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SUMMER 2025

From Your Pastor

Friends,

In the morning, the children danced. With loud music that proclaimed the importance of trust in Jesus and his providence, the children enacted their faith. They laughed with their friends, recited memory verses, and made a joyful noise unto the Lord.

In the evening, joyful adults gathered for a brief service of worship. Thunder rumbled in the distance while they greeted one another, prayed for growth, and honored the memory of John Wellington, a saint of this congregation.

We might be tempted to see these events as representative of different eras of the church—children as the future, adults as keepers of the past. I prefer, though, to think of both as examples of our living present.

In the fast-paced month that I have served among you, I have seen that Newtown Square Presbyterian Church is a community of faith with an intergenerational flair. I found that Vacation Bible School revealed itself as more than just 'something for the kids.' Gifted church members from various age groups found themselves serving in partnerships with others, dedicating themselves to teaching the faith to the young participants.

At the garden dedication, we heard how John Wellington invited young, old, and everyone in between to nurture God's Creation and to welcome our neighbors from the wider community.

For many of us, summer is a time of sabbatical. Some are headed for the beach, others are recuperating after the busy school year, and others will head off to camp, go on a vacation, or travel far afield for research.

While you are away, I invite you to take time to consider what God has given us in this living and lively community. Consider also where the Spirit is calling us to new partnerships and programs that will bring even greater joy to one and all.

Have a blessed summer.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Bill

PS — Check out our Summer Sermons on page2!

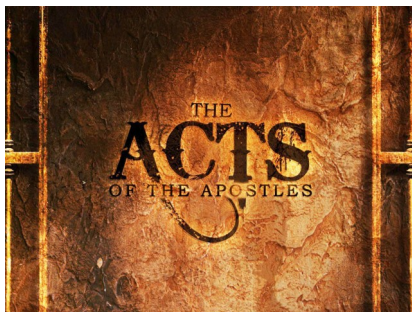
7/6 — 4th Sunday after Pentecost
Acts 8:1b, 4-8, 14-17
 Communion



7/13 — 5th Sunday After Pentecost
Acts 8:26-40

7/20 — 6th Sunday After Pentecost
Acts 9

7/27 — 7th Sunday After Pentecost
Acts 10



8/3 — 8th Sunday After Pentecost
Acts 15
 Communion



8/10 — 9th Sunday After Pentecost
Acts 16

8/17 — 10th Sunday After Pentecost
Acts 17:16-34

8/24 — 11th Sunday After Pentecost
Acts 19:1-7

8/31 — 12th Sunday After Pentecost
Acts 20
 Communion
 Labor Day Weekend



9/7 — 13th Sunday After Pentecost
RALLY DAY—Mark Your Calendars

Music Ministry

Happy July and August!

I hope you have been enjoying some summer music Sundays! Since the choir has been taking their well-deserved break, different musicians have been featured! Cheryl Koch on the violin, Joann Mitchell on the flute, Jerry Schauer on the trombone, and Brynn on the mic (haha!).

Throughout the months of July and August, you will hear Chantal Freeman, a local soprano singing some spirituals, Brynn singing some featured solos, Cheryl and Madi on strings duet, Leigh Brown is coming back on their cello, and Megnot Toggia will be leading songs and hymns and more! I would like to thank Sira for her kindness subbing me while I am gone, and Heather and Brynn for taking charge of the live streaming!

If you have any musical ideas, or suggestions. Please talk to me! We need YOU, all of YOU, for the music program to grow!

Since the choir is taking a break with some choir people sitting in the sanctuary, I have been enjoying more of you singing at your seats. I would LOVE to hear more throughout the year! Pastor Bill and I are trying to be sensitive picking the hymns for you. We would love for us to become a singing congregation. I want to hear you, all of you!!

Thank you for all the support, I will “talk” to you in a few months!

~Ting Ting
 Director of Music





News for: Youth and Family Ministries at NSPC

Youth Corner at NSPC Update – A Joyful June!

What a joyful and spirit-filled start to the summer it has been for our Youth and Children's Ministries! We are so grateful for all of the support, volunteers, and enthusiastic participants who made June a truly memorable month.

Church Picnic – June 8th We kicked off the month with our annual Church Picnic on June 8th. The Youth Group did an amazing job helping set up and running games for all ages. The Sunday School kids had a blast with a colorful piñata, enjoyed a delicious lunch, and then headed downstairs to play carnival-style games and explore the playground. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, fun, and community!

