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JUNE 2019

From Your Pastor

Dear Friends,

As we look towards Memorial Day, we are reminded of how blessed we are to live in this country, and of those who have stood in harm's way to secure our freedom. Of course, one of the freedoms we enjoy is the freedom to worship. And what a gift it is to worship at NSPC!

We give thanks for the faithfulness of our Director of Music, Ting Ting Wong, and our bell choir, chancel choir, and quartet who provided wonderful choral and instrumental music during our program year. Under Ting Ting's leadership, two special music Sundays were offered and enjoyed by our members and visitors, as well as our outstanding music that augments our worship every Sunday.

We also give thanks for Sara Boninu, our Director of Youth and Family Ministry, and for her ministry to our young people. Her children and youth programs have reached out to both members and visiting youth, offering an opportunity for more and more children to learn about Jesus Christ. In addition, both Sara and Nancy Gingras oversee our Sunday school program, and we are grateful for our Sunday school teachers and for all of the students who attended our Lighthouse Landing Sunday school during the school year. Your faithful support of our children and youth programming is bearing much fruit!

And we give thanks for Heather Impriano, our Office Administrator, who keeps everything organized and on time. I am so grateful for her ability to juggle multiple tasks behind the scenes and do it with a smile. I know we all find Heather to be a wonderful addition to our staff!

And now as we turn towards summer, we look forward to a Vacation Bible School program that has reached its maximum capacity, and a summer program of ministry and mission for our children, youth, and families. In addition, I will be leading Confirmation classes for students finishing 7th grade. If you have any friends who might be interested in joining the classes, let me know!

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Sermons for the Month of June

Rev. Jeanne Thomas, Preaching

6/2—7th Sunday of Easter

1 Corinthians 10:23-30

"The Secret of Contentment"

Graduate Recognition / Communion



Summer Sermon Series Begins "Traveling Mercies"

6/9—Day of Pentecost

Romans 8:1-8

"Walking in the Spirit"

Student/Teacher Recognition
Church Picnic

6/16—Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8

"Walking with Our Triune God"

Father's Day

Summer Sunday School Begins

6/23—2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 18:1, 18:17-19

"Walking into Conflict"

6/30—3rd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 18:20-24

"Walking Through Life's Choices"

VBS Recognition

**Worship Service— 10:00 AM
Join Us!**

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The month of June will also be marked by celebration and recognition. We will celebrate the achievements of our high school, college, and grad school graduates on June 2. Then on June 9, we will recognize our Sunday school students and teachers, followed by an all-church picnic.

The ability to recognize, celebrate, and remember is a wonderful gift God has given us. In a flash, we can become a child again, sliding down a water slide at the picnic, or reliving our own graduation that may have occurred many years ago. Through memory, we can pay tribute to those who have gone before us, and continue to be faithful to the legacy they have left us.

Whether the memories are happy or sad, good or bad, they bless us and inform us as we head into the future. And they become woven into the new memories we make as we continue to live out faithful lives as Christ's disciples.

My hope and my prayer are that, as we celebrate our program year at NSPC and look forward to a slower pace this summer, we will also remember the God who continues to richly bless us with our church family, our friends, and our freedom...now and forever.

In Christ,
Jeanne

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Update From Your Building and Grounds Commission

Due to a most generous private donation, the steeple was painted in May. When entering the church, take a look up. The base was repainted white and the steeple itself was repainted gray. If you previously took note, there were some rust spots beginning to show through. We have also signed a contract to re-point the stone walls at each end of the nursery school wing. The pointing has gaps that are allowing water to get inside the building. If we do not address this, we will have moisture problems and a quick deterioration of these walls. Neither wall is within the boundaries impacted by Growing our Future modifications.

We've also had some tree work performed, removing a small dogwood that died and raising the elevation of maple trees in the lower level to make it safer for walking (or running) underneath. In addition, we've performed typical spring maintenance to our sprinkler system and air conditioning.

