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SUMMER 2022

From Your Pastor

Dear Friends,

As we unwind and renew during these warm summer months, we will spend time with the Apostle Paul and others as they journeyed throughout the Greco-Roman empire and set sail across the Mediterranean. Ting Ting is organizing "special music Sundays" with guest musicians and vocalists throughout the summer. Sara will continue to organize fun activities for our children and youth, and stay tuned for adult fellowship opportunities as well.

Come as you are, and if you are on vacation, please join via livestream. Each week, both infant care and Sunday school will be available. Whether or not we are together in person, we are always united in spirit. That's what makes NSPC the special community of faith that it is!

In Christ,
Jeanne

7/3 — 4th Sunday after Pentecost
Acts 2:1-8, 12-17, 21
"When the Spirit Gets Loose"
Rich Digby, Preaching

7/10 — 5th Sunday After Pentecost
1 Peter 2:4-10; Jeremiah 1:1-9
"Finding Your Purpose"
Sara Boninu, Preaching

Summer Sermon Series
Rev. Jeanne Thomas preaching

7/17 — 6th Sunday After Pentecost
Acts 9:1-18
"When Life Is Interrupted"



7/24 — 7th Sunday After Pentecost
Acts 9:19b-25
"Facing Failure"

7/31 — 8th Sunday After Pentecost
Acts 9:26-30
"Learning to Lean on Others"

8/7 — 9th Sunday After Pentecost
Acts 14:8-20
"The Problem with Being Mortal"
Holy Communion



8/14 — 10th Sunday After Pentecost
Acts 16:6-15
"Dropping Our Pretenses"

8/21 — 11th Sunday After Pentecost
Acts 16:16-24
"Facing the Music"

8/28 — 12th Sunday After Pentecost
Acts 20:7-12
"Staying Awake in Church"

9/4 — 13th Sunday After Pentecost
Acts 21:27-36
"What Does It Really Cost to be Christian?"

Music Ministry

Dear NSPC Friends,

I hope you are all enjoying your summertime. I certainly am catching up some projects that are long overdue. ~ (Yes, including cleaning my house ...)

For the summer months, my goal for the music program is to frequently bring different musicians in for special music to keep us engaged with worship each Sunday. So far, we have enjoyed soprano Renee Richardson and Lea Wang, violinist. In the upcoming weeks, you will continue to see different focuses each week. Some are patriotic/trombone Sunday with Jerry Schauer, praise music with Sara Boninu, and piano reflective music. Elizabeth Brown will be returning to NSPC to play cello with me in July, Brynn Terry and baritone Benjamin Dickerson will be featured as well. My hope is that this music planning will help each of us continue communicating with God.

At the end of July, I'll be leaving for Highland Park, IL for a few weeks as the collaborative pianist for the renowned Ravinia Festival Music Institute. While I know I'll miss you those Sundays, I'm excited to be able to participate in this event. I'll surely bring back some inspiration!!!

I hope to see you soon in person or online!

~Ting Ting

Director of Music



Church Picnic Thank You!



A huge thank you goes out to Joe & Robbyn Marchesani for planning and organizing our annual church picnic this year! We would also like to thank the volunteers who graciously helped setup and the cleanup the Gathering Room for the picnic.



NEWTOWN SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PICNIC JUNE 12, 2022

Finally, after a two year hiatus we were able to get together for NSPC's picnic on Sunday June 12. The event was attended by over 70 church members. We were able to serve some wonderful dishes thanks to the donations of our church family. A buffet of salads, hot dishes and plenty of desserts were available.



Due to a problem with the bouncy house, it looked like our children were going to have a tough day with no entertainment. However, because Robbyn had set up a few games for the kids inside and water balloons for outside, a good time was had by all.



We would like to thank the numerous people who made this happen. Too many to name without forgetting someone! Thank you to the Wednesday team, who with Jeanne's direction, did a terrific job setting up the tables and decorating the room, and to the crew that helped set up and serve all the food. A special thanks to the many friends who stayed late and helped to clean up and reorganize the room.

We are looking forward to getting together again this fall for Rally Day!

Sincerely,
Robbyn and Joe Marchesani,
Fellowship Committee Co-chairs



CONGRATULATIONS

We celebrated our Sunday School participants and Seniors on Sunday, June 12th.

