



**NEWTOWN SQUARE  
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# NSPC Connections

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## From Your Pastor

Dear Friends,

As we head towards the end of our program year, we are looking forward to recognizing our Sunday school teachers and students, and enjoying each other's fellowship at our all-church picnic. Let's celebrate our family of faith on June 12!



On June 20, we begin a fun week at Vacation Bible School. Under Sara Boninu's leadership, we are staffed with adult and youth leaders and assistants. We are mindful of COVID, and have set a maximum attendance at 75. There are still a few spaces available, so please be sure to let Sara know if your children or grandchildren will be attending. The theme is "Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness." This imaginative program is designed to help children form a rock-solid foundation of faith.

During the summer months, we will also learn about the unique characteristics of the early followers of Jesus Christ. Our summer sermon series will follow the journey of the Apostle Paul as he established churches and spread the Gospel. The life of the early church holds much wisdom for us as we continue to navigate changes in our life and ministry here at NSPC. What compelled Barnabas, Stephen, Lydia, and a host of others to give up everything to witness to their faith? What caused the early church members to band together to follow Christ—no matter what?

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## Sermons for the Month of June

6/5—Day of Pentecost  
**John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**  
**"Still With Us After All These Years"**  
Communion



6/12—1st Sunday After Pentecost  
**CE Recognition**  
**Psalm 119:97-105;**  
**II Timothy 3:14-4:5**  
**"Still Relevant After All These Years"**  
Church Picnic

6/19—2nd Sunday after Pentecost  
**Joel 2:25-28**  
**"Still Building Community"**

6/26—3rd Sunday after Pentecost  
**Romans 8:24-28; John 1:1-5**  
**"Still Hoping for the Best"**

## Worship Service

**10:00 AM**  
**Join Us!**

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As we explore Paul's missionary journeys, we will learn about discipleship: how to embrace life's interruptions and our own limitations, how to face failure and lean on others for support, how to be generous, and how to become more courageous in our faith and discipleship.

So come onboard for a summer of opportunities to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. And ask a friend to join you!

In Christ,  
Jeanne

### NEW DIRECTORY FOR 2022



***We plan to publish a new directory in June! Please make sure your contact information is correct. You can call or email Heather to confirm we have the correct information. We would love to include an updated family photo! Please send to [nspc3600@gmail.com](mailto:nspc3600@gmail.com) Thank you!!***



## **Church Picnic**

### **Sunday, June 12th**



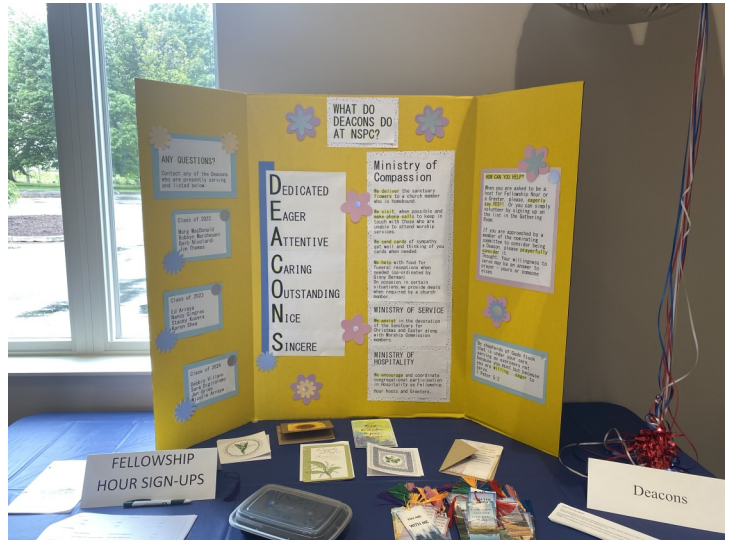
On June 12, for the first time since 2019, we will be celebrating the end of our program year with an all-church picnic! Thanks to Robbyn and Joe Marchesani and our Fellowship Commission, we will once again be offering hot dogs with fixings, and a water slide provided by our NSPC Preschool (assuming we have enough families signing up to participate). We need YOU to provide a side dish (if possible), along with your RSVP.

