



The Looking Tree

Love lives here, Love flows from here...

August 2017

Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,



Go Green...Spiritually

We're in the middle of summer – warm days, bright sunshine, and everything is really, really green. Summertime is a season of growth – from delicious home-grown vegetables from a local garden, to trees growing fresh leaves and branches, to our lawns growing tall and lush, and constantly needing cut! In our hemisphere, the summer months correspond with the season of Ordinary Time on the liturgical calendar, a time of year not marked by a specific season or festival such as Advent or Easter.

The name “Ordinary Time” may sound a bit boring to us, but it can actually be a wonderful time of rest, renewal and continued growth in the Christian faith. The season of Ordinary Time runs from the Sunday after Trinity Sunday (occurring in May or June), until Christ the King Sunday in November. This season is represented by the color green symbolizing ongoing growth and development in the Christian faith.

Ordinary Time is a great time of year to commit to a Christian practice, such as prayer or fasting. Or delve deeper into the Bible, either by studying a biblical theme or reading a particular book of the Bible. It is also a great time to continue practices, such as weekly worship, acts of service, giving, or taking a time of personal Sabbath rest. To make the most of Ordinary Time, think of one activity you can do to strengthen your commitment to Jesus Christ and set aside specific time to engage regularly in it over the course of the summer. With regular practice, these activities will open up space in your life for God to do extraordinary things. So, “go green” during Ordinary Time, and you will find that your faith will be anything but ordinary!

Blessings,

Hilary



Pastor Hilary Livingston

Members of the Newark Interfaith Fellowship participated in a community Iftar Party on June 21, 2017. An Iftar Party is a Muslim celebration where participants break the fast of Ramadan. During Ramadan, Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset. After sunset, they break the fast together, often with a communal meal. This Interfaith Iftar Party was organized by Charanjeet Singh Minhas, a member of the Sikh community, as an act of fostering peace and goodwill within the interfaith fellowship. The meal was held at Bawarchi Biryani Point Restaurant in Newark. Several local clergy of the Newark Interfaith Fellowship participated in the event as a way of building positive relationships with people of other faith traditions in our community.



Final reminder to make note of our new email addresses that have been changed: Make sure you put them in your contact list to avoid possible "failure to deliver" messages.

Please make note of the changes and start using these new addresses:

For Head of Christiana PC formerly: headofchristiana@verizon.net

new: headofchristiana@outlook.com

For Nancy Crawford formerly: nancy.hoc@verizon.net

new: nancy.hoc@outlook.com

BEEN TO PERU?

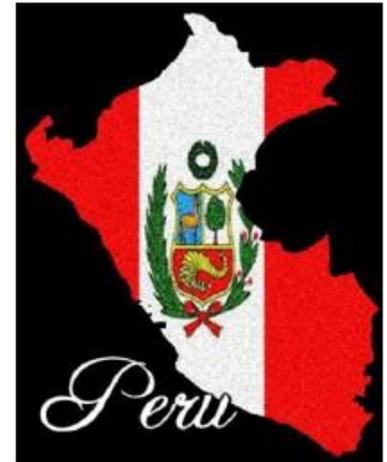
Hilary Livingston

We are looking for pictures, maps, or any other items you may have from Peru to include in our “Passport to Peru” VBS program this summer.

Items will be kept secure during the program and will be returned to you at the completion of VBS.

If you have digital pictures, please submit them via email to Rev. Emma Horn at emmahorn@firstpresnewark.org with the subject line: Peru Pictures, VBS 2017.

If you have physical items, please bring them to Pastor Hilary’s office at our church, or contact First Presbyterian Church of Newark at [\(302\)-731-5644](tel:(302)731-5644) to coordinate a time to drop them off.



C & F COFFEE HOURS

August Coffee Hours

August 6—pot luck
August 13—pot luck
August 20—pot luck
August 27—pot luck
September 3—pot luck



Would you like to host a coffee hour??
Just speak to Julia Busick and it can easily be arranged.

T S A COMPETITION

Submitted by Nicole Gill

This year at Newark Charter, I competed in a competition called TSA. TSA is a technology, engineering, and science competition. For my event, I had to make a children’s book with two other girls on my team. We had to write and create the book by ourselves, and it had to be science related. Our book was a pop-up book about water pollution, told from the point of view of a turtle, a fish, and a bird. **We won first in the state, and got the opportunity to compete at nationals in Orlando, Florida.** Overall, it was a fun competition, and I hope to do it again next year.



Congratulations Nicole...We couldn’t be prouder. Great job!!!

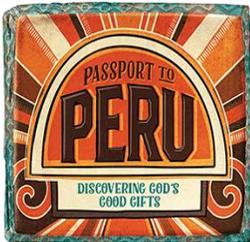
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday, August 6 – Thursday, August 10, 2017

5:30 – 8:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church of Newark

292 West Main Street Newark, Delaware 19711



Program begins with potluck dinner each evening at 5:30 PM

Classes begin at 6:00 PM

Classes for all ages – Pre K through Adult:

This year's program for children is *"Passport to Peru"*— a fun, interactive program that will share God's love in Jesus Christ through the eyes of children from a different culture.

Jr. High and Sr. High youth will be exploring *"Pictures of God"*— lessons that look at different images of God from scripture.

