

## GREENSTONE GAZETTE

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Bringing the love of Jesus to our community by fostering an accepting, nurturing and compassionate environment.

Expanding our missions, infrastructure and worship experiences to meet the community's needs.

Passionately and enthusiastically developing opportunities for personal and spiritual growth.

Seeking partnerships with local organizations in pursuit of God's vision for the greater Nottingham area.



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## Back-to-School Fair is here!

**Backpack Stuffing Day—August 18 9a-1pm**

At Nottingham Presbyterian Church.

Come help stuff