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“Pastor’s Post-its”



Image Description: Photo of corkboard with a yellow Post-it note with a marker drawing of a lightbulb, affixed to the board with a red pushpin.

Just a few things to catch you up on this month. First, a little more color has been added to our church logo (see the newsletter masthead above). A while ago, one of you noted that our Pride flag rainbow did not include the colors of the transgender flag, which is an important part of our Open and Affirming identity. So, I asked Dave Bell, who designed our new website as well as the logo, to add the proper light blue and pink hues and he came back with at least eight variations.

Leslie Apple, who is a graphic artist, volunteered to research websites that print T-shirts and stickers for the best cost and

product, so I asked her opinion which one looked best. She chose the logo design that jives with the Progress Pride flag designed by Daniel Quasar. Hopefully, in the coming weeks, T-shirts and stickers with the new logo will be available to order. Stay tuned for more details.

October 4-5 will be the Central Atlantic Conference annual meeting to be held at St. John’s Grace UCC in Catonsville, MD. It is also the 60th anniversary of our conference. The theme for this year’s meeting is “Miracles, Signs, and Wonders,” with thematic scriptures from Acts 2: 22 and Hebrews 2: 4. Our special guest will be the Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, the General Minister and President of the UCC. In the weekly announcements you can find a Zoom link to the plenary sessions, as well as the operating budget narrative and the annual report of our conference minister, the Rev. Freeman Palmer.

October 12 marks the fall meeting of the Chesapeake Association. It will be held virtually and in person at the Harriet

Tubman Underground Railroad State Park visitor center in Cambridge, MD.

October 19-27 is Peace Week Delaware with lots of online and in-person activities and learning opportunities. On Thursday, Oct. 24 at 7:00 p.m., the New Ark UCC will host a panel discussion sponsored by Planned Parenthood of DE entitled “Reproductive Rights as a Matter of Faith: Another Voice.” Interfaith members of Clergy for Choice will join in a roundtable conversation on how our different faith traditions approach reproductive rights and what people can do to affirm them.

During the month of October, you are invited to participate in adult education opportunities on Wisdom Wednesday and Second Sunday, as well as to give to the Neighbors in Need offering on October 13 and to attend the quarterly meeting on October 27.

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CONVENER'S CORNER

Jenny Greenzweig, Convener

Hello, Pumpkin Spice Fans! And Pumpkin Pie fans! (it's totally acceptable breakfast food, by the way!) As we continue into the "ber" months, it was a pleasure to welcome 8—yes 8!—new members in September! Six were new to the New Ark and 2 have been involved for a while and are now making it official. We generally don't put new members *immediately* onto committees, but it is that time of year. In October, our Volunteer Enlistment Committee goes into high gear. They focus their recruitment efforts on "selected positions" but also encourage involvement on committees. I got my start getting to know the congregation by doing Volunteer Enlistment; it's amazing how many people you get to know when you could call them and ask them to join a committee! And it was fun to meet them face-to-face the next Sunday! Whatever your involvement level, we appreciate you!! Looking forward to seeing you at upcoming events! **Happy Fall, Y'all!**



Friday, October 25, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

October Project: "She's the First"

On **Friday, October 25 at noon**, the Newark Main Street chapter of Together Women Rise will meet in Wells Hall to learn about this project that works in the global south to ensure that girls everywhere are educated, respected, and heard. **"She's the First"** teaches



a girl how to speak up for herself in her home, school, and community, while the mentors in her life are taught practical

ways to support her agency. As a result, these girls become the first women in their families to achieve amazing milestones—and they are never the last. Our contributions, combined with contributions from the many RISE chapters, are making a difference.

As a **special treat**, Marwa, a Syrian refugee now living in Newark, who hopes to open a catering business, will prepare a Middle Eastern lunch for us. Because of her need for preparation, please let Peggy Dillner or Jean Kutcher know if you will be attending. Marwa is working out the menu and price of the meal to be shared later.



THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY TREE

This month we will continue to view and discuss the video series about our Christian heritage.



