



# New Ark

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### “Remember November”



**Image Description:** *Photo of a great horned owl in flight. In the background are pine trees, some with bare branches.*

Remember  
remember the dead  
also those still  
with us that draw breath  
Remember veterans  
and armistice  
reasoning for war  
the wreckage of a man’s  
and a woman’s  
everyone’s living, family, a nation,  
a world, that it never ends  
anything but life

Remember to vote  
that fierce whisper  
amid the chattering clamor  
power to say enough

Remember  
a thwarted gunpowder plot

all those who would tear  
asunder that which is joined

Remember to give thanks  
not eat too much  
make room at the table  
and that Advent is coming soon  
Remember me, he said  
whenever you break bread  
and pour wine to share

...

Remember the owl  
her silent flight beneath  
Orion’s watchful eye  
the cloistered bee  
the beauty of bare trees  
a carpet of russet and gold  
not to be seen for another year

Remember  
the seed, the sunken bulb,  
the misplaced acorn and walnut,  
the promise of life  
cycled within death

—Rev. Cynthia E. Robinson © 2006

Remember Farm Day, No-  
vember 2, at Brewer’s Hideaway  
Farm, 832 Lombard Rd., Rising  
Sun, MD 21911. 10:00 a.m.-  
12:00 p.m.: Putting the green-  
house to bed. 2:00-4:00 p.m.:

Yoga/Anccestor Journey. 4:00-  
6:00 p.m.: Corn Harvest/Grati-  
tude. 6:00-8:00 p.m.: Potluck  
Dinner (bring a dish from your  
heritage). Bring a relic, photo,  
or memory of a dear one who  
has passed.

Remember November 20 is  
Transgender Day of Remem-  
brance. As of this writing, since  
November 21, 2023, there  
have been 44 known fatalities,  
including 12 by suicide, ages  
14 to 57 years, with an aver-  
age age of 28. Remember them  
in your prayers.

Remember November 26 is  
the Interfaith Thanksgiving  
Service, 7:30 p.m. at our  
church and livestreamed.  
Pick-up choir will rehearse  
at 6:00 p.m.

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

*Cynthia*



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## CONVENER'S CORNER

Jenny Greenzweig, Convener

'Tis the season of change. Changing leaves and changing out clothes from summer to winter. The days and nights have gotten colder and we are looking ahead to many activities. One of my favorite things about this church and what has kept me coming is the fellowship. And I don't just mean Coffee Hour, although that is always a way to be involved and connect with others. We still need someone or a couple of "some-ones" to coordinate those goodies. We also still need a Financial Secretary. It's an important position, but the work is much more streamlined now that we have a new software system in place. Please prayerfully consider these positions and ask our Volunteer Enlistment Committee members if you have questions. Oh, right! They need another member as well. It really is a great way to get to know the people and the workings of the church.

A Day at the Brewer's Farm, the Fall Work Day at church, the Inter-faith Thanksgiving Service (hosted here this year so we can showcase our space and it's potential for building up!), and serving Day After Thanksgiving lunches are just a few of the November offerings.

*So thankful for all of you!*



## TOGETHER WOMEN RISE

Friday, November 22, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

### November Project: "No Means No South Africa"

The Newark Main Street chapter of Together Women Rise will meet on Friday, November 22 at 12:00 noon in Wells Hall to share lunch and learn about "No Means No South Africa." This project delivers an evidence-based sexual violence prevention program to young people in South Africa, teaching adolescents of all genders mental, verbal, and physical skills and strategies to avoid and escape from sexual violence and to safely intervene when anticipating or witnessing violence. It also provides psycho-social support and

medical/legal referrals for young people who are survivors of abuse.



All are welcome to join us for lunch (bring a small dish to share or your own bagged lunch) and learn how this group is empowering young women.

## THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY TREE

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



November 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

"Baptists and Methodists"

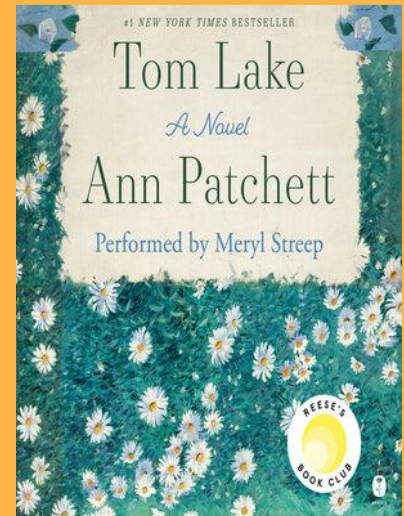


November 9, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

"Mormon, Adventist and Restorationist Churches"

## BOOK GROUP

The NAUCC Book Group will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, at the home of Marcia Rahn for a discussion, led by Pam Mezaraups, of the book, *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett.



