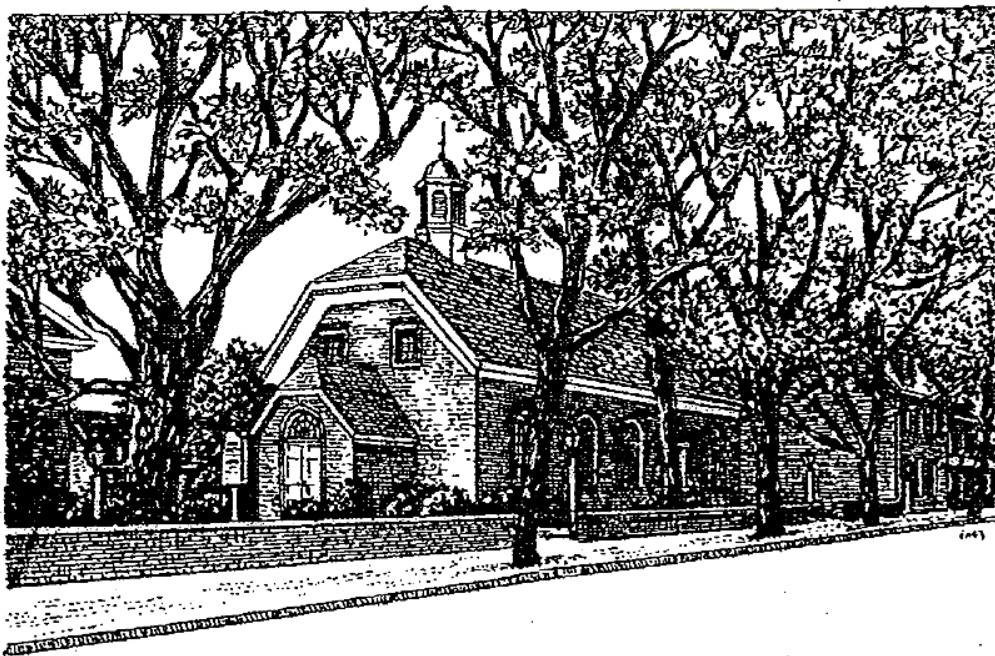


New Castle Presbyterian Church

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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

Our Mission

New Castle Presbyterian Church offers a nurturing and supportive church community where all are welcomed to join in prayer and song, study and service as all are called to demonstrate understanding, compassion, and acceptance.

By God's Spoken Word and Holy Spirit, we seek to live out the Gospel of the Risen Christ, as we grow spiritually, in strength, and with inclusiveness.

We worship God in simplicity and with clarity; we study God's Word to direct our lives; and we nurture the young and the searchers in our midst.

As a congregation and in cooperation with others, we engage in service and outreach with the local community and the world.

We work to feed, clothe, and shelter our brothers and sisters while sharing the selfless and forgiving love of Jesus Christ.

As we have been blessed, we seek to use all that we have to bless others with this good news of grace and joy.

Welcome to New Castle Presbyterian Church!

In person and via livestream, we gather as a faith community, seeking and serving the God we know in Jesus Christ. May this worship service remind you that you are God's own and that together we are called to live out God's way of love, justice and peace.

A little help - Please see an usher to receive any assistance, including a seat cushion.

Nametags – We encourage everyone to use the nametags available in the Meeting House entrance during worship and coffee hour. Please return to their box in Fellowship Hall.

Restrooms are located in the Education Building, at the far end of the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School and Nursery will be offered today. Children begin in worship; worship bags are available at the entrance. Following the Scripture Conversation, babies through four-year-olds may go to nursery; children age Kindergarten through 5th grade may go to Sunday School. Please see an usher for a registration form or if you have any questions.

At the end of worship, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

Worship “code”: * = please stand if able **bold** = all speak together

Gentle Reminders:

Please turn off all cell phones.

Parking spaces on 2nd Street are for
handicapped parking only.

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm
Pastor Miriam's day of rest is Monday.

