



## PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

Have you had a chat with the Lord today? No appointment needed, the opportunity is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Keep praying, prayer changes things.

## PRAYER EMPHASIS FOR SEPTEMBER

### GOD'S PLANS FOR YOU

*... "What do you want your servant to do?"*

*Joshua 5:14*



The Rev. John G. Paderson, Pastor  
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**September 2015**

September begins a new program year for the church. As I think back over the last 14 years as your pastor, I think about the new ministries that each program year has brought. Over the years those ministries touched many lives and changed lives as well. They did so because the ministries were for the most part inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring the Gospel into people's lives.

As I preached through the Book of Acts over the last several weeks, I became deeply impressed by how focused was the early Church. They understood their mission and in spite of all the obstacles that they faced, they stayed focused on the key components of that mission. They stayed focused on "the proclamation of the Gospel for the salvation of humankind" and "the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God," which are the first two Great Ends of the Church in our *Book of Order* (F-1.0401). Those great ends are part of St. Andrew's denominational heritage. They come from The United Presbyterian Church of North America (UPCNA) that planted St. Andrew's in 1954.

As I thought about the early Church and the Great Ends of the Church, I also thought about my 26+ years as a business leader. During those years I learned that for a business to be successful it had to stay focused on the two or three key components of its business. That often meant not doing a lot of things that were interesting to do but would spread its resources too thin and distract it from what made it successful.

Well, as we enter the new church year, I think it might be wise for us to emphasize the two key components of this and every church's mission: the proclamation of the Gospel and the care of the people of God. In a time of limited financial resources and unlimited power of the Spirit perhaps we should concentrate on what the Spirit would have us do: proclaim the Gospel and take care of the children of God. I wonder what that might look like. I also wonder what that might do to us and do to the community around us. Take some time to think about it and let me know what you think.

Yours because of the Cross,

*John*

**To:** The Session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

**From:** The Rev. John G. Paderson

**Subject:** Report for June/July 2015

**Date:** August 1, 2015

#### **A. Service of the Lord's Day and Occasional Services**

- Prepared and led all Sunday Worship Services in June and July.
- Administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on June 7<sup>th</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **B. Visits and Contacts (Pastoral and other)**

- **Home Visits:** 10
- **Hospital Visits:** 8
- **Counseling Visits:** 1 office visit
- **Other Visits:** 1 Graduation Party.

#### **C. Administration**

- Performed day-to-day administrative duties and met with team leaders and team members as needed.

#### **D. Ecumenical Activities**

- Attended Pastor's Support Group meetings in Baltimore on June 25<sup>th</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Attended Pastors' Luncheons on June 17<sup>th</sup> and July 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **E. Denominational Activities:**

- Met with Ginny Jones from the Committee on Ministry to answer rounding questions.
- Advocated for the release of NCP mission grant check for (Cameroon Pastors' Retreat Project) that had been placed on hold as a result of an action of the NCP Council,
- Met with Bob Schminkey, NCP Stated Clerk to discuss concerns.
- Was on call for any pastoral emergencies at Green Hill Presbyterian Church from June 22<sup>nd</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup> while the Rev. Otto was away on vacation. There were no emergencies that required my attention during that time.

#### **F. Things to Think About:**

##### **Supreme Court Decision on Marriage**

I am concerned that the majority decision of the court spoke of the right for people to speak about their opposition to same sex marriage but did not explicitly state that people who perform religious weddings have a right to refuse to perform a same sex marriage. We live in a very litigious society and I wonder if someone somewhere will sue a church or a pastor for not performing a same sex marriage. Although I am not a lawyer, I suppose an argument could be made that someone who performs weddings that are recognized as civil weddings, weddings performed according to the laws of a certain state, has an obligation not to discriminate against same sex couples. Whatever the legal merits of any case, the cost to defend oneself in a court of law is very expensive. It is highly doubtful that any help would be available from the PCUSA or one's presbytery. I am in the process of thinking through various options.

##### **Mission Grant Check Hold**

As you know, the grant check from the presbytery for the Cameroon Pastors' Retreat was placed on hold by an action of the Council. That hold was released when it was shown that the action taken by council was contrary

to a ruling of the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission. We will have to wait to see if the Council rescinds the action at the next Council meeting.

### **Vacation/ Study Leave**

I plan to be on vacation or study leave from August 24<sup>th</sup> through August 31st. If I am up to date on writing my doctoral project it will be vacation. If not, it will be study leave.