October 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

"Anglican, Lutheran and Reformed Churches"

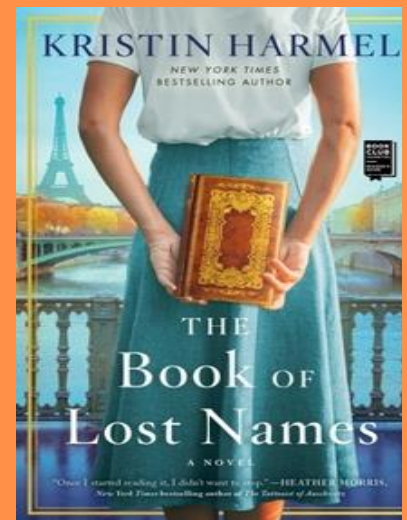


October 13, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

"Anabaptists & Quakers"

BOOK GROUP

The NAUCC Book Group will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, at the home of Mary Jo Williams to discuss the book, *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel.



**A FRIENDLY
REMINDER
from the PCRC**



**Monday is
Pastor Cynthia's
day off.
Kindly be respectful!**

**LECTIONARY
READINGS**

■ **October 6**

Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

■ **October 13**

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

■ **October 20**

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

■ **October 27**

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52



**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
for YOUTH STARTING
in OCTOBER**

Beginning October 13, those children in elementary school will have a Christian Education program on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. The first area of focus will be on "Friendship."

There will be two groups of children, those who are kindergarten through third grade and those fourth grade and older. The class will meet from after children's time during the worship service until the end of the worship service. The teachers are Lynn Boulter, Lauren Illiano, Debbie Micklos, and Renee Ormsby.

The nursery is available for infants through preschool age every Sunday. Kinderkirk, a free-play opportunity, is available for youth, aged kindergarten through third grade, on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month.

If you have questions about the program or would like to volunteer to be with our youth, please contact Debbie Micklos.

**EXTRA HALLOWEEN
CANDY?**

Wondering what to do with your extra Halloween candy? Bring it to church and leave it in the kitchen. The extra candy, granola bars, popcorn packets, cracker packets, and hot chocolate mix will be used in care packages for our youth who are in college. When students are studying for their college final exams, these are greatly appreciated treats.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE
REFUGEE FUND**

Several years ago when the congregation was assisting a refugee family, the Finance Committee set up a reserve fund to which people could contribute. The Social Justice Committee would distribute as particular needs arose. That family is now doing well, with many thanks to assistance from the New Ark.

Within the past year the Social Justice Committee has been supporting the STAR Foundation (Support, Transformation, and Advancement for Refugees), a newly organized group, by giving them office space in our building. The STAR Foundation, headed by Afghan refugee Waqif Shah Shenwari, currently has a case load of fifteen refugee families. The needs of the various families differ, but there are periodic one-time financial needs that are outside of the family income. A recent instance arose where an individual, a professional in the home country, needed a fee to obtain records transferred to the U.S. Getting established in a new country can incur many incidentals which new refugees have difficulty meeting.

If you wish to make a monetary contribution, you may send it to the New Ark UCC and designate such to **the Social Justice Refugee Fund**.

"... I was a stranger and you welcomed me," Matthew 25:35.



M E N T A L H E A L T H J U S T I C E F O R A L L

Mental health is
a universal
human
right

"God will not falter or lose heart until justice
prevails throughout the earth." (Isaiah 42:4)

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NEIGHBORS IN NEED 2024
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NEIGHBORS in NEED SPECIAL OFFERING

October 13, 2024

The **Neighbors in Need** special offering, which we will receive on Sunday, October 13, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

Through the ucc.org website, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC *Justice and Peace Action Network* (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness provides strong policy advocacy on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice.

The other third of the **Neighbors in Need** offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hockak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

You may donate to the **Neighbors in Need** offering by writing a check to the New Ark UCC with "NIN" on the memo line of the check and putting it in the offering on Sunday or mailing it to the church office. You may also donate by using the New Ark UCC online giving tool which has a place for you to indicate you would like your donation to go to the **Neighbors in Need** offering.

Please give as generously as you feel able to this important special offering.

DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING (11/29)

Because Hope Dining Room is closed over the Thanksgiving holiday, Ogletown Baptist will serve a Thanksgiving meal and **New Ark UCC will provide lunch on the day after Thanksgiving**. We are returning to an in-person sit down lunch between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. (concluding the COVID practice of takeout meals). Lunch will consist of a cup of soup, a turkey sandwich, fruit, and dessert. If you are interested and able, you may contribute by (a) cooking or purchasing a turkey breast (Costco, for example, has a cooked whole boneless turkey breast) that we will slice up for turkey sandwiches; (b) making a pot of turkey soup; (c) baking a dessert—all of which can be done ahead and frozen; or (d) donating money, and we will do the shopping for you. You may also volunteer that day to prepare the accompaniments for the sandwiches and/or set up the tables and clean up.

Eating together is a great way to represent our church and meet some Newark neighbors. In the past, we have served 20-40 guests. We don't know exactly how many we will serve this year, but we will have an idea from a sign-up sheet at the Empowerment Center and Hope Dining Room.

Contact Peggy Dillner (dillner@comcast.net or 410-398-7555) if able to assist in any way and to determine when to deliver any donated items.

TWO JOURNEYS

In a very real way, refugees must take *two* journeys to re-settle in the United States. One is the **journey to self-sufficiency** once they have arrived here. Because our congregation has provided (and continues to provide) compassionate support to refugees once they have arrived, we have learned something about this process. The other journey, however, is the **journey to resettlement**, and it begins two or more years *before* a refugee arrives in the U.S.

WHO IS A REFUGEE?

Refugee: A refugee is a person who is outside of their home country and is unable or unwilling to return because of a well-founded fear of persecution. There are *five specific types of persecution* outlined in U.S. immigration law. Refugees may face any one or a combination of these to be eligible for admission to the United States. They are race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, and political opinion.

Asylum Seeker: An asylee is a person already in the U.S., either legally or illegally. For example, a foreign student or tourist may discover that it is too dangerous to return to their country. They then request of the U.S. government asylum in the U.S.

Under U.S. immigration law, the criteria to determine who is a refugee and who is an asylee are the same. That means that the criteria to determine

whether a refugee or an asylee is eligible for admission into the U.S. are the same.

You are invited now to walk in the shoes of a refugee seeking resettlement in the U.S.

THE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT JOURNEY

STEP 1: Seek a Referral from the UNHCR

Most refugees in the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) are referred by the **United Nations High Council for Refugees (UNHCR)**, an embassy, or designated **non-governmental organization**. If they already have family in the U.S., they may be eligible for the Family Reunification program.

STEP 2: Undergo Prescreening by a Resettlement Support Center

The Resettlement Support Center (RSC) **prescreens** the refugee. RSCs are run by non-government and international organizations that have won a competitive bidding process to process refugees seeking admission to the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program. In prescreening, the RSC is responsible for:

- collecting information on the identity and persecution claim of referred applicants. Official documents are reviewed, photos taken, and fingerprinting is done.
- preparing case files for presentation to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS).

STEP 3: Undergo USCIS/Homeland Security Screenings

The refugee is interviewed by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS), which is a component of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). This interview results in a case review, which determines whether they meet the refugee definition or are otherwise admissible in U.S. law. The refugee receives written notification of whether they have been determined to be eligible. If they are approved, they can move forward in the process.

STEP 4: Undergo International Organization for Migration (IOM) Medical Screening

All refugees must have a medical screening. Medical screenings are intended to ensure that refugees meet the medical requirements for entering the United States and are fit to travel; receive appropriate medical assistance when required; and do not pose a hazard to other travelers.

STEP 5: Undergo Security Checks

Security checks are conducted throughout the entire resettlement process by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS).

STEP 6: Participate in Resettlement Service Center Cultural Orientation

RSCs provide Cultural Orientation (CO) to prepare refugees for their journey and to help them understand what to expect upon arrival in the United States. Cultural Orientation can vary in format, duration, and

class size, but RSCs use a common CO curriculum.

