

Kairos - "God's Time"

Newtown Presbyterian Church

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The Pastor's Pen

For most human beings, transitions are hard.

If you take any of those popular tests in magazines to determine your stress level, you will quickly discover that most of our stress comes from change. We are growing older. Our kids are growing older. Our jobs are constantly changing. Our neighborhoods are more mobile than ever. There is very little in our lives that ever stays the same and our uneasiness with these constant changes brings on stress. We are not good with transitions.

Jesus teaches about transitions in so many different ways. Consider these few examples:

"... the grass of the field which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire..." (Matt 6:30)

"In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me." (John 16:16)

"You are going to have the light just a little while longer." (John 12:35)

"Today you will be with me in Paradise." (Luke 23:43)

The people of God find themselves in transition all the time. Longtime friends pass away while new life is born among us. Families move away while others come to join us. Even the Newtown Presbyterian Church finds itself in transition at almost every turn. This fall we say goodbye to staff members who have been with us a long time and some who have been with us just a short time. We also give a warm welcome to new staff members who come to offer their unique skills and ministries among us.

Transition.

It is all around us and I wonder if sometimes it can even offer us the opportunity for new growth.

Blake
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October
Newsletter Deadline
September 14, 2011
at noon



Fall Worship Schedule 25 North Chancellor Street

Our fall worship services will begin on Sunday, September 11.

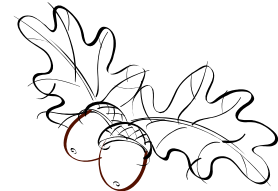
8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Sunday School-All Ages

10:00 a.m. Fellowship in Ettenger Hall

10:45 a.m. Worship Service



Save The Date

Mark your calendars now for *The Annual Spaghetti Dinner* to be held in Ettenger Hall on Saturday, October 1, from 5 – 7:30 p.m. This event, sponsored by the Historic Church Committee, will be a great time to be together. You won't want to miss this. Watch for more details.

Judy Kauffman

PASTORAL STAFF

The Rev. G.W. Blakesley, III— Pastor
The Rev. Wonjae Choi—Associate Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Robert Canon—Pastor Emeritus
The Rev. Richard Kauffman—Parish Associate

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Free Concert, Sunday, September 18 at 4:00pm



Our concert series will begin this fall with Violinist, Joanna Frankel.

“Hailed” by The Washington Post as “an uncommonly fine young violinist,” and praised for her “palpable singing tone and aesthetic intelligence” (The New York Sun, New York City), violinist Joanna Marie Frankel consistently shares her unique imagination before many and diverse audiences.”

As always, our concert series performances will be free and open to the community. As you can see, we are attracting professional musicians from around the region. Please join me in welcoming Miss Frankel as well as future artists on our series. Whether you can contribute to the free will offering or not, your presence at and support of this community outreach ministry is greatly appreciated.

There is a link to Miss Frankel's professional website through NPC Concert Series online at www.music@newtownpres.org

Jason Moore



March 13, 2011 Confirmation Class

Danielle Elizabeth Apple
Elizabeth Xiao Xiang Bauman
Raymond Earl (Avery) Bonwell
Connor Francis Brennan
Andrew Stephen Cicconi
Zachary Alexander Cohen
Juliet Louise D'Anjolell
Ryan Jonathon DeKorte



Kevin Richard Grube
David William Hills
Annalisa Marina Jokic
Sarah Elizabeth Leidy
Taylor Alexis Lucotch
Ryan Tyler Martindell
Michael Theodore Piora
Grant Addison Thorburn