Submitted under the Cross,

*John*

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**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
Stated Session Meeting  
April 12, 2015**

**Elders present:** Mary Anne Colbert, Al Crowe, Chester Pasapane, Brenda Saulsbury, Winnie Wagner, Cliff Wood, and Jane Wright.

**Elders absent:** Flora Atangcho, Florence Fonjweng, Emmanuel Ndifor

Moderator, Rev. John Paderson opened the meeting with prayer at 4:45 pm.

Minutes from March 8, 2015 meeting approved with one edit.

Minutes from March 29, 2015 special meeting approved with one spelling edit.

**Treasurer's Report** was reviewed and approved pending audit. To make congregation aware of shortage in monthly offerings, totals of income and expenses and shortfall for month will appear in bulletin.

**Pastor's Report** for March reviewed and approved.

**Clerk of Session** report for March reviewed and approved.

**Motions made, seconded and approved:**

Remove Michael Guns III from membership rolls.

Session to abide by request for study of relationship with Presbytery.

Members vote: Yes 5 No 4 Motion carried to move ahead with study.

Schedule Session meeting for June 7, 2015.

Adjourn session meeting. Time 6:04 pm.

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**No Session Meeting scheduled for May 2015.**

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**  
**Stated Session Meeting**  
**June 7, 2015**

**Elders present:** MaryAnn Colbert, Al Crowe, Florence Fonjweng, Chester Pasapane, Cliff Wood, Jane Wright.

**Elders absent:** Flora Atangcho, Emmanuel Ndifor, Brenda Saulsbury, Winnie Wagner.

Moderator Rev. John Paderson opened the meeting with prayer at 11:45 A.M.

No May meeting held, no minutes to approve.

**Treasurer's Report** Winnie Wagner absent, no treasurer's report at meeting. Discussion of awareness of congregation of deficit as noted in bulletins. Slight rise in offering since implemented. Loose coin collection increased. Fund raisers planned for by Youth for activities and mission. October dinner planned for General Fund. "Stepping Stone" fund raiser to be discussed at August meeting with Brenda Saulsbury. Motion made to discuss Memorial fund use (New Covenant Funds) at next session meeting. Motion approved. Motion made and carried to approve treasurer report when received and audited.

**Pastor's report** reviewed and approved.

**Clerk's report** – No report, clerk absent

**Motions made, seconded and approved:**

Mission Team request for \$250 from Benevolent Fund for donation to Little Children of the World.

Request from Mission Team for special offering each Sunday in July for mission projects.

Request by Florence Fonjweng for use of Hall for all night party. Request approved by session via e-mail.

Increase cost of rentals of hall to \$300 plus refundable \$75 cleanup fee for extended use.

Appoint four person Study Subcommittee to research issues of the relationship study. Members appointed are Flora Atangcho, Al Crowe, Winnie Wagner and Jane Wright.

Group will meet and report to session in the fall.

Job description of Secretary/Office Manager was reviewed, revised and approved. Permission to grant Office Manager access to LOGOS software motion was tabled for review at August 2 meeting.

Grant Office Manager two weeks paid vacation (18hr week) and 5 days sick leave. Organist granted two week paid vacation.

Honor Rena Hardy as Minister of Music Emeritus with a framed portrait to be added to wall of past Pastors.

Past practice to have only ONE session meeting during summer months. Motion made and scheduled for confirmation at August 2 session meeting.

Session meeting scheduled for August 2, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm with prayer by Cliff Wood.

Respectfully submitted by

Mary Ann Colbert in absence of Clerk of Session Brenda Saulsbury

## From the Deacons for September

### **Church Rally Day Picnic: September 20 at Lums Pond**

Mark this event on your calendar. It will be a fun way to begin the fall worship season and renew our ties to each other after summer's activities.

### **Quilts for Comfort: October 24 at St. Andrews, 9 to 3**

Can you give an hour or several hours to help make a quilt for someone who needs comforting? If you can't sew, you can tie a quilt. All are welcome. Quilts go to neighboring hospitals and clinics. See <http://www.quiltsforcomfort.com> or talk to Charlotte Walker for more information.

### **Keep Our Pantry Stocked**

Please continue to bring in food; calls from people in need come year-round. Place your donations in a basket in the narthex on any Sunday. Remember we cannot use outdated foods. Thank you.