STEP 7: Be allocated to Resettlement Agencies (RA)

Cases that have passed all the security checks are then allocated by the Refugee Processing Center (RPC) to a Resettlement Agency (RA). There are ten agencies currently funded to resettle refugees in the United States. In New Castle County, Delaware, the Resettlement Agency is **Jewish Family Services** (Wilmington), which is an arm of the **Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS)**. The other Resettlement Agency serving Delaware is **Bethany Christian Services**.

STEP 8: Travel to the United States

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) then coordinates travel arrangements for the flight to the U.S., and ensures the refugee arrives safely. Because refugees must pay for their own travel expenses, IOM provides a travel loan to cover this cost. *Refugees must sign a promissory note for the loan, which requires repayment within three years.*

STEP 9: Undergo Resettlement Agency (RA) Cultural Orientation

Once in the U.S., refugees from all over the world are welcomed by staff from a Resettlement Agency (RA), where they receive additional Cultural Orientation and other support. There are two RAs in Delaware: **Jewish Family Services** and **Bethany Christian Services** which provide:

- funds for basic living costs (60-90 days)
- 8-12 months of essential services coordinated by a Resettlement Agency case worker (healthcare, housing, English language learning, enrollment of children in school, assistance seeking employment, food assistance, childcare assistance, etc.) Funding comes from the U.S. Department of State, channeled through the Resettlement Agency and the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS).

It is important to understand the following:

- Refugees have the legal right to work from the time they arrive.
- Within one year, refugees must apply for a Green Card (permanent residency).
- After five years, refugees may apply for U.S. citizenship.

A question to think about: Would you have the patience, persistence, and endurance the journey to resettlement requires?

This information was obtained from CORE (Cultural Orientation Resource Exchange), which is funded by the U.S. Department of State. Click the following link: <https://www.coresourceexchange.org/>.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING DISCUSSION

An Affordable Housing discussion will be held at the George Wilson Center, 303 New London Rd., Newark, DE on Wednesday, October 2, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The discussion will take place in person; there will be no online option.

The important part of advocacy is to have many different people advocating for the same thing. We are asking for a mandatory inclusionary zoning ordinance for the City of Newark that would require developers to make a certain percentage of units in new constructions affordable/below market value, usually 10-20 percent of units. [This advocates toolkit](#) has everything you need to get informed on the issue, including the research that shows that this is one of the most effective ways to get new affordable units built. Don't forget to use real life stories if you have them and the format allows.

You may also go to city council meetings and give public comment on this issue (2nd, 3rd, and 4th Mondays), especially when housing is on the agenda; and if you haven't contacted your councilmember about this recently, it's a good time to do so.

Contact Corey Fields (corey.fields@gmail.com) or Kevin Smith (klsmith@habitatncc.org) with questions.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER 2024

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE

12:00 noon

on Monday,

October 28, 2024

- 03 Amanda Middleton
- 06 Chris Seguin
- 06 Sandy Gerhart
- 11 Markeyse Bryant
- 12 Linda Wildonger
- 12 Ella Suchanec-Cooper
- 12 William Suchanec-Cooper
- 13 Rashid Masih
- 14 Kira Bell
- 14 Court Buchanan
- 20 Tim Brasel, Sr.
- 22 Larry Stephan
- 25 Elise Choice
- 26 Dana Dimock
- 27 Pat Jeffery
- 28 Elizabeth Harrison
- 29 Renn Kingsbury



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



Peace Week DELAWARE October 19-27, 2024



Circle of Sharing for Peace & Understanding

Date: 10/27/2024 Sunday **Time:** 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: New Ark United Church of Christ

Address: 300 East Main Street, Newark, DE, 19711

Register Here: <https://www.peaceweekdelaware.org/attend-events/>

Participants are invited to use a traditional way of talking called Circle to share their wisdom after watching the TED Talk video "[A Palestinian and an Israeli, Face to Face](#)" with Aziz Abu Sarah and Maoz Inon. The Circle structure is rooted in Indigenous' vision that considers every being as capable of creating wisdom while talking by engaging their whole being, mind, body, heart, and spirit.