Please complete the sign-up genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0949afa629a5fe3-church>, or fill out the insert in Sunday's bulletin and return to the church office, as soon as possible to plan for this popular event!

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

# MISSION & MINGLE

On Sunday, May 15th, we held our first Mission & Mingle event. Thank you to everyone who worked to put this wonderful event together! The displays were beautiful and the snacks delicious. Special thanks to Siobhian Robinson for organizing the event and to those who staffed our mission tables: Ginny Berman, Laurie Lynch, Peter & Mary Burgess, Marg MacDonald, Meg Hess, Kathy Saybolt, Lynne & Allen Corle, Bob & Sue Bechtold, and the youth of NSPC. We also thank Lauren Jacobs for helping the youth stuff backpacks with school supplies. We will be leaving the displays up for a few more weeks. Please feel free to check them out! (Here are two of the 10 you can visit.)



Each year, NSPC contributes to the collection of backpacks for Gemma Services. Mission and Mingle provided an opportunity for our youth to pack the backpacks as a project. Thank you for this group effort to provide 32 filled backpacks, 16 unfilled backpacks, supplies for 24 backpacks, extra donated supplies for eight backpacks and many extra supplies. The original 48 empty backpacks were donated by two generous families. Gemma will be most grateful.



# CONGRATULATIONS

## TO OUR GRADUATES AND THEIR FAMILIES

Congratulations to Declan Robinson on his graduation from MNHS. While at Marple Newtown, Declan was active in the Debate Club, earned his Eagle Scout Award, played tenor saxophone in the HS Concert Band and Jazz Band, and was the center defensive midfielder for the Varsity Soccer Team. His recognitions include the English Honor Society and Rho Kappa Honor Society. He attended the ID Tech/Villanova Summer Technology Camp for Robotics, Game Design, & Python Coding. Declan will be attending Penn State's Smeal College of Business in the fall at the University Park campus.



Congratulations to Luke Impriano on his graduation from MNHS. While at Marple Newtown, Luke played the trumpet and trombone in the Concert Band, trumpet in Jazz Band, and the trumpet and tuba in Marching Band. Luke swam on the Varsity swim team and served as captain his senior year. He earned his Eagle Scout Award and was a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Luke is a 3rd degree black belt and works as an assistant instructor at Karma Karate (formerly Kwon's Martial Arts Academy). Luke will be attending Drexel University in the fall where he plans to pursue a degree in Economics and Business.

Congratulations to Camryn Villano on her graduation from MNHS. Camryn was a member of the MNHS Field Hockey team throughout high school. For the past year, she has worked in the nursery at NSPC. Camryn will be attending Moravian University where she plans to study Early Childhood Education & Special Education.

## MORAVIAN UNIVERSITY



Congratulations to Ryan Gries on his graduation from Penn State University. Ryan graduated with a B.S. in Hospitality Management. Ryan is part of a management training program with Auberge Resorts and will be working at The Lodge at Blue Sky and Goldener Hirsch resorts in Park City, Utah.



# Music Ministry

Happy June!

I hope you are all doing well and some of you have the opportunity to travel a bit this summer.

There have been some singers from the congregation who have been singing with us on recent Sundays. We will continue to do so for the first 2 weeks of June. I hope to see some additional new faces as well!



As June officially begins the music program's summer schedule, that means our NSPC quartet will be taking off for the summer. Fear not, they will come in on some Sundays to share their talents! I have extreme gratitude for Brynn, Javvieaus, Jerry and Kevin for all they have contributed this past year. It will be so nice to have them all together again in September!

From June 19th and on, there will be different programming for each week...maybe Instrumental Sundays, Piano Sundays, Spiritual Sundays, Flute Sundays, Praise Sundays, or Hand-bells Sundays. Please reach out to me if you have any additional ideas or suggestions!