One note on conservation of NSPC's water, electricity and building security... We on Buildings and Grounds are very aware of the amount of water and the amount of electricity we consume and do spend some time reviewing usage and considering ways to save. Our request of the congregation is to continue to be diligent. If someone is the last person to leave, please make sure lights are turned off, thermostats are reset to the programmed schedule, and doors are locked. Please report any running water or other building concerns to a member of Buildings and Grounds. Taking ownership of our facilities will help us maintain them while keeping costs down.

~Jim Shea

Congratulations to Our Graduates and Their Families!!!



Congratulations to Michael Talento! Michael graduated from the New England Conservatory with a Masters degree in Music.

Congratulations to Lauren Gries! Lauren graduated from Penn State's College of Engineering with a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering and a minor in Spanish. She will be working at Zenith Technologies in Blue Bell as an automaton engineer.



Congratulations to Anna Lemaster! Anna is graduating from Marple Newtown High School and will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

Congratulations to Brent Villano! Brent is graduating from Marple Newtown High School and will be attending Villanova in the fall.



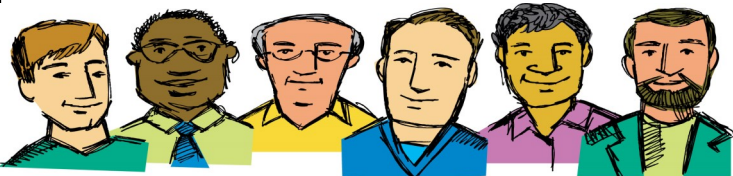
NSPC CARING FUND:

Did you know that NSPC has a Caring Fund? It is a fund used at the pastor's discretion to help congregation members in need. All checks written from the fund are confidential. The balance of the fund is now less than \$200. If you are able to contribute to help another member through a difficult time, please make your check payable to NSPC. In the memo section of the check, write "Caring Fund." Checks may be placed in the offering plate or taken to the church office.



Bear One Another's Burdens

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MEN'S GROUP

FOR MEN ONLY—FIRST WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

The next Men's Group meeting will be June 5th at 8 AM. Please join other men of the church for fellowship & discussion.

Music Ministry

Dear Friends,

What a year we have had here at NSPC! I can't believe summer is almost here...or here already! My gratitude to our NSPC family for a great 2018-19 Program Year.

As our summer season begins, let me share what music you can expect over next few weeks.



- On June 2nd, the Bell Choir will be playing "Blessed Assurance" for the offertory.
- On June 9th, which is the last Sunday of choir leading worship until Fall 2019, we will enjoy our *All Church Choir*. In addition, we will sing "The Music of Creation," celebrating this year! Please come! Also, the Junior Choir will be singing, "A Song of Praise."
- On June 16th, we will kick off the summer worship season with classical piano pieces.
- June 30th we will highlight some of the VBS participants who will be singing some of the songs they learned during the previous week.

Throughout the summer, I am hoping to enhance the worship services with varied music contributions. If any of you (YES, YOU!) would like to donate your musical talent, play a song or two during worship, or have ANY suggestions, please reach out to me!

The All Church Choir will continue as usual during the summer on the first Sunday in July (with a patriotic theme) and the second Sunday in August. Stay tuned!



Best,
Ting Ting
Director of Music





Where has the year gone?! I can't believe it's JUNE! We had a wonderful year, packed with fun and spiritual growth! All year, the youth met for Bible study and games at Youth Group. We had our final meeting on May 5th, where the students played wiffleball and learned how to be brave in the face of adversity. The following weekend, 15 youth met for our lock-in! Games, food, a devotion, a movie, and UNDERGROUND CHURCH made a fantastic night! I could not have pulled it off without my fantastic friend and NSPC member, Alexandra Adams, who chaperoned the evening!



Additionally, the pre-k through 5th graders in Kids' Group had a great time last month. They enjoyed an outdoor picnic, weeded our garden plot, and planted carrots, onions, peas, radishes, tomatoes, squash, strawberries, and peppers. All produce will be donated to a local food bank. Many thanks go to Frank Boninu for help with the project, Grant Snyder for donating tomato cages, Mary Burgess for donating strawberry plants, and John Wellington/Dan Schultz/Jen Hill for their gardening expertise!



BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE!

The children and youth will hold a car wash after worship on June 2nd. All donations will fund a summer field trip.

Afterward, the youth will enjoy a party during youth group!

~ Sara Boninu, Director of Children & Family Ministry





Church School Chatter

...from Christian Education



Summer Sunday School

The Summer Sunday School program will begin June 16 and continue through September 1. The class will be offered to children in pre-school through 5th grade.

Note: We ask that children in sixth grade and above attend the regular worship service with their parents.

**We need teachers to teach these summer classes. Even if you don't have children in the Church School, we would welcome you. Please volunteer for just one Sunday. All materials will be provided (depending on how crafty you want to be). Also, you may consider partnering up with a friend to teach.

~Nancy Gingras



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

June 24th-27th

The Hottest Week of the Summer!

Sing & Play Roar ~ Wild Bible Adventures

Stampede Sports ~ Hungry Herd Cafe

Imagination Station ~ Safari Celebration

Every day, our program will begin at 9:15 AM and conclude at 12:00 PM. A light snack will be provided by the church and is included in your \$30.00 donation per child.

We need Jr. Crew (completed 5th Grade and up) to guide the children from various locations. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping, please contact Sara Boninu (610-356-8063 ext. 13). If you love kids and are looking for a way to get involved in the church this summer, this is the perfect opportunity for you!



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Our mission project for Vacation Bible School is to collect items for Cradles to Crayons, an organization driven to make life better for children in need in our local community. Please consider donating any of the following items. Items can be new or gently used, unless otherwise specified. You may drop them off in Sara Boninu's office or bring them to our Trading Post during VBS!

Most Needed Items:

- Boys shorts (Sizes 7/8, 10/12, 14/16, 18/20)
- Underwear
- Tops (Sizes 18-24 m and 2T)
- Sneakers
- Nursery items (Infant bathtubs/baby carriers/diaper bags)

**Cradles
to Crayons
PHILADELPHIA**

What We Accept:

- Clothing (youth sizes 0-14/16 and adult sizes small)
- New socks & underwear
- New pajamas (except 0-24 months will be accepted in like-new condition)
- Shoes, boots, sneakers, and sandals (infant/child sizes 0-13 and adult sizes 1-9)
- Heavy coats, lightweight jackets, winter hats, gloves/mittens
- Books (baby board books through grade 6)
- New arts and crafts/new school supplies
- Baby supplies (baby carriers, diaper bags, tubs, etc.)
- Baby hygiene (infant washcloths, towels, shampoo, lotion, wipes, etc.)
- Infant bedding (bassinet and crib only)
- Diapers
- Baby equipment, especially strollers and car seats less than five years old
- New and like-new toys (no stuffed animals)
- New batteries

Mission News



Historically, each spring and summer, NSPC has helped with filling backpacks for the children served by theVillage. We are going to change it up this year. We would like to ask you to collect school supplies and donate them to the box in the coatroom. Backpacks are also welcome. We are just attempting to collect an abundance of something and it might happen with opening the collection to any school supplies.

You can also make a donation to theVillage for larger items. In the event you choose to do a donation, you may hand in a check to the church and in the memo area write "theVillage school supplies." Julie will then send the money and you will get credit.



Starting on the first Sunday of June, a box will be in the coatroom. Please put your donations in the box and let's see if we can make it overflow very soon.

Thank you,

NSPC Village Representatives:

Sue Bechtold and Ginny Berman



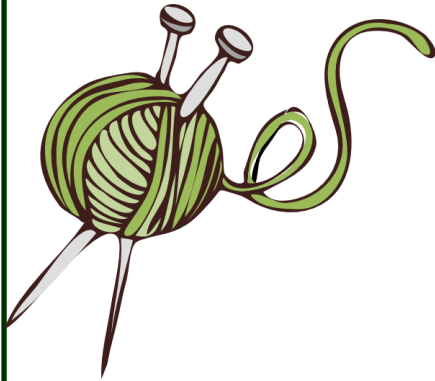
Chester Eastside Food Collection

Our food collection for Chester is a year round project. So far in 2019, we have focused on high protein foods, peanut butter, soups, stews, etc. **May donations are cereals and breakfast bars.** Feel free to also bring anything else that you might wish to donate. The food is picked up every Tuesday and delivered to Chester by our wonderful Wawa volunteers.

