



First Presbyterian Church

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Communicator



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

Scripture: 2 Samuel 11: 1-15, 2 Samuel 12: 1-15

Sermon Given By: Pastor Dan McKenty

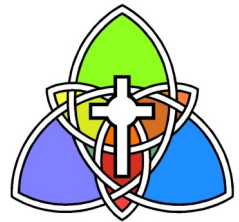
USHERS: Wade Catts, Bob Wunder, Mimi Lovelace, Kaitlin Douglas

LITURGIST: Dave Meyers

CLOSER: Wade Catts

COUNTERS: Matt Reynes, Clinton Nanji

JULY 26, 2024



Worship Grow Serve

You Tube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMgrr0yHvgO-iUPphSOFgxxA>

Website

www.firstpresnewark.org

Church Calendar

[click here](#)



Online giving through PayPal

<https://firstpresnewark.org/giving-at-fpc-n/>



Next Week's Worship

Aug 4, 2024

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

LITURGIST: Nancy Lewis

CLOSER: Joe Huggins

COUNTERS: Don Tancredi, Mimi Lovelace

Summer Office Hours

Monday

Closed

Tuesday -Friday

8:00 am—12:00 pm

Announcements:

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DONATED BY
Carol Coughenour
In honor of her husband, Don's Birthday



Flowers can be dedicated in honor or memory of family, friends and loved ones.
You may keep or donate. A sign-up form is located in the Narthex.
Checks *clearly identified for chancel flowers* may be placed in the offering plate
or brought to the church office.

Chancel Flowers—Cost \$31.00

Dear members, and friends,

It is now easier than ever to give to First Presbyterian Newark!
Simply scan the QR code to be linked directly with the church's Pay Pal account.
Help us to be our Lord's hands and feet making disciples and doing His work!

As always, we so appreciate your love and support.
or you can mail or drop your offerings off at the church office. Visit our website giving page for details.

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THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Please note you can access this on our website
using the FPC-N Calendar tab
on the top of the homepage.

We have new opportunities to be actively engaged in our community!

UD Professor Francis Kwansa brings our attention to this serious need:

UD currently has 24,221 enrolled students of whom **4,449 are graduate students**. **About 39% of the graduate students (approx. 1780) are international students from about 89 countries** including: China, India, S. Korea, Central and South America, and several African and Caribbean countries.

UD's stipend of \$22,660 translates to \$1,888 per month for 12 months – which after paying for rent, utilities and childcare (for those with families) leaves very little to cover food expenses, clothing, and transportation.

The proposed solution: FPC will establish a Food Bank distribution center that will serve the UD International Graduate Student community and any others in the Newark area experiencing food insecurity. Delaware Food Bank's mission is to inspire hope in our communities by providing food to nourish Delawareans, while collaborating on long-term solutions to hunger and poverty.

Would you be willing to help implement this exciting opportunity right here in Memorial Hall? Please contact a member of our team if you are interested in the entire project and/or you would like to volunteer for a specific role.

___ **The Coordinator/Manager/Director** is responsible for the overall management and organization of the Food Pantry Program, working closely with an Assistant Manager and volunteers. This person is responsible for internal control, schedules and oversees volunteers and publicizes this center and prepares reports for the Food Bank and FPC.

___ **Ordering and Inventory Manager** --- **Marianne Piser** has volunteered! She would love volunteer assistants, who will help keep records which accurately reflect the total amount of food ordered, received and distributed. All products, both perishable and non-perishable, must be used within one month of receipt from the Food Bank.

___ **2 volunteers for each day we are open – (Every other Mon. & Friday from 4-6 p.m.)** to check people in/out and provide radical hospitality (caring curiosity, acceptance, a shared sense of belonging).

___ **ServSafe training** -- We just need one person to complete this – which involves 8 hours of classroom and coursework and a proctored exam. It can be completed online. This person will then **provide overall guidance for food storage and distribution.**

___ **Governing Board Member** (a requirement of the Food Bank) -- **provides guidance and overall direction.** We think the Governing Board might meet monthly in the beginning, and maybe not so often after everything gets set up and perking along well.

___ **Suggest names for our Food Bank Distribution Center – that will help convey we are doing more than handing out food – we are helping people thrive.** Here are some starters: The Food Oasis, Nourish & Flourish @FPC, please let us know your ideas!