Being with their beloved community while sitting facing one another, each other's humanity surfaces as a gift to those listening, to inspire, heal, and help to understand the issues at hand at a deeper level. Grounding practices will be experienced throughout the Circle of Sharing.

Charito Calvachi-Mateyko, a Restorative Justice professional and Circle Keeper, will be the facilitator.

HOPE DINING ROOM OPPORTUNITIES

A few months ago we asked if any bakers in the congregation would like to contribute a dessert on our third Friday Hope Dining Room service day. Many thanks to both Gloria Noel and Ellen Pletz for stepping up and providing desserts more than once.

We think there may be others of you willing to prepare a dessert (cookies, sheet cake, cupcakes, watermelon, etc.). We have been preparing for 40 guests, so two people making desserts would be terrific. If you would like to support Hope periodically in this manner, please contact Connie Cox (302-379-1311 or mikeandcon@comcast.net).





GOOD CATCH!

5 Smart Tips for Buying Sustainable Fish and Shellfish

It seems as if every day there's a new headline touting the health benefits of incorporating more seafood into your diet—only to be followed in your newsfeed by yet another headline warning about the perilous state of the world's oceans. To be sure, overfishing has taken a tremendous toll on marine biodiversity, while outside threats such as climate change and the plastic waste crisis demand action on a global scale. But as the NRDC's popular seafood buying guide demonstrates, you can have your fish and eat it, too.

Here are five tips to keep in mind to help you make the best choices:

1. Buy U.S.-Caught Seafood.

As much as a third of imported seafood sold in the United States is harvested through illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing. And even though not all U.S. fisheries are managed to adequately ensure the overall health of ocean ecosystems, a good general rule is to seek out fish caught sustainably in U.S. waters. The Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch is an excellent place

to start your search. Keep an eye out for their "Best Choices."

2. Let's Diversify!

Americans opt predominantly for the same five types of seafood: shrimp, salmon, canned tuna, tilapia, and pollock. Such high demand on only a handful of species can lead to overfishing and other environmental harms. Consider casting a wider net for other delicious species currently abundant in U.S. waters. Mussels, anyone?

3. Think Small.

Smaller fry, such as sardines, anchovies, and scallops are less likely to contain high concentrations of the dangerous neurotoxin, mercury, than larger fish such as tuna and swordfish.

4. Eat Local.

You've no doubt heard of community-supported agriculture, or CSAs. But did you know that there are also community supported fisheries that operate much the same way? Visit <https://localcatch.org> to find a CSF in your area.

5. When in Doubt, Ask.

By simply asking if a store or restaurant offers sustainable seafood, you can help shape demand for fish that has been caught or farmed in environmentally responsible ways.

For NRDC's most recently updated guide, including helpful links and tips on how to spot meaningless "sustainability"

claims at the seafood counter, visit <https://nrdc.org/seafoodguide>.



"Post-its," Continued from Page 1

More details can be found in this newsletter and in your weekly announcements.

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

Cynthia



Now through November 5, the United Church of Christ will be participating in **Forty Days of Prayer** as our nation prepares to go to the polls. Click on the following link for daily updates and inspirational messages: [#fortydaysofprayer - United Church of Christ | Facebook](#).



"Holy God, remind us that when we join together in community, we are stronger and more joyful. Hold us together in this season. Amen."

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it," John 1:5.



REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AS A MATTER OF FAITH: ANOTHER VOICE



**OCTOBER 24
AT 7 PM**



New Ark United Church of Christ
300 East Main Street, Newark DE

FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF PEACE WEEK
EVENTS, GO TO PEACEWEEKDELAWARE.ORG

Thanksgiving Baskets



The Social Justice Committee, on behalf of the congregation, will donate Thanksgiving Baskets to five area families who would otherwise lack a nice holiday dinner. We need your help in supplying some of the basket items.

Please take this list with you as you do your regular grocery shopping and pick up one or two of the items for the baskets. As many of you know, local grocery stores give free turkeys to people who spend a certain amount of money during the sea-son, so if you receive one of those, please consider donating it if you can spare it.

