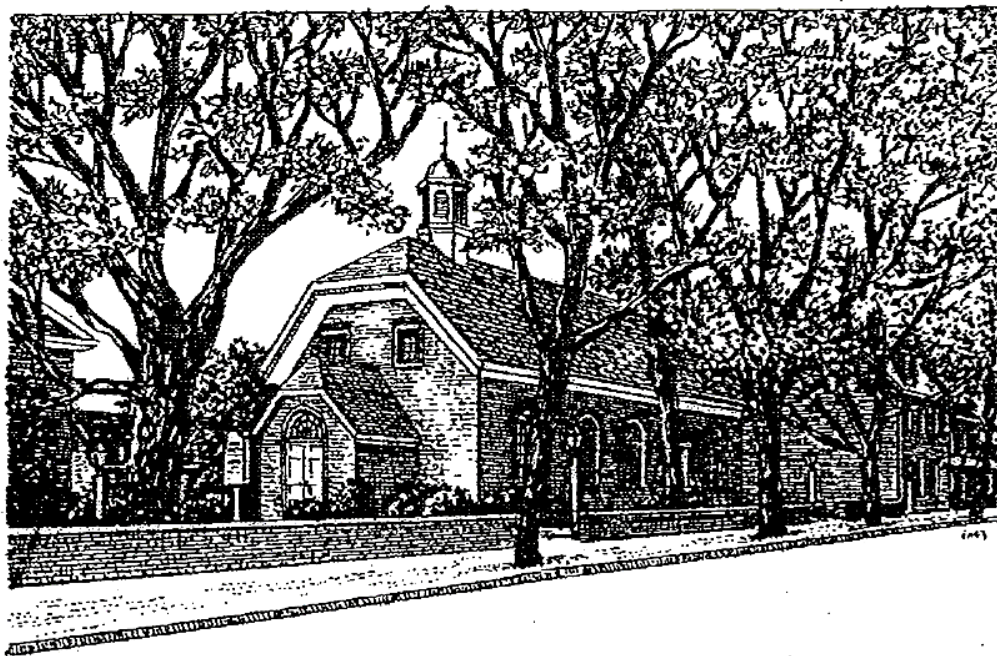


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New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

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.

Sunday School and Nursery will be offered today. Children are invited to 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. All children must have an information form on file. Please see an usher for a copy of the form or if you have any questions. 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 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 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
Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! arr. Douglas E. Wagner
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 (*from Psalm 23*)

Come to the green meadows and flowing streams!

God prepares a place for us to rest.

How glorious is God's presence!

How excellent is this dwelling place.

Under the eyes of God's care, we turn to God in joy.

Our good shepherd provides for all our needs.

Let us listen to the sound of our shepherd's voice!

Let us praise the living God!

***Hymn #247**

Now the Green Blade Rises

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain;

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Although there were some traditional Easter carols, this hybrid one has been created by grafting a 20th-century English text onto a late 15th-century French tune. The allegory of the dying and rising grain as a parallel for Christ's Resurrection is probably based on John 12:24.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we are your people, the sheep of your pasture. You gather us as your flock and teach us the way of righteousness. But our sheepish ways trip us up again and again.

When wolves come, we scatter in fear instead of working together. When our leaders struggle to have courage, we give into apathy and spitefulness. When we hear the good shepherd's voice calling the flock, sometimes it's easier to just pretend we didn't hear.

Forgive us our sheepish ways, and gather us back together in your grace. Hear us, we pray... *(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 #240

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Anthem

Gentle Shepherd

by Molly Ijames

Bethany Faiz - Piano

Gentle Shepherd, lead us onward: we have need of nothing more; by still waters, through green pastures, You our weary souls restore. Gentle Shepherd, for Your glory, guide us safely to our home, with Your staff to draw us closer when our hearts begin to roam. Gentle Shepherd, when we wander through the valley of despair, and darkness overwhelms us, You are ever watching there. Gentle Shepherd, Voice of Comfort, calling through the night and cold, with Your rod of sweet correction, turn Your sheep back to the fold. Gentle Shepherd oh what mercy! You became the sacrifice, laid Your life down in submission when no lamb could pay the price. Gentle Shepherd, interceding, leading us through righteous ways, till we reach the upper pasture, where we'll live for endless days.