Youth Group Outing – June 19th On June 19th, our Youth Group had an exciting evening at **Top Golf**. It was a fantastic outing full of laughter, friendly competition, and great company. A great time was had by all!

Vacation Bible School – June 23–26 Our "True North" Vacation Bible School was a huge success! We welcomed **67 children** and had the support of **32 dedicated volunteers**. Throughout the week, the children discovered the importance of putting their **trust in Jesus**. They enjoyed games, creative art projects, music time, snacks, and meaningful Bible lessons. The joy was contagious, and the presence of the Holy Spirit was truly felt each day. Thank you to everyone who helped make this extraordinary week possible!

Looking Ahead We're excited about the upcoming **Youth Group Pool Party on July 18th**—stay tuned for more details soon!

Summer Sunday School is also in full swing. If you feel called to serve, we'd love for you to volunteer to teach for a week or two. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with our youngest members and share God's love.

Thank you for your continued support of our Youth Ministries. Your prayers, time, and encouragement are what help make these ministries thrive. Here's to a summer filled with faith, fun, and fellowship!

~Kristi Schaub

Director of Youth & Family Ministry

Youth and Family Ministries Upcoming Dates



Meets on Sundays from 10:15-11:15 AM:

- 7/6 Youth in Worship
- 7/13 Breakfast Club
- 7/20 Anti-Social—Influencers
- 7/27 Anti-Social—Going Off-line



A Big THANK YOU to our Sunday School teachers, Nursery aides, and subs for the Month of June!

During June, Beth McCarry, Debbie Villano, Grace McCarry, and Sadie Kazanjian were our Sunday school teachers and nursery aides for the first two Sunday in June. Summer Sunday school began on June 15th. A huge thank you to Kristi Schaub & Julia Altenburger for teaching summer school and to Camryn Villano for being in the nursery. We also thank Sara DiGirolamo, Kristi Schaub, Rev. Nancy Holt Timothy, & Rev. Bill Searight for giving the children's messages during June.



Do you love hearing the children's message? Ever wonder how you could be more involved with the youth of our church? Here is your chance. These are two great opportunities.

First you can sign up to deliver the children's message in July, or August. It will be prepared and ready to go. All you have to do is deliver it to our youngest members.

Summer Children's Message

Click here to sign up for the [Children's Message](#) or scan the QR code:



Second opportunity is to volunteer to do Sunday School in the summer. This is a book based program and will be ready for you to give down stairs in the social hall following the children's message. If you are interested please sign up below.

Summer Sunday School

Click Here to sign up for [Summer Sunday School](#) or scan the QR code:



**YOUTH GROUP BE ON THE
LOOK OUT!!**

**WE WILL BE HAVING SOME
FLASH EVENTS THROUGHOUT
THE SUMMER...**

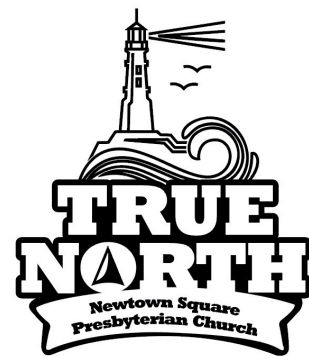


NSPC Youth Pool Party Friday, July 18th 6-8 PM

We will meet at the church at 6PM and walk over to the Corle's pool. Please RSVP and sign up to bring something:







"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 during the 2024-2025 school year. As an NSPC acolyte, they have joined the ranks of those who have helped with worship services since the early Christian church.

Grade 5:

Danny Arraya
Chiwa Vokhiwa

Grade 8:

Brynn Adgate
Natalie Andress
Sadie Kazanjian
Grace McCarry

Grade 7:

Camille Impriano

Grade 9:

Carmen Arraya



Thanks also to our adult acolyte guides who have prepared the students and guided them as they serve: Sue Bechtold, Lynne Corle, Jane Fioravanti, Karen Shea, & Debbie Weiss

~Lynne Corle

Acolyte Coordinator

*Wednesday Morning
September 10th
10 am - 12 pm*



Spend a Quiet Morning

Led by Jacki Tase, Spiritual Director
Call the church office (610-356-8063),
or email nspc3600@gmail.com to RSVP



Outreach and Rentals



Our church picnic was held on Sunday, June 8th. We were able to celebrate Pastor Bill Searight's first event with us. The Tex-Mex taco bar was a great success! Thank you to Stephen and Aurelie for bringing us some wonderful home-smoked pulled pork. Of course we had the usual amazing desserts.