Please bring your items to the church office before **Sunday, November 24**, and be sure they are marked as donations for the Thanksgiving Baskets. (The office is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.) If you are unable to shop, monetary gifts toward this project are also welcome (please send them to the church office as well), and someone else will do the shopping for you.

A sign-up sheet is available online where you can indicate the items you are planning to donate. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Boulter.

Below is a list of needed supplies. **We need enough for five families, which means that we need more than five of some items.** Feel free to donate anything else you think of that the family might enjoy!

Turkey (put in church freezer)	Canned Vegetables (3 cans)	Pumpkin, Apple, or Pecan Pie, Cupcakes
Stuffing	Canned Fruit (3 cans)	Aluminum Foil
Gravy	Cranberry Sauce	Disposable Roasting Pans
Instant Mashed Potatoes	Yams	Macaroni and Cheese

We will be delivering the baskets on Sunday, November 24, right after church, and we'll need five volunteer drivers to deliver them.

Thank you very much in advance for all that you contribute in the way of time, energy, and donations.

OPEN POSITIONS for 2025-2026

Listed below are the open positions for leadership roles in the New Ark UCC for 2025-2026, along with links to the job descriptions. These positions are the “selected” positions—the positions where people need to put in their names ahead of time—and according to our church’s Bylaws, if there are multiple candidates for a position, the winner’s name is selected from a hat. Terms begin at the beginning of 2025. The open positions are as follows:

➤ Trustee Positions

Financial Secretary to replace Kathy Hyde (Keep financial records of people’s giving; make deposits; work with the Treasurer; and serve as a Trustee of the church)

Facilitator to replace Bryan Klebon (Help set the agenda and conduct meetings of the congregation; attend Coordinating Committee meetings; and serve as a Trustee of the church)

➤ Other Selected Positions

Pastor Congregation Relations Committee: 2 positions (3-year terms; one person to start in October; serve as the liaison between the pastor and the congregation)

Association Rep.: Currently Mindy Dowsett; (attend Chesapeake Assn. meetings representing our congregation)

Conference Rep.: Currently Bev Wieland; (attend the Central Atlantic Conference meeting representing our congregation)

Volunteer Enlistment: One or two people for a two-year term (find volunteers for open church positions)

➤ Non-Selected Positions

Fellowship Time Coordinator (no specific term) to replace Pat Eber (Maintain and coordinate the sign-up sheets for Fellowship Time volunteers—paper copy at church and an online version. Make announcements during church services and write newsletter reminders as needed to ensure that we have volunteers to bring a variety of snacks each week.)

We would like to fill these positions at the Quarterly Congregational Meeting on October 27. The Financial Secretary candidate will need to undergo a background and credit check, so anyone interested in that position would need to submit their name several weeks in advance of the October meeting so that the check can be conducted. The church will cover the expense of the background check.

We also always have the need for fresh faces on our other standing committees, including Worship, Membership, Social Justice, Facilities, and Finance.

You can contact Kim Bell or Jon Manon if you are interested in or want further information about any of the positions, or *click on the links below for fuller job descriptions.*

Links to Job Descriptions for Open Selected Positions for the New Ark UCC 2025

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1acDMSiVJBNbGH1dOpsJFYMwudwhUkk6ZHZXuc_YuBfQ/edit?usp=sharing

Facilitator (two-year term): https://docs.google.com/document/d/1acDMSiVJBNbGH1dOpsJFYMwudwhUkk6ZHZXuc_YuBfQ/edit#heading=h.gsqm56d2erlc

Financial Secretary (2-year term): https://docs.google.com/document/d/1acDMSiVJBNbGH1dOpsJFYMwudwhUkk6ZHZXuc_YuBfQ/edit#bookmark=id.bxuoqv7qt381

PCRC (2 members for a 3-year term; one person to begin in October): https://docs.google.com/document/d/1acDMSiVJBNbGH1dOpsJFYMwudwhUkk6ZHZXuc_YuBfQ/edit#heading=h.bpyltjdnn9ea

Volunteer Enlistment (2-year term): https://docs.google.com/document/d/1acDMSiVJBNbGH1dOpsJFYMwudwhUkk6ZHZXuc_YuBfQ/edit#heading=h.8e3i6d5h0loa