Scripture Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Providing God, in our journey of faithfulness, we graze in the pastures you lead us to each day. As we move along, our steps may seem aimless, yet you keep watch and never leave. When we are tired, you prepare for us a table. When we are thirsty, your cup of goodness and mercy overflows. When we are lost, you seek us out. And oh, how our hearts leap when you call to us, for we know your voice and feel your love. Dearest God, may your staff of righteousness guide our hearts and minds this day. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

John 10:11-18

Page: NT 103

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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


Sermon

“Woolly Faith”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Hymn #187**


Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us



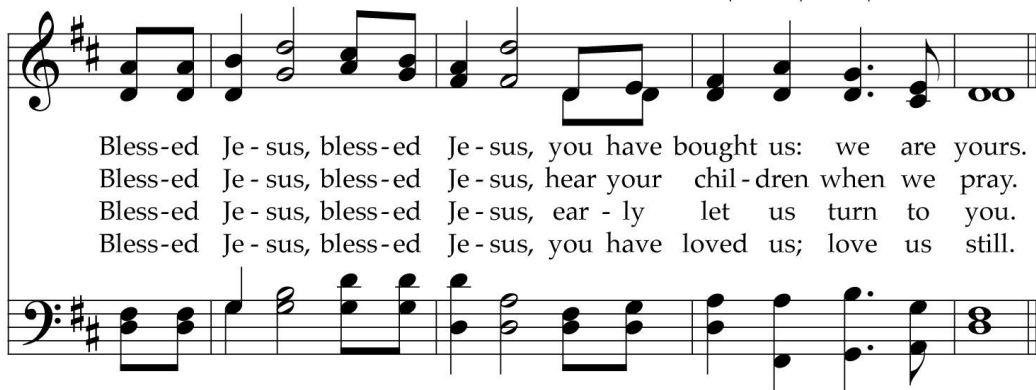
1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

Offerings of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Lloyd Larson

Bethany Faiz - Piano

***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**

Triune God, we love you with our whole heart, mind, body, and strength. As you have laid down your life for your sheep, may we lay down our lives for others. Accept these offerings of praise from our lips and these gifts from our hands. Bless our giving that all of your children would know your loving care. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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

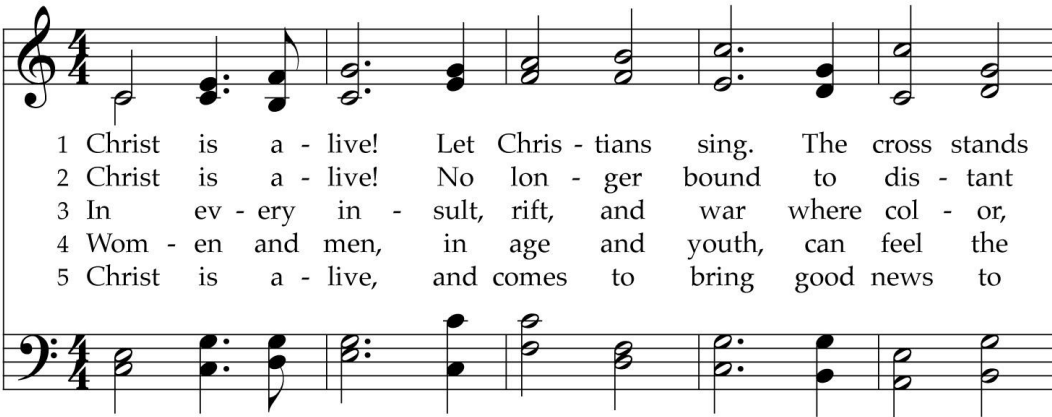
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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.

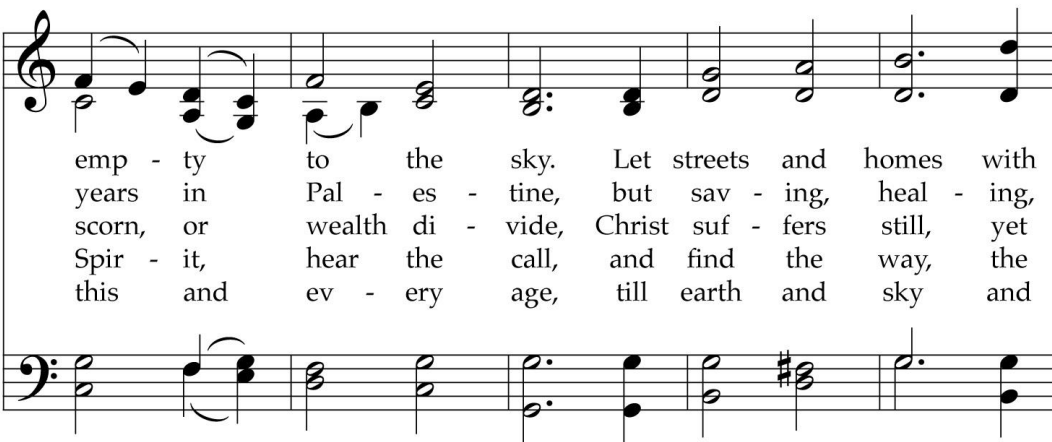
GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn #246

