



# *The Beacon*

## *October 2018*

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### 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 OCTOBER

#### **Who are you Praying for?**

As we enter this season of fall, let us focus on who we can be praying for: a neighbor, a friend, a coworker, the lady in the checkout line, a random stranger, someone who is listed in the bulletin, someone who needs prayer. It's not the least we can do, it's the most we can do.

*“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”*

**Ephesians 6:18 New International Version (NIV)**

*Happy Halloween*



## What's taking the PNC so long?

It is sometimes hard for us to trust in God's timing. We've grown to be a society of people who want what we want and would prefer to have it fairly quickly. Sometimes it may seem that God isn't aware of what we need, yet we know there is never a time when he isn't aware of our needs. We've had some setbacks and disappointments along the way in our pastoral search but we're still plugging along reading PIF's, conducting interviews, visiting candidates at neutral sites and meeting on a regular basis. God knows we're searching for a new pastor and He has someone special in mind for us. We know that our God is a gracious and loving God. We're praying for his guidance to lead us to that person in His time. We're staying patient understanding that His timing is always perfect and ours isn't.

In Isaiah 40: 31, God gives us assurance. "But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint."

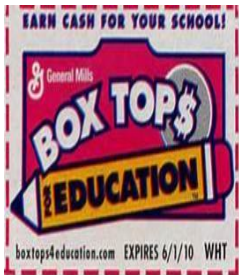
With renewed strength we're moving forward having learned some valuable lessons along the way. We will keep you posted in our search efforts and as always we value your prayers for us and our search.

Committee Members: Kay DiStefano, Mike Guns, Tracy Hardy, Brenda Saulsbury, MaryBeth Schweitzer, Jake Wood, Ginny Jones (COMC liaison)

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## Deacons October Beacon Articles:

Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to about 3:00 is our church's annual Quilts for Comfort event. Everyone is welcome to attend. There are pre-packaged quilt kits for those that can sew a straight stitch on a sewing machine. For those that don't want to try that, there are quilts that are ready to be knotted using a needle and embroidery floss. Plus, there are people to help you if you are new to Quilts for Comfort and plenty of time for fellowship. Bring a dish or dessert to share during lunch. Hope to see you there.



The Deacons are helping Brookside Elementary School by joining in their effort to collect "Box Tops for Education". The school will receive 10 cents for each "box top" that they submit. You can help by cutting out any of the small labels that you see on items you purchase and dropping them in the box that will be up in the Fellowship Hall. These "box tops" can be found on General Mills cereals and some items from Old El Paso, Betty Crocker, Scott and Kleenex brands, Fiber One, Nature Valley bars, Chex Mix, Hefty, Lysol and Papermate pens. Please join us in this easy way to help schools buy the items they need.

Back in June, donations to Laundry for the Lord were collected. Together we collected \$401.55. That is enough for almost 60 loads of laundry to be done by grateful neighbors of our community. Thank you for your generous donations!



## Youth Report

As I look back on this year where has the time gone? It's time for Sunday School and youth activities to start back up. I'd like to thank all the volunteers that come out for the Sunday School classes and Sunday night activities.

Sunday school started on Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday night activities will start back on Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup>. I'm looking forward to another great year with the St. Andrews youth.

Please invite any youth from your community or family. If anyone has any questions they can contact me via cell phone 856-524-6999 or my email address [cwoods@icloud.com](mailto:cwoods@icloud.com).

### Proverbs 22:6

*"Start **children** off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."*

## Sunday Night Activity Schedule October 2018

Remember the time Change

5:30-7:30

Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup> – Dinner(provided), Go Bags & Individual Group Overview

Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup> – Movie Night – Pot Luck Dinner

All groups – God's Not Dead (popcorn provided)

Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup> - Fall Hayride (we're bringing it back)

Location and time TBD.....

Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>- Dinner Pot Luck – Group Breakout

Come out and join us. Enjoy food, fellowship and Fun times with the God's Word! All are welcome.

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### Recipe For Go Bags.

Place all ingredients in a clear 1 gal Ziplock bag.

1 single serving microwavable meal (Chef Boyardee is terrific)

1 cup of fruit (Dole or applesauce is fine, no specific brand is required)

1 granola type bar

2 packs of cheese/peanut butter crackers mix match could also be cookies

1 juice box

Napkin fork/spoon (depending on meal type)

Serve to a cold homeless person to warm the heart.

NEC is currently at a critical shortage of Go Bags. Use your social media. Host a Go Bag Party.

