



First Presbyterian Church

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Let us hold fast the confession
of our **HOPE**
without wavering, for He who promised is
FAITHFUL.
Hebrews 10:23, NKJV



This Week's Worship – April 19, 2026

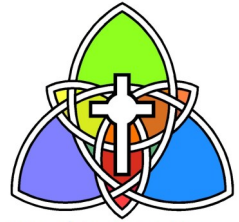
Ushers: Joe Huggins, Stan Blair, Julie Blair, Laura Sievert

Liturgist: Nancy Lewis

Closer: Joe Huggins

Counters: Kevin Thomson, Kern Piser

APRIL 19, 2026



Worship Grow Serve

You Tube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMqrt0yHvgOjUPphSOFgxxA>

Website

www.firstpresnewark.org

Church Calendar

[click here](#)

Online giving through PayPal



Next Week's Worship – April 26, 2026

Ushers: Ron Olson, Carol Olson, Dan Raff, Kim Raff

Liturgist: TBD

Closer: Ron Olson

Counters: Ron Olson, Joe Huggins

Office Hours

Tuesday–Friday

9:00 am—12:00 pm

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DONATED BY

Ron and Annette Mehan
Dedicated in memory of our daughter Laura.



Flowers can be dedicated **in honor** or **in memory** of a family member, friend or loved one. You may pick them up after worship or donate them. You can sign up on the form that is located in the Narthex.

Checks *clearly identified for chancel flowers* may be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office.

Chancel Flowers \$31.00

Looking for a room!!

A female college student from Afghanistan who STAR Foundation has been helping is in need of housing. If you or anyone you know has a spare bedroom and is willing to have this lovely girl stay with you, please contact Nancy Lewis or the church office. Thank you.

Looking for work!!

An Afghani man who STAR Foundation has been assisting needs employment. This gentleman has applied for but has not received his Green Card. He is handy and is happy to do work around the house such as yard work, helping to move furniture, do simple repairs, etc. A suggested rate of pay is \$20.00 per hour. If you need work done around your home and are interested, please contact Nancy Lewis or the church office. Thank you.



Dear Church Family,

Many thanks for the prayers, cards, texts and phone calls you sent during my recent surgery and recovery. Thanks too for sending me the flowers from the altar one Sunday. That was a great surprise and having them delivered by the official church comedian, Greg Hills, and his lovely wife, Shirley, were an added bonus. I remember so many of you fondly!

May God continue to bless you and keep you.

Beth Thomas



May 2nd—Hope Dining Room

June 6th—Deacons

July 11—Band of Brothers

August 1st—Chancel Choir & Praise Team

September 5th—Presbyterian Woman

October 3rd—Session

November 7th—Worship Committee

December 5th—Hope Dining Room

Deacons

How They
Serve and
Strengthen
the Church

The Board of Deacons is concerned with the special needs of our congregation, with welcoming visitors and providing fellowship opportunities for the congregation. **Please let the Deacons know if there is a need for a home or hospital visit, a meal delivery or ride to an appointment.** Since care of our congregation should not be limited to the Deacons, we hope you will consider putting your name on a list showing your willingness to visit someone in need, provide a meal or offer a ride. **You can contact Ann Roybal, the Care Coordinator, or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. We all know from experience that both the doer and the receiver will be blessed. Ann Roybal may be reached at 302-368-8539 or at ann.roybal@gmail.com.**

Food for Success Pantry
Operational Data for March 2026

<u>Month</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u># in Home</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Children</u>
Mar '26	107	180	154	26

Highlights:

The breakdown of families served, number of adults, and number of children has remained about the same since December 2025.

We continue to serve fresh fruit and vegetables at the pantry from the Food Bank. We supplement the Food Bank supplies with perishable foods such as bread, eggs, milk, and margarine, which we purchase from local grocery stores, like Aldi and Walmart. We continue to distribute personal hygiene products from Kim Raff that are in high demand.

