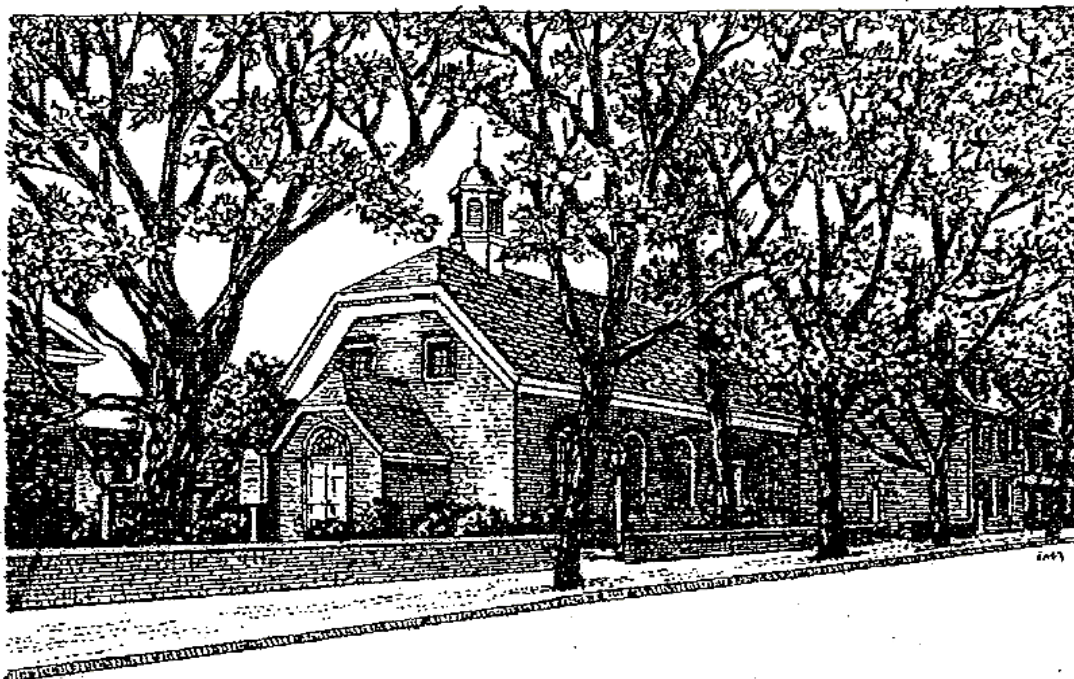


# New Castle Presbyterian Church

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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!**

Whether you are worshiping with us in-person or joining via livestream, we gather today as a community of faith, 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.

### **For folks joining us for in-person worship,**

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

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

**Children are always welcome in worship!** Worship Bags and children's bulletins are available at the back of the Meeting House. If your family needs to step out of the Meeting House for a time, there is a livestream feed and "pray ground" in the Fellowship Hall.

**At the end of worship**, please join us for sidewalk Coffee Hour on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**Worship "code":** \* = please stand if able    **bold** = all speak together

### **Gentle Reminders:**

Please turn off all cell phones.

Parking spaces on 2nd Street in front of the Meeting House are for handicapped parking only.

Please put your bulletins in the blue recycle can at the door as you leave – we recycle!

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Pastor Miriam's day of rest is on Mondays.

**New Castle Presbyterian Church  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 30, 2023

10:30 a.m.

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

Contemplation  
(from "Shepherd Songs")  
Carolyn Hendrix - Cello  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

by Joel Raney

**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**

**Call to Worship** (from Psalm 105:1-6)

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's  
deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to God, sing praises to God; tell of all God's wonderful works.**

Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord  
rejoice.