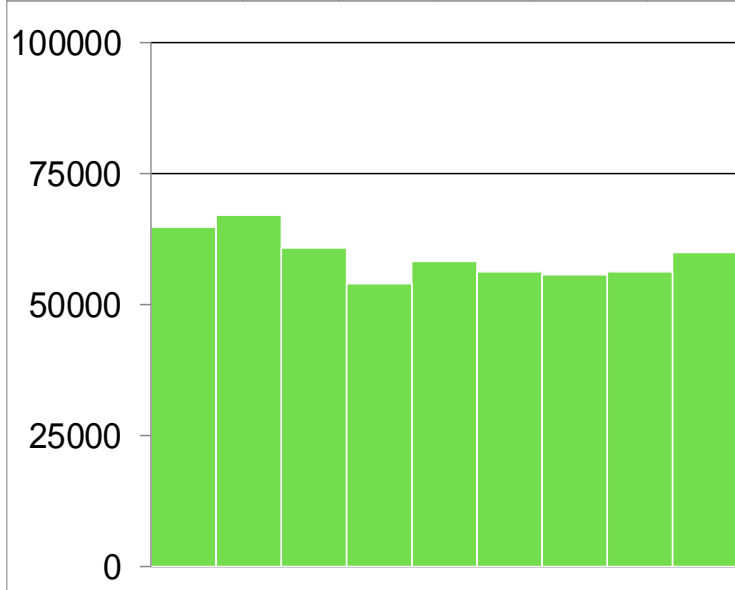
Drop off to Newark Empowerment Center 69 E Main St., Newark, DE 19711 any afternoon from 1-4.

## DOLLARS AND SENSE - THE BOTTOM LINE

In August, St. Andrew's received \$9,423.49. That amount is \$2,569.74 less than the \$11,993.23 budgeted for the month. We spent \$7,347.95 in August. That is \$6,651.65 less than the budgeted expenses. There was one large expenditure. The third \$961 quarterly payment for our insurance package was paid. All other expenses were the usual amounts. August was the first month we did not have pastor's salary and benefits to pay. We will have to pay a minimum amount per month to Board of Pensions for a vacant pulpit. BOP has not billed us for that yet. When they do, it will be for August 1 forward. The surplus for the month was \$2,075.54. The deficit for the year is \$10,692.29.

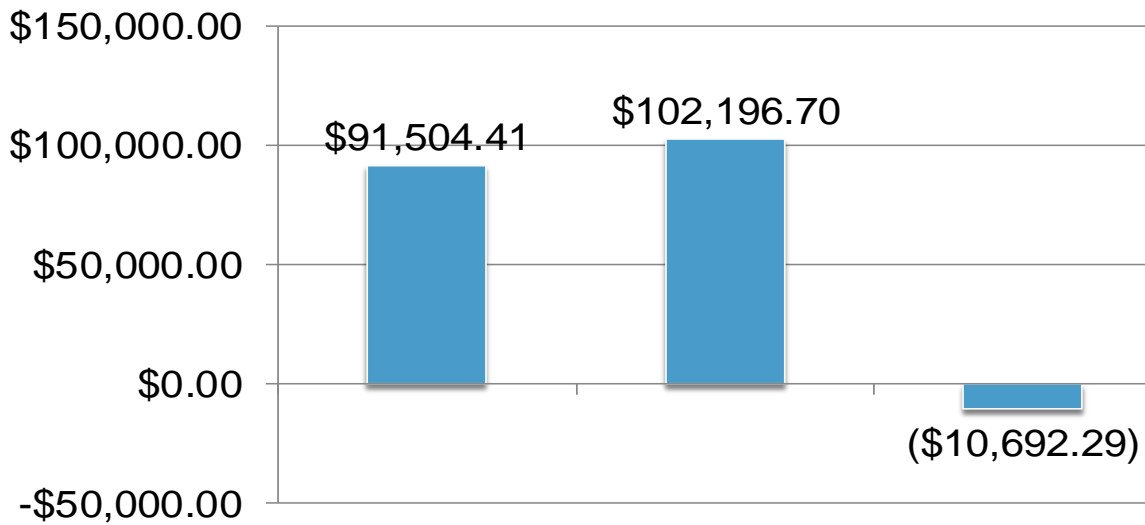
In August, St. Andrew's' reserve funds increased \$3,668.86 to a total of \$60,029.10. Year to date, our reserve funds have decreased \$4,623.21. At that rate our current reserves would last 45 months, until about May 2022. There will be some savings depending upon when the new pastor is called and installed and the new pastor's compensation package. How long our reserves last will depend on that and the performance of our investments.

<b>FUNDS IN RESERVE 2018</b>													
	1/1/18	1/31/18	2/28/18	3/31/18	4/30/18	5/31/18	6/30/18	7/31/18	8/31/18	9/30/18	10/31/18	11/30/18	12/31/18
<b>FUNDS IN RESERVE</b>	\$64,652.31	\$67,107.11	\$60,856.70	\$54,000.99	\$58,183.96	\$56,171.85	\$55,807.81	\$56,360.24	\$60,029.10				
<b>+ / (-) MONTH TO MONTH</b>	N/A	\$2,454.80	(\$6,250.41)	(\$6,855.71)	\$4,182.97	(\$2,012.11)	(\$364.04)	\$552.43	\$3,668.86				
<b>+ / (-) SINCE 1/1/18</b>	N/A	\$2,454.80	(\$3,795.61)	(\$10,651.32)	(\$6,468.35)	(\$8,480.46)	(\$8,844.50)	(\$8,292.07)	(\$4,623.21)				