Expense breakdown:

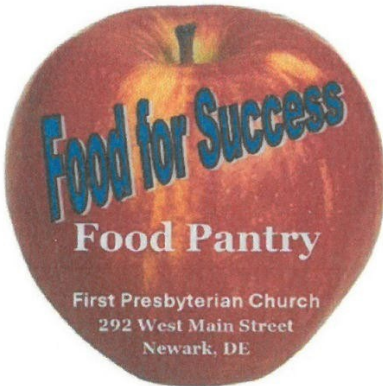
Food Bank (50% cost sharing	\$95.49
Aldi	\$257.71
Walmart	\$38.28
Shop Rite	\$11.90
Food Lion	\$25.06
Total for March	<u>\$ 428.44</u>

The cost-sharing amount we paid to the Food Bank was higher in March, and the cost from the retail stores was less. The protein items provided by the USDA are slowly returning to what we had in early 2025: chicken, shrimp, Cornish hen, and varieties of fish.

We continue to fund our food purchases beyond the free USDA food largely with the **Ignite grant** from the Presbytery, and for that, we are grateful. For March, we only spent \$428.44 from our allocation of \$1,166.67.

We continue to serve a substantial number of non-UD clients with young children, especially on Fridays. Several are from Newark and Wilmington.

We're thankful for the continued volunteer support from FPCN, Bank of America employees, students from UD's ELI program, and members of the UD faculty. They assist with transportation and unloading, prepping, and ensuring the shelves are fully stocked before we open. One local community member volunteer has shown himself to be a committed supporter of our mission with his regular contributions of great quantities of fresh and shelf-stable food items and his time.



A choice pantry in partnership
with the Food Bank of Delaware
An Equal Opportunity Provider

Monday and Friday
2nd and 4th full week of each month
4:00pm to 6:00pm
Memorial Hall (behind the church)

For weather related closings go to
www.firstpresnewark.org
(Serve/Food for Success)

Food for Success 2026 Open Dates

Dates circled in Green are holidays - Food for Success pantry is closed

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH							APRIL						
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foodforsuccess@firstpresnewark.org

The praise team is seeking a drummer to join us on Sunday mornings. We gather at 8:45 AM for rehearsal. The church has a digital drum set that we use during services and for our weekly YouTube videos.

If you're interested in sharing your talents, please contact Larry Benson at praiseleader@firstpresnewark.org.

Peace, Larry

STEWARDSHIP



As Of March 29, 2026 - 13 Weeks of 2026

Year to Date - Comparative VIF Gifting Status (13 Sundays Into Year or 25.0% of 2026)

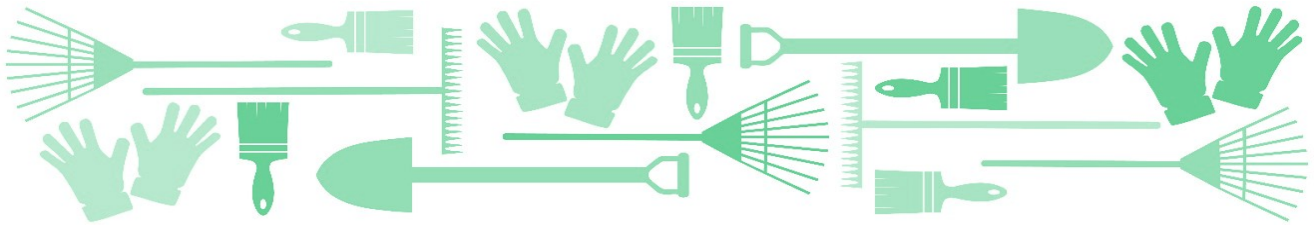
	<u>Year:</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Gifts Received		\$ 80,581	\$ 96,978
Yearly Gifting Goal or Actual Amount		\$ 336,000	\$ 344,663
Gifts Received/Yearly Goal or Actual Amount		24.0%	28.1%

2026 VIF Gifting is about 16.9% (\$16,400) lower than that of 2025!

But: FPCN's 2026 VIF Gifting Goal is only 2.5% (\$8,663) lower than that of 2025!



Help proclaim God's Word by volunteering to be a Sunday worship liturgist! Any and all are invited to help lead our worship service! No prior training or experience is required, and Pastor Dan will answer any questions you may have. Helping to lead worship is a wonderfully fulfilling experience and a great way to deepen your relationship with the congregation and our Lord. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex, and you can also call or text Pastor Dan.