The children presented Pastor Bill with a "handmade" poster welcoming him to NSPC and sang a poem to welcome him. The little ones were rewarded with a pull string pinata. The candy was everywhere!

Robbyn and I would like to thank all of our church friends who helped to make this event a great success. Always too many to name! You know who you are!



Snapology continues with their camps into August. They use the social hall for Legomania! If you are interested, they have provided us with a discount code good for 30% off when booking a camp reservation. The remaining NSPC

camp dates are July 7-11, August 4-8, August 18-22, August 25-29. Please click here to go to their [website](#) and at checkout enter code: NSP25

We have a few rentals over the summer, but we start to heat up in September. September 6th will be our second PetExpo for Providence Animal Shelter. Last year 65 pets got chipped or inoculated. September 7th is Rally Day, the start of our church year. DelVal Art League (<https://www.delawarevalleyartleague.com/>) is also coming back for their third year later in the month.

Thank you!

Have a great summer!

~ Robbyn & Joe Marchesani
Outreach Committee Chairs

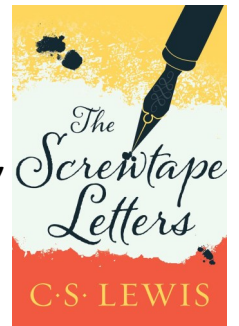


Below are more photos from our All-Church Picnic welcoming Pastor Bill. Joe and Robbyn Marchesani get a huge thank you for all the work they put forth to make this picnic a big success.



Men's Christian Fellowship

The Men's Christian Fellowship Group has two meeting groups! The alternate Sunday morning group will take the summer off and resume in September. The **Tuesday morning Men's Christian Fellowship group will continue to meet weekly at 8 AM over the summer.** Both groups are studying "The Screwtape Letters". **All men are welcome to whichever study suits their schedule. We hope you can join us!**



The Last Tuesday Book Club

NSPC's Last Tuesday Book Club meets the last Tuesday of the month at 1:00 in the Conference Room.

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.

Our July selection will involve group participation where each member will briefly share a book that they have enjoyed. **There will be no meeting in August.**

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



July 29, 2025	Group Participation	Each member briefly shares a book that they have loved.
September 30, 2025	<u>Elaine Roscoe</u>	<u>How To Read a Book</u> Monica Wood

Calling All Men... Come With Your Appetites and Join Us Bring Your Sons, Grandsons, Fathers and Friends

The Men's Fellowship Group would like to invite you to share in a morning of fellowship with the brothers of our congregation on **Saturday, September 13th from 9:00- 11:00 AM**. Save the date.

Pastor Bill will give the message and breakfast will be included.

Women, please encourage your men to come.

Questions? See Doug Tase dougase@gmail.com



BUILDING & GROUNDS

Volunteer Painters Needed



Once again, NSPC is on the receiving end from NSPC Preschool in the form of a very nice donation. Our preschool is donating the paint to apply a fresh coat of paint to the Christian Education Wing. However, there is a caveat. B & G and members will be doing the painting. Bob and Glenn Bechtold are the foremen on the job. It's too large of a job for just two people. So, they are looking for several volunteers to assist with the painting. Some painting experience is appreciated. The timing of the painting will be between mid-July to mid-August. ***Dates to be firmed up after volunteers are secured.***

If interested, contact:

Bob (610-745-0064 bobbechtold@yahoo.com) or

Glenn (610-574-7659 glennbechtold@gmail.com)

Also...***a very BIG thank you to Glenn Bechtold.*** Glenn generously donated the paint and his labor to repaint the bathroom stalls in the lower school wing boy's bathroom which were beginning to rust and look worn. Painting them breathed new life into them. Glenn did a super job!





Wellington Garden Dedication

June 25, 2025

We would like to thank everyone who came to the dedication of the sign and garden to honor John. We are grateful to Pastor Bill for leading us in the dedication service. The sign surrounded by the white stones and lovely flowers is beautiful! A special thanks to all those who made that evening possible.

*With Appreciation & Thanks,
The Wellington Family*

"My soul finds rest in God alone. My salvation comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation. He is my fortress. I will never be shaken."