**Seek the Lord and God's strength; seek God's presence  
continually.**

Remember the wonderful works God has done, God's miracles, and the  
judgments God uttered, O offspring of God's servant Abraham,  
children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

**\*Hymn #401**

**Here in this Place**



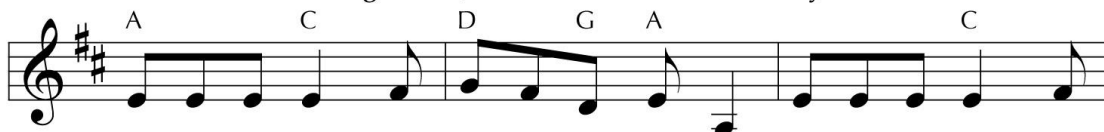
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of mystery, God of life, we imagine that we are capable judges of power and wisdom and goodness. We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize; we mark the performance of others. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, forgive us and transform our withered imaginations until we yield the judgments we trust to a love we cannot control. Amen.**

*(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

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Spirit of life, we do not know how to pray as we ought. Meet us in words written, in words spoken; intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, until we shine with the hope that is hidden in our hearts, for we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**Scripture Lesson**

**Romans 8:26-39**

**Page: NT 158**

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes\* with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God,\* who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit\* intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.\*

<sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for good\* for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.\* <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

<sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.\* <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