**A FRIENDLY  
REMINDER  
from the PCRC**



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

**LECTIONARY  
READINGS**

■ **November 3**

Ruth 1:1-18  
Psalm 146:1-10  
Hebrews 9:11-14  
Mark 12:28-34

■ **November 10**

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17  
Psalm 127  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

■ **November 17**

I Samuel 1:4-20  
I Samuel 2:1-10  
Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25  
Mark 13:1-8

■ **November 24**

II Samuel 23:1-7  
Psalm 132:1-12  
Revelation 1:4b-8  
John 18:33-37



**STEWARDSHIP**

There are many ways to support the shared goals of the New Ark UCC, and our upcoming annual stewardship campaign provides an opportunity for you to consider, "How can I help?"

Your monetary gifts and offers to volunteer your time and talents help the church achieve its mission to step out boldly and accomplish those things we declare are important to us. Together, we can make our fondest hopes a reality.

In November we will begin our stewardship campaign when the Finance Committee asks you to think through what you can pledge for the 2025 year. Watch for a letter during the week of November 10 which will ask you to consider your gifts to the church—financial as well as time and talent—during 2025. We hope that you will prayerfully consider your gifts and be able to submit your pledge on Sunday, November 17.

With a budget based upon our collective promises, we can see a way forward into the future we imagine together.

**EXTRA HALLOWEEN  
CANDY?**

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



Please join us for our Fall Clean-Up Day on November 9 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon as we clean up inside and outside the New Ark UCC. Please bring your landscaping tools (gloves, trimmers, rakes, blowers, pruners).

**Outside Activities**

- Pick up trash/litter
- Trim bushes and tree branches
- Rake leaves
- Clean out flower beds
- Clean out rain gutters

**Inside Activities**

- Mount Large screen TV on the back wall of the sanctuary
- Run HDMI cable from Livestreaming desk to TV
- Replace burned out light bulbs
- Replace stained ceiling tiles

Please contact David Kingsbury if you have any questions.

**INTERFAITH  
THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

This year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service with the theme, "Holy Human Interruption," will be held at the New Ark UCC on November 26 at 7:30 p.m. The pick-up choir will rehearse at 6:00 p.m.





## DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING LUNCH

Because Hope Dining Room is closed for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, Ogletown Baptist Church is serving dinner on Thanksgiving Day and **New Ark UCC is serving lunch on "Black Friday," November 29.** We need some assistance, and specific needs are listed on a Wells Hall sign-up sheet. We will set up on Wednesday, November 27 and will need some servers on that Friday. Soup and dessert—or monetary donations—will help. Please sign up or contact Peggy Dillner ([dillner@comcast.net](mailto:dillner@comcast.net)).



## DINNER with US

A dinner party is more than just a meal. It helps build connections and breaks down barriers within our congregation. We are planning to begin our meals together on January 12, 2025. We are working out the kinks in a sign-up system, but here are some things you should think about:

- Would I like to host? (We are planning on groups of 6-8 diners. If you are willing, please let me know!)
- Would you prefer to host a dinner or luncheon?
- If part of a couple, would we be willing to each go to different parties? (This might help with balancing numbers, but it also might be fun!)
- Could I bring a side dish? (This can be coordinated with the host.)
- Could I give someone a ride?

If you can't host in January, we are planning more meals in February and March. Please let me know if you have other questions or ideas about this new adventure! Feel free to contact me at [mcatkinson@comcast.net](mailto:mcatkinson@comcast.net). More information to come.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES for BOB CASSEL'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

We are seeking volunteers to help with Bob Cassel's memorial service.

- If you would like to contribute food, please reach out to Marcia Rahn (302-983-1380) or Donna Dickhart (302-229-9348).
- For those interested in assisting with the reception set-up or clean-up, contact Peggy Dillner (410-920-1042). Set-up will be Friday, November 15, 2:30-4:30 p.m. (or whenever it is finished).
- We also need help on the day of the service with greeting, parking, and other needs. Contact Connie Cox (302-379-1311) or Meg Marcozzi (302-562-6035) if you are available to help.

Your support is greatly appreciated as we come together to honor Bob's memory.



The time change takes place on Sunday, November 3, at 2:00 a.m.





