



# New Ark

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### “Summer Meetups”



**Image Description:** Photo of the Carpenter Center at White Clay Creek State Park. Wooden amphitheater with a large crowd attending on a summer evening.

Switching it up this summer with ice cream meetups south of Newark, a different one each time.

- **Wednesday, June 21:**  
Summer Concert Series, 6:30 p.m., White Clay Creek State Park, Carpenter Recreation Center, 880 New London Rd., Newark, DE. Bring a picnic supper, blanket, or lawn chairs. Concert is free; park entry fee is \$4 in-state, \$8 out-of-state. Acoustically Sound (Rock & Country with strings).

- **Saturday, June 24:**  
Somerset Farm, 3027 Denny Rd., Newark, DE 19702. Bring a lawn chair if you wish. Ice cream optional. 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, July 8:**  
UDairy, 535 S. College Ave., Newark, DE 19716. Bring a lawn chair if you wish. Ice cream optional. 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, July 12:**  
Summer Concert Series, 6:30 p.m. De Tierra Caliente (Latin Roots fusion).
- **Wednesday, Aug. 16:**  
BLEECH (Modern Alternative Indie & Classic Rock)
- **Saturday, Aug. 26:**  
The Creamery at St. Georges, 5 N. Main St., St. Georges, DE 19733. Bring a lawn chair if you wish. Ice cream optional. 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Aug. 30:**  
Summer Concert Series, 6:30 p.m. US Naval Academy Blues & Gold (Blues).

All events are weather permitting.

Hope to see you sometime this summer! May this be a season of rest and renewal for you and loved ones.

Love each other,  
Share with each other,  
Check on each other,

*Cynthia*

### PULPIT SUPPLIES DURING PASTOR CYNTHIA'S ABSENCE

During Cynthia's medical leave, Synod attendance, and vacation times, we will hear new voices in the pulpit. Do plan to attend to hear the following folks this summer:

Jun. 4 .....Rev. Court Buchanan  
Jun. 11 .....Rev. Debra Ebling  
Jun. 18 .....Rev. Susan Scott  
Jul. 2 .....Rev. Court Buchanan  
Jul. 23 .....Rev. Andrew Weber  
Jul. 30 .....Rev. Andrew Weber  
Aug. 7 .....Mindy Dowsett

#### NEW ARK UCC

A Just Peace, Open & Affirming,  
Earthwise Congregation

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## CONVENER'S CORNER

Gloria Noel, Convener

This month our pastor, Cynthia Robinson, is on medical leave and wishes are sent her way for a speedy recovery. Our many members and church friends have demonstrated their faithfulness to our church and its mission during these challenging times. Their work and continuing support are recognized and appreciated. Our mission statement is a document of action that we live. Thanks to you for all you do!

The mission of the New Ark United Church of Christ is as follows: to love God; to love our neighbors as ourselves; to worship God as an enthusiastic community, with all people fully participating in their own way; to grow as persons, increasing in knowledge and faith; to conduct our common life in the caring, trusting atmosphere of an extended family; to be God's faithful servants, witnessing both individually and corporately; to proceed with openness, continually reforming our goals and methods to reach out to others to join in the mission of this church; and to use all of our resources for God's work, seeking justice and peace in the world.



**TOGETHER  
WOMEN RISE**  
Collective action for global gender equality

formerly *Dining for Women*

### June 23 Meeting of Together Women Rise

#### June Project:

*Increasing Agency and  
Education Access of  
Rural Honduran Girls*

[www.educate2envision.org/](http://www.educate2envision.org/)

Educate2Envision International equips rural youth in Latin America with the secondary education, resources, and leadership skills they need to build brighter futures and healthier communities. This project addresses the key issues preventing girls' full participation in their rural communities, including a pervasive machismo culture, lack of female role models, and an ill-equipped education system that fails to connect girls to future income-generating opportunities.



Join us **Friday, June 23 at 12:30 p.m.** in Wells Hall to learn about this project in Honduras where gender inequality is the norm, especially in rural areas.

Bring a small dish to share—or your own bag lunch—as we share a meal together and add a ripple to the pond as we assist this group in empowering young women.

## GO-BAGS

June is the next scheduled month for our church to prepare and deliver Go-Bags to the Newark Empowerment Center as we do four times per year. Our goal is to assemble 100 bags to give to our food-insecure neighbors.



Go-Bags will be assembled the third Sunday in June, and we still need the following items:

- 80 crackers
- 90 juices
- 60 1-gallon Ziplocs

We **do not** need granola bars, applesauce, or protein items at this point.