### **Next Deacon's Meeting: October 4 after worship.**

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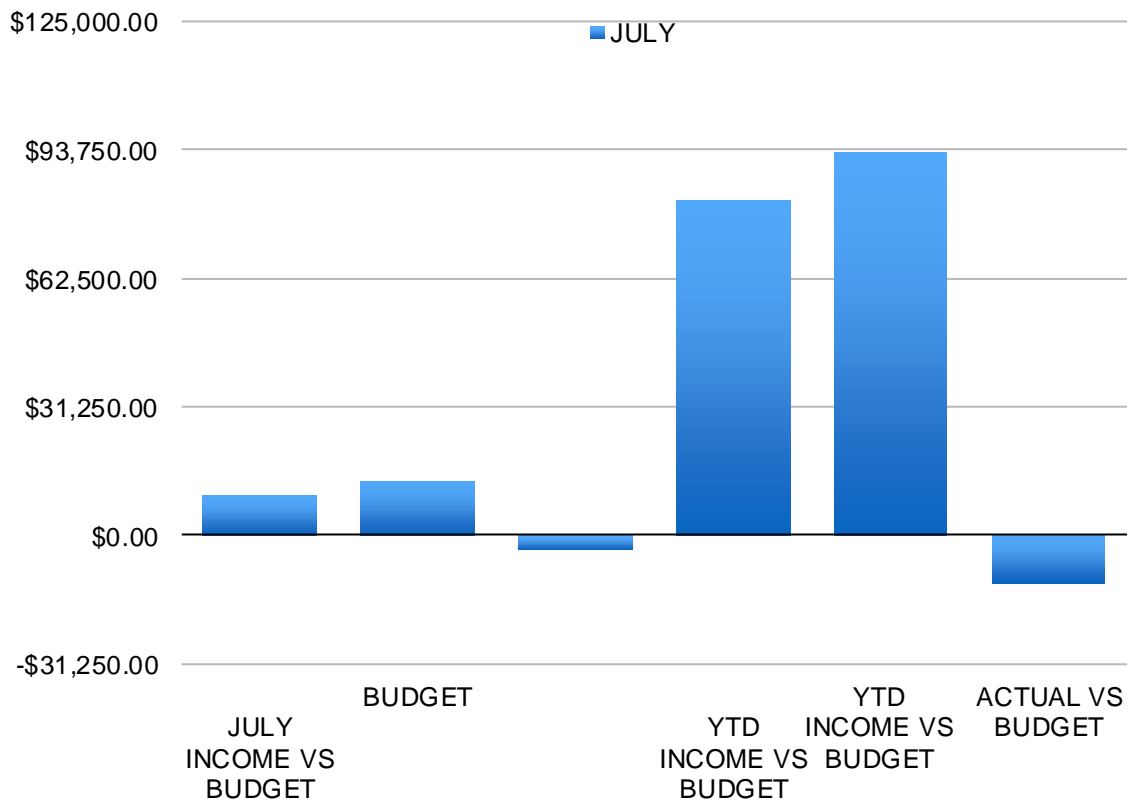
#### **MESSAGE FROM THE MISSION TEAM**

First, a special thank you to all of you that responded in July to the special offering to fund some benevolences. We received \$1195. We'll leave some envelopes in the pews in case you missed the opportunity or are moved to make an additional donation.

Second, we have an opportunity to do a local hands-on mission project. Family Promise accommodates homeless families on a rotating basis at local churches. Each church hosts the families one week every three months. Another church is paired with them to provide dinners for that week. Kingswood handles dinners for the families that stay at White Clay Presbyterian Church and has asked if we would be willing to provide dinner one night every three months. This entails preparing, delivering, serving and cleaning up dinner for probably 15 people. If you think this is something you might like to do or have questions about the excellent work Family Promise does, please contact Kathy Paderson (738-0840).

## ST. ANDREW'S MAY FINANCIAL POSITION - ACTUAL VS BUDGET

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD INCOME	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
<b>JULY</b>	\$9,910.04	\$13,349.99	-\$3,439.95	\$81,924.12	\$93,449.93	-\$11,525.81
	EXPENSE	BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET	YTD EXPENSE	YTD BUDGET	ACTUAL VS BUDGET
<b>PASTOR</b>	\$6,866.94	\$7,177.64	-\$310.70	\$51,580.59	\$50,243.48	\$1,337.11
<b>STAFF</b>	\$3,361.77	\$3,966.90	-\$605.13	\$27,259.39	\$27,768.30	-\$508.91
<b>PROGRAM</b>	\$139.06	\$733.31	-\$594.25	\$2,998.93	\$5,133.17	-\$2,134.24
<b>BLDG GRDS</b>	\$3,186.12	\$2,269.98	\$916.14	\$16,168.39	\$15,889.86	\$278.53
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	\$13,553.89	\$14,147.83	-\$593.94	\$98,007.30	\$99,034.81	-\$1,027.51
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	(\$3,643.85)	(\$797.84)		(\$16,083.18)	(\$5,584.88)	



## DOLLARS AND SENSE - THE BOTTOM LINE

In July, St. Andrew's received \$9,910.04. That amount is \$3,439.95 less than the income budgeted for the month. Budgeted income for the month was \$13,349.99. We spent \$13,553.89 in July, which is \$593.94 less than was budgeted for the same period, resulting in a deficit for the month of \$3,643.85.