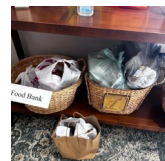
~Psalm 62:1-2



Mission News



Food Donations: Friends, each Monday Nancy Holt Timothy delivers donations of food to Food Banks serving Delaware County. **Please help our local food banks.** Times are sometimes difficult for families. Please consider helping by donating non perishable items to the baskets on the Mission Table.



Print Cartridges: These are recycled to Staples for credit to be used by the office. (container on the Mission Table)

A Big Thank you to all who are volunteering to pick up at Wawa on Saturday and Sunday. This is such a valuable Mission Project!



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Flip Tops: Flip Tops used on soda cans, etc. are donated to the Ronald McDonald House. They are then recycled, and the money is used towards utility bills. (Container on the Mission Table)



Donations of the following items are always needed. Please just drop off as to the location noted below. Thank you.

- Kitchen supplies: Saran wrap, Ziplock bags, foil, dishwashing liquid, hand soap, and plastic gloves for working in the kitchen and serving food. (Place in the kitchen.)
- White trash bags for Wawa collection (Place in the area by the choir robes with the insulated bags.)
- Small Plastic Shopping Bags: (Place in the kitchen next to the Freezer.)

Rise Against Hunger Update

The Rise Against Hunger Committee would like to update you on the 2025-26 fundraising for the annual meal packaging event on March 8, 2026.

In order to prepare for the March 8th event, we need to purchase the supplies from Rise Against Hunger. Last year for 20,000 meals we paid \$8000. We do not have the "per meal" cost yet for 2026. We are planning some events to raise this money and hopefully you will be of help and enjoy them. Below are a few events in the making:

- In September, there will be a Flea Market. More details on that are in this newsletter.
- A Murder Mystery Dinner has been offered by a NSPC Friend. Details to follow.
- A clothing/household soft goods recycling event will also begin this fall. Details on that are on the next page.
- The Donation Jug will be placed in the Gathering Space and through that we get most generous donations and people's change.



- August and September are the target months to solicit for the December Silent Auction. Due to the amount of work gathering the donations and then preparing the easel displays, we hope to have the bulk of the donations given to the Bechtolds by September 30. Of course, a last-minute donation will be accepted. The December Silent Auction is successful, partly because it is timed during the week of all the Preschool Christmas Programs. The viewing audience for the auction is then quite large with all grandparents and parents in attendance.
- From Thanksgiving until mid-January we will once again repeat the very popular Outback fundraiser. Our amazing profit from that cannot be turned down. The gift cards can be redeemed in January.

Please keep these things in mind as we work towards our goal for purchasing the supplies for March 8th.

Your RAH Committee:

Bob and Sue Bechtold, Nancy Gingras, Margie Garwood, Joe Marchesani, Sally and Glenn Bechtold, Andy Tucker, Lynne and Allen Corle, Sara DiGirolamo, Jack Chidester, Laurie Lynch, Karen Shea



NSPC Rise Against Hunger Flea Market... Mark Your Calendars

There will be a Flea Market on September 20th at NSPC parking lot. It is to raise money for Rise Against Hunger. It is in the planning stages. The proposed cost per two 8 feet parking spaces is \$50... **OR... get a FREE 16-foot space for those who donate all sales to our Rise Against Hunger fund.**

If you don't think you have enough items for a space, you could share with another family. This summer, look about your house for those dusty treasures that you are ready to part with and help us make this a profitable event.

A rain date is September 28th. Share with any local crafters or vendors that might want to come out and promote their business!

~Margie Garwood, RAH Flea Market Coordinator

Exciting New Rise Against Hunger (RAH) Fundraiser Coming Soon!

RAH we will be sponsoring a used clothing drive in the fall through an organization called Helpsy. (<https://www.helpsy.com/fundraising-and-non-profits>) While cleaning out this summer, please save any used clothing, footwear, accessories, luggage, linens and stuffed animals. Any condition will be accepted as long as they are clean, dry and odorless. More details will follow in September.





Women's Ministry Update

All women of NSPC are invited to participate in the 2025-2026 Women's Bible Study that will begin on Monday, September 8, at PM. in the Gathering Room. The group will normally meet the first Monday of every month, except for September because the first Monday is Labor Day.



This year our study guide will be the *2025-2026 Presbyterian Women's Horizon Bible Study: Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*. The lessons will come from the books of Mark, Luke, John, and Philippians. "Mary Magdalene," "Jesus Is Tested," "Gift of the Woman Who Was Poor," "Woman Who Was Bent Over," "Remembering Jesus' Baptism," and "Road to Emmaus" are some of the chapters we will examine.