Donations may be dropped off at church on Sunday or in the office during the week (M/W/F 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.)



Our next church directory update will be sent out in June. If you have noticed any errors or omissions in the previous directory, please let us know so that edits can be made before the new directory is circulated. Thank you!

**A FRIENDLY REMINDER  
from the PCRC**



**Pastor Cynthia is on  
medical leave until  
June 21.  
Kindly be respectful!**

**LECTIONARY  
READINGS**

■ **June 4**

Genesis 1:1—2:4a  
Psalm 8  
II Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20

■ **June 11**

Genesis 12:1-9  
Psalm 33:1-12  
Romans 4:13-25  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

■ **June 18**

Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7)  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 9:35—10:8 (9-23)

■ **June 25**

Genesis 21:8-21  
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17  
Romans 6:1b-11  
Matthew 10:24-39



Wisdom Wednesday will be on hiatus throughout the summer, and first Wednesdays will instead feature our usual New Ark Meet Up. Join us at 7:00 on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89547131664?pwd=OXlvR3Byd3lOc2ozUEZVVnJyN1gxZz09>.

**Meeting ID:** 895 4713 1664  
**Passcode:** 127039



A zero-waste lifestyle, as the name implies, is about eliminating waste. The goal is to do so entirely; it's about reducing the amount of waste one produces as much as possible, knowing that one may never be 100 percent waste-free. The idea of producing absolutely no waste may sound daunting and impossible for most people, but some relatively easy lifestyle changes can drastically reduce the amount of waste a single person, or household, generates each year.

Bea Johnson is often referred to as the founder of the zero-waste lifestyle movement, thanks to her book, *Zero Waste Home*. Bea and her family generate a mere quart of waste per

year, and are a living model of sustainability.

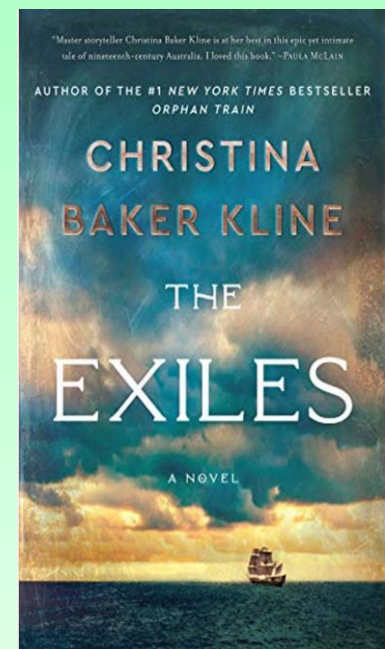
Bea developed the concept of the Five R's. According to Bea, "The zero in 'zero waste' makes it sound scary and hard to achieve. It is actually not as hard as it seems, and it is as simple as following these Five R's, in order:

- **Refuse** what you do not need.
- **Reduce** what you do need.
- **Reuse** by using reusables.
- **Recycle** what you cannot refuse, reduce, or reuse.
- **Rot** (compost) the rest."



**BOOK GROUP**

The NAUCC Book Group will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, at the home of Shirley Meehan. Jean Kutcher will be leading us in a discussion of the book, *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline.





## THANK YOU to NAUCC from FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

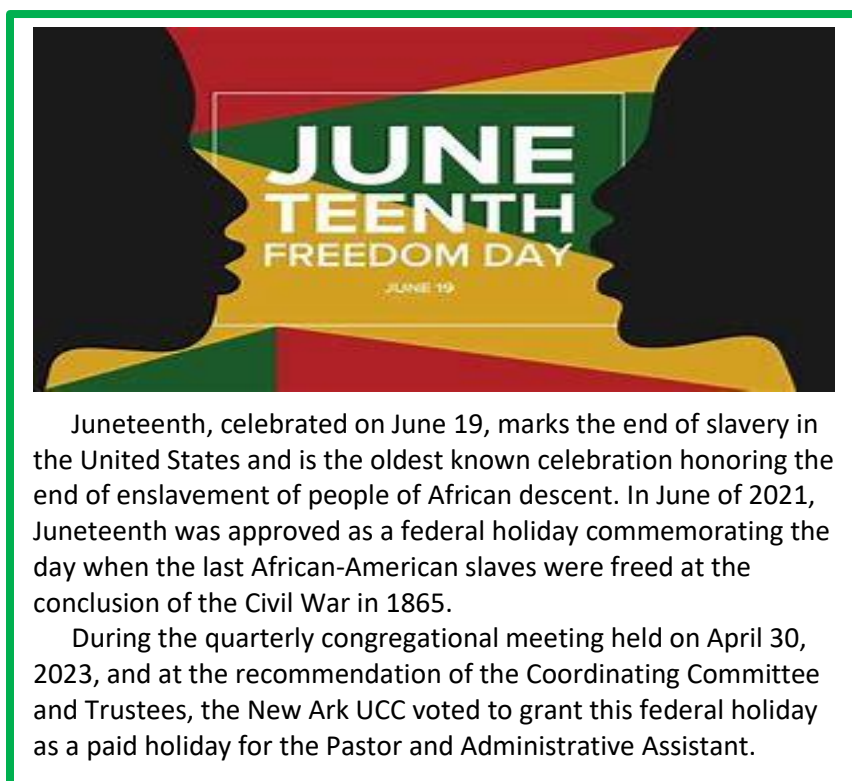
Every year, Friendship House helps more than 12,000 people as they journey toward their personal goals. With your loving support of \$2,500, you are part of that journey. Thank you so much! Our programs are successful because of our generous donors like you.