**ST. ANDREW'S AUGUST FINANCIAL POSITION - ACTUAL VS BUDGET**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL VS BUDGET</b>	<b>YTD INCOME</b>	<b>YTD BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL VS BUDGET</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	\$9,423.49	\$11,993.23	-\$2,569.74	\$91,504.41	\$95,945.84	-\$4,441.43
	<b>EXPENSE</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL VS BUDGET</b>	<b>YTD EXPENSE</b>	<b>YTD BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL VS BUDGET</b>
<b>PASTOR</b>	\$0.00	\$7,274.99	-\$7,274.99	\$49,769.99	\$58,199.92	-\$8,429.93
<b>STAFF</b>	\$4,533.60	\$3,983.57	\$550.03	\$32,468.80	\$31,868.56	\$600.24
<b>PROGRAM</b>	\$46.95	\$291.65	-\$244.70	\$1,123.16	\$2,333.20	-\$1,210.04
<b>BLDG GRDS</b>	\$2,767.40	\$2,181.14	\$586.26	\$17,225.25	\$17,449.12	-\$223.87
<b>PER CAPITA</b>	\$0.00	\$268.25	-\$268.25	\$1,609.50	\$2,146.00	-\$536.50
<b>MISSIONS</b>	\$0.00	\$83.33	-\$83.33	\$0.00	\$666.64	-\$666.64
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	\$7,347.95	\$14,082.93	-\$6,651.65	\$102,196.70	\$112,663.44	-\$10,466.74
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	\$2,075.54	(\$2,089.70)		(\$10,692.29)	(\$16,717.60)	



The Friendship House Clothing Bank (formerly Clothing Bank of Delaware) provides free good quality clothing to our NEC and Code Purple clients. Clients can fill out a clothing request at NEC for specific size and type of clothing. The request is submitted, and a bag is filled at the Clothing Bank and sent back to Newark. Obviously, this depends on a good supply of used clothing. Danielle will be collecting clothing for this program. Please make sure that all clothing is ready to wear. It must be clean, no stains, no rips or tears, all zippers and buttons must be functional. The Clothing Bank has a pretty high standard. It works best if clothing is in large trash bags without hangers. Shoes must be in good condition and they should be fastened together as pairs. All donations can be brought to the church and left in the Narthex or office. We will periodically need volunteers to help transport clothing to Wilmington. See Danielle if you are interested in helping with this project.

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- 1 - Brenda Saulsbury
- 3 - Cindy Arnold
- 4 - Kascha Coleman
- 5 - Mikey Guns, III
- 10 - Myrtle Arnold
- 11 - Wayne Wright
- 13 - Grant Hardy
- 15 - Bowen Atangcho
- 16 - Delphine Ndifor
- 18 - Joanne Rager
- 22 - Caleb Coleman
- 24 - H. Ronald Mann
- 24 - Cliff Wood, Sr.
- 25 - Jasyah Cooper
- 27 - Liza Tabali

	1	2	3 KCOS 7:30PM	4 Morning Circle 10AM Praise Band Rehearsal 6PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM	5	6 
<p>7 Blended Service w/ Communion Deacon's Meeting 11:00 AM Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study 5:30 PM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rev. Jim Herrington</p>	8 	9	10 KCOS 7:30PM	11 Praise Band Rehearsal 6PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM	12	13 
<p>14 Blended Service 10:00 AM Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM Session Meeting 4:00 PM Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study 5:30 PM</p> <p>Guest Preacher: Pastor Debra Trevino</p>	15 Beacon Deadline	16 Esther Circle 7PM 	17 KCOS 7:30PM	18 Praise Band Rehearsal 6PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM	19	20 
<p>21 Blended Service 10:00 AM Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study 5:30 PM</p> <p>Guest Preacher: Rev. Lyle Dykstra</p>	22	23	24 KCOS 7:30PM 	25 Praise Band Rehearsal 6PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM	26	27 
<p>28 Blended Service 10:00 AM Church of Service Worship 12:30 PM Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study 5:30 PM</p> <p>Guest Preacher: Rev. Nona Holy</p>	29  Hope Dining Room 11:00 AM	30	31 KCOS 7:30PM 			

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2018

2 Tuesday	PNC Meeting	6:00 p.m.
3 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
4 Thursday	World Animal Day	
	Morning Circle	10:00 a.m.
	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:00/7:00 p.m.
7 Sunday	World Communion Sunday	
	Blended Service w/ Communion	10:00 a.m.
	Youth Sunday/Food Collection Sunday	
	Deacon Meeting	11:00 a.m.
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study	5:30 p.m.
8 Monday	Columbus Day	
10 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
11 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
14 Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Session Meeting	4:00 p.m.
	Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study	5:30 p.m.
15 Monday	BEACON DEADLINE	
16 Tuesday	Boss's Day	
	Esther Circle	7:00 p.m.
17 Wednesday	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
18 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
21 Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study	5:30 p.m.
24 Wednesday	United Nations Day	
	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.
25 Thursday	Praise Band Rehearsal/Choir Rehearsal	6:30/7:00 p.m.
28 Sunday	Blended Service	10:00 a.m.
	Church of Service Worship	12:30 p.m.
	Sunday Night Dinner, Faith Club, Youth Group And Adult Bible Study	5:30 p.m.
29 Monday	Hope Dining Room	11:00 a.m.
31 Wednesday	Halloween	
	Church of Service	7:30 p.m.