Exciting news for Spring! First Presbyterian's former playground is being converted into a community garden by Girl Scout Troop 15! The Girl Scouts are building the garden with raised beds and a "little pantry" to bless our community. The growth belongs to God, but we are to be the sowers and reapers. If you are interested in helping work in the garden and/or plan its use (rent spaces, fair share spaces, etc) please contact Melody Bock by text 214-316-2543 or email MelodyBock.counselor@gmail.com



**PROUDLY
PRESENTS**



Windswept Journeys

PRELUDE CONCERT WILL BEGIN 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH EVENT



**SATURDAY, APRIL 18
MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL
7PM**



**SUNDAY, APRIL 19
CAPE HENLOPEN HS
3PM**

FEATURING DELAWARE HIGH SCHOOL MUSICIANS IN
THE SIDE-BY-SIDE



Annual Delaware Interfaith **PEACE WALK**

Sunday, April 19, 2026
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Old College Entrance,
E. Main Street, Newark, DE



Register at:
ipw26.eventbrite.com





First State Flute Choir
Presents

Dancing into Spring

Sunday May 3, 2026 4 PM

St Paul's Lutheran Church
701 S. College Ave, Newark DE 19713

Free Admission with Goodwill Offering
Refreshments Following Concert!



First State Flute Choir

Join us for a Benefit
Concert in Support of
Survivors of Abuse in
Recovery

Saturday, May 9th 3:30PM

**Unitarian Universalist
Society of Mill Creek
579 Polly Drummond Hill Road
Newark DE 19711**

All donations will benefit SOAR which is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing professional mental health services to victims of sexual trauma and their families regardless of their ability to pay. A leader in the field, SOAR also provides education, advocacy and professional development.

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10-11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	30 6:00pm - 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 15- (YR)	31 6:30pm - 8:30pm BSA Cub Pack 56 - Pack Meeting	1 9-10am Prayer Group-Zoom 12-1:00pm Band Brothers(Libr) 7-8pm Bells Rehearsal (Low Sanctuary) 7-8:30pm BSA Troop 56 Meeting (YR)	2 9am-12pm Library Rsvp 5-7pm Maundy Thur Agape Feast 7-8pm Choir Practice-Choir room	3 GOOD FRIDAY (Holiday - Off Closed) 9-11am Finance/Bill Pay - Zoom 11:30-1:30pm Reaching 4 Personal Freedom (AA) - GLIWA 7-8:00pm Good Friday Svc	4
5 7:8am Easter Sunrise Svc 10-11am Easter Worship- Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	6 EASTER MONDAY 6:00pm - 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 15- (YR)	7 ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED 10:00am - 11:30am PW CT - MH Parlor	8 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library 7:00pm - 8:00pm Bells Rehearsal (Low Sanctuary)	9 9-12:00pm Library Rsvp 3-4:00pm HR Team Library 7-8:00pm Choir Practice-Choir room	10 9:00am - 11:00am Finance/Bill Pay - Zoom	11
12 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development 11:30am - 1:00pm De Lorenzo Baptism	13 12:00pm - 1:00pm Hope Dining Room 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food For Success 6:00pm - 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 15- (YR)	14 6:30pm - 8:30pm BSA Cub Pack - Den Meeting (YR) 7:00pm - 9:00pm Deacon's - Library - Zoom 7:00pm - 9:30pm Finance Mtg.-Zoom	15 9-10am Prayer Group Zoom 12 - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library 7-8:00pm Bells Rehearsal (Low Sanctury) 7-8:30pm BSA Troop 56 Meeting (YR) ☰ 7 - 8:00pm Gliwa Rsvp - BSA Troop 56 Committee	16 9:00am - 12:00pm Library Reserved 7:00pm - 8:00pm Choir Practice-Choir room	17 9:00am - 11:00am Finance/Bill Pay - Zoom 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food For Success	18 ☰ 4:00pm - 8:00pm Birthday Party
19 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development 1:00pm - 3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 157 Meeting	20 6:00pm - 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 15- (YR)	21 10-12pm Rachel Circle -MH Gliwa and Ruth Circle Parlor hybrid 1pm- 3pm Elizabeth Cir Parlor hybrid 6:30- 8:30pm BSA Cub Pack - Den Mtg (YR) 7- 8:30pm Lydia Cir Zoom/Parlor	22 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library 7:00pm - 8:00pm Bells Rehearsal (Low Sanct.) 7:00pm - 8:30pm BSA Troop 56 Meeting (YR)	23 9:00am - 12:00pm Library Reserved 7:00pm - 8:00pm Choir Practice-Choir room	24 9:00am - 11:00am Finance/Bill Pay - Zoom	25
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BIRTHDAYS