With your help, we are able to help Delaware families obtain their birth certificates so they can access critical services. We are able to break down legal barriers such as fines and fees preventing people from getting employment. We are able to offer transitional housing. We are able to ensure people have access to clean and necessary clothing.

One of the special moments this past year was seeing a family of 8 work through many challenges to get stable housing. When we first met them, only one parent was employed because the other parent had a legal barrier preventing employment. After we successfully helped to clear the way to employment, we were able to find the family temporary housing. As we worked with them to increase their income potential and help their kids find stability in their routines, we saw the amazing gift of community shine through.

Thank you for being part of our community.

—Kim Eppehimer  
Executive Director and CEO



Juneteenth, celebrated on June 19, marks the end of slavery in the United States and is the oldest known celebration honoring the end of enslavement of people of African descent. In June of 2021, Juneteenth was approved as a federal holiday commemorating the day when the last African-American slaves were freed at the conclusion of the Civil War in 1865.

During the quarterly congregational meeting held on April 30, 2023, and at the recommendation of the Coordinating Committee and Trustees, the New Ark UCC voted to grant this federal holiday as a paid holiday for the Pastor and Administrative Assistant.

## PERIOD PACKS

This summer, the United Church of Christ will hold its 34<sup>th</sup> General Synod from June 30-July 4. Our pastor, Rev. Cynthia Robinson, will be a delegate. Delegates and guests are being invited to participate in preparation of Church World Service's kits for menstrual hygiene called "Period Packs." We hope to send some prepared "Period Packs" with Cynthia. CWS gives **very specific instructions** (see below).

If you can contribute to any of these, please contact Lynn Boulter ([leb1447@live.com](mailto:leb1447@live.com)) so she can monitor what we have and what we need. Assembling of the kits will be after church on **June 25**.

### Here's what you'll need:

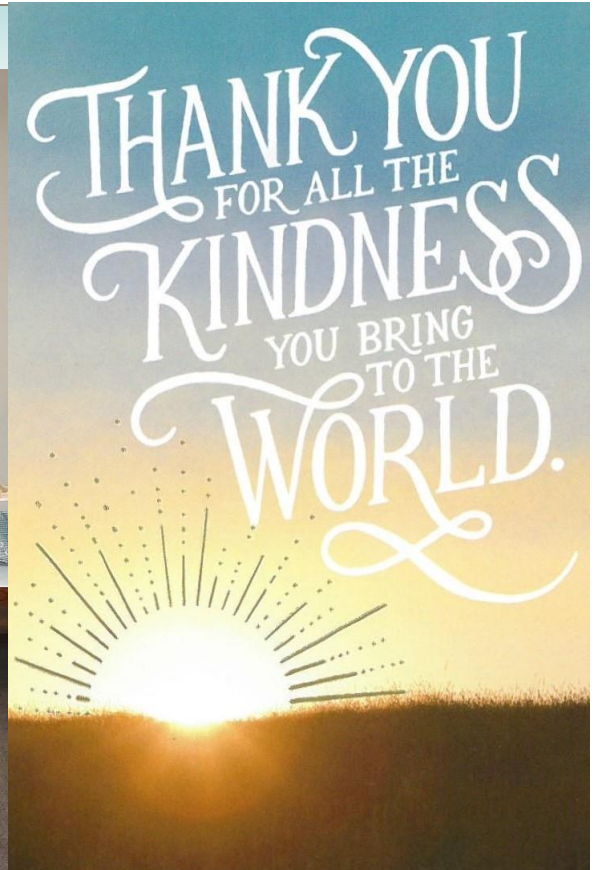
- One 1-gallon size re-sealable bag
- Two 2 oz. bottle hand sanitizer
- Three 4-gallon bathroom trash bags
- One travel pack of Wet Ones
- 5 regular Tampons
- 5 super absorbency Tampons
- 10 Pads (Unscented. Long super ultra-thin.)
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger. No Ivory or Jergen's soap. Do not remove from packaging.)
- One pack of flushable wipes (Unscented. 42 count.)
- [Six fragrance-free laundry sheets \(placed in small, Ziploc bags\)](#)

### Assembly Tips:

- Place all items in the gallon-sized plastic bag, remove air, and seal.
- All items must be new.
- Do not enclose personal notes, money, or extra items in the kits.