2011 Senior High Youth Group Mission Trip to South Dakota



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Church Officers ~ 2011-2012

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* indicates second term



2011 Fall Schedule

Monday, September 5	Labor Day, Church Office Closed
Tuesday, September 6	P.W. Board Meeting 9:45 a.m. Session Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 8	Senior Choir – First Fall Rehearsal at 8:00 p.m. (in Sanctuary)
Sunday, September 11	RALLY DAY and return to the Chancellor St. Church Church Services: 8:00, 9:00 and 10:45 Church School resumes for all ages at 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, September 13	Deacons Meeting 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, September 14	Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 18	Concert Series Begins 4:00 p.m. with Violinist, Joanna Frankel
Saturday, September 24	New Member Class 8:30 am – 12 noon in Ettenger Hall
Sunday, September 25	Zambia Worship Appraisal Day Roadshow 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 27	Presbyterian Women's Covered Dish and Bible Study - 12:00 noon
Saturday, October 1	Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 2	World Communion/Peacemaking Offering
Tuesday, October 4	P.W. Board Meeting 9:45 a.m.
Saturday, October 15	Saturday Night at the Movies, Pot-luck supper @5:00 pm, movie 5:45 pm
Sunday, October 16	Bible Sunday, Third Grade, 9:00 a.m. worship Stewardship Kick-off Brunch 10:15 a.m.
Sunday, October 23	New Members Luncheon—noon Sr. High Mission Trip Stockholders Dinner 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 25	P.W. Bible Study
Sunday, October 30	Presbyterian Women Thank Offering Concert 4:00 p.m.



P.W. Activities

"For the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7B K.J.V.

I hope you all enjoyed the hot, hot summer, your vacation, and your family reunions. Suzanne and I visited Joan and George Schwab while we were in Florida in June. What a delightful time we had. They are settled in their new apartment and of course, are glad to be near their children. But, we still miss them.

Our new Bible study is "Confessing the Beatitudes". Tuesday, September 27, will be Lesson 1, "Greatly Honored are the Poor" at 1 p.m. We will have a covered dish lunch at noon and everyone will be a hostess. Ruth Barcafer is our leader. The new Bible study books are in Room 211. Please sign your name on the sheet. Come and join us.



P.W. and Webs will be hosting a dinner for our Zambian visitors in September. They will be in Philadelphia from September 14 to September 29. So, please welcome them when they visit our church. If you can help, call Suzanne or me.

Save the date! On Saturday, October 22, Suzanne Herger will be the speaker at Abington Presbyterian Church. Her topic will be "Exploring Africa".

Please pray for all our shut-ins. Prayer is the answer to many situations. Don't forget to give someone a hug today. Tomorrow may be too late.

See you in church,
Mazie B.

A Flying Solo Moment

CHANGE is an ever present part of life. It ranges from little incidentals to those of life changing magnitude. Some are planned, others catch us totally unaware. Some are gradual, others at unreal speed.

My son came home this weekend. We were celebrating his Masters degree. He announced that the company where he is interning offered him a permanent position. This is a real job, with benefits and paid vacation. He is moving out. Not the kind of moving out when you go back to college after a vacation, the kind where you get your own insurance, change your address with the bank and start looking for furniture. It is bittersweet. It is what parents hope for. But his "home" will no longer be the one where I live.

Consider the husband and wife on vacation. They have been married almost 25 years. Before going home, the husband tells his wife he no longer loves her and wants to be with their best friend. He moves out when they return home. She never saw it coming.

My grandmother was born in 1895. She went courting in a horse and buggy. Her husband died when my mother was 4. She experienced the United States' involvement in 4 major wars. She lived through the Depression. She saw the airplane and car come into common use. She also sat in our living room and watched men walk on the moon.

There is no way to stop change. We can fight it, fear it, get angry with it, deny and avoid it. Or we can adapt to it, look for possibilities in it, see what it can teach us and find a way to grow with it. Sometimes our emotional response to change is overwhelming. That is the time to seek help. You aren't alone, everyone is in this together.

If you or someone important to you needs support due to separation or divorce, Flying Solo meets Wednesdays from 7:30 – 9:00 in room 211. Please join us.

Adele Minton, Flying Solo Director



Recycle Your Bicycle

The fifth annual used bicycle collection at Pennswood Village in Newtown will be held on Saturday, September 24, from 9 a.m. to noon. Tell your family and friends.

Bikes for the World will ship donated bicycles to Third World countries, where they are reconditioned and distributed at modest cost to low income people in need of reliable transportation.

Anyone with a no-longer-wanted bicycle in repairable condition is urged to donate the bike to this worthy cause. A \$10 per bike donation is suggested to defray the cost of shipping to overseas charity partners.

Appraisal Day Roadshow Sunday, September 25

For the second year, the church is sponsoring an Appraisal Day on Sunday, September 25, from 1pm to 4pm in Ettenger Hall. Anyone can bring any item, up to three items per person, but no jewelry. Half the proceeds go directly to Newtown Presbyterian Church. There will be three certified appraisers - Bill D'Anjolell, Dan Worden, and Ashley King, all of whom are members of the Pennsylvania Antiques Appraisers Association and the Bucks County Antiques Dealers Association.