Please help me in congratulating them on a job well done!



BUILDING & GROUNDS

Outdoor tasks and annual routine maintenance work inside, now that school is in recess for the summer, dominate Buildings and Grounds activity.

The dying tree near the playground has been removed. This tree will be replaced with a new tree in the Fall. We will also be washing and waxing the floors in the school wing and have scheduled a deep professional carpet cleaning for the sanctuary carpet and the new rug in the gathering room.



The community garden is quickly coming to life with new crops springing up. We have been battling Canada Thistle and are beginning to get in front of the issue. We will also be eliminating two rows of garden beds to clear the area for either a communal planting of blueberry bushes, or possibly reducing the fence line. The reduced number of beds will concentrate the remaining with those gardeners who are able to keep their vegetable patches in relatively good shape, while reducing the general maintenance. The goal is to keep the garden clean, inviting, and bountiful!

We are also looking to the future with the start of a 3-5 year plan for maintenance items and recommended improvements. We are in the process of obtaining budgetary quotes and prioritizing based on need. These preliminary plans are being shared with Session whose feedback will be incorporated into the plan for the final B&G recommendations to Session.



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

VBS THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated snacks, decorated, and/or prayed for Vacation Bible School 2022: *Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness!* VBS saw 75 children and 53 volunteers during the week of June 20th-23rd. This would not have been a success without the support of our NSPC congregants!

The multi-purpose room, conference room, hallways, and classrooms were transformed into our southwestern desert, and students learned all week that God is Great! Crafts, games, songs, and snacks taught the children that God loves them no matter what!

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave generously of their time to make this week a success!

Kristin Adams, Allison Adgate, Brayden Adgate, Brynn Adgate, Ruby Andrewson, Ed Arraya, Carmen Arraya, Sue Bechtold, Catherine Bennett, Daniel Bennett-Jones, Eryn Burke, Ginni Condo, Christopher DeStefano, Marge DeYoung, Cannon Ebersole, Kristy Ebersole, Lillie Falcon, Alexis Fischer, Fiona Fulner, Nancy Gingras, Bri Hahn, Dolores Hart, Yianni Haselidis, Meg Hess, Alexa Hill, Jennifer Hill, Luke Hill, Trevor Hill, Kevin Hua, Heather Impriano, Sharon Impriano, Lauren Jacobs, Meghan Kazanjian, Noah Kazanjian, Sadie Kazanjian, Janine Kelly, Emily Kucera, Stacey Kucera, Susan McCeuen, Gabrielle Meraglia, Kristin Meraglia, Nick Meraglia, Devon Miller, Amanda Parenti, Courtney Seltzer, Bailey Shafer, Sarah Shane, Pat Staffelbach, Pastor Jeanne Thomas, and Rita Tonsa

Thanks also to those who generously decorated and/or donated snacks for our program!

Betsy Bender, Ginny Berman, Buff Biddle, Frank Boninu, Rachel Cahill, Allison Cleary, Sara DiGirolamo, Courtney DiPersia, Rebecca DiPersia, Leah Dixon, Jane Fioravanti, Maya Fulner, Rebecca Gallagher, Carol Guest, Marg MacDonald, Kelly MacKrell, Beth McCarry, Newtown Square Presbyterian Church Preschool, and Karen Tonsa

Thank you again for your support and encouragement throughout this VBS season. We couldn't have done it without you!

~Sara Boninu, Director of Youth and Family Ministry

VBS 2022 Memories



**NSPC
YOUTH &
FAMILY
MINISTRY**

SUMMER

Schedule



June 20-23 - 9:15 AM-12 PM: Vacation Bible School

July 1 - 10 AM: Decorate the Parade Float

July 4 - 9 AM: Marple Newtown 4th of July Parade

July 26 6:30 PM: Family Field Day Fun

August 9 - 9 AM : Day of Service at The Philly Project

August 24 - 8 PM: Family Movie Night

August 30 - 6:30 PM: K'MoniWannaKnowYa Luau (MS & parents)

For more info, contact Sara at sara.nspc16@gmail.com



Church School Chatter
...from Christian Education



Church Picnic

Our summer activities are underway at NSPC. Many of us gathered together on June 12th to enjoy our church school picnic and partake in hot dogs, side salads, and desserts. Thank you so much to Joe and Robbyn Marchesani for organizing this event and to all who attended and contributed to bringing our church family together.

Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School is off and running for children through 5th grade from June 19th-September 4th. We are using the Big Book Curriculum, and class will be led by a volunteer each week.

Vacation Bible School

Thanks to all who made Vacation Bible School a success under the direction of our own Mrs. Sara. A wonderful time was had by all — including the 75 children and young people who did not want the fun to end. Even the rain on the last day could not dampen the excitement.

We are wishing everyone a wonderful and blessed summer!

~Nancy Gingras
Church School Superintendent

Congratulations to
Rita Tonsa for earning
her 1st-degree karate
black belt
on June 3rd!



“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” John 8:12

Sincere thanks and appreciation to those student acolytes whose special ministry has enhanced our worship in the winter and spring of 2022. As an NSPC acolyte, they have joined the ranks of those who have helped with worship services since the early Christian church.

Grade 5:

Brynn Adgate
Rocco DiPersia
Sadie Kazanjian
Grace McCarry

Grade 6:

Carmen Arraya
Maren Falcon
Alexa Hill

Grade 7:

Ella Impriano
Noah Kazanjian

Grade 8:

Trevor Hill



Thanks also to our adult acolyte guides who have prepared the students and guided them as they serve.

Sue Bechtold
Lynne Corle
Jane Fioravanti
Robbyn Marchesani
Debbie Weiss

~Lynne Corle
Acolyte Coordinator

Mission News



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Flip Tops: NSPC is doing a wonderful job with collecting the Flip Tops for the Ronald McDonald House. I have been attempting to find someone to drop off our donation for this year. If you ever are in that area or know of anyone who is part of the meal volunteer system that they have, please let me know. There are 2 houses in Philadelphia. One for CHOP and one for St. Christopher's. We will certainly drop them off if we do not find someone but just checking in the event someone has a connection. Corporations are now doing the meals again.

~Sue Bechtold



St. Marks: As we are in the summer months, sometimes a donation of food is not on our minds. Unfortunately, there is a dire need for non-perishable donations of any type. If you can put the Food Bank on your "To Do" list, it would be most appreciated. Feel free to drop off food at the church during the week if necessary. Just call the church office to make sure someone is in the office to buzz you in. 610-356-8063 ext. 0

Printer Cartridges: We are always collecting printer cartridges for recycling and payment through Staples. The drop-off tub is on the Mission Table in the Gathering Room. Thanks.



Gemma: School supplies and backpacks from the Mission and Mingle event will be driven to Plymouth Meeting for drop-off in July. There is still time to donate to the cause. Make checks payable to NSPC - PW and leave in the office. Thank you.

Backpack Help Needed:

As previously mentioned, the backpacks will be delivered in July. Due to extra supplies that have been donated, a short work time is needed to see if the new donations will fill some backpacks. Items also need to be counted. I believe this might take an hour moving the backpacks from the storage closet, counting and then put in the car for delivery. If you would be willing to help me some morning in July, call me and we can pick a time. Thanks! Sue Bechtold (484-832-8984.)

Did you know you can support NSPC while you shop? Go to smile.amazon.com and choose Newtown Square Presbyterian Church as your charity. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from all AmazonSmile purchases to NSPC.





On March 12, 2023, NSPC will be participating in our 6th Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event. If you recall, we have already packaged and donated a combined total of over 100,000 meals at our previous five RAH events. Our goal is to package an additional 20,000 meals at our next event.

In early February, we will be having our very popular NSPC Silent Auction which, in the past, has raised thousands of dollars to help pay for the food supplies required for the subsequent Rise Against Hunger Events.

This mission event is funded only by donations by groups or individuals. It is not an NSPC budgeted item.

As many of our local businesses have struggled significantly due to Covid, we are hoping to begin early and collect donations from some of our members over the summer and coming months so we don't have to rely as much on the community.

Silent Auction Donation Suggestions

Deadline January 22, 2023

- **Gift Cards** from restaurants/fast food stores/Amazon...
- **Frequent Flyer Miles**
- **Certificate 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**

We are fortunate to have storage available so feel free to donate items ASAP. Any donations can be dropped off at the church office at your convenience and then let either the Corles or the Bechtolds know so they can be put in storage.