Farewell to Pianist, Lucia O'Neill, May 21, 2023



Dear New Ark UCC, May 2023

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to play the piano for you. Soon after coming to the church, I felt welcomed. After hearing from the church on a weekly basis, I am impressed with the generosity, compassion, fellowship, and desire to serve that I have witnessed from the members of this community. I appreciate the message of giving by being present for someone (such as through a phone call). I consider myself blessed to partake

in the life of this church. You were always so kind to me, despite my flaws! Your generosity, both through the salary and through the Christmas gift, is much appreciated. I leave here with a wonderful experience and great memories.

Next year, I will be studying music composition for screen scoring at NYU. If I am able to continue in life with a musical career after, just know that you have been an important part of my musical development! Thank you again and God bless you. With love,  
Lucia Caecilia O'Neill



**Friendship House**  
A Way Home

## Join Friendship House on June 10 for the 2023 Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community!



**HIGHMARK**  
VIRTUAL WALK FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

**Friendship House**  
A Way Home



Saturday, June 10, 2023  
Tubman Garrett Riverfront Park  
Registration starts at 7:45 am  
Group photo at 8:30 am  
Walk starts at 9:00 am



To register or donate to our team: scan the QR code and search for our team!

Our Team Name is:

**Newark Empowerment Center Team**

If our team recruits over 20 walkers and raises over \$2,000, an anonymous donor gifts an additional \$1,000!

You may sign up and/or make contributions until the day of the walk. The link below is specifically for the Newark Empowerment Center Team:

[http://hcf.convio.net/site/TR/Wilmington/HighmarkWalk?team\\_id=16401&pg=team&fr\\_id=4047](http://hcf.convio.net/site/TR/Wilmington/HighmarkWalk?team_id=16401&pg=team&fr_id=4047).

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

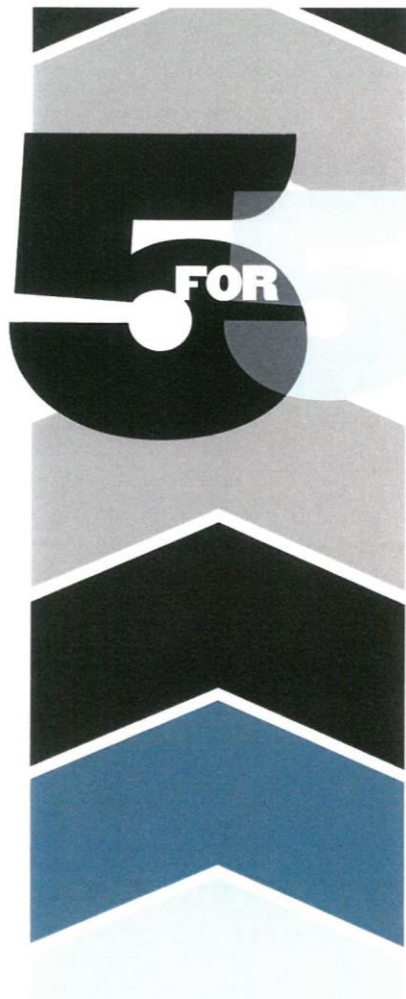
**July 2023  
NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE**  
  
**12:00 noon  
on Monday,  
June 26, 2023**

- 08 Kim Bell
- 14 Jim Yetman
- 16 Bob Pasteris
- 16 Jim Meehan
- 19 Fa Lane
- 22 Alison Kneeland
- 26 Tony Marcellino



Pride Month begins on June 1. June is often the month for community LGBTQIA+ celebrations, including Open and Affirming Sunday.

If we've missed your special day, please contact the church office at (302) 737-4711 or email [newarkucc@verizon.net](mailto:newarkucc@verizon.net).



# Thank You!

To the members of

*New Ark UCC*

**for being a 5 for 5 Congregation of the United Church of Christ in 2023 .**

5 for 5 Congregations support Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support and the Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, The Christmas Fund, and Strengthen the Church Special Mission Offerings of the United Church of Christ.