Last September's 'appraisal day roadshow', was a big success with approximately 120 items appraised over three hours. We hope you can make it, even if you just want to stop by to hear about the items brought and their values. Any questions, call 215-860-5211.

KITWYP – what in the world does this mean? Those of you who have had your children go away to school could answer this, but there are probably some of you who don't know what this is. KITWYP is Keeping In Touch With Young People. This program, run by Deacons, reaches out to children of our church who have gone away to college or members who are in the military. Last year, we updated this program to reach out to college students and military members via e-mail – not just snail mail. It's a way to let them know that we think of them and to keep them connected to the church. However, for us to effectively reach these people, we need your help. If you have a child who has gone away to college or is in the military, please provide Mark Hillman with the student or military person's contact information (street address and e-mail address).

Best Strawberry Festival Ever!

What a wonderful day we had for the annual Strawberry Festival in June; perfect weather, lots of people and great support from our community. Thanks to all of you who helped, visited and supported the Historic church's largest fund raiser.

Strawberries, cake, hot dogs and sauerkraut, birch beer, Lancaster County cheese, a flea market, antique appraisals and youth group participation with a pretzel and baked goods sale was enjoyed by all. We're already brainstorming next year's event, and if you have any ideas, please bring them to our Historic Church committee. As always, all funds raised continue to improve the buildings and garden of this historic gem.

Theater News!!!

The final decision has been made! Newtown Presby Players will proudly present **YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU**, a comedy by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman. The performances will be on November 17, 18, 19, & 20.

Auditions will be held on August 31, from 7-9:30, in Ettenger Hall.

If you have basic wallpapering skills, we could use your help for the set.

If you have any questions, please call Dave Yantz at 215-805-7365.



Can You Help One of Our Own?

A faithful and valued member of our congregation finds himself in urgent need of modest accommodations for six months (or possibly fewer) starting on October 1; one room, preferably with kitchen privileges would be wonderful. He is a single, 23 year old male. Despite his extremely limited resources, he insists on paying something for this privilege. If you

have a spare room in your home, or know someone who does, please contact John Pahmer @ 215/504-7169. Thank you and God bless.





Zambia



Partnership

The Zambians are Coming!!!

In a few short weeks, from September 14 through 29, the Philadelphia Presbytery will be hosting six visitors from two Presbyterian Synods in Zambia – the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) and the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa (UPCSA). This is a wonderful opportunity for the Newtown Presbyterian Church to open its arms in Christian love and to offer a warm and joyful welcome like the one experienced by the Philadelphia Presbytery contingent last summer while in Zambia.

Please make a point on Sunday, September 25, of greeting our Christian brothers and sisters as they participate in worship, stay for coffee hour, share a congregational dinner, and experience our youth group. You will be inspired by their deep faith and abundant joy!

If you are willing and able to help in an even more personal way, please consider opening your home to one or more overnight guests. Responsibilities would include providing a comfortable place to sleep, breakfast and perhaps a boxed lunch, some transportation – usually to a designated meeting place for the day's activities – and of course, a warm welcome and friendly conversation. In return, you will gain new insight into the role of the Presbyterian Church in the world – and perhaps a new friend.

Joanne and Brent Wiggins

Please contact Wonjae for further details if you are interested in being a host for one or more nights.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Historic Church committee is once again planning a special time for the N.P.C. family and friends. The first event of the new program year is the Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday night, October 1. All proceeds from the dinner go to support the preservation and beautification of the Historic Church.

Dinner, which will be served from 5 to 7:30 p.m., includes spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, and beverage for \$10.00. The cost for children under 12 is \$5.00 (*no charge for children under 3*). Take outs will be available as well.

The evening includes more than just food. There will be musical entertainment and a raffle for a big basket of Italian goodies. A big highlight of the night will be the drawing for the Starflower quilt made by the Eternal Quilters. (*There will be one last chance to get your raffle tickets that night.*)

The Historic Church committee would welcome help from any and all willing workers. If you can participate please sign up on the sheets posted on the H.C.C. bulletin board in the hallway across from the reception room.