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com or Fran Ginger, 302-994-5988 silverfran@aol.com

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James Boyle

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Honolulu HI 96826

New Castle Presbyterian Church

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 11, 2026

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

The Church's One Foundation

arr. Stan Pethel

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Welcome & Words about The Life and Work of the Church

Greeting of Peace

As Jesus greeted his disciples, so let us greet one another:

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Please wave at your neighbors and extend Christ's greeting, "Peace be with you".

Steeple Bell

Choral Introit

Call to Worship (*inspired by Psalm 139*)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

In our baptism, God claims us and names us Beloved.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up.

In our baptism, Christ joins us to himself and to one another.

You search out my path and are acquainted with all my ways.

In our baptism, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon us.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; lead me in the way everlasting.

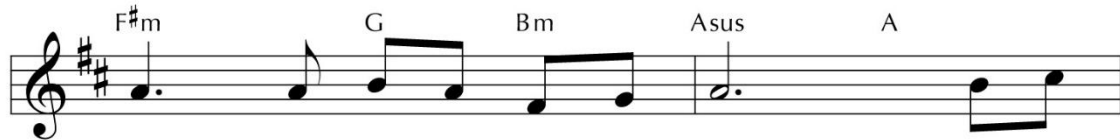
Let us remember our baptism and give thanks to God!

*Hymn #29

O God, You Search Me



1 O God, you search me and you know me. All my
 2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis -
 3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have
 4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me, still I
 5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me, gave me



thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I
 cern my pur - pose from a - far, and with
 known its mean - ing through and through. You are
 search for shel - ter from your light. There is
 life with - in my moth - er's womb. For the



walk or lie down you are be - fore me: ev - er the
 love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me: in ev - ery
 with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing: God of my
 no - where on earth I can es - cape you: e - ven the
 won - der of who I am, I praise you: safe in your



mak - er and keep - er of my days.
 mo - ment of life or death, you are.
 pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.
 dark - ness is ra - dian - t in your sight.
 hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Psalm 139 is one of the most introspective and most intimate of all the psalms, showing an acute mindfulness of God's presence in all aspects of one's life. Sometimes resisted, this omnipresence ultimately becomes a ground of hope, a promise that we never stray beyond God's care.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you claim us and call us. You support us and uphold us. You save us and free us from our sin. When we slip into old habits, worshipping idols that have claimed our hearts, forgive us. Meet us at the water again, that we might know who we are and whose we are... (Time for silent prayer.)

Assurance of Pardon

Let us proclaim the Good News together:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

***Response #582**

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. (sing 3x)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Choral Anthem

Down to The River to Pray arr. by Sheldon Curry

Bethany Faiz – Piano / Minerva Lermond - Soloist

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way. O sisters, let's go down, come on down to the river to pray. As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the robe and crown. Good Lord, show me the way. O brothers,... O fathers,... O mothers,... O sinners, let's go down to the river to pray.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Jesus, Beloved Son of God, all that you ask of us, you first did yourself. Help us to follow in your way, serving others and receiving help when needed. When we struggle to love our enemies as our neighbors, remind us of our baptism and your endless fount of grace. Living Word, unite our hearts as one, so that in hearing your words, we would carry out your work of love. Amen.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Circling Back

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

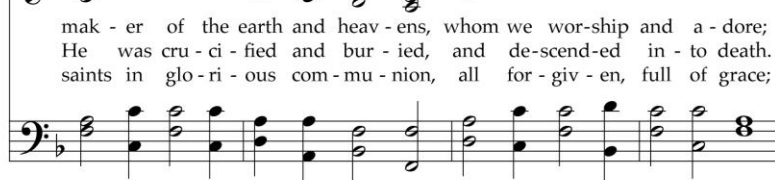

*Hymn #481

I Believe in God the Father

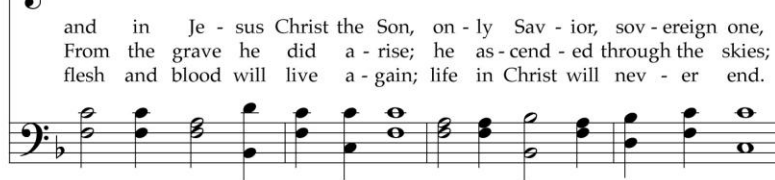


1 I be-lieve in God the Fa-ther, mer-ci-ful and might-y Lord,
2 Un-der Pi-late, Je-sus suf-fered, faith-ful to his fi-nal breath.
3 I be-lieve in God the Spir-it, and the church in ev-ery place;