Association Rep. (1-year term): https://docs.google.com/document/d/1acDMSiVJBNbGH1dOpsJFYMwudwhUkk6ZHZXuc_YuBfQ/edit#heading=h.12udmwrau6au

Conference Rep. (1-year term): https://docs.google.com/document/d/1acDMSiVJBNbGH1dOpsJFYMwudwhUkk6ZHZXuc_YuBfQ/edit#heading=h.voyearlqr0e

OCTOBER 2024 CALENDAR

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

Oct 2024 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 8:45am - Choir Practice (S) 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Hour	30 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 7pm - Al-Anon (L)	1 8:30pm - Kintsugi - Martial Arts 8:30pm - Membership Growth 8:30pm - Social Justice (online)	2 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 12pm - Simply Delicious Dishes 8:30pm - DE Zen (S) @ Sanctuary 7pm - New Ark Meet Up (online)	3 9:30pm - Drama Kids (S) 5:45pm - MRH (L)	4 7am - System 4 Cleaning 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 2pm - Reception Planning Mtg. (L) 8:30pm - Newark OA (L)	5 8:30am - Kintsugi - Martial Arts 12:30pm - LCWC (S) 4:30pm - Communion Setup (S)
6 8:45am - Choir Practice (S) 9:30am - Communion 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Hour 2pm - Greater Grace (S) @	7 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 7pm - Al-Anon (L)	8 8:30pm - Kintsugi - Martial Arts 8:30pm - Worship Planning	9 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 8:30pm - DE Zen (S) @ Sanctuary 7pm - New Ark Meet Up (online)	10 8:30pm - Drama Kids (S) 8:30pm - Finance C. (online) @ 5:45pm - MRH (L) 7pm - Worship C. Mtg (online)	11 7am - System 4 Cleaning 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 8pm - Couples for Christ (W/C) 8:30pm - Newark OA (L)	12 8:30am - Kintsugi - Martial Arts 1pm - Greater Grace (W)
13 NIN Offering 8:45am - Choir Practice (S) 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Hour 11am - Second Sunday (S) 2pm - Greater Grace (S)	14 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 7pm - Al-Anon (L)	15 8:30pm - Kintsugi - Martial Arts 8:30pm - Coord. Con.	16 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 12pm - Simply Delicious Dishes 8:30pm - DE Zen (S) @ Sanctuary 7pm - New Ark Meet Up (online)	17 2pm - Book Group @ off site 8:30pm - Drama Kids (S) 5:45pm - MRH (L)	18 7am - System 4 Cleaning 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 11am - Hope Dining Room 8pm - Couples for Christ 8:30pm - Newark OA (L)	19 8:30am - Kintsugi - Martial Arts 12:30pm - LCWC (S)
20 8:45am - Choir Practice (S) 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Hour	21 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 7pm - Al-Anon (L)	22 8:30pm - Kintsugi - Martial Arts 8:30pm - Worship Planning	23 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 12pm - Simply Delicious Dishes 8:30pm - DE Zen (S) @ Sanctuary 7pm - New Ark Meet Up (online)	24 5:45pm - MRH (L) 7pm - Reproductive Rights (S)	25 7am - System 4 Cleaning 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 12:30pm - Together Women Rise 8pm - Couples for Christ 8:30pm - Newark OA (L)	26 8:30am - Kintsugi - Martial Arts 12:30pm - LCWC (S) 8pm - Grill of the Birch Moon (W)
27 8:45am - Choir Practice (S) 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Hour 2pm - Greater Grace (S) 6:30pm - Circle for Sharing (S)	28 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 12pm - NL Deadline 7pm - Al-Anon (L)	29 8:30pm - Kintsugi - Martial Arts	30 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 12pm - Simply Delicious Dishes 8:30pm - DE Zen (S) @ Sanctuary 7pm - New Ark Meet Up (online)	31 5:45pm - MRH (L)	1 7am - System 4 Cleaning 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 8:30pm - Newark OA (L)	2 8:30am - Kintsugi - Martial Arts 12:30pm - LCWC (S)