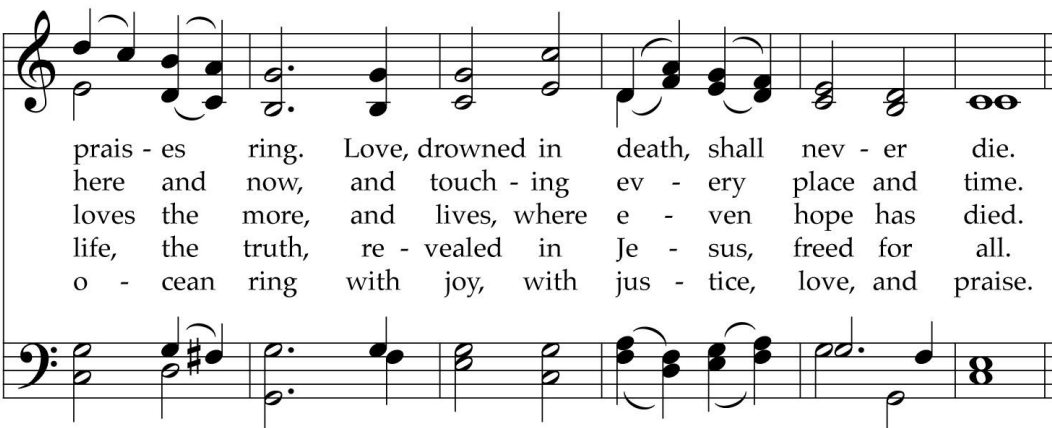
Christ Is Alive!



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Benediction

Steeple Bell

Postlude

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

arr. Lloyd Larson

Bethany Faiz - Piano

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

Thank you for serving today:

Worship Leader: Mary Fontinha

Counters: Scott Selheimer/Mike Smith

Ushers: Ringo Keka & Mark Rappold

Coffee Hour: Lindy Ballance

Nursery: Kim Beebe/Lynn Smith

Sunday School: Mallory Mackie/Chris Fagles

Today we remember in the Special Gifts Memorial Case:

Louise D. Parisano
1899-1986

Jean Swanson
1928-2019



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER ON A SUNDAY MORNING

We are in need of ushers and worship leaders in April and May. Please sign up today: <https://www.newcastlepreschurch.org/on-line-signups>

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Our slate of Deacons and Trustees is coming together! However, we are still looking for Elders. Terms are for three years and begin in September. Session meets on the first Tuesday at 7 p.m.; committee meetings are flexible. Reach out to a member of the committee if interested: Melissa Boris, Peter McCurdy, Jennifer Dunham, Julia Spock, Pat Taylor, Julie Barry, and Lyn Briggs.

SECOND STREET COFFEEHOUSE – TONIGHT

Join us for the next Acoustic Open Mic Night tonight, from 6:30-8:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The \$3 admission goes to support Friendship House; for more information, check out our newsletter.

BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTOR – BACK ON MAY 1

No Bible Study this week; we'll resume on Wednesday, May 1 at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the upcoming Sunday's Scripture.

GIFTS OF LOVE UPDATE

So far in 2024, we have contributed \$2,400.00 to the St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Peter's church. Donations through the white envelopes help our neighbors pay the rent, medical bills, car repairs, or utility bills. We also donate food items for the St Peter's food pantry. While all items are appreciated, mayonnaise, jelly and powdered milk are really needed at this time.

Thank you NCPC for being such good neighbors.

MUSIC TO MOVE YOU – APRIL 28



The Delaware Women's Chorus, under the direction of Joanne Ward is thrilled to be back to NCPC. DWC will present a choral program entitled "Songs for a Better World" on Sunday, April 28th at 3:00 pm. This free program of thought-provoking music features a wide variety of musical styles which offer hope, wonder, and determination.