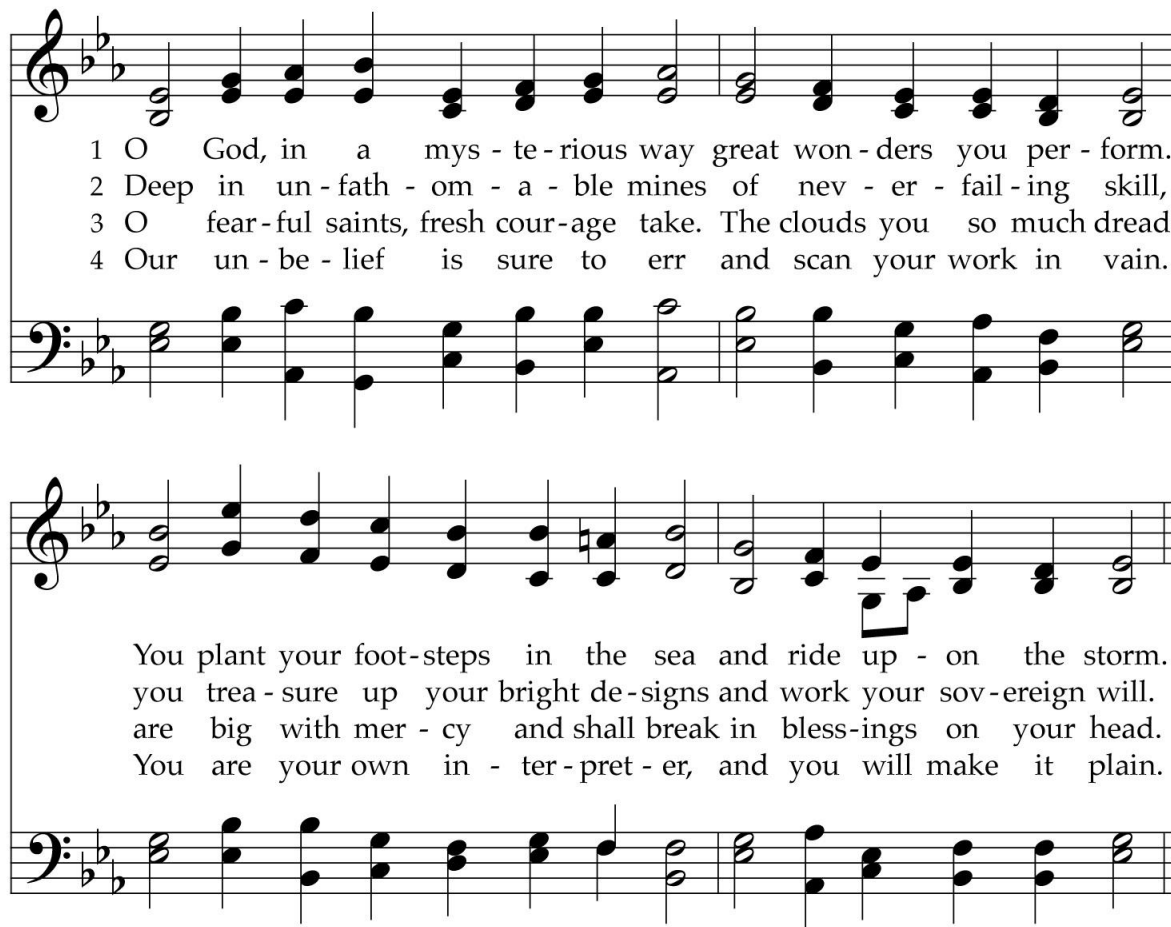
# Scripture Conversation with Children

Sermon

*“Got Your Back”*

\*Hymn #30

O God, in a Mysterious Way



The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O God, in a Mysterious Way". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 O God, in a mys - te - rious way great won - ders you per - form.  
2 Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines of nev - er - fail - ing skill,  
3 O fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take. The clouds you so much dread  
4 Our un - be - lief is sure to err and scan your work in vain.

You plant your foot - steps in the sea and ride up - on the storm.  
you trea - sure up your bright de - signs and work your sov - ereign will.  
are big with mer - cy and shall break in bless - ings on your head.  
You are your own in - ter - pret - er, and you will make it plain.

This classic text gains renewed energy and focus from its recasting here: despite our fear and confusion, we can trust that God's providential purposes will eventually be revealed. In its original source the tune printed here is one of twelve not assigned to a specific hymn.

TEXT: William Cowper, 1773, alt.  
MUSIC: Scottish Psalter, 1615

DUNDEE  
CM  
(alternate harmonization, 45)

# GIVE THANKS TO GOD

## **Offerings of Tithes and Gifts**

Offertory

Jesus Is Tenderly Calling  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

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**

**Joyful Spirit, your loving hands are always creating freedom, seeking release, and offering fresh starts! Open us to humbly receive your loving care. Help us to care for all living things with gentleness and compassion. Make our hearts smile and our actions sing with your promise of abundance toward the whole world. 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 #846

## Fight the Good Fight

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.  
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.  
4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.  
lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.  
God's bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide.  
God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Life with its way be - fore us lies;  
Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove  
On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.  
that Christ is all in all to thee.

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1-2).

## **\*Charge and Benediction**

### **Steeple Bell**

#### **Postlude**

O How I Love Jesus  
Bethany Faiz - Piano

arr. Joel Raney

*Please remain seated through the Postlude.  
As you exit, you may recycle your bulletin in the basket at the door.*

#### ***Thank you for serving today:***

Worship Leader: Carol Mayhew      Counters: Greg Fogarty & Dan Dunson  
Ushers: Amy & Scott Selheimer  
Pastor: Rev. William Hathaway

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

***Richard M. Appleby***  
***1895-1973***

***Jaqueline Hinsley***  
***1920-2011***



## **CHILDREN IN WORSHIP**

Nursery Care and Sunday School are on hiatus over the summer. Children are welcome to remain in the Meeting House during worship. (Worship bags and children's bulletins are available in the Narthex.) If families need to step out during worship, a "pray ground" and livestream are available in the Fellowship Hall.



## **SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP**

We are in need of **ushers** and **worship leaders** in the coming months. Take a moment [to sign up](#) today!

## **COMPASSION CAMP VBS WRAP-UP**

Many thanks to all our participants and volunteers for a wonderful VBS last Sunday! We learned, we sang, we played, and we rejoiced together in God's compassion. We raised over \$475 for our compassion project: the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware. There's still time to donate via cash or check to NCPC with a note that it's for the VBS offering.

## **SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION - DENISON**

The sympathy of the congregation surrounds the loved ones of Beverly Denison, who died to this life at the age of 80, on June 27. Bev married her husband, Rod, at NCPC in 2011, and she joined our congregation in 2012. Following a 10 a.m. visitation, a Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held on August 5 at 11 a.m. in the Meeting House.

## **NCPC SUMMER BOOK STUDY**

Help us wrap up this past year's theme of storytelling and dive into deeper discussion of what evangelism (sharing of the good news) looks like today! Check out Yaconelli's *Between the Listening and the Telling*\* this summer, and join Pastor Miriam for discussion and lunch at noon on Thursday, August 24, at Connie Reese's house. All are welcome! Please RSVP to Pastor Miriam by August 20. \*Copies are available through the library.