## PREVENTION is CHEAPER than the CURE

The following article is from the Fall 2024 issue of "Solutions" of the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF). EDF supplied legal counsel to Rachel Carson back in the 1960s when she battled chemical companies to eliminate the use of DDT and thus save the bald eagle along with other birds. EDF is a worthy non-profit to support. —Ron Hartman

At COP29, EDF experts will advocate for urgent funding to fight climate change. Without action to slow global warming, climate change is projected to cause \$38 trillion in economic damages per year by the middle of this century.

But it doesn't have to be this way. "Prevention is cheaper than the cure," says EDF's Juan Pablo Hoffmaister, an expert in climate finance who helped negotiate the Paris Agreement, the world's most comprehensive agreement to combat climate change. Total global climate finance needs are estimated to be far less than the predicted economic damage—about \$10 trillion annually.

But leaders need to act now and fund efforts to slash pollution, ramp up renewable energy projects, and advance other

climate-saving measures. So far, they haven't done enough.

According to United Nations experts, world leaders need to mobilize at least \$2.4 trillion annually just to help the most vulnerable nations adapt to a warming world. That's why this fall's COP29 is of critical importance.

On November 11, world leaders will gather in Azerbaijan for the start of the U.N.'s annual climate conference, where discussions will focus on establishing how much money is needed to fight climate change and where that money will come from.

EDF experts will be there, engaging in negotiations, advocating an ambitious finance goal, and participating in technical expert dialogues.

"Money enables action," says Hoffmaister. "And we need to act now if we are going to stop the worst effects of climate change."

Here are the key issues:

### 1. Where will the money come from?

That's the trillion-dollar question. Some will come from governments. For example, public funding is needed for infrastructure projects like seawalls to protect coastal areas from flooding. But private finance will also play a role, such as corporate investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency, private equity funds focused on clean technology, and alternative sources like carbon markets and emissions trading programs.

Additionally, a new U.N. "loss and damage" fund provides direct, global financial

support to countries and communities struggling with the effects of climate change.

"Every country has competing priorities that put a strain on resources," Hoffmaister says. "But we have to remind ourselves that the impacts of climate change are not limited to national borders. Increasing resilience in other countries helps all of us."

### 2. What is holding up funding?

Getting countries to agree on ways to make resources available remains a problem. Some leaders want money to flow directly from the wealthy, high-polluting countries most responsible for climate change to poorer countries. Others advocate for new sources, like private capital.

"Also, some leaders want to keep the target amount that the world needs to a formal figure earmarked to help nations most affected by climate change," says Hoffmaister. "Other's consider 'climate finance' to be all the different financial flows that could help contribute to a lower-emission planet. Right now, there's no globally recognized definition, which is why estimates of how much money is needed vary widely."

### 3. What's at stake?

If we don't invest in fighting climate change now, we will leave future generations without a habitable climate, says Hoffmaister. That's a cost far greater than any dollar amount.

—Vanessa Glavinskas



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**DECEMBER 2024**

**NEWSLETTER**

**DEADLINE**

**12:00 noon**

**on Monday,**

**November 18, 2024**

- 01 Jim Osborn
- 02 Shirley Meehan
- 03 Jenny Greenzweig
- 09 Earl Sparks
- 09 Olivia Kingsbury
- 11 Cathy Atkinson
- 12 Florence Waibel
- 13 Donna Dickhart
- 13 Sarah Greenzweig
- 19 Roy Heget
- 24 Jenn Broomfield



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).



## ***SHARING the JOY!***

***"Joy shared is doubled,  
pain shared is halved."***



Beginning in November during Fellowship Time after the service, we will have information and someone from the Social Justice committee to answer any questions you may have and accept any donations you want to share.

***SHARE the joy of gift-giving with those less fortunate than us  
during the Christmas holiday season.***

There are two families in our congregation who are facing significant financial need these days. Up until **December 10**, we will be accepting financial donations to enable us to purchase gift cards to stores that these folks can get to and shop at. The gift cards will be purchased through our church's gift card program which also helps out our church budget.

Visit us during Fellowship time after church services for more information or to donate. You can also contact Kathy Hyde at 302-367-3701 or [thehydes99@gmail.com](mailto:thehydes99@gmail.com) for information or to arrange a pick-up.

# 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.

Below is a list of needed supplies. 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. **We need enough for five families, which means that we will need multiples of most items.** Feel free to donate additional items you think that the family might enjoy!