For 2015, through the end of July, St. Andrew's received \$81,924.12 compared to a budgeted income of \$93,449.83. This is a shortfall of \$11,525.81. On the expense side, through July, we have spent \$98,007.30. Budgeted expenses year to date are \$99,034.81 which means we spent \$1,027.51 less than we thought we might. The bottom line is, so far this year; we have spent \$98,007.30 and received \$81,924.12 for a deficit of \$16,083.18.



"As a new choir member, you must take an oath that you will never appear on 'American Idol.'"

Ladies and Gentleman; **what** am I holding in my hand? Wrong, it's **opportunity**, because **today**..... **you** have the **opportunity** to join, the St. Andrews Choir! That's Right...**you** could be the member of the Choir. [On Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>](#)(that's the Thursday after Labor day folks) [from 7pm to 8:30pm](#) the Choir will have their 1<sup>st</sup> rehearsal of the Fall season **right here** in the Sanctuary. We will continue to practice **each week** starting [at 7pm](#). Ladies and gentleman.....you do **not** want to miss out on The Worship, the laughter, the music, the Fun that makes up..... the St. Andrews Choir.

Side effects may include the uncontrollable urge to sing the same song all day Friday, feeling closer to GOD, smiling, and the sudden urge to burst out in song at work. If side effects persist do not call a Dr. just Thank God. This has been a public service announcement no choir members were hurt during the making of this message. God Bless!





### MORNING CIRCLE

Morning circle will resume after summer break on Thursday September 3rd at Betty Winters' house. Olive Fisher will be hosting. All are welcome, and if you need a ride, please let Mary Anne Colbert know.

Interested in mid-week morning Bible study? Please let Mary Anne Colbert or Pastor John know.

### NAOMI CIRCLE

Naomi circle will be meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the home of Kathy Paderson. All are welcome!

### RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth circle will meet on Monday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall for a potluck supper. All are welcome!



# Youth News

This summer we helped complete two local mission projects. Twelve of us were able to attend Camp Donegal for a week this summer. Grant & Caleb attended Into the Unknown Camp. Miriam attended M.A.D. Camp (Music Art & Drama). Jasyah & Ny'asia, Jake & Jason attended Aqua Mania Camp during the same week that Mackenzie, Imere, Willem, Katie and Delma attended Senior Night Owl. Ask us about our experience the next time you see us. Our Sunday Night Activities will resume on September 27<sup>th</sup>. We will kick off this year with a barbecue at Cliff & Danielle Wood's house that night from 5-8 PM. We would love for our Faith Friends as well as anyone else interested to come out and join us. Our first Italian Buffet will be October 17<sup>th</sup>, so mark your calendars now. We will also do our calendar fundraiser again this year in October. We are looking forward to a great year and thank everyone for all of their support!

## **A NOTE FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR: CLIFF WOOD**

Well, as summer was coming to an end, the youth participated in another local mission project. In conjunction with the Brookside & Wilmington Manor Lions Clubs the youth group built another deck and wheelchair ramp for a local family. What a great opportunity for the youth to spread GOD'S love through the local community. Here's a letter we received from the family.

*"My husband and I want to thank the Lions Club and the volunteers from the Presbyterian Church for the most beautiful ramp and deck. What a testimony for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in helping and loving others. The sick and disabled are often overlooked, but thanks to those who care many needs are met. Again, thank you to all who made our ramp and deck possible."*

*May God Bless you personally and your organization,*

*Joyce and Norm Tims*

Here's a picture of the finished project.