Many thanks,

Lynne and Allen Corle (610) 563-5355 (Lynne)

Sue and Bob Bechtold (610) 745-0064 (Bob)



Our 2022 Church World Service (CWS)Blanket Fund Drive raised \$325. We received a very nice thank you letter and the pictures above from CWS.

“Thank you so much for being a sponsoring CWS Blanket congregation! Church World Service couldn’t do our Blankets ministry without congregations like yours. We are so grateful for your generosity.

Attached is a banner for your congregation to use for either your church’s Facebook, website, newsletter, bulletin insert or all of the above! Could you please share this banner with your congregation? It is a great way to show your congregation how much their support of the CWS Blankets ministry is appreciated by many people here at home and around the world.”



Tote Bags Needed:

NSPC is doing so much for others. Thank you. Our many donations are not picked up at the church but volunteers from NSPC deliver them to various locations throughout the year. Shopping bags are most helpful for transporting. If you have any type of shopping bags and usually throw them out, please consider donating them to NSPC. There is a container of bags next to the Mission Table by the ramp for anyone to use if transporting things to another location. Just put your bags there anytime, any type of bag is appreciated.

Basket Recycling:

NSPC is gearing up for the Rise Against Hunger Auction and the Youth occasionally do a basket raffle. If you receive a basket gift and do not want the basket, please give to NSPC. They can be left in the office or by the Mission Table. Thank you.



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 our delivery friends for June:

