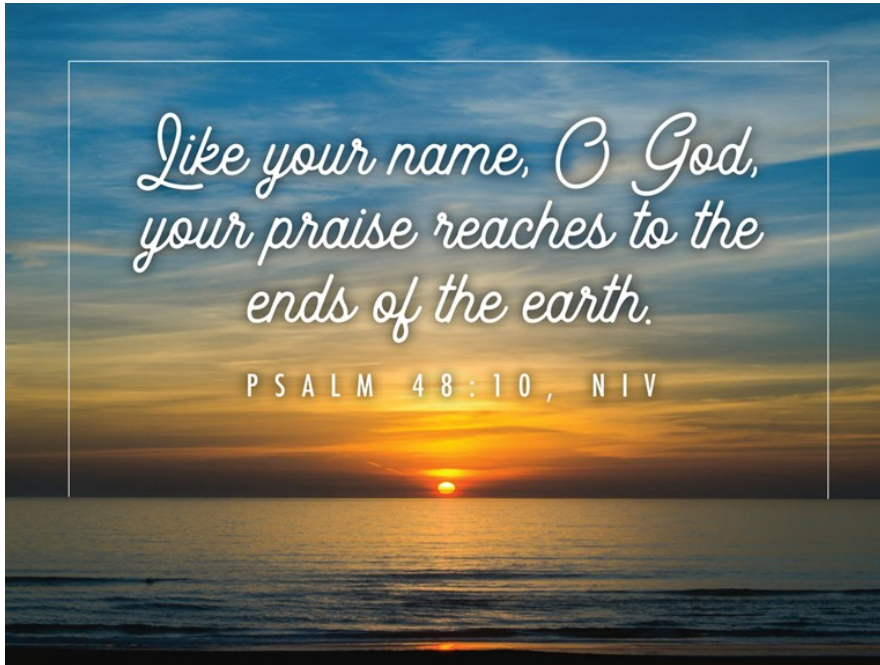




First Presbyterian Church

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

Scripture: John 15:16-17, Mark 6:1-13
Sermon Given By: Pastor Dan McKenty

USHERS: Ron and Carol Olson, Ted and Faithe Koser
LITURGIST: Mimi Lovelace
CLOSER: Ron Olson
COUNTERS: Ron Olson



JULY 5, 2024



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Next Week's Worship
July 14, 2024

USHERS: Carol Aftosmis, Marianne Piser Carol Olson, Joe Kowalski
LITURGIST: Julie Blair
CLOSER: Greg Hills
COUNTERS: Harvey Conner, Kern Piser

Summer Office Hours

Monday
Closed
Tuesday -Friday
8:00 am—12:00 pm

Announcements:

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DONATED BY
Fe Wright
In honor of Athens Wright and Family



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 alter 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.

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.



**COME HELP US SUPPORT
OUR MISSIONS**



Sat. Oct. 12

Time: 10 AM – 1 PM



Presbyterian Women Fall Fundraiser



Soup Chili



Bake Sale

Basket Raffles



Piano Music and Artwork 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.

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 Grace. (They will be in the Narthex on Sundays beginning in mid-September)
- Sign up: your name, type of soup/chili, # of quarts and contact info
- Cook your delicious soup/chili before Oct 12th
- Soups can be made fresh and refrigerated or stored frozen at home or in the freezer in the MH kitchen.



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!



All Are Invited!
Join your FPC Friends
for a
Food & Fellowship Dinner and “Show”
in Memorial Hall
on July 13th 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)
by Wednesday, July 10th

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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 7 – The Compassionate Employer

– Matthew 20:1-16

July 14 – The Serving Master

– Luke 12:35-38

July 21– Lazarus and the Rich Man

– Luke 16:19-31

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.



I am reaching out to invite you to join our Building and Grounds Committee at First Presbyterian . The Building and Grounds Committee plays a crucial role in ensuring that our premises are well-maintained, safe, and aesthetically pleasing for all members and visitors. As a committee member, you will have the opportunity to contribute your ideas, oversee projects, and collaborate with other dedicated individuals who share your commitment to excellence.

If you are interested in joining us or would like more information about the committee's responsibilities and upcoming projects, please let me know. We would be thrilled to have you on board.

Thank you for considering this exciting opportunity to make a difference within our organization.

Don Tancredi

WESTMINSTER NEWS

Dear church,

Your Session greatly appreciates your prayers for wisdom regarding Westminster House. We believe we have come up with a good solution that will be of great use to us as a congregation, and to the community. It is in the early planning stages, so we don't have specifics yet, but we ask for feedback, suggestions and questions to help us hammer out the details. Please put your ideas and questions in the suggestion box in the narthex! We need your help!

Here's the basic idea: Westminster House is ideally located to be used by the church for fellowship and class time after Sunday services. There are two doors on the side of the sanctuary, one near the front and one near the rear (behind the Praise Band) that would easily connect to two doors on the side of Westminster, one of which already has an ADA ramp. This would make it much simpler for people to attend after-service events, instead of having to walk down the hill to Memorial Hall. This would also simplify receptions after weddings, funerals, and other gatherings. Additionally, Westminster is clearly seen from Main Street, and would be the logical place for the church offices, being more easily found by community members wanting to speak to the pastor or having questions about our church. There are several more ideas brewing about the best overall usage of all our campus spaces, but we are excited to finally have a vision! We don't know at this point the cost or time frame, but we will keep you in the loop as more details emerge.

Gratefully,
The Session



**GOD BLESS
AMERICA**

Sunday, July 7, 2024

10:00 am- Worship- Communion

11:30 am- Adult Spiritual Development

Monday July 8, 2024

12:00pm Hope Dining Room

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

7:00 pm Deacons

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

9:00 am-Prayer Group

12:00 pm- Band of Brothers

Thursday, July 11, 2024

Friday, July 12, 2024

Saturday, July 13, 2024

Sunday, July 14, 2024

10:00 am- Worship

11:30 am- Adult Spiritual Development



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