NCPC MEN'S GROUP – APRIL 29

NCPC is starting up a fellowship group for men to grow in their Christian faith and also be encouraged as they juggle work, family and community responsibilities, and so much more. So come be a part of a new thing! Meet at The Legend for food/ beverages on Monday, April 29 at 7 p.m. RSVP to Steven Foltz – (206)953-6490.



YOUNG-ISH WOMEN'S GATHERING – MAY 5

Our fellowship group for women between the ages of ~25 and 50 will gather next on Sunday, May 5 from 12-2pm. Let Pastor Miriam know if you're able to attend or would like to be included on the list for future gatherings. Childcare will be available!

NEW MEMBERS GATHERING – MAY 11

Anyone considering joining NCPC - or- liking what they observe and wanting to learn more is encouraged to meet other newbies on Saturday, May 11 from 3 to 5. Join members of the Congregational Life committee at the Fogarty's house on 2nd Street; contact Greg Fogarty to RSVP - gregorymfogarty@gmail.com.

EMMANUEL DINING ROOM BROWNIES



Brownie mixes for Emmanuel Dining Hall are available in the entryway to the CE Building. Please return on or before Monday, May 6.

OGHS FISH BANK REPORT



Through your generous contributions, we raised \$1,049 for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering! These funds make a difference in people's lives by addressing issues of hunger, thirst, refugee assistance, education, and disaster recovery efforts around the world. Thank you for sharing Christ's love through these fish banks!

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE – SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

NCPC's Mission & Outreach Committee works closely with Friendship House and the Clothing Bank each year. Thanks to our generous congregation, hundreds of clothing donations are made each year to the Clothing Bank through our Fall Clothing Drive and Undie Sunday underwear drive in February. This May and June, we have the opportunity to donate to one of the greatest needs: School uniforms.

There are few resources for school uniform items like polo shirts and khaki/navy pants when families can't afford to buy them, but many schools in Delaware require them. This can place a burden on students and families as they strive to excel academically. In 2023, the Clothing Bank was able to provide over 10,000 uniform items to 18 public schools in Delaware. Their plan is to expand their reach incrementally until they are eventually serving the entire state.

NCPC can be a part of this effort, and it's so easy, you don't even have to leave your computer. We are asking NCPC members to make online donations during the months of May and June to help this worthwhile cause.

Donations can be made online through the Friendship Clothing Bank website at: <https://www.friendshiphousedel.org/delaware-homeless/our-programs/clothing-bank/school-uniform-initiative/>

Go to the right side of the page and select from three different donation registries (Target, Amazon, and French Toast). Clothing items will then be delivered directly to the Clothing Bank. Thank you for assisting with this great cause.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Selheimer at selheime@udel.edu or 302-368-8639.

Prayer List:

To place a name on the confidential Prayer Chain, contact Susan Flook,
302-328-7346 suzieflook@hotmail.com

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Coral Springs Healthcare Ctr.
505 Greenbank Rd., Room C7
Wilmington, DE 19808

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New Castle Nursing & Rehab
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New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-2580

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This Week's Schedule

SUNDAY	04/21	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		6:30pm	Community Open Mic Night
Monday	04/22		Meals on Wheels
Tuesday	04/23		Meals on Wheels
Wednesday	04/24		Meals on Wheels
		6:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting
		7:30pm	Choir
Thursday	04/25		Meals on Wheels
		7:00pm	Celebration Ringers
Friday	04/26		Meals on Wheels
Saturday	04/27	8:00am	Tai Chi
SUNDAY	04/28	10:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship
		10:50am	Sunday School
		11:30am	Coffee Hour
		3:00pm	Delaware Women's Concert

Pastor Miriam will be out of the office Monday, 4/22 – Sunday, 4/28 for Continuing Education.

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SESSION

2024	2025	2026
Rob Barry	Melissa Boris	Cynthia Beam
Chris Fagles	Jennifer Dunham	Peter McCurdy
Greg Fogarty	Connie Reese	OPEN
Scott Selheimer		

Session meets the 1st Tuesday of the month

DEACONS

2024	2025	2026
Susan Fogarty	Toni Marley	Lindy Ballance
Julia Spock	Janet Spring	Liz Toto
Sandy Wilson		

Deacons meet the 2nd Sunday of the month

TRUSTEES

2024	2025	2026
Lyn Briggs	Marshall Freund	Mary Fontinha
Gary Graham	Mike Smith	Gail Seitz
Barbara Whisman		

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