Our study sessions are casual, and everyone is encouraged to add her interpretations and ideas to the discussions. Each month we take turns being the study leader and hostess, but if someone is not comfortable doing this, they certainly don't have to.

Being part of the group is a great way to study the Bible together from a woman's perspective and gives us the opportunity to share God's word as we draw closer to God together.

The cost of the guide is \$14. If you are interested in joining the Bible study, please let Ginni Condo know by August 15 so a book can be ordered for you. Ginni will also be happy to answer any questions you may have.

~Ginni Condo
vrcondo3424@gmail.com

Calling All Women—Save This Idea and Volunteer Please...

The women of the church are going to provide the food for the Men's Breakfast in the September. It will be an easy project. We might need 4 breakfast casseroles, a couple of the Costco containers of crescent rolls, butter, orange juice, fruit and some Danish. At this point, there is no set up involved, just drop off the hot oven casseroles. The date and time for your help will be given late summer.



**Volunteers
Needed**

If you are willing to help, please contact Ginny Berman or Sue Bechtold. Thanks.

Ladies,

Summer is upon us but the Women's Ministry Board is thinking forward for activities. Annually we have gone to Casey's for lunch in October. Unfortunately, the last time we were there we were told the separate check option is no longer available. Unless we have a volunteer to figure out all the individual checks we would like to go to another restaurant.



It was suggested that we try EmJ's Cafe, at 814 Lancaster Avenue, Berwyn. It is a cute little place with delicious food and a little private room on the side. Three of us went there for lunch and think it would work.

We would like to ask for 2 volunteers to arrange this luncheon for a Wednesday or Thursday in October. We could meet at the church and carpool. It has a small parking lot so our thought is to gather at the church at 11. By the time we are all present and order it will be lunch time.

Please share your thoughts with Ginny Berman or Sue Bechtold.

Thank you.

PS: The menu offered breakfast and lunch. It was very good.

Thanks to the Women's Ministry for providing a welcome reception on Pastor Bill's first Sunday, June 1st.

The treats were delicious and donated by many women of the church. ***Thank you to all!***



July & August Birthdays

07/01 — Cora Seltzer

07/04 — Kim Biddle

07/06 — Bing Bortle

07/06 — Ally Snyder

07/07 — Maren Falcon

07/07 — Lauren Gries

07/08 — Jacquelyn DiGirolamo

07/09 — Bob Bechtold

07/11 — Luke Hill

07/11 — Karen Shea

07/12 — Christine Robertson

07/13 — Sarah Hitchens

07/15 — Debbie Weiss

07/16 — Crystal Gray

07/22 — Andy Bross

07/24 — Carmen Arraya

07/25 — Anna Lemaster

07/26 — Jane Fioravanti

07/27 — Nancy Fischer

07/30 — Laurie Falcon

07/30 — Susan O'Donnell

07/31 — Paul Donovan

08/01 — Joe Marchesani

08/01 — Sarah Shane

08/02 — Avery Andress

08/02 — Jean Bowen

08/03 — Rick Weiss

08/04 — Jake Bross

08/04 — Dillon Smitheman

08/07 — Dawn Smitheman

08/08 — Chris Snyder

08/10 — Kristi Schaub

08/10 — Brad Villano

08/12 — Marge DeYoung

08/13 — Gini Lappe

08/17 — Catherine

Bennett-Jones

08/18 — Nancy Holt Timothy

08/18 — Jim Hitchens

08/19 — Ken Trimble

08/20 — Brad Impriano

08/26 — Christopher

Bennett-Jones

08/26 — Jude Campbell

08/28 — Ginni Condo

08/29 — Emily Cuccia

08/29 — Madilyn Impriano

08/31 — Stephen Baradic



July 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 8am Men's Christian Fellowship	2	2 6pm AA	4 	5 10 am ACA
6 10am Worship/SS 11am Fellowship	7	8 8am Men's Christian Fellowship	9	10 6pm AA	11	12 10 am ACA
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27 10am Worship/SS 11am Fellowship	28	29 8am Men's Christian Fellowship 1 pm Last Tuesday Book Club	30	31 6pm AA		

August 2025

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Nursery Attendant..... Grace McCarry & Sadie Kazanjian
Spiritual Director Jacki Tase
Co-Directors, Newtown Square Presbyterian Church Preschool Jane Fioravanti & Meghan Kazanjian
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Plus... all the members of NSPC

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