On one of the Sundays in June, Renee Richardson, a recent graduate from the Academy of Vocal Arts, will join me during worship. We will offer a few spirituals throughout the service.

As we slow down for the summer, I wish you all well and safe travel for those who are traveling!

Best,

Ting Ting,  
Director of Music



# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

The 2021-2022 school year has come to an end, but let's reminisce on what we did last month before saying "hello" to summer!

On May 1st, Robbyn Marchesani taught the **Kids' Group** how to arrange flowers to go in the Mother's Day mugs they made the previous week. The kids had a great time! Thank you, Robbyn, for your creativity!

We also ended our **Youth Life Skills Series** on May 1st with a baking class by Marg MacDonald and Marge Deyoung. M&M taught the students how to bake pecan bars and chocolate chip cookies. This series connected youth with adults in our church to help them grow in their faith. Thank you to all who participated!

**Youth Sunday** occurred on Mother's Day. 21 youth led worship through music, scripture reading, greeting, ushering, and giving testimonies about what NSPC means to them. It was a wonderful day, and the future of the church is learning how to serve NOW! A huge thank you goes to Joann Mitchell, Jerry Schauer, and Ting-Ting Wong for their help leading the music.



Our final event of the school year was a **youth lock-in** on May 20th. Our teenagers played laser tag, ate snacks, watched two slideshows of the fun we've had this year, played games, heard a devotion on purpose, and participated in a senior sendoff. The seniors received pillows autographed by the youth group, a graduation water bottle, and a picture frame with a group picture from Youth Sunday. The seniors also wrote letters to themselves that I will mail them 1 year from now. They will certainly be missed, but we know that God has great things in store for them!

Stay tuned for more fun this summer!

~Sara Boninu, Director of Youth and Family Ministry







## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

**The Hottest Week of the  
Summer!**

**Sing & Play Celebration ~  
Awesome Bible Adventures ~  
Red Rocs Rec ~ Oasis Tastes ~  
Imagination Station ~  
Canyon Closing**

### **General Information:**

Join us for an over-the-top adventure with Group Publishing's Vacation Bible School Program, ***Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness***, from **June 20th-23rd**. Each day, our program will begin at 9:15 AM and conclude at 12:00 PM. A light snack will be provided by the church and is included in your \$35.00 donation per child. Join us for *Sing & Play Celebration*, *Awe-some Bible Adventures*, *Red Rocs Rec*, *Oasis Tastes*, *Imagination Station*, and *Canyon Closing*.

Children 4 years old - completed 4th grade are welcome to participate. Children must be potty trained. Please reserve 30 minutes on Thursday for a special treat! Parents and family members will have the opportunity to hear a few VBS songs and watch a slideshow featuring pictures from the entire week!

### **Registration:**

Registration forms are available on our website at [www.newtownsquarepres.org](http://www.newtownsquarepres.org).  
One registration form per child.

### **Volunteer Information:**

We need adults and Jr. Crew (completed 5th Grade and above) to guide the children from various locations. If you or someone you know is interested in helping, please contact Sara Boninu (610-356-8063 or [sara.nspc16@gmail.com](mailto:sara.nspc16@gmail.com)). If you love kids and are looking for a way to get involved in the church this summer, this is the perfect opportunity for you!

**DUE TO COVID HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS, WE ARE CAPPING  
REGISTRATION AT 75 CHILDREN.**

**PLEASE REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**



# Oasis Tastes

## Our tummies are MONUMENTALLY hungry!

We're gathering snack supplies to feed all the hungry children who come to our Oasis Tastes at VBS. Next time you're at the grocery store, please drop a few of the listed items into your cart. Then, bring them to Sara Boninu's office by **Sunday, June 12th.**

7-oz. bags of SunChips Original (we need a total of 110) - please let Sara know how many you will be providing

(14) 8-Ct. Jello Sugar Free Chocolate Pudding Cups

(5) Gluten Free Oreos

(2) 100-pack of Spoons

(2) 100-pack Flavor Ice Popsicle (can be found at Walmart)