Five turkeys will be needed. As many of you know, local grocery stores give free turkeys to people who spend a certain amount of money during the season, 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 in Wells Hall, where you can indicate the items you are planning to donate to the cause. Anything you can contribute is much appreciated by those who receive the food gifts.

If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Boulter.

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.

# Election Escape

Election Night 2024

Bring a board game, some munchies,  
a friend or two.

Pizza and chocolate in Wells Hall.

Election coverage in the sanctuary.

Prayer and meditation in the lounge.

## Tuesday, Nov. 5

7:00 p.m.

New Ark United Church of Christ

300 E Main St. Newark, DE

[newarkucc.org](http://newarkucc.org)



# VOTE

#OurFaithOurVote

WITH LOVE



# NOVEMBER 2024 CALENDAR

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

Nov 2024 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 8:45am - Choir Practice (S) 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Hour 2pm - Greater Grace (S) 8:30pm - Circle for Sharing (S)	28 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 12pm - NL Deadline 7pm - Al-Anon (L)	29 1:30pm - Feasibility Study 5:30pm - Kintsugi - Martial Arts	30 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 12pm - Simply Delicious Dishes 6:30pm - DE Zan (S) @ Sanctuary 7pm - New Ark Meet Up (online)	31 5:45pm - MRH (L)	1 7am - System 4 Cleaning 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 6:30pm - Newark OA (L)	2 8:30am - Kintsugi - Martial Arts 12:30pm - LCWC (S)
3 8:45am - Choir Practice (S) 9:30am - Communion 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Hour 2pm - Greater Grace (S) @	4 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 7pm - Al-Anon (L)	5 5:30pm - Kintsugi - Martial Arts 6:30pm - Membership Growth 6:30pm - Social Justice (online) 7pm - Election Escape (SFWL)	6 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 12pm - Simply Delicious Dishes 6:30pm - DE Zan (S) @ Sanctuary 7pm - New Ark Meet Up (online)	7 5:30pm - Drama Kids (S) 5:45pm - MRH (L)	8 7am - System 4 Cleaning 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 6:30pm - Newark OA (L)	9 8:30am - Kintsugi - Martial Arts 9am - Fall Clean-Up 1pm - Greater Grace (W)
10 8:45am - Choir Practice (S) 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Hour 11am - Second Sunday (S) 2pm - Greater Grace (S)	11 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 7pm - Al-Anon (L)	12 6:30pm - Kintsugi - Martial Arts 6:30pm - Worship Planning	13 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 6:30pm - DE Zan (S) @ Sanctuary 7pm - New Ark Meet Up (online)	14 6:30pm - Drama Kids (S) 6:30pm - Finance C. (online) @ 5:45pm - MRH (L) 7pm - Worship C. Mtg (online)	15 7am - System 4 Cleaning 10am - Bob Casella's Mem. - Setup 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 11am - Hope Dining Room 6:30pm - Newark OA (L) 7pm - Brandywine Recordars (S)	16 10am - Bob Casella's Memorial (S) 6pm - Couples for Christ (S/W/O)
17 8:45am - Choir Practice (S) 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Hour	18 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 7pm - Al-Anon (L)	19 6:30pm - Kintsugi - Martial Arts 6:30pm - Coord. Com.	20 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 6:30pm - DE Zan (S) @ Sanctuary 7pm - New Ark Meet Up (online)	21 2pm - Book Group @ off site 5:30pm - Drama Kids (S) 5:45pm - MRH (L)	22 7am - System 4 Cleaning 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 12:30pm - Together Women Rise 6pm - Couples for Christ 6:30pm - Newark OA (L)	23 8:30am - Kintsugi - Martial Arts 12:30pm - LCWC (S) 5pm - Couples for Christ (W/O)
24 8:45am - Choir Practice (S) 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Hour 2pm - Greater Grace (S)	25 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 12pm - NL Deadline 7pm - Al-Anon (L)	26 6:30pm - Kintsugi - Martial Arts 6:30pm - Worship Planning 7:30pm - Interfaith Thanksgiving	27 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 12pm - Set-Up for Friday (W) 6:30pm - DE Zan (S) @ Sanctuary 7pm - New Ark Meet Up (online)	28 5:45pm - MRH (L)	29 7am - System 4 Cleaning 10am - Day After Thanksgiving 10am - Office Open 10am - STAR Foundation 12pm - Day After Thanksgiving 6:30pm - Newark OA (L)	30 8:30am - Kintsugi - Martial Arts 12:30pm - LCWC (S)