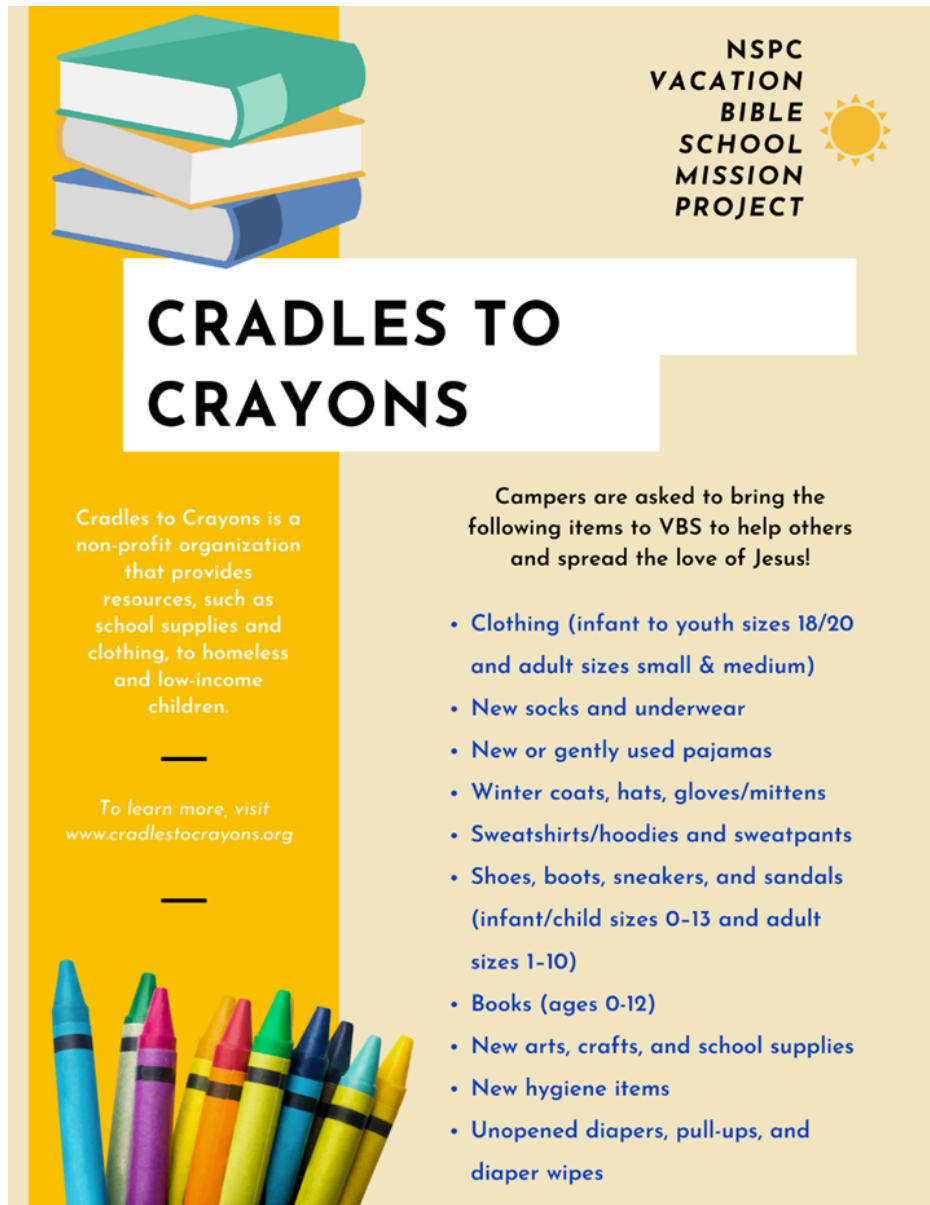


Grant Snyder
 Cindy and Kevin Lemaster
 Nancy Kermon and Joe Kasuska
 Doug and Laurie Lynch

Cradles to Crayons

NSPC families have had the opportunity to contribute to Cradles to Crayons on various occasions via our youth programs. This year, the VBS Mission Project was to donate to Cradles to Crayons. This program is now being added to the year-round missions that NSPC supports through your donations.

Meg Hess is our church coordinator for this project. As you will see on the information page, there are many things that can be donated to this organization.



**NSPC
VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL
MISSION
PROJECT**

CRADLES TO CRAYONS

Cradles to Crayons is a non-profit organization that provides resources, such as school supplies and clothing, to homeless and low-income children.

To learn more, visit www.cradlestocrayons.org

Campers are asked to bring the following items to VBS to help others and spread the love of Jesus!

- Clothing (infant to youth sizes 18/20 and adult sizes small & medium)
- New socks and underwear
- New or gently used pajamas
- Winter coats, hats, gloves/mittens
- Sweatshirts/hoodies and sweatpants
- Shoes, boots, sneakers, and sandals (infant/child sizes 0-13 and adult sizes 1-10)
- Books (ages 0-12)
- New arts, crafts, and school supplies
- New hygiene items
- Unopened diapers, pull-ups, and diaper wipes

Look for the drop-off container at the Mission table by the ramp in the Gathering Room.

Help is always needed to transport items to the drop-off location. Please package in convenient carry bags. Shopping bags are most helpful. You can volunteer to Meg if you might be available. Thank you, as always, for your support.

Meg is available for questions at (508-843-0008.)

The Last Tuesday Book Club

The *Last Tuesday Book Club* will be taking a break for the summer and will resume on September 27th at 1:00. At that meeting, Lois Peck will lead the discussion of the book, The Last Correspondent by Soraya M. Lane.

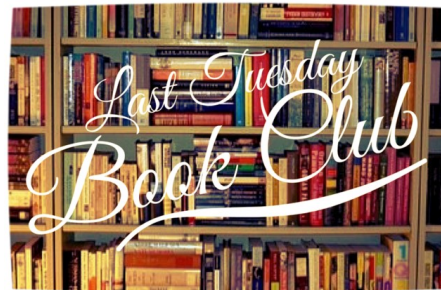
On October 25, Suzanne Mathes will lead our discussion of The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles.

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.

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!



NSPC Knitters

The Knitters are doing their knitting at home for the summer. Stay tuned for meetings to resume in September. In the meantime, if you knit or crochet, feel free to work on any of the wonderful projects to which they contribute such as: hats, scarves, foster care red scarves, baby blankets, etc. Call Marg MacDonald or Joey Yocum for other information.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Phoebe: We are breaking for the summer and will give you fall details in the September Newsletter. We can keep in touch with each other over the summer. Email Lois Peck or Ginni Condo with any "news" to spread.

Miriam: Our Circle will be on vacation until the fall. Keep your thinking caps on for events to host, perhaps in the fall. Details for meetings will be in the September Newsletter.