**DID YOU KNOW??** Old linens such as blankets, sheets, pillow cases and towels can be used to line kennels at the SPCA. Please donate your old linens to the Stanton Shelter SPCA.

842<sup>nd</sup> Stated Meeting of New Castle Presbytery  
September 18, 2018

This meeting was held at Camp Pecometh, a Christian facility located along the Chester River along Maryland's Eastern Shore. It was preceded by a Retreat for the Pastors of New Castle Presbytery. The facilities are lovely and would be a great place for St. Andrew's to plan a day retreat sometime.

The consent agenda was passed and included the following items:

- 843<sup>rd</sup> Meeting will be held December 1, 2018 a 10AM at Presbyterian Church of the Covenant.
- 2019 meetings are scheduled for: 1/12/19 – Limestone PC; 3/2/19 – Hyatt Chesapeake Bay; 5/21/19 – First Presbyterian, Smyrna; 9/17/18 – Camp Pecometh (following Pastors Retreat Pending); 11/16/19 – First & Central.
- The 2019 Per Capita will be \$29.80. The \$ 0.80 increase comes from the General Assembly per capita.
- The 2016 and 2017 Consolidated Financial Statements and Independent Account's Review Report were found in order with accounting principles accepted in the USA.

2019 – First Reading of the NCP Budget projected \$1,235,488.00 in Income with the bulk of that coming from the Speer Trust investments. Expenses match Income. Ignite will have ~\$613,643 available for grants and other expenses.

Committee of Ministry: Elder Anne Gunn was commissioned for service to the Perryville congregation, part-time, effective July 1, 2018; Corresponding member Alison Halsey (Baltimore) will serve as part-time Interim Pastor consultant with Chestertown congregation. A Memorial Minute was held for Rev. Gary Baer (1942-2018).

A joint project with the Trustees and Committee on Ministers and Congregations was presented. It is a recommendation on providing care for congregations that may be nearing the end of congregational life. I am including this document for review by the Session and the congregation.

The second reading of the revised New Castle Presbytery Manual was presented and approved by Presbytery. A copy can be found on the Presbytery website.

The Administrative Commission for Makemie Memorial was dissolved and they are in the process of searching for a new pastor.

The Covenants with the Interfaith Peacemaker – Rev. Tom Davis and Mission Advocate -Terry Dykstra were reaffirmed.

An Administrative Commission for Beaver Dam and Pitts Creek (currently yoked congregations) was appointed.

Ignite report: Spark Grants - \$5000 given to each congregation for mission. Two churches reported how they were using their grant: Chesapeake City used \$1000 between 2 schools to provide supplies for nurses and educational materials for teachers. Ocean View is using their funds to purchase 3 solar panels for the university in Costa Rica and funds to a small church in Tres Rios to help feed children in need.

Invitation to Partnership grants may be found in the attached report.

Committee on Representation and Nomination presented their slate of candidates. All were approved. See the attached list. If anyone is interested in serving on any of the committees or areas of the Presbytery please contact Penny Lindell who is serving as chair.

Martha Reisner, Church Consultant for the Board of Pensions was introduced. Answers to questions may be found on the Board of Pensions website.

Worship with the Lord's Supper was held. Instead of coming forward to receive Communion, each table had a piece of bread and a cup of wine and we served each other. Rev. Dr. John Paderson gave the sermon based on Christ's words on the cross "I Thirst".

A delicious hot meal was served buffet style by the staff at Pecometh.

Meeting adjourned with prayer on time!



## **Ignite 2018 Invitation to Partnership Responses**

**In the fall of 2018, the Ignite Team of New Castle Presbytery has decided to fund 17 projects out of the over 20 applications we received. Other applicants received a “not yet”, and Ignite will work with these projects to discern next steps.**

### **Development Grants                      \$33,000**

*The Ignite Team sees potential in all of these grants and wants to talk more about how to develop these projects so that we may invest greater resources in them on behalf of the Presbytery.*

- Westminster Rehoboth & Cool Springs/ Low Income Housing                      \$20,000  
-Partnering with the West Rehoboth Community Land Trust, Westminster Presbyterian Church Rehoboth will work to help provide affordable housing in Sussex County.
- First Presbyterian Church Chesapeake City/                      \$5,000  
- Partnering with Chesapeake Ecumenical Association, First Presbyterian Church Chesapeake City seeks to create a Generation Station Youth Center, a place for youth and families of southern Cecil County to gather and find community.
- First Presbyterian Church of Delaware City/ Community Harmony                      \$3,000  
-Partnering with other surrounding churches, First Presbyterian Church of Delaware City will work to form a community choir, integrating members of the community and enriching their lives through music in order to make spaces for relationship and transformation.
- Presbyterian Church of Dover/ Restoring Central Dover                      \$5,000  
-Partnering with the National Council on Agricultural Life and Labor Research Fund, LLC, the Presbyterian Church of Dover will work to form a new coalition called Restoring Central Dover: Igniting the Faith Community that will work to pair faith communities with the needs of the surrounding area. This grant will serve as seed money for further exploration as to how this Coalition can serve the community.