Let us know you'd like to volunteer! Francis Kwansa kwansa@udel.edu; Ann Roybal ann.roybal@gmail.com; Kern Piser gpiser@aol.com; Marianne Piser mepiser@gmail.com; Pat Nelson ptnelson@udel.edu

"The New Castle Presbytery has a Congo Partnership that coordinates the partnerships between Kananga and New Castle Presbytery Congregations, participates in projects with the Kananga Presbytery and the Kananga PW, as well as helps with some denominational projects (such as peacemaking programs).

The website below provides more details if interested."

<https://www.ncpcongo.com>

Hello Folks,

I have been asked by an Elder Alain Nsapu from Elkton's partner church in Kananga to help him fund the studies that he needs to complete to get his PhD so that he can remain as a lecturer in economics at the Kananga University. There has been a recent development to upgrade requirements at universities across the Congo. If Alain does not obtain his PhD, who will lose his lecturer position, which is his primary source of income.

I have known Alain since at least 2015 (and maybe 2010) primarily from his work as the Treasurer for the Congolese Presbyterian Church (CPC). I have been impressed during my interactions with him.

There are 2 major Presbyterian denominations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the CPC (Congolese Presbyterian Church of the Congo) and the CPK (Congolese Presbyterian Church of Kinshasa). The CPC and CPK were originally one denomination but there was a split (power struggles, language- Lingala for CPK & Tshiluba for CPC, and tribal). The CPK is based in Kinshasa, the nation's capital, and the Congo's most populist region. The CPC is based in Kananga, headed by Pastor Tshidinda, who is from the Kananga Presbytery. Most of the CPC parishes are in the Kasai region but it has a larger geographical spread than the CPK (with parishes also in Kinshasa). PCUSA has relationships with both denominations and engages in projects with both denominations. Joint PCUSA and CPC projects include peacemaking activities that have received funding also from the New Castle Presbytery. There are now more Presbyterians in the Congo than in USA. The Dinanga church, Pastor Tshibuabua's parish, and our partner church, is part of the Kananga Presbytery, which is part of the CPC.

I often send funds from the New Castle Presbytery, intended for the Kananga Presbytery, through the bank account that the CPC has (most people and organizations do not have their own bank account in Kananga). Alain coordinates the fund transfers to the folks in the Kananga Presbytery, while also serving to provide some transparency regarding funding transfers.

This week I sent \$5400 from the New Castle Presbytery for the Kananga Presbyterian Women to purchase a rice mill and some sewing machines through Alain and the CPC account. Of course, Alain, oversees the other financial affairs of the CPC.

Alain said it will cost about \$4000 to complete his studies. This amount of money is multiple years worth of a typical salary in the Congo. This is a one-time activity to assist Alain. He needs the funds by the second half of this July.

We typically do not use church funds for specific people. We have aggregated gifts from church folks acting as individuals to help with medical needs and the education needs of individuals. We do this pretty often such as when we collected for Pastor Eric and for Leia. That is what I am trying to do for Alain.

I am also reaching out to individuals in the Elkton church.

If you are interested, please contact me. I can provide additional details regarding his studies and the cost breakdown. I will provide an accounting of gifts for Alain.

Thank you for your help with this matter,

Jim Annett

484-643-2230



The photo was taken during our 2023 Congo trip, which included Pastor Gary Willingham-McLain of the Elkton Presbyterian Church.

The photo was taken during Pastor Gary's visit to Alain's house. Alain is in the back row, the second from the right, between Pastor Gary (center in back row) and his eldest daughter (far right in back row), with her little brother and her three little sisters in the front row. On the left side of Pastor Gary, in the back row, is the interpreter. Pasteur Jean Baptiste Muntukaku is on the far left.



New Member Class

Pastor Dan will be offering a two-part new members' class to be held Tuesday evenings July 23rd and July 30th from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in Memorial Hall West.

Food and drinks will be provided.

Come and learn what this whole “Presby” thing is about and then join this wonderful church!

To sign up, call the church office at 302-731-5644.

See you then!



Free Little
Pantry

The Free Pantry located in front of the church needs to be replenished with nonperishable food as well as health items like toothpaste.