The Presbyterian Women would like to have all NSPC women know that you are an important part of NSPC. We hope to have activities for our women and will give details in the Fall Newsletter. In the meantime have a nice summer.

July & August Birthdays

07/01 — Cora Seltzer	07/25 — Anna Lemaster	08/09 — Benjamin Kelly
07/02 — Audrey Mahler	07/26 — Jane Fioravanti	08/10 — Brad Villano
07/02 — Ronald Sihler	07/26 — Jordan Noecker	08/11 — Peter Burgess
07/04 — Kim Biddle	07/27 — Nancy Fischer	08/12 — Marge DeYoung
07/05 — Alexandra Adams	07/27 — Sean Sampson	08/13 — Sue DeCray
07/06 — Bing Bortle	07/30 — Laurie Falcon	08/13 — Gini Lappe
07/06 — Ally Snyder	07/30 — Susan O'Donnell	08/17 — Catherine Bennett-Jones
07/07 — Maren Falcon	08/01 — Joe Marchesani	08/17 — Chase Eckert
07/07 — Lauren Gries	08/02 — Jean Bowen	08/18 — Jim Hitchens
07/09 — Bob Bechtold	08/03 — Rick Weiss	08/19 — Ken Trimble
07/11 — Luke Hill	08/04 — Jake Bross	08/20 — Brad Impriano
07/11 — Karen Shea	08/04 — Dillon Smitheman	08/26 — Christopher Bennett-Jones
07/13 — Sarah Hitchens	08/07 — Dawn Smitheman	08/26 — Jude Campbell
07/15 — Debbie Weiss	08/08 — Chris Snyder	08/28 — Ginni Condo
07/16 — Jeanne Newton		08/29 — Madilyn Impriano
07/17 — Ellen Jackson		08/30 — Carol McNeill
07/22 — Andy Bross		
07/24 — Carmen Arraya		
07/24 — Georgia Kelly		



MEN'S GROUP

FOR MEN ONLY—

FIRST WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

Our summer Men's Group meeting will be July 6th at 8 AM.

Please join other men of the church for fellowship & discussion.

July 2022

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

					1 10 am Decorate the 4th of July Float	2
3 10am Worship/SS 11am Fellowship	4  9 am MN Parade	5	6 8am Men's Group	7 6pm AA	8	9
10 10am Worship/SS 11am Fellowship	11	12	13	14 6pm AA	15	16
17 10am Worship/SS 11am Fellowship	18	19	20	21 6pm AA	22	23
24 10am Worship/SS 11am Fellowship	25	26 6:30 pm Family Field Day Fun	27	28 6pm AA	29	30
31 10am Worship/SS 11am Fellowship						

August 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 8am Men's Group	4 6pm AA	5	6
7 10am Worship/SS 11am Fellowship	8	9 9 am Day of Service at The Philly Project	10	11 6pm AA	12	13
14 10am Worship/SS 11am Fellowship	15	16	17 7pm Session	18 6pm AA	19	20
21 10am Worship/SS 11am Fellowship	22	23	24 8 pm Family Movie Night	25 6pm AA	26	27
28 10am Worship/SS 11am Fellowship	29	30 6:30 pm K'MonI- WannaKnowYa Luau	31			

In Ministry Together at Newtown Square Presbyterian Church:

Pastor The Rev. Dr. Jeanne Thomas
Director of Youth and Family Ministry Sara Boninu
Director of Music..... Ting Ting Wong
Church Office Manager Heather Impriano
Sunday School Teachers..... Barbara Corsi & Brad Kohlhepp
Nursery Attendant..... Camryn Villano
Co-Directors, Newtown Square Presbyterian Church PreschoolJane Fioravanti & Meghan Kazanjian
Clerk of Session Buff Biddle
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Head Usher.....Grant Snyder
The Sacristy Guild of St. Martha..... Carol Guest & Buff Biddle
Presbyterian WomenGinny Berman

Plus... all the members of NSPC

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Moderator: The Rev. Dr. Jeanne Thomas

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
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Rich Digby	Ginny Berman	Lynne Corle
Rebecca DiPersia	Joe Marchesani	Siobhian Robinson
Jane Fioravanti	Jerry Schauer	Debbie Weiss

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Moderator: Marg MacDonald

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