### **Launch Grants                                      \$125,446**

*Ignite received some invitations that describe a new partnership that is ready to launch. They've done the research and nurtured the relationships. The firewood is laid, the partners are committed, and the resources are in place to fan the spark into flame - so these invitations are receiving a Launch Grant.*

- Elkton Presbyterian Church/Youth Empowerment Source                      \$18,000  
-Partnering with Youth Empowerment Source, Elkton Presbyterian Church will work to provide educational opportunities, support the needs of the clients of YES, and explore ways to deepen their relationship with this community organization.
- Community Presbyterian Church/Café Church Model                      \$49,340  
-Partnering with local organizations, Community Presbyterian Church plans to provide a “coffee house” type space in which to facilitate workshops, fellowship and education for the community.
- First & Central Presbyterian Church/ The Corner Table                      \$8,106  
-Partnering with People’s Place and the Delaware Adolescent Programs, INC, The Corner Table will work to provide opportunities for young people who are in the foster system to learn how to shop and prepare healthy meals for themselves and their families.
- Riverfront Church/Café Grace                      \$50,000  
-Partnering with Grace United Methodist Church and Friendship House, Riverfront Church seeks to create a space for hospitality, outreach, and Sabbath in Christ’s name through a café employing persons from vulnerable populations.

**Growth Grants \$169,873**

*Some groups came to Ignite with an existing mission/ministry that they want to take to another level or in an expanded direction. They have demonstrated the efficacy of what they've been doing and are ready to build on an existing foundation. These projects are receiving a Growth Grant.*

- Community Presbyterian Church/ Community Eats \$12,500  
-Pairing with Nemours/Al DuPont Hospital for Children, this project will provide food for children and youth in the local community, encouraging hospitality and fellowship.
- Community Presbyterian Church/Community Reads \$10,373  
-Pairing with the Delta Education Outreach Center and the Rosehill Community Center, this project seeks to create a space in which children learn to read and find a new passion for learning.
- Presbyterian Church of the Covenant/"Foundations for Success" \$20,000  
- Partnering with EDGE for Tomorrow, LLC and Mount Pleasant Community Partnership, Belleve Center and Edgemoor Revitalization Cooperative, this project seeks to support early childhood education and after-school programs for low-income community members.
- Hanover Presbyterian Church/ Ministry Support 9<sup>th</sup> Ward Interfaith Coalition \$9,000  
-Partnering with other local churches, Hanover Presbyterian Church seeks continuing support for the work of the 9<sup>th</sup> Ward Interfaith Coalition to explore new ways to positively impact their community.
- Riverfront Church (a 1001 New Worshipping Community, a validated ministry supported by New Castle Presbytery)/Worship \$17,000  
- Along with several ecumenical partners including Grace United Methodist Church, Riverfront Church in Wilmington is a place of imaginative and creative worship that is public and accessible for seekers and church-goers alike, sourcing its leadership and musicians from the local community.
- Oceanview Presbyterian Church /Community Access for the Handicapped \$6,000  
-Partnering with the Milford Housing Development Corporation, this project works to provide housing accessibility for persons with mobility challenges.
- Westminster Presbyterian Church/Refugee Integration Support Effort \$20,000  
-Partnering with Red Clay Presbyterian Church, Congregation Beth Shalom and other local organizations, this project works with the Refugee Resettlement Programs, providing housing, resources, and other tools to help these families integrate into society.
- Guatemala Partnership of New Castle Presbytery \$60,000  
- This partnership, supported by many of the churches in New Castle Presbytery, will augment their existing ministry with Presbyterians in Guatemala and to do the work of inviting more congregations to become partners and foster a missional learning community.
- New Castle Presbytery- Congo Partnership \$15,000  
- Grant funds allocated to this existing partnership will serve a catalyst to encourage imagination and increased collaborative work between churches in our presbytery and in the Congo.

**Total Ignite Missional Ministry Grants for 2018 \$328,319**

## NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY

9/18/2018

### CARING FOR CONGREGATIONS

A recommendation on providing care for congregations that may be nearing the end of congregational life.

In 2015 the Presbytery Council convened a task group to bring a recommendation to the Council for establishing a structure to (1) identify congregations likely to require presbytery support either for preservation/maintenance of physical facilities or for congregational sustainment and (2) develop a principled, proactive response that recognizes congregational needs but also fits within other priorities for the use of presbytery funds and people. The task group brought its report to the Council, which adopted the report's recommendations in December 2015.