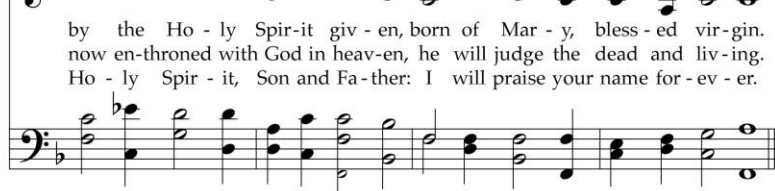

mak-er of the earth and heav-ens, whom we wor-ship and a-dore;
He was cru-ci-fied and bur-ied, and de-scend-ed in-to death.
saints in glo-ri-ous com-mu-nion, all for-giv-en, full of grace;

and in Je-sus Christ the Son, on-ly Sav-ior, sov-ereign one,
From the grave he did a-rise; he as-cend-ed through the skies;
flesh and blood will live a-gain; life in Christ will nev-er end.

by the Ho-ly Spir-it giv-en, born of Mar-y, bless-ed vir-gin.
now en-throned with God in heav-en, he will judge the dead and liv-ing.
Ho-ly Spir-it, Son and Fa-ther: I will praise your name for-ev-er.



This text is a 21st-century metrical paraphrase of the Apostles' Creed (in the manner of Calvin's Strasbourg liturgy). Its connections with Reformed tradition are further strengthened by being set to the tune created for Psalm 42 in the 1551 Genevan Psalter (see also no. 87).

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine

arr. Cindy Berry

***Response #607**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore.

Praise triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy One, in the waters of the Jordan, you claimed Jesus as your beloved Son. Send your Holy Spirit to bless these gifts of our lives and offerings, that your grace would renew and restore your creation. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,

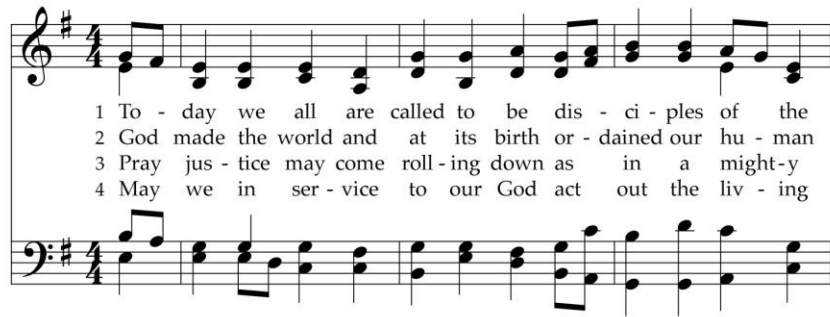
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

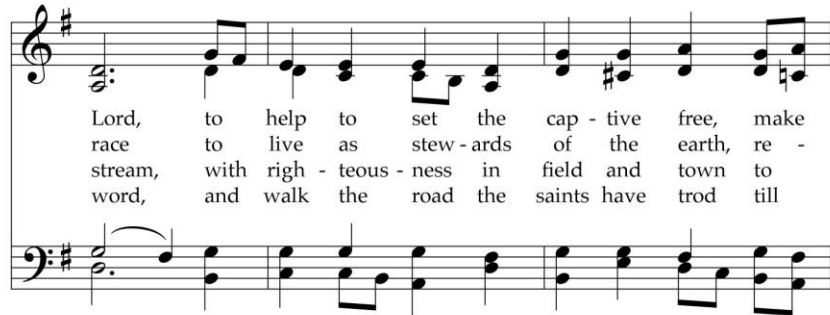
GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #757

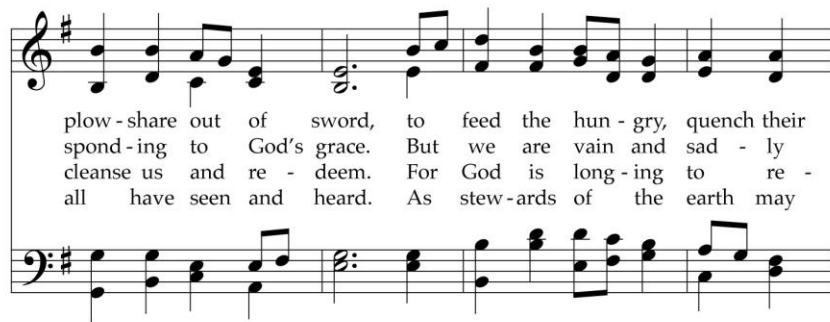
Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



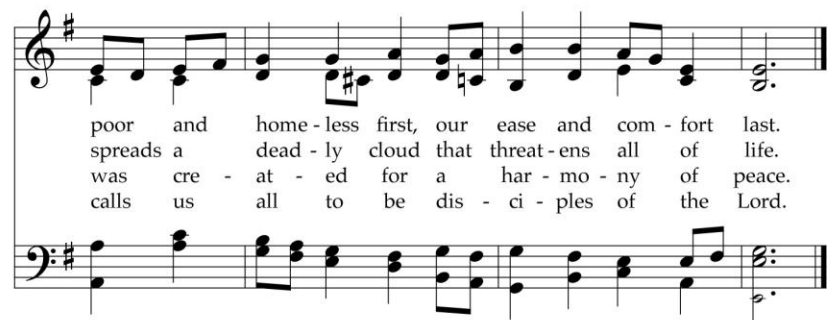
Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who



poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

Choral Benediction
Steeple Bell
Postlude

O Zion, Haste
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Cindy Berry

Please remain seated through the Postlude. As you exit, you may recycle your bulletin in the basket at the door. Join us after worship for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.

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Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Jane Fouracre
Ushers: Toni Marley
Nursery: Kim Beebe/Molly Shaw

Coffee Hour: Session + Youth Group
Counters: Chris Fagles/Kelly McCurdy
Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Lynn Smith

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

William Knowles
1913 - 1973

Gladys Starling Gordon
1907 - 2006



EPIPHANY STAR WORDS

In this season of Epiphany, we celebrate God's light – from the star that guided the Magi to the bright dawning of God's self-revelation in Jesus. Our modern Star Word practice is an invitation to consider how God is still calling us to follow Christ. Whatever word you draw (even if it doesn't seem like a good fit!), you're invited to keep it on hand during this year and prayerfully consider how God is comforting, challenging, or calling you through this star word.

NCPC YOUTH GROUP - TODAY

NCPC's Youth Group for Middle and High Schoolers meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Today, our youth will help offer Coffee Hour as a fundraiser for our Confirmation Retreat. (Come learn more about this event and support our youth!) From 12-2, we'll kick off our Confirmation series (open to all youth!). For more information and to RSVP, reach out to Pastor Miriam

STOVE PROJECT

Thank you all for your generous donations during Advent for the Association's [fuel-efficient stove project](#). Your gifts have ensured that we can keep this project going for another two years, surpassing our goal. AMAZING! This means that more families will save time and money, their health will improve, trees will not be cut down, and the five workers who make and deliver the stoves will have secure employment for another 24 months. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously!

NCPC GRIEF GROUP

Sign up for a four-week grief group led by Teisha Fooks, a licensed clinical social worker. Meetings will be Monday afternoons at 1:30 from January 12 through February 2. Cost is \$50 for the series. To sign up or for more information, contact Teisha at (302)883-7167.

COMPASSION IN ACTION - JANUARY 18

During coffee hour, NCPC member Toni Marley will present on *Compassion in Action*, sharing resources from her experience as a Hospice Social Worker. She will provide resources how to provide comfort, dignity, and emotional support for loved ones during life's final stages. We'll have information available about hospice, community programs, counseling, and tools available to guide families and ease the caregiving path.

JANUARY ALL-AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us on January 25 for a Valentine's Day Card-Writing project led by the Christian Education and Congregational Life Committees. You'll get to design or write a card to send to members of our church family who are at home for various reason. We will supply materials, envelopes, addresses, and a variety of Bible verses about God's amazing love. (And NCPC will mail the cards!) Please plan to stay and put your creative skills in full gear as we send love to our members who we might not have seen in a while!

NEW MEMBERS GATHERING - JAN 25

Are you a recent new member or interested in learning more about becoming a member of NCPC? Join members of the Congregational Life Committee during Coffee hour on Sunday, January 25! We'll share more about the ministry and mission of NCPC and also have time to connect with one another in Christ's love. RSVP to Gina Kouma at ina.kouma@gmail.com.

WINTER SANCTUARY CLOTHING DRIVE & POP-UP DONATION SHOP

Winter Sanctuary is a program that First & Central Presbyterian Church has provided for more than 30 years. Every Saturday morning from 6 am to 10 am, November to March, First & Central opens its doors to those experiencing homelessness. In Dec 2026, the number of guests welcomed on a Saturday morning has risen to more than 150. In addition to warm drinks, breakfast foods and a freshly baked treat, the volunteer crew provides 25-30 showers and fulfills more than 70 requests for clothing or toiletries each week. Keeping the shelves stocked is a challenge; here's how you can help:

- 1. Donate Gently Used Winter Clothing:** causal, cold weather clothing including jeans, khaki pants, sweatpants, long sleeved shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, coats, boots, sneakers, and comfortable shoes.
- 2. Purchase from Our Amazon Wish List:** Items can be purchased from our [Shower Services Amazon Wish List](#). Items purchased will be shipped directly to First & Central.
- 3. Sign up to Volunteer:** It takes 15-20 volunteers to make Winter Sanctuary happen every Saturday, and we're always looking to welcome more volunteers.



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

Sign up to usher and serve as worship leader: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

This Week's Schedule

| | | | |
|------------------|--------------|--------------------|--|
| SUNDAY | 01/11 | 10:30am | In-Person & Live Stream Worship |
| | | 11:30am | Coffee Hour – Youth Group |
| | | 12:00pm | Deacon's Meeting |
| Monday | 01/12 | | Meals on Wheels |
| | | 1:30pm | Grief Group |
| | | 2:00-5:00pm | Private Counseling – Library |
| Tuesday | 01/13 | | Meals on Wheels |
| | | 7:00pm | Session Meeting |
| | | 7:00pm | Promises of AA Meeting |
| Wednesday | 01/14 | | Meals on Wheels |
| | | 2:00-5:00pm | Private Counseling – Library |
| | | 3:00pm | Bible Study |
| | | 6:00pm | Mission & Outreach via Zoom |
| | | 7:30pm | Choir |
| Thursday | 01/15 | | Meals on Wheels |
| | | 7:00pm | Celebration Ringers |
| Friday | 01/16 | | Meals on Wheels |
| Saturday | 01/17 | 8:00am | Tai Chi |
| SUNDAY | 01/18 | 10:30am | In-Person & Live Stream Worship |
| | | 11:30am | Coffee Hour / Compassion in Action |
| | | 6:00pm | Community Open Mic Nite |

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Bethany Faiz, Accompanist

SESSION

| 2026 | 2027 | 2028 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Cynthia Beam | Julie Barry | Jennifer Dunham |
| Peter McCurdy | Sarah McCann | Chris Fagles |
| Ray Snyder | Amy Selheimer | Gina Kouma |
| Clerk of Session: Scott Selheimer | | |

Session meets the 1st Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

| 2026 | 2027 | 2028 |
|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Lindy Ballance | Julia Spock | Mary Anne Brundage |
| Liz Toto | Beverly Stoudt | Teisha Fooks |
| | | Nan Wallace |

Deacons meet the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

| 2026 | 2027 | 2028 |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Mary Fontinha | Gary Graham | Marshall Freund |
| Gail Seitz | Kelly McCurdy | Mike Smith |

Trustees meet the 3rd Monday every other month (Sept/Nov/Jan/Mar/May)