(5) 15-oz. box of Gluten-Free Honey Nut Cheerios (can be found at Acme or Amazon)

(8) 10-oz. bag of Mini Marshmallows

(4) 8-oz. bag of Gluten Free Pretzel Sticks (can be found at Whole Foods, Acme, or Amazon)

(5) 12-oz. bag of Chocolate Chips

(2) 100 pack of 9-oz. Clear Plastic Cups





**Summer Sunday School**

It's that time of year again! Summer Sunday School begins June 19th and continues through September 4th. The class will be offered to children in preschool—5th grade. Note: we ask that all children in 6th grade and above attend the regular worship service with their parents.



We need volunteers to teach these summer classes. Even if you don't have children in the church school, we welcome you. Please consider volunteering for just **one or two Sundays (be on the lookout for a Signup Genius)**. Lessons will be provided. This is a wonderful opportunity to help and serve the children of our church.

Thank you so much, and see you in Summer Sunday School!

~Nancy Gingras, Sunday School Superintendent



**Please Join Us in Congratulating Declan Robinson!**

Declan Robinson earned his Eagle Scout rank on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from the St. Anastasia Boy Scouts of America Troop 315 and his official Eagle Scout Award Ceremony was held on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Since the BSA inception in 1911, only four percent of Scouts have earned this highest rank attainable in the Scouts program.

Declan joined Cub Scout Pack 315 in the first grade and remained an active Scout until he turned 18 and aged out. His community service project for Eagle Scout Rank was dedicated to protect local trees from the invasive Spotted Lantern Fly infestation. Protecting local trees is beneficial to all of us living in Newtown Square; and with the help of fellow Scouts, Declan's project protected

71 trees in the Newtown Square Drexel Park lodge area. Declan is thankful for the support of his family, friends, and community, which enabled him to achieve the honor of becoming an Eagle Scout.





# Mission News



Thank you very much for the extremely generous donations to our "fast" request for items for the Ukraine. As you see in the picture, the donations were plentiful. One of our NSPC members was closing a medical office and donated several types of medical supplies. All of the items from NSPC filled two vehicles and were delivered by Kathy Saybolt and Joyce Cudd on May 12th. This was the "one time" delivery date.



We hope to have future dates as we have mentioned. In the meantime, we are looking for baby items, women's sanitary supplies, and a continued collection of medical supplies. We imagine that a quick deadline will happen again and we will work with that.

The Knitters of NSPC are also going to possibly donate items. If anyone else knits at home, feel free to make a scarf or hat for donation.

Feel free to contact Kathy Saybolt with any questions or ideas. 484-557-1552





## Planning Ahead

On March 12, 2023, we will have our 6th Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event. To date, we have packaged over 100,000 meals and our goal will be to package an additional 20,000. Our Silent Auction in February has historically supplied the bulk of our funds required to purchase the needed ingredients for packaging. As many local businesses have been struggling due to the pandemic, we hesitate to pressure them for donations. We would prefer to get a head-start collecting donations for our auction by reaching out to our congregation. If you have any of the items below that you are willing to donate, or something else you might find applicable, please reach out to Bob and Sue Bechtold or Lynne and Allen Corle.

- **Gift Cards** from restaurants/fast food stores/Amazon...
- **Frequent Flyer Miles**
- **Certificate(s) for Golf Outing**
- **Tickets** for sporting events/theater/concerts
- **Jewelry**
- **Kitchen Appliances:** new or gently used
- **Lawn Equipment:** new or gently used
- **Baby Equipment:** new or gently used
- **Handmade Knitted or Sewn Items**
- **Babysitting Services**
- **Raking/Weeding/Gardening**
- **Household Items:** new or gently used
- **Gifts**
- **Vacation Home:** free or reduced rental

Silent Auction Donation Suggestions  
Deadline January 22, 2023

**We are fortunate to have storage available so feel free to donate items ASAP.**

### **Mission Summer Homework:**

In the event you need summer projects we have Mission needs all the time. The Newsletter offers details. Feel free to do any of the following and drop at church:

- Support VBS and Youth program needs
- School supplies or \$
- Watch the Staples sales for inexpensive sale on copy paper
- Flip tops
- Food for the St. Mark's Food Bank
- Ukraine donations
- Used print cartridges
- Hand-knit hats, scarves or a red scarf for the Foster Children aging out
- Pray for NSPC and those with needs



If you ever come up with an idea for a Mission Project, feel free to call Sue Bechtold (484-832-8984) to perhaps implement it at NSPC.