The presbytery's Committee on Ministers and Congregations, and Trustees and Financial Resources Committee have studied the report and present the following recommendations for consideration and further action.

#### *Biblical Reference*

#### **Ecclesiastes 3** Common English Bible (CEB)

There's a season for everything

and a time for every matter under the heavens:

- <sup>2</sup> a time for giving birth and a time for dying,
- a time for planting and a time for uprooting what was planted,
- <sup>3</sup> a time for killing and a time for healing,
- a time for tearing down and a time for building up,
- <sup>4</sup> a time for crying and a time for laughing,
- a time for mourning and a time for dancing,
- <sup>5</sup> a time for throwing stones and a time for gathering stones,
- a time for embracing and a time for avoiding embraces,
- <sup>6</sup> a time for searching and a time for losing,
- a time for keeping and a time for throwing away,
- <sup>7</sup> a time for tearing and a time for repairing,
- a time for keeping silent and a time for speaking,
- <sup>8</sup> a time for loving and a time for hating,
- a time for war and a time for peace.

#### *Theological Reference (from the Book of Order)*

#### *F-1.0301 The Church Is the Body of Christ*

The Church is the body of Christ<sup>s</sup>. Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body. The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world (1 Cor. 12:27–28):

The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.

The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things. The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation.

The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.

The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.

### *F-1.0302 The Marks of the Church*

#### **d. *The Apostolicity of the Church***

Apostolicity is God's gift to the Church in Jesus Christ. In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, God sends the Church into the world to share the gospel of God's redemption of all things and people.

Because in Christ the Church is apostolic, it strives to proclaim this gospel faithfully. The Church receives the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ through the testimony of those whom Christ sent, both those whom we call apostles and those whom Christ has called throughout the long history of the Church. The Church has been and is even now sent into the world by Jesus Christ to bear that testimony to others. The Church bears witness in word and work that in Christ the new creation has begun, and that God who creates life also frees those in bondage, forgives sin, reconciles brokenness, makes all things new, and is still at work in the world.

To be members of the body of Christ is to be sent out to pursue the mission of God and to participate in God's new creation, God's kingdom drawing the present into itself. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) affirms the Gospel of Jesus Christ as received from the prophets and apostles, and stands in continuity with God's mission through the ages.

The Church strives to be faithful to the good news it has received and accountable to the standards of the confessions. The Church seeks to present the claims of Jesus Christ, leading persons to repentance, acceptance of Christ alone as Savior and Lord, and new life as his disciples.

The Church is sent to be Christ's faithful evangelist:

- making disciples of all nations in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- sharing with others a deep life of worship, prayer, fellowship, and service; and
- participating in God's mission to care for the needs of the sick, poor, and lonely; to free people from sin, suffering, and oppression; and to establish Christ's just, loving, and peaceable rule in the world.

#### ***Polity Reference***

"The presbytery is responsible for the government of the church throughout its district, and for assisting and supporting the witness of congregations to the sovereign activity of God in the world, so that all congregations become communities of faith, hope, love, and witness." Book of Order, G-3.0301.

"The presbytery has responsibility and power to provide that the Word of God may be truly preached and heard. This responsibility shall include organizing, receiving, merging, dismissing, and dissolving congregations in consultation with their members." Book of Order, G-3.0301a.

"Presbytery...has a particular responsibility to coordinate, guide, encourage, support, and resource the work of its congregations for the most effective witness to the broader community. In order to accomplish this responsibility, the presbytery has authority to...control the location of new congregations and of congregations desiring to move, as well as to divide, dismiss, or dissolve congregations in consultation with their members." Book of Order, G-3.0303b.

### **Recommendations**

*First level – review.* The presbytery's Committee on Ministers and Congregations, and Trustees and Financial Resources Committee, working with the Connectional Presbyter, will co-operate in conducting reviews of congregations. These reviews will seek to identify congregations which may require attention or resources, either for the preservation or maintenance of physical facilities or for congregational sustainment. The Committees may, but need not, request participation from other presbytery committees or individuals.

In conducting reviews, the Committees will consider the following attributes or characteristics:

- Decrease, or serious consideration of a decrease, in the level of pastoral service.
- Absence of a minister of Word and Sacrament to provide pastoral care and leadership for the congregation
- Inability to satisfy presbytery minimum compensation standards or to provide regular cost of living increases for pastor and church staff.
- Decrease, or lack of participation in ministry to the surrounding community.
- A request for reduction of per capita or withholding of per capita
- Serious consideration of dissolution of shared pastoral ministry with another congregation
- A known need for significant building repairs or maintenance
- Failure to participate in life of the presbytery, including by attending presbytery meetings
- A history of involvement with the Committee on Ministers and Congregations or the Trustees and Financial Resources Committee indicating persistent congregational distress
- Substantial decrease in membership
- Substantial decrease in attendance
- Substantial decrease in members' contributions
- Substantial decrease in benevolent contributions, including Presbyterian missions
- Repeated failures to complete and submit required statistical information

This list is not intended to be exhaustive and the Committees may consider other factors as they feel appropriate. In all situations, however, the Committees will make and preserve adequate records of their considerations.