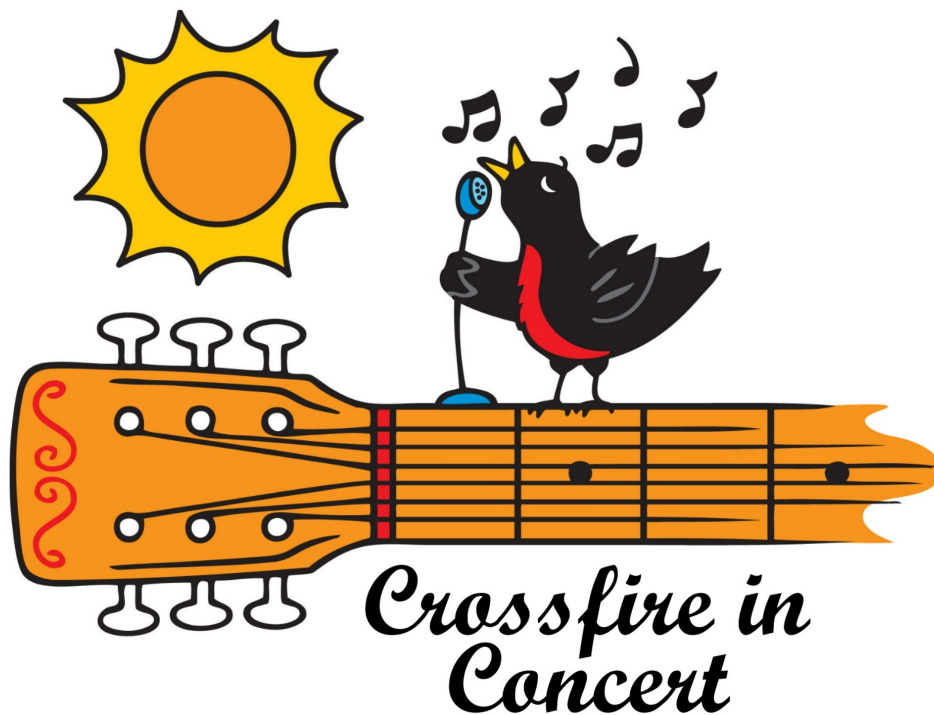
A good time was had
by all

**Food & Fellowship
Dinner and "Show"**
was held in Memorial
hall on July 13th.





All Are Invited!
Join your FPC Friends
for a Food & Fellowship Dinner and "Show"
in Memorial Hall
on September 7th at 5:30 pm
Please bring a covered dish to share.
Beverages and desserts will be provided.
RSVP to Nancy Lewis (302-598-5021)
or Laura Sievert (302-545-6736)



Keep your dance card open for **Saturday, August 10th** to enjoy Crossfire—our First Pres Praise Band—live in concert at the Brandywine Summit Camp Meeting! The evening program begins at 7 pm in the Camp Meeting Tabernacle, with the band taking stage at 7:30 pm.

Musical selections will include hymns, camp meeting standards, and contemporary Christian songs

For those not familiar with the venue, Brandywine Summit is one of the oldest Camp Meetings in the US, having been in continuous operation since its founding in 1866.

It is located at 119 Beaver Valley Road, Chadds Ford, PA, just a little over 30 min drive from our church.

There is no entrance charge or fee to attend—the Camp Meeting and its program is open to all. Feel free to come early to tour the Camp Meeting and learn about its history.

There will be a covered dish dinner at 5:30 pm that you are welcome to attend—please bring a dish to share if you do.

This will be Crossfire's first public concert and it is a great place for it. Please come if you can to enjoy the music, experience a Camp Meeting setting, and support your church's Praise Band.

For more information, please contact Jim Pierson-Perry at (302) 545-7566 or parisjimpp@gmail.com.



Join Pastor Dan for *The Parables of Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes*

In this course we will hear the parables of Jesus as his disciples, the crowds, and the religious authorities heard them. New and amazing perspectives await us as the parables are revealed in an entirely new light. Join us as we journey back in time to hear our Lord's stories as he first told them.

There is no book to buy, and you need only read the parable beforehand and ponder its meaning to prepare for the class. Classes will be held directly following Sunday worship in Memorial Hall.

July 28 – Parable of the Pounds – Luke 19:11-27

Aug 4– The Parable of the Tenants

– Luke 20:9-18

*The New Revised Standard Version [NRSV] or the New International Version [NIV] are the preferred translations for this course.



Sunday, July 28, 2024

10:00 am- Worship

11:30 am- Adult Spiritual Development

Monday July 29, 2024

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

9:00 am-Prayer Group

12:00 pm- Band of Brothers

Thursday, August 1, 2024

Friday, August 2, 2024

Saturday, Aug 3, 2024

First Saturday Breakfast

Sunday, Aug 4, 2024

10:00 am- Worship-Communion

11:30 am- Adult Spiritual Development

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