Help the church and the environment! We are still collecting used Ink Cartridges for recycling! Instead of throwing our your used ink cartridges, drop them off at the church office. We earn rebates by recycling ink cartridges. Thank you!



Did you know you can support NSPC while you shop? Go to smile.amazon.com and choose Newtown Square Presbyterian Church as your charity. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from all AmazonSmile purchases to NSPC.



Knitting for Peace

Knitting for peace has stopped meeting at the church for the summer until the fall. Watch for our re-start date in the bulletin and the newsletter in September. We have completed 64 hats and some scarves since September.

Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting hats and/or scarves over the summer feel free to do so and we will find a good home for them. If you are interested in making baby hats (especially for preemies) those will also be accepted with gratitude and distributed appropriately.

If you decide that you might like to join us in the fall, our meeting date is Monday mornings from 10 – 12 noon in the conference room. Just watch for the re-start date.

If you have any questions, please contact Marg MacDonald at 610-353-8297.



Church Picnic Sunday, June 9th



The annual NSPC Picnic - will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, June 9th, in the Social Hall, rain or shine.

Sponsored by the Fellowship Commission, our picnic is a popular event for all ages.

We will need volunteers to help set up the Social Hall on June 2nd. In addition, we will need volunteers to help the Commission on June 9th with receiving and setting up food, helping with games, setting up handicap parking, and cleaning up the Social Hall and Kitchen.

You can sign up electronically by using the Signup Genius or by filling out the bulletin insert. PLEASE sign up by June 2nd so we can set up enough spaces.

While the picnic will be held inside, folks are welcome to bring blankets, lawn chairs, or use folding chairs from the church if you would rather eat outside. In addition to food and fellowship, there will be games for children and the young at heart. We will also have a large inflatable slip and slide!

Our picnic offers us the opportunity to relax with old friends and meet new ones before summer begins and our congregation members head out of town for vacations. This day will also be our "Dress Down Sunday" and student recognition. Picnic attire is welcome for church service.

Do plan to come to the picnic and enjoy this wonderful intergenerational event.



Saturday, June 1st, is *Historic Newtown Square Day!*

NSPC has been invited to set up a table & tent at the Historic 1742 Square Tavern (right across the street)! The event runs from 10am to 4pm.

We need volunteers to chat with our neighbors, pass out free snacks, and connect with the community. Church members are asked to wear colonial garb (which is provided by the Historical Society), and enjoy a fun historic celebration – right on our doorstep!

We also need snacks! Sharing cookies, brownies, and pretzels with new friends is a great way to start a conversation on a warm summer day.

This is a fabulous, free means of getting the word out about NSPC! The Tavern will have many activities, including:

- Colonial Military Re-enactors
- Lenni Lenape Native Americans
- A Blacksmith
- Sheep Shearing
- Beekeeping
- Colonial Music
- A Colonial Story Teller
- Basket Weaving
- Traditional Tavern Food
- Thomas Jefferson Vanilla Ice Cream and more...



Join Us! This is a wonderful way to connect with our closest neighbors, and have a great time while we're at it. Please sign up to help for an hour or two. ***Volunteers are desperately needed from noon to 4pm!***

Questions? Call Terri McCarthy, cell: 610.742.5359 or email TMcCarthy@getcustoms.com





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

March Circle Meetings

Phoebe Circle

Tuesday: June 11, 2019
 Time: 12:30 PM
 Location: Ginni Condo's home
 Hostess: Ginni Condo
 - **Please RSVP to Ginni**
 Devotions: Dolores Hart
 Study Leader: Lois Peck & Flossie Barnes
 Lesson 9: God with Us



Miriam Circle

Monday: June 10, 2019
 Time: 12:00 PM
 Location: Church Lounge
 - **Please call Ginny and let her know what you will be bringing.**
Thank you!