***Second level – response.*** If the Committees determine that a congregation may require attention or support, either for the preservation or maintenance of physical facilities or for congregational sustainment, representatives will meet with the pastor (or moderator of Session) and the Session for discussion and to obtain further information, where appropriate. The Committees will then take one or of the following steps:

1. No immediate action
2. Hold for possible future action
3. Initiate a plan with remedial steps including but not limited to the following:
  - a. Development of training for session
  - b. Joint visit between COM and Trustees to Session
  - c. Request for Administrative Commission
  - d. Consideration of a change in pastoral leadership
  - e. The use of evaluative tools such as North Star Strategies or Holy Cow Consulting
4. Initiate a plan for hospice care
  - a. Consultation with pastoral leadership, if present
  - b. Consultation with session, and possibly congregation
  - c. Appointment of Administrative Commission, if necessary
  - d. Checklist of building and closing concerns
  - e. Plan for pastoral care of members prior to and beyond dissolution of congregation.
  - f. Plan for celebration of ministry.  
(Liturgy for Vacating a Church Building and Dissolving a Congregation p. 550-555, Book of Common Worship.)

*Any congregation of the presbytery, whether or not concerns have been raised, may request the assistance of the presbytery in reviewing the health of its finances, leadership, facilities and mission. The moderator or clerk of session may contact the Connectional Presbyter or COMC to request assistance.*

**Report of Committee on Representation and Nominations  
To the 842nd Meeting of New Castle Presbytery  
September 18, 2018**

MODERATOR 2019

Dianne Deming, TE, Milford

A 1981 graduate of San Francisco Theological Seminary, Dianne has served churches in Colorado, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. She is currently Interim Pastor of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Milford and Vice-Moderator of New Castle Presbytery. Dianne and her husband, the Rev. Dr. Frank S. Deming, Jr. (Honorably Retired), have 2 adult sons and live in Milton, DE. In her spare time, Dianne enjoys quilting and playing the flute.

VICE-MODERATOR 2019

Charles Collier, RE, First Newark

Charlie is a retired Engineer from DuPont and has served a total of 19 years on the Sessions of Green Hill and First Newark, including 9 years as Clerk of Session at Newark. His involvement in New Castle Presbytery includes serving on Council for 8 years, on 3 Administrative Commissions, and on Balcony 1. Charlie was a Commissioner to the 2012 General Assembly, serving there as Chair of the 56-member 07 – Church Order and Ministry Committee.

ASSISTANT PRESBYTERY PARLIAMENTARIAN 2019

Laurie Hiller, TE, Seaford

ALTERNATE ASSISTANT PRESBYTERY PARLIAMENTARIAN 2019

Reid Beveridge, RE, Dover

Reid has served as Stated Clerk of National Capital and New Castle Presbyteries, as Moderator of New Castle Presbytery (2005) and as chair of Council in 2006-7. Currently a member of the Session of the Presbyterian Church of Dover, he attended General Assembly as stated clerk six times and as a Commissioner in 2006. Reid served as a member of the GA Stated Clerk Nominating Committee in 2011-12.

IGNITE:

Class of 2019	1 Terry Dougherty, TE, Ocean View
Class of 2020:	1 Edwin Estavez, TE, Riverfront (2)
	2 Charles Gilmore, TE, Hon. Ret. (2)
	3 Emma Horn, TE, First Newark (2)
	4 Hilary Livingston, TE, Head of Christiana (2)
	5 Winnie Wagner, RE, St. Andrews (2)
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Edwin Estevez is the Convening Minister of the Riverfront Church, a new worshipping community in Wilmington, DE, and a Pastor at Grace Church in Wilmington, which is supporting Riverfront Church in an ecumenical collaboration with the Presbytery of New Castle.

Charles Gilmore is an Honorably Retired (but quite busy!) minister member of Presbytery living in southern DE. Prior to retirement, he served on New York City Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. He currently serves on COMC.

Hilary Livingston is currently the pastor of Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church in Newark, DE. Hilary has been an ordained PCUSA minister since 2001 and has previously served congregations in southern Delaware and Pennsylvania.

Emma Horn is the Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Newark, DE and previously served on Presbytery Council.

Winnie Wagner is a lifelong Presbyterian who has served in various positions including Ruling Elder and Treasurer at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Moderator of Presbyterian Women in New Castle Presbytery, Moderator of New Castle Presbytery in 2017, and recently as a member of the Ignite Team.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS AND CONGREGATIONS

Class of 2020 1 Dick Baldwin, RE, Elkton (2) (4th year)

Class of 2021 1 Randy Clayton, TE, Red Clay (1)  
2 Kirk Dausman, TE, Rehoboth (1)  
3 Brad Martin, TE, Trinity (2)  
4 Dan McKenty, TE, Ocean City (1)  
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Dick Baldwin is retired, married with 4 grown children and 2 grandchildren. He has served 2 terms on the Session of Elkton Presbyterian Church and is in his fourth year of serving on COMC. Dick and his wife, an elementary school principal in Chester, PA, live in Locust Point, south of Elkton.