Tickets are available from members of the committee, the church office, between services on Sunday morning, or at the door that night.

Saturday, October 1 will be here in a hurry so be sure to mark your calendar now to insure that you and your family won't miss a great night together at the church.

Judy Kauffman



Milestones

Baptisms

5/29/2011 Madeline Elizabeth Rowan,
daughter of Elizabeth and John
Rowan.

7/10/2011 JP (John Paul) Regis Greiner, son
of Blair and John Greiner.

Bereaved

Mike Conturso and family on the death of his
father, Ralph Conturso, 5/26/2011.

Shelda Thorburn and family on the death of her
father, James Duffield, 5/29/2011.

Hazel Rollings and family on the death of her
daughter, Nancy Guthrie, 6/1/2011.

Tim Potera and family on the death of his father,
Joseph Potera, 6/16/2011.

Jim Risch and family on the death of his father,
Robert Risch, 6/18/2011.

Bettilyn Bogia and family on the death of her
mother, Sally Dansbury, 7/1/2011.

Address Changes

Thomas and Susan
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Washington Crossing,
PA 18977

Emily (Lee) and Robert
Endries
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New Hope, PA 18938
215-693-1046

John Frazier
1515 The Parkway
Apt. 590
Rydal, PA 19046
215-885-1925

Kristine O'Brien
12 Lauras Way
Rehoboth Beach, DE
19971

Kay Felmeth
Room 720
215-396-7701

Dave and Sandy Yantz
10 Sutphin Pines
Yardley, PA 19067

Lindsay Perreault
144 Pennsylvania Ave.
Yardley, PA 19067

Thank You

My most heartfelt thanks for all the thoughtful
cards and sympathy given to me on the death
of my daughter, Nancy Hazel Rollings

Thank You

I would like to thank the church family for their
prayers and thoughtfulness during my recent
illness. The cards, visits, flowers, and phone
calls were greatly appreciated. Betty Dickson

My Dear Friends,

June and I thank you, thank you one and all
for your thoughtful, caring and loving con-
cerns when I had let gravity take over to crack
my hip. Your support was/is greatly appreciat-
ed and a powerful help boosting my moral at
a difficult time; leading to my recovery to
where I am now able to cane about in good
order. When in use, my clumping, thumping
cane is repeating, "Thank you, good friends."

Chuck Fulton

NPC Book Club

Attention, Readers! Good news! The NPC
Book Club will be resuming on September 7 at
10:00 in Room 211, when we will be discussing
Barbara Kingsolver's novel set in Mexico The
Lacuna. October 5 will find us focusing on the
classic A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
and on November 2 our topic of discussion will
be Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen
Simonson. Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay is
our December 7 selection and our book for our
January 4, 2012 meeting is Christmas Jars by
Jason F. Wright.

So mark your calendars for 10:00 on the first
Wednesday of each month for spirited discus-
sions and lively fellowship! For any questions,
call Jean Torongo (215-493-3543) or Bettilyn
Bogia (215-968-4098 or email
bdbogia@aol.com).