- Laura Sievert April 5
- Wade Catts April 6
- Gregory Hills April 6
- Patti Kelly April 8
- Kim Raff April 10
- Stan Blair April 15
- Judy Baker April 22
- Shirley Hills April 23
- Mike Beron April 30

ANNIVERSARIES

- Sean & Sandra Prather April 8
- Fred & Louise Dawson April 13
- David & Karen Baker April 18



Strawberry Picnic

Sunday, June 7, 2026

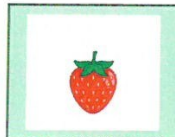
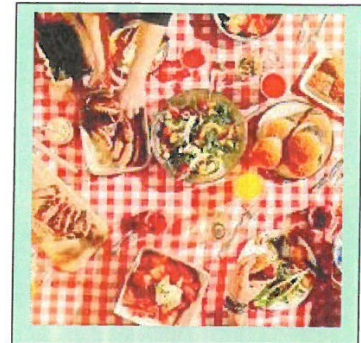
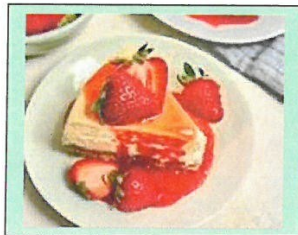


What's in the picnic basket?



Everything Strawberry! Plus...

- Hamburgers
- Cheeseburgers
- Veggie Burgers
- Hot Dogs
- Marinated Chicken
- ...All the fixings!
- Baked beans
- Potato salad
- Macaroni Salad
- Coffee, Iced Tea & Lemonade
- Desserts



DATE: Sunday, June 7, 2026

After Sunday Worship Services



TIME: 12 noon – 3 pm



LOCATION: Memorial Hall West & outside. Bring your own chairs!

(limited picnic tables available)

Attention Church Members

We Need Your Help!

Please see sign-up sheet in the Narthex or your Circle Leader. We need help with:

1. Volunteers to bake a cake
2. Volunteers to prepare the strawberries (details on sign-up sheet)

Strawberry Picnic

Sunday, June 7, 2026



ATTENTION: Church Members — We need your help!

The Strawberry Picnic will be Sunday, June 7, 2026, after Sunday services. We need help on Saturday, June 6th to slice strawberries in Memorial Hall West, starting at 10:30am. We also need volunteers to bake yellow cakes. The cake mix can be bought at the Dollar Store, along with a 9" by 13" pan with a lid. Please wear old clothes and join the fun. We appreciate all of you!

If you have any questions, please call Kim Raff (610) 563-6794 or
Pam Wunder (302) 588-4481

I WILL BAKE A CAKE. Please print your name, phone number & email below.
Bring your cake to the Memorial Hall kitchen on Saturday, June 6th between
10:30am and noon.

Date 6/6/26

NAME

PHONE #

EMAIL

- 1.
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I WILL HELP TO PREPARE THE STRAWBERRIES. Please print your name,
phone number & email below. Meet us in Memorial Hall kitchen on Saturday,
June 6th at 10:30 am.

Date 6/6/26

NAME

PHONE #

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Circle Leaders: Please keep one copy and put the other sheet in one of our mailboxes in the church office.

Thank you, in advance, for your time, commitment and dedication to our Church Community! We appreciate you all.

Kim Raff and Pam Wunder

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(Copy link to your web browser)

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If you are thinking of joining
our church, we would love to
have you!
Please contact Pastor Dan at
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