John C. Dorhauer  
General Minister and President  
United Church of Christ

Conference Minister





Memorial Service for Joan Hamilton, May 20, 2023



"Jamming" with the jazz group after Joan Hamilton's service, with Joan's son Mark on trombone.

Dear UCC Community,  
In the 1980s our mother decided to explore her faith and was happy to find the church of her childhood in Newark. You welcomed her with open arms and became a supportive community for her.  
Mark & Lisa Hamilton

**CENTRAL  
ATLANTIC  
CONFERENCE**  
  
UNITED  
CHURCH OF  
CHRIST

**GENDER BIAS BOUNDARY  
AWARENESS TRAINING**

You are invited to join Rev. Dr. Sarah Welch-Pomerantz as she leads a training that engages the ways in which our enculturated language and stereotypes form bias in our everyday life towards gender. Our unconscious bias and perceptions are especially relevant as we talk about gender and identity in the church and the world.

This BAT training counts as two hours of specialized BAT and the cost is \$30. The training will be held on June 5, 2023, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

[You can register here.](#)

# JUNE 2023 CALENDAR

Church office, Central Atlantic Conference, NAUCC meetings/events, Other community Events, Rentals

Jun 2023 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<b>WEDNESDAY LEAVE - PASTOR CYRILIA</b>						
8:45am - Choir Practice (S) 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Hour 2pm - Greater Grace (S)	10am - Office Closed - 7pm - AI-Anon (L)	9:30pm - Kintsugi - Martial	10am - Office Open 6:30pm - DE Zen (S) @ 7pm - New Ark Meet Up		7am - System 4 Cleaning 10am - Office Open 6:30pm - Newark OA (L)	8:30am - Kintsugi - Martial
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>WEDNESDAY LEAVE - PASTOR CYRILIA</b>						
8:45am - Choir Practice (S) 9:30am - Communion 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Hour 10:45am - Go-Stage 2pm - Greater Grace (S) @	10am - Office Open 7pm - AI-Anon (L)	9:30pm - Kintsugi - Martial 9:30pm - Membership Growth 8:30pm - Social Justice	10am - Office Open 4:30pm - Greta's Friends 6:30pm - DE Zen (S) @ 7pm - New Ark Meet Up	9am - Simply Delicious Dishes 5:30pm - Finance C. (online) 7pm - Worship C. Mtg (online)	7am - System 4 Cleaning 10am - Office Open 6:30pm - Newark OA (L)	8:30am - Kintsugi - Martial 1pm - Greater Grace (W)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>WEDNESDAY LEAVE - PASTOR CYRILIA</b>						
8:45am - Choir Practice (S) 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Virtual Fellowship 2pm - Greater Grace (S)	10am - Office Open 7pm - AI-Anon (L)	9am - Simply Delicious Dishes 9:30pm - Kintsugi - Martial	10am - Office Open 6:30pm - DE Zen (S) @ 7pm - New Ark Meet Up	9am - Simply Delicious Dishes 2pm - Book Group @ off site 8:30pm - Coord. Cons.	7am - System 4 Cleaning 10am - Office Open 11am - Hope Dining Room 6:30pm - Newark OA (L)	8:30am - Kintsugi - Martial 12:30pm - Couples for Christ 5pm - Couples for Christ
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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8:45am - Choir Practice (S) 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Virtual Fellowship	10am - Office Open 7pm - AI-Anon (L)	9am - Simply Delicious Dishes 9:30pm - Kintsugi - Martial	10am - Office Open 4:30pm - Greta's Friends 6:30pm - DE Zen (S) @ 6:30pm - Summer Concert 7pm - New Ark Meet Up	9am - Simply Delicious Dishes	7am - System 4 Cleaning 10am - Office Open 12:30pm - Together Women 6:30pm - Newark OA (L)	8:30am - Kintsugi - Martial 4pm - Ice Cream - Somerset
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
8:45am - Choir Practice (S) 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Virtual Fellowship 11:45pm - Perked Pezels 2pm - Greater Grace (S)	<b>PERSON'S DAY OFF</b> 10am - Office Open 12pm - NL Deadline 7pm - AI-Anon (L)	9am - Simply Delicious Dishes 9:30pm - Kintsugi - Martial	10am - Office Open 6:30pm - DE Zen (S) @ 7pm - New Ark Meet Up	9am - Simply Delicious Dishes	<b>GENERAL SYNOD</b> 7am - System 4 Cleaning 10am - Office Open 6:30pm - Newark OA (L)	8:30am - Kintsugi - Martial