- 1 Betty Winter
- 3 Mary Anne Colbert  
Sal Favazzo
- 5 Cindy Stonebraker
- 8 Ruth Burkins
- 9 Jean Hoffecker
- 10 Mary Alice Hopper
- 11 Ben Kuykendall
- 13 Julie Guns
- 20 Deena & Dottie Ndifor
- 22 Dusty Robinson
- 23 Ann Hardy  
Olive Fisher
- 27 Joe Furry



- 3- Harry & Doris Davidson
- 6- Bill & Wendy Furry
- 9- Dave and Kay McCormick
- 11- Kevin & Diane Bart
- 14- Jeff & Lynda Fisher
- 21- Mike & Julie Guns
- 29- Ron & Carol Jamison
- 30- Jim & Joyce Sparks



**God wants soul custody, NOT weekend visitation**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2015**

2 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
3 Thursday	Morning Circle	10:00 a.m.
4 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
6 Sunday	Blended Service with Communion	10:00 a.m.
	Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday	
	Coffee/juice hour	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
7 Monday	Labor Day	
9 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
10 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
11 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
12 Saturday	Church of Service Prayer Service	7:00-9:30 p.m.
13 Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Coffee/juice hour	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Session Meeting	4:30 p.m.
15 Tuesday	Naomi Circle Meeting	7:00 p.m.
16 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
17 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
18 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
20 Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Church picnic	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
21 Monday	BEACON DEADLINE	
	Ruth Circle Meeting	
23 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
24 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
25 Friday	Church of Service Youth	6:00 p.m.
27 Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Coffee/juice hour	
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Kick Off Barbecue at The Wood's	5:00 p.m.
28 Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Event	
30 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.

# Fourth Annual St. Andrew's Open

(Not THAT St. Andrews!)



## Sponsored by

*St. Andrew's  
Presbyterian  
Church*

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Phone:  
302-738-4331

## When:

Monday  
September 28<sup>th</sup>,  
2015

Registration  
Deadline Sept.  
14<sup>th</sup> 2014

## Where:

Back Creek  
Golf Course  
Middletown, DE

## Cost:

\$99 per player  
(Checks payable  
to St. Andrew's  
Presbyterian  
Church)

*Dinner/Silent  
Auction \$30.00*

## Format:

4-person scramble

## Time:

1:00 p.m. shotgun

## Package

## Includes:

- Range balls
- Round of golf with cart
- *Dinner/Silent Auction*
- Prizes for:
  - Closest to Pin
  - Longest Drive
  - Straightest Drive
  - Putting

All proceeds  
will be donated  
to  
*Local Mission  
Projects*



# CHARITY GOLF EVENT



## REGISTRATION

*Every Player will receive a free round of golf at Back Creek*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact (email/phone) \_\_\_\_\_

Single \_\_\_\_\_

Put me in a group \_\_\_\_\_

Foursome:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

## Mail registration to:

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
200 Marrows Road, Newark, DE 19713

Questions: Contact Cliff Wood(856-524-6999) or Darrell DiStefano (410-620-9173)

Email [diversalads@verizon.net](mailto:diversalads@verizon.net) or [darrelldistefano@comcast.net](mailto:darrelldistefano@comcast.net)

# Blue Hens Fun

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## Faith and Family Celebration

at Delaware Stadium

Saturday, September 12, 6 p.m. vs. Lafayette

**ATHLETES  
INTERVARSITY**  
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**DELAWARE**  
**FOOTBALL**

Join Blue Hens Football and Delaware Athletes InterVarsity Christian Fellowship for a Faith and Family Celebration! Enjoy a discussion and Q & A session with Athletes InterVarsity student athletes pregame, then watch the Blue Hens take on Lafayette.

Tickets just \$10

To purchase tickets visit [www.BlueHens.com/PromoCode](http://www.BlueHens.com/PromoCode)

Select Faith and Family Celebration

Enter code UDFAITH

To purchase tickets for a large group, contact Delaware Group Tickets!

\*Tickets are subject to availability. Processing fees apply. Tickets must be purchased by September 8 to take advantage of this offer.



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# Navigate Financial Aid

Presents

## “Making College Affordable”

**Presented at Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church**

**500 McKennan’s Church Road, Wilmington, De. 19808**

**Date: September 16<sup>th</sup> Time: 6:00 pm Where: Founders Hall**

**[PLEASE RSVP AT 302-200-6321](tel:302-200-6321) seating is limited**



### • Topics will include:

- The FAFSA process
- When and how to file for financial aid
- How to calculate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- Possible strategies to lower your EFC
- The CSS profile
- How to calculate your cost of attendance for college
- Explanation of percentage of needs met
- TOTAL out of pocket expense for college
- Stafford and PLUS loans
- Payment strategies



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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN in  
NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY



**Fall Gathering**



**October 24, 2015**

# **Telling Your Story for God**

Featuring! Rev. Laurie Hiller, Seaford Presbyterian  
Rev. Edwin Estevez, Riverfront Church

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dover Presbyterian Church

(54 S. State Street)