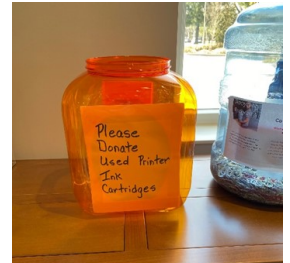


**St. Marks Food Bank Collection**

The food bank is currently in need of even more food donations. Our supply at NSPC has been slim lately. This is just a reminder that the need has not gone away. If you can spare some items to be donated, you can drop them off in the baskets on the Mission Table in the Gathering Room. Delivery of the food is organized by Laurie Lynch. If you can help with pick-up and delivery, please contact Laurie @ dllynch3@gmail.com Thank you!

**Printer Ink Cartridges**

Please think about donating your empty printer cartridges to NSPC. They are recycled for profit for NSPC. Drop in the container on the Mission Table.



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**Ronald McDonald House**

Please save the pull tabs from pop-top cans (sodas, soups, etc.) Look in the Gathering Space by the Mission Table for the big jug. The flip tops can be placed in the jug and then, when we accumulate a large quantity, they will be delivered to the RMH in Philadelphia. Thank you for your continued participation in NSPC and NSPC-PW mission efforts. Every little bit makes a world of difference.

**Wawa Saturday Pick-up and Delivery**

Delivery to the St. Mark's Food Bank is going along with the wonderful help of our volunteers. Contact Mary Burgess to volunteer! Thank you to the April delivery teams:

- Grant Snyder
- Kevin and Cindy Lemaster
- Nancy Kermon and Joe Kasuska
- \* Bob and Sue DeCray
- \* Rich Digby



NSPC will continue to collect school supplies for the Backpack Project organized by Gemma Services. Please feel free to make a monetary donation or take advantage of summer sales and purchase any supplies. Big sales start at Target, Staples and Walmart soon. Gemma has a school on their campus in Plymouth Meeting and they support Foster Children and a help center in South-west Philadelphia. Supplies are always needed. Feel free to put them on the Mission Table in the Gathering Space.





# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

## April Circle Meetings

NSPC is made up of many individuals. A large group includes the Presbyterian Women. If you are part of NSPC and a woman...guess what...YOU are a Presbyterian Woman.

The Phoebe Circle will meet at 1 PM on Monday, June 6, at Panera Bread for lunch.

The Miriam Circle will meet again in September. Stay tuned for the date and information about the gathering. Happy summer!

Mission and Mingle offered an opportunity to see some recent pictures and some older ones of dear friends.

Hope you enjoyed the display.

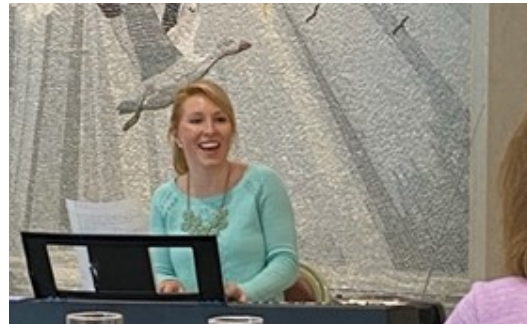




## Presbyterian Women's Luncheon on May 9, 2022

The luncheon was wonderful! Box lunches were ordered from Heavenly Ham and were delicious. The Spring butterfly decorations added to the happy feeling we all shared on that very sunny day. Sara Boninu treated us to a lovely, uplifting program with some of her originals and a few familiar songs.