Adults will be delving into the book of *Ephesians* in a Max Lucado study co-facilitated by Pastor Hilary and Pastor Steve Brundage.

Register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/2017VBSPeru>

Volunteer at VBS:

- Room set up/decorating
- Food set up/clean up
- PreK-K room assistant
- Tech support (DVD & projectors)
- Assist with games & lessons
- "Crew leaders" to take children around to various class stations
- Youth room assistant

For more details, contact Pastor Hilary at the church office at
(302)-731-4169 or her cell at (814)-577-4269.

We hope you will join us for this event!

It's OUTREACH !

THE FOURTH ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERT UNDER THE TREES

It seems hard to believe that was the fourth consecutive year for the "Summer Concert Under the Trees". Once again, the fabulous **Newark Community Band** blessed our church grounds with rousing music that this writer for one never tires of, especially since the band always manages a new selection of songs each year. It was a very hot evening, but we still saw a lot of new faces in the audience, no doubt brought in by the music, but also I suspect, by the presence of the Kilby Ice Cream "**Moo Mobile**". They always make a great combo!

Thanks to all who supported this effort by being there. Without you it wouldn't happen. Special thanks to the Outreach Team and volunteers! You made sure it came off without a hitch. And lastly, we are also pleased to announce that \$186.00 was donated for area homeless charities.



DOWNES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Downes Elementary School

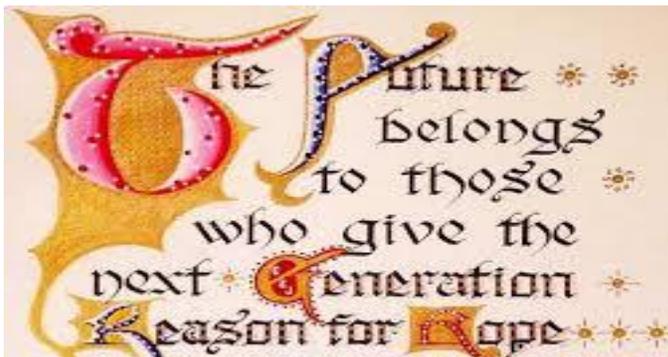
The start of school is just around the corner and we are getting ready!

Our goal is to ensure that every child at Downes is prepared with the supplies required to start the year off right.

We need your help!

Please help us collect school supplies for a child in need.

A list of requested items is printed to the right. Donations may be deposited in the box marked "School Supplies" located in the vestibule. Thank you for your help!



School Supply List for Downes Elementary Children

- #2 pencils
- soft pencil pouch (no boxes)
- 2-pocket folders (different colors with holes)
- Marble type composition books
- one subject tablets
- box of 24 (at most) crayons
- pencil sharpener with lid
- bottle of hand sanitizer
- large boxes of tissues
- glue sticks (large preferred)
- wide-rule lined loose leaf paper
- small zip lock baggies
- large zip lock baggies
- Colored pencils
- Post-it notes (any size/color/brand)
- Scissors (Fiskars for kids, pointed end preferred)
- white copy paper
- Clorox Wipes/Lysol dual action wipes
- Jumbo stretchy book covers
- ½ inch 3-ring binder
- 1 cm/inch ruler
- 1 protractor (clear)
- Hand Soap
- Crayola markers
- Elmer's glue
- Small pink erasers
- Ticonderoga pencils (sharpened if possible)
- Black dry erase markers (skinny/fine point)
- Hand wipes
- 1 flash drive (cheapest one is fine)
- Sharpies
- Highlighter

Wish List (optional)

- scotch tape and/or masking tape
- colored copy paper
- fine felt tip pens (blue or black)
- Bag feathers
- Paper towels
- White or colored card stock



HOC CALENDAR — August Happenings



Sunday	Aug	06	12:30pm	Worship Commission
Sunday	Aug	06	5:30pm	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL starts
Wednesday	Aug	10	5:30pm	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ends
Friday	Aug	11	12:00pm	Hope Dining Room
Sunday	Aug	20	12:30pm	Christian Education Commission
Monday	Aug	21	7:00pm	Admin & Finance Commission
Wednesday	Aug	23	11:30pm	Nifty-Wifty at Wesley's

PILOXING — MONDAYS — 7:00PM

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday, Sept. 10 (3:00pm) — Pastor Hilary's Installation
 Sunday, Sept 17 — Kick-off Sunday



"Rest is not idleness,
 and to lie sometimes
 on the grass under trees
 on a summer's day,
 listening to the
 murmur of the water,
 or watching the clouds
 float across the sky,
 is by no means
 a waste of time."
 - John Lubbock, The Use Of Life



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Aug 5	Charlotte Dudkewitz	Aug 17	Jeff Gillespie
Aug 7	Ed Crispin	Aug 17	Audrey Harper
Aug 7	Becky Taber	Aug 18	Matthew Tipton
Aug 8	Bob Benedict	Aug 20	Bruce Logan
Aug 8	Alex Oakes	Aug 23	Brian Huffman
Aug 11	Christopher Sutton	Aug 24	Laura Tipton
Aug 13	Jim Kniskern	Aug 27	Ruth Stafford
Aug 15	Vanessa Marianiello	Aug 31	Mims Hildabrant