**September****Birthdays**

- 1 Kaelin Kotter
- 2 Max Hall, Megan Markey, Robert Stevens and Miriam Twiname
- 3 Wilson Dorward, Patricia Richie and Delaney Useller
- 4 Colin Smith, Lillian Sutherland and Nicole Useller
- 5 David Keller and Ann Richards
- 6 Sam Bryk, Michael Conturso, Kelly de Mets, David Fry, Samantha Jansen, Shawn Ortman, and Louis Westphal
- 7 Roy Grabner, Jason Moore, David Sweigard and Lisa Smith
- 8 Ally Cohen and Pete Peters
- 9 Marlowe Gordon, James Penkala, Chase Shadle and Kevin Tagert
- 10 Polly Breithaupt, Christopher Martindell and Eric Struzik
- 11 Beth Cooper and George Rittenhouse
- 12 Nicholas DeMarino, Polly Jamison, and Hannah Knapp
- 13 Jean Brenner, James DeKorte, Tia Davis, Carrie Lynne Juba and Michael Minko, Sr.
- 14 Bryan Eshelman, Randolph Hodgens, Eric Nyquist, Devin Sengpiel, Elizabeth Vollmer and Carl Wertz
- 15 Beth Keller, Sigrid Meise, Dana Reilley, Douglas Rendall and Albert Torongo, Jr.
- 16 Anne Richardson
- 17 Joseph Earley, Taylor Jackson, Katherine Mitchell, Eric Payerle, Abigail Steill, Douglas Taylor and Ethan Waldner
- 18 Caroline Edwards, Charles Franzen, Robert Lambert and Simon Terrey
- 19 Elbert Albert, David Hills, Robert Jenkins, Robert Murray, Jr., Kenneth Rebert, Ryan Suchy and Caron Williams
- 20 Kathryn Becker, Emily Eshleman, Suzanne O'Brien, Stephen Rinear, Brian Shadle and Michael Sherlock
- 21 Peyton Brillhart, Jack Graebner, Aidan Guenther, Robert Kotter, and Lorraine vanZyl
- 22 Margaret Donaldson, Leslie McHugh and Catherine Yantz
- 23 Scott Clemmensen and David Mardis
- 24 Robin Butler, Elizabeth Loughran, Brian Smith, Frederic Thompson and Drew Yuskevich
- 25 Nicole Birkbeck, Kimberly Singer and Alexander Velichko
- 26 Laura Bonas, Amelia Hilbert and Charyl Hills
- 27 Hope Cunfer, Laura Hill, Ron Husted, Carol Rolewicz and Pearl Sereni
- 28 Kristin Boucher, Jean Torongo and Jordan Zotter
- 29 Charles Hughes, Don Leidy and Sarah Minton
- 30 Pamela Penkala and Kenneth Traub

If your birthday is missing, please let the office know.

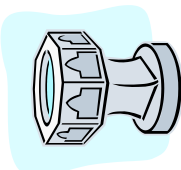
September Usher Teams

Team Date Service Captain

H	9/4	9:00 At Historic Church	A. Thress
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I	9/11	8:00 & 9:00	L. Westphal
J	9/11	10:45	C. Koenig
K	9/18	8:00 & 9:00	M. Bishop
L	9/18	10:45	B. Stevens
M	9/25	8:00 & 9:00	W. Atkins
A	9/25	10:45	B. Wiggins

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	Sunday Morning Worship Schedule - starting Sept. 11				9:30 Stephen Ministry (208)	
PP=Presby Players	8:00 Worship Service 9:00 Worship Service 9:00 Sunday School-all ages 10:00 Fellowship (EH) 10:45 Worship Service					
4 Communion at H.C. 9:00 Baptism	5 LABOR DAY Office closed	6 9:45 PW Executive Board Meeting 10:00 Staff Meet. 6:00 Women's AA 7:00 Career Net-working/ PP (YH) 7:30 Session (EH)	7 8:00 Aid for Friends 10:00 Book Club 7:00 PP (YH) 7:30 AA/Flying Solo (BI & 211)	8 8 pm Chancel Choir (practice held in the Sanctuary <u>every</u> week)	9 9:30 Historic Church (BI)	10
11 Rally Day Return to Washington St. church 10:45 Baptism 1:00 PP (YH)	12 7:00 PP (YH)	13 10:00 Staff meeting 6:00 Women's AA 7:00 PP (YH) 7:15 Deacons (EH)	14 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 PP (YH) 7:30 AA/Flying Solo/Trustees (BI & 211 & EH)	15 8 pm Chancel Choir	16 9:30 Stephen Ministry (208)	17 8-5 PHE (EH)
18 Staff Sunday 9:00 Baptism 1:00 PP (YH) 4:00 Concert	19 7:00 PP (Sanctuary)	20 10:00 Staff meeting 6:00 Women's AA 7:00 Career Net-working/PP (YH) 7:30 CE (211)	21 7:00 PP (YH) 7:30 AA/Flying Solo /Membership (BI, 211 & EH)	22 8 pm Chancel Choir	23	24 New Members Class 8:30—Noon
25 Zambia visitors in worship 1:00 Antique Appraisal Day/PP (YH) 6:15 Prison Min.	26 7:00 PP (Sanctuary)	27 12:00 PW Covered Dish/Bible study 6:00 Women's AA 7:00 PP (YH)	28 7:00 PP (YH) 7:30 AA/Flying Solo (BI & 211)	29 8 pm Chancel Choir	30 9:30 Historic Church (BI)	October 1 5-7:30 pm Spaghetti Dinner





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