson	August 30, 1969	57 years



September Birthdays

Name	Birthdate
Jacquelyn Land	Sep 03
Spurgeon "Nick" Nickle	Sep 03
Carolyn Morton	Sep 03
David Baker	Sep 06
Seona Stevenson	Sep 07
Janet Macharia	Sep 08
Anna Gliwa	Sep 14
Ruth Griffith	Sep 14
Janet Thomson	Sep 15
Kevin Thomson	Sep 16
Kathy Tancredi	Sep 17
Virginia Murtagh	Sep 19
Marilyn Reyne	Sep 20
David E. Lovelace	Sep 21
John Bock	Sep 21
Phyllis Sisk	Sep 24
Robert Black	Sep 24
Urie Boulden	Sep 26
Carol Coughenour	Sep 27
Marchelle Folks	Sep 27
Beth Marshall	Sep 29

September Anniversaries

Name	Anniversary
Jacquelyn Land	Sep 03
Charlean and Brian Ruitter	Sep 04
Carol and Donald Coughenour	Sep 06
Marianne and George Piser	Sep 11
Nancy and Bob Black	Sep 14

Christmas Presentation on Dec 20

by FPC kids..Please join in the FUN...volunteers needed !!

ADULTS

- Narrator (Kid or adult)
- Researcher
- Creative coordinator
 - Props/ Costume
- Rehearsal coordinator
- Choreography coordinator
- Casting director
- Parent support for child actors
- Other roles you can volunteer to help with ??

KIDS

- Play roles of:
 - Mary, Joseph, 3 wise men, shepherds, Archangel, angels
- Play roles of:
 - Donkey, sheep, camel, cow
- Ushers
- Card Holders: Scenes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- Candy kids to hand out candy canes during intermission
- Singer- Solo and chorus
- Narrator

Please contact Fe Wright 856-745-8736/ Febwright@outlook.com

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LIST OF OFFICERS BY CLASS

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

THE MORE THE MERRIER -
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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