Randy Clayton, currently interim pastor at Red Clay, has served a variety of settings in both interim and installed positions. He has served on New Castle Presbytery's Committee on Ministry and on Council, was Chair of Speer Trust and served as Vice-Moderator. Randy returned to New Castle Presbytery this summer after serving a church in Baltimore where he was a member of that presbytery's Committee on Preparation.



Brad Martin has been a member of New Castle Presbytery since 1984. He and Barbara have been at Trinity for 27 years. He serves as co-chair of COMC. Brad is also the long-time Chaplain of the Wilmington Fire Department.

COMMITTEE ON LEADERSHIP

Class of 2021 1 Letha Hammon, Lay, Chestertown (1)  
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Letha had a 34 year career with DuPont in various marketing, sales, manufacturing management and project leadership positions. As manager of their Field Engineering Program, she led the hiring and development of early career engineers for DuPont. At Chestertown she serves on the flower and grounds committee and as a “money counter.” Letha and her husband enjoy the “wild life” around their home right off the Chesapeake Bay and traveling both in the U.S. and around the world.

TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Class of 2021 1 David Lovelace, TE, Lower Brandywine (2)  
2 Mark Olson, RE, First & Central (2)  
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David Lovelace is a retired US Army Logistician, having served for twenty years in the US Army Quartermaster Corps with a specialty in purchasing and contracting. He has two degrees in business-related fields and has served New Castle Presbytery by chairing several committees, moderating the Presbytery during 2002, and a prior, six-year stint on the Trustees. He has been the pastor of the Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church for the last eighteen years.

Mark Olson currently serves as a Presbytery Trustee, and previously served as a Trustee for a total of nine years. He has served as Vice Moderator, Moderator and chair of the Presbytery Council. Mark is a recently retired lawyer and is a member of the board of More Light Presbyterians.

RULING ELDER ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER (SYNOD)

Class of 2020 Lee Johnson, CRE, Manokin

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE OF SYNOD

Class of 2019 Mae Hall, RE, Community

Mae has been a Deacon and Ruling Elder at Community Presbyterian Church. She has served New Castle Presbytery on COM and Council.



**NEWARK SENIOR CENTER**  
*Celebrating Life After 50!*

September 10, 2018

Dear Community Partner:

I am writing to you today to ask for your help to increase awareness for the Meals on Wheels program at the Newark Senior Center. Meals on Wheels delivers hot, nutritional meals to homebound clients throughout the Newark area and is a wonderful resource for those who are struggling to maintain independence due to short term or long term disability. Beyond delivering food to those in need, Meals on Wheels provides an invaluable daily check-in by a caring volunteer, which can help provide peace of mind to families. Meals on Wheels is the only program that has been proven to keep people from being prematurely admitted into a long term care facility. Clients receive meals regardless of their ability to pay but are asked to make a donation based on income.

As a leader in our community, I know you come in contact with many people who may benefit from Meals on Wheels. In 2017, over 40,000 meals were delivered to clients in the Newark area. Please help us increase awareness of Meals on Wheels to enable individuals to continue to live independently in the community.

Meals on Wheels is offered 5 days per week. Meals include a hot entrée, bread, milk and fruit and are freshly made and nutritious. There is never a waitlist to receive a meal.

Stephanie Thomas serves as our Meals on Wheels Coordinator. She is assisted by a wonderful group of trained and caring volunteers. You can contact her using the information below.

Stephanie at 302-737-5747 or email [sthomas@newarkseniorcenter.com](mailto:sthomas@newarkseniorcenter.com).

The Newark Senior Center is very proud to be the first and only nationally accredited senior center in the state of Delaware. We want to be sure that people throughout our community are aware of this incredible resource.

Sincerely,



Carla Grygiel, Executive Director

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United Way of Delaware

# MEALS ON WHEELS

more than *just* a meal.

- **Meals on Wheels is the only program proven to keep people from being prematurely admitted into a long term care facility**
- **Suggested donation, based on income, allows clients to feel financial security**
- **Clients can receive meals for a short period while recovering from surgery or illness or for a longer period because of their inability to prepare their own meals**
- **Never a waitlist to receiving a meal**

*For more information about receiving meals or volunteering with the Meals on Wheels Program, Please contact Stefanie Thomas 302-737-5747*



Each day, volunteers deliver hot noontime meals to homebound clients throughout the greater Newark area. Clients are brought a freshly prepared, nutritious meal that includes a hot entrée, bread, milk and fruit. Just as important as the meal, is the daily check-in by a caring volunteer, often providing peace of mind to clients and their families.

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