Thanks to all who attended, and we hope to have an evening event in the Fall. Ideas are needed but we are sure once again the gathering will be "FUN"!







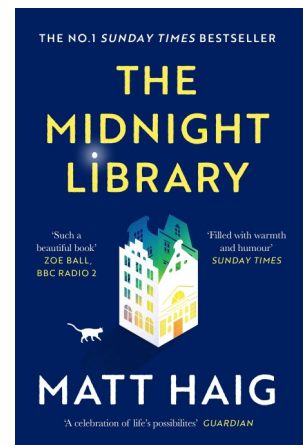
### The Last Tuesday Book Club

*Our book club is now meeting "In Person" in NSPC's Conference Room.* But don't be concerned if you are out of town or unable to come to the church. We will make every effort to continue zooming with those who would like to. Zoom links will be sent to those who reach out in advance of the monthly meeting.

On June 28, 2022, Sally Bechtold will lead the discussion of The Midnight Library by Matt Haig.

Feel free to join us each month or try us out for just one meeting because the title intrigues you. New members are always welcome and feel free to bring a friend.

For more information, contact Lynne Corle at (610-563-5355) or Lcorle217@gmail.com



**Happy Reading!**



### MEN'S GROUP

### FIRST WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

Men's Fellowship will meet Wednesday, June 1st  
in the new Gathering Room from 8-9 AM.

New members are always welcome! Call Jerry Schauer (484-678-2970) with any questions.

### NSPC Knitters



The knitters will not be meeting over the summer but will not stop knitting. If you like to knit and need a project, please think about hats & scarves for Ukraine or the red scarf project for Foster Children. Details were in the May Newsletter. You can check it out online. Questions also can go to Marg MacDonald or Joey Yocum.

# June Birthdays

06/03 — Janet Bentley

06/05 — Lauren Jacobs

06/07 — Joyce Cudd

06/08 — Kai Schultz

06/08 — Aurora McMenamin

06/09 — Elizabeth Bennett

06/09 — Stacey Kucera

06/10 — Jason Newby

06/15 — Emilia Falcon

06/17 — Abbey Biddle

06/17 — Mary Jean Clark

06/17 — Kira Hetzner

06/21 — Judi Trimble

06/21 — Grace McCarry

06/24 — William Hewes

06/25 — Jack Kelly Jr.

06/26 — Eduardo Arraya

06/26 — Rich Digby

06/27 — Ethan Law

06/28 — Geoff Cudd

06/28 — Camryn Villano

06/30 — Sara Ronsvale

06/30 — Javvieaus Stewart



Fellowship Hour is back! And it is so nice seeing so many of you reconnecting over coffee and refreshments after worship. Please consider signing up to host a fellowship hour.

***You can sign up with a friend or by yourself:***

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0949afa629a5fe3-flowers>**

If you are not ready to host a fellowship hour, you can still contribute by donating food items. Please leave them in the clear plastic bin in the Gathering Room. Thank you!

# June 2022

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

			1 8 am Men's Group	2 6 pm AA	3	4
5 10 am Worship/SS 11 am Fellowship	6 *VBS Decorating 7 pm B&G Mtg	7 *VBS Decorating	8 *VBS Decorating	9 *VBS Decorating 6 pm AA	10	11
12 10 am Worship/SS 10 am Senior Recognitions 11 am Church Picnic	13 *VBS Decorating	14 *VBS Decorating	15 *VBS Decorating	16 *VBS Decorating 6 pm AA	17	18
19 10 am Worship/SS 11 am Fellowship	20 9:15 am VBS	21 9:15 am VBS	22 9:15 am VBS	23 9:15 am VBS 6 pm AA	24	25
26 10 am Worship/SS 11 am Fellowship	27	28 1pm Last Tuesday Book Club	29	30 6 pm AA		



***In Ministry Together at Newtown Square Presbyterian Church:***

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Presbyterian Women .....Ginny Berman

***Plus... all the members of NSPC***

**SESSION/BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
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Rebecca DiPersia	Joe Marchesani	Siobhian Robinson
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