Save the Date!
 The PW Board will meet on Wednesday, June 19 at 11:30 AM in the Conference Room.



RADA Dips

The PW will be selling the RADA Dips in time for your summer picnics and outings. The RADA Dips sell for \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Our selection includes the following choices:



- Spinach Artichoke Dip*
- Buffalo Dip*
- Applewood Smoked Bacon Dip*
- Tomato, Garlic and Basil Dip*



Please call Ginny Berman with your order:
 484-420-4923



Thank you so much for supporting our Fundraiser Night at Panera Bread!
We truly appreciate all of your wonderful support and hope you enjoyed a delicious dinner (and a night off from cooking)!

June Birthdays

06/03 — Janet Bentley
 06/08 — Kai Schultz
 06/09 — Elizabeth Bennett
 06/09 — Stacey Kucera
 06/15 — Emilia Falcon
 06/17 — Abbey Biddle
 06/17 — Mary Jean Clark
 06/17 — Kira Hetzner



06/21 — Grace McCarry
 06/23 — James Bowen
 06/25 — Jack Kelly Jr.
 06/26 — Eduardo Arraya
 06/26 — Rich Digby
 06/27 — Ethan Law
 06/28 — Camryn Villano
 06/30 — Sara Ronsvale



Please Note:

Elsie Oreski's Address and Phone Number have changed. Please update your directories with her new information. Thank you!

Address: 201 Paoli Pointe Drive
 Paoli, PA 19301
Phone Number: (484) 328-8705

The Last Tuesday Book Club

This month, we will meet on June 25th and our book will be Before We Were Yours, by Lisa Wingate. Feel free to join us each month or try us out for just one meeting because the title intrigues you. New members are always welcome.

Our upcoming book is:

July 30th: Someone Knows by Lisa Scottoline

For more information, contact Lynne Corle at (610-563-5355) or corle217@gmail.com



Happy Reading!



Clear up Some Space: Donate a Vase!

The Deacons are looking for some vase donations to refill our supply in the Sacristy. Vases are used when delivering or giving chancel flowers after each service. Wide mouthed vases that are sturdy enough to hold the chancel flowers would be appreciated. Vases can be dropped off in the Sacristy or you can give them to Stacey Kucera!

Thanks so much!

June 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 9:30am Coffee 10am Worship/SS 10am Recognition of Grads 11am Fellowship 11:15 C&Y Car Wash 4pm Youth Group Party	3 7pm B&G Mtg	4	5 8am Men's Group	6 6pm AA	7	8
9 9:30am Coffee 10am Worship/SS 10am SS Recognition 11am Church Picnic	10 9am VBS decorating 12pm Miriam Cir 6 pm VBS Mtg	11 9am VBS decorating 12:30pm Phoebe Circle	12 9am VBS decorating 7pm Deacons	13 9am VBS decorating 6pm AA	14	15
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In Ministry Together at Newtown Square Presbyterian Church:

Pastor The Rev. Dr. Jeanne Thomas
Director of Youth and Family Ministry Sara Boninu
Director of Music..... Ting Ting Wong
Church Office Administrator Heather Impriano
Sunday School Teachers.....Alexandra Adams, Barbara Corsi, Brad Kohlhepp, Sara & Morgan Boninu
Accountant Julie Bergstrom (ext. 19)
Director, Newtown Square Presbyterian Church Nursery School..... Jane Fioravanti
Clerk of Session Buff Biddle
President, Board of TrusteesJim Shea
Moderator of DeaconsSue Bechtold
Treasurer Dave Sampson
Head Usher Grant Snyder
The Sacristy Guild of St. Martha..... Pam Lounsbury
Presbyterian WomenGinny Berman

Plus... all the members of NSPC

SESSION/BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Moderator: The Rev. Dr. Jeanne Thomas

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Jim Hitchens	Ginny Berman	Lynne Corle
Jane Fioravanti	Dot Gauntlett	Jerry Schauer
James Kucera	Nancy Kermon	Jim Shea
Dan Schultz	Lindy Rustam	Debbie Weiss

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