## **LGBTQIA+ TASK FORCE**

While June is formally the month of Pride, our call to love all of God's children is year-long! Members of New Castle Presbytery are organizing a "Covenant Conversation" event to support the people and congregations of our presbytery as we seek to become more authentic and creative in our welcome, affirmation and support of LGBTQIA+ people. The date has been set for Saturday, November 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church of Dover. If you are interested in being a part of planning for the event or wish to learn more about participating, please contact the [office](#).

## **FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH - FALL RETREAT 2023**

Come enjoy and worship in God's beautiful creation with NCPC at [Pecometh Camp](#) from Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 24. (Join us for part of the time or the whole weekend; read the brochure for more details!) Congregational Life has reserved space for tent camping, a pavilion for group meals, and worship space for Sunday morning. Cabins and nearby hotels are available for personal reservation too!

RSVP ASAP by filling out this form:

<https://forms.gle/ywMXhBo9fgeDnvH97>.

## **SEAMAN'S CENTER – CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

For those of us who love a good off-season bargain, it's never too early to be shopping for the Seamen's Center Christmas at Sea! Hats, glove, scarves and socks are always needed and personal items for the ditty boxes like combs, toothbrushes, deodorant, lotion, shaving cream, etc. can be dropped off in the box in the CE entryway any time.

## **MENTORING THIS FALL – A CHILD NEEDS YOU**

Our mentoring program with local schools was put on hold during the pandemic, but we're gearing up to get started again this fall. Creative Mentoring provides the needed training for you to make a difference in a child's life. Mentoring involves only half an hour to an hour once a week with a child who may be in need of only a caring adult to listen, play games, talk to or help with school work or organizational skills. This is not tutoring, it's more of an opportunity for a child to connect with a caring adult.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, email Candy Dunson - [ddunson2@aol.com](mailto:ddunson2@aol.com).

## **JOIN A NCPC COMMITTEE THIS FALL**

NCPC's Session has five committees – Christian Education, Congregational Life, Mission and Outreach, Resource Development, and Worship. They consist of Elders and congregational volunteers who oversee much of our church's ministry. Reach out to Clerk of Session Scott Selheimer or Pastor Miriam to learn more and connect with a committee chair!

## **Prayer List:**

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook, 302-328-7346 [suzieflook@hotmail.com](mailto:suzieflook@hotmail.com)

## ***Continuing Care Homes / Hospitals:***

### ***Joan Smith***

Kentmere Rehab & HC  
1900 Lovering Avenue  
Wilmington, DE 19806

### ***Rod Denison***

Kent General  
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Dover, DE 19901

## ***At Home:***

### ***Kathy Griffin-Graham***

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New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 324-9944

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Cokesbury  
HealthCare Rm 2006  
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### ***George Spock***

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PCS 851 P.O. Box 11620  
FPO AR, 09834

## ***On Assignment with the Air Force:***

### ***James Boyle***

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JBPHH, HI 96860

***This Week's Schedule***

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>07/30</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship Guest Preacher Bill Hathaway</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Sidewalk Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>08/01</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Officer Training via Zoom</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>08/05</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Tai Chi</b>
		<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Memorial Service Beverly Denison</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>08/06</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>In-Person &amp; Live Stream Worship &amp; Communion</b>
		<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Sidewalk Coffee Hour</b>
		<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>“Youngish” Women Gathering</b>

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**Kris Krawczyk, Admin. Assistant**

**Eileen Larkin, Dir. of Music**

**Dan Knox, Treasurer**

**Minerva Lermond, Dir. of Handbells**

**Shirley Knox, Recording Secretary**

**Bethany Faiz, Accompanist**

## SESSION

2023	2024	2025
Candy Dunson	Rob Barry	Melissa Boris
Steve Martin	Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham
Beverly Stoudt	Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese
Jim Whisman	Scott Selheimer	

*Session meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month*

## DEACONS

2023	2024	2025
Lindy Ballance	Susan Fogarty	Toni Marley
Liz Toto	Julia Spock	Janet Spring
Conchita Showell	Sandy Wilson	

*Deacons meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month (except in April it will be April 2)*

## TRUSTEES

2023	2024	2025
Dan Dunson	Lyn Briggs	Marshall Freund
Mary Fontinha	Gary Graham	Mike Smith
Gail Seitz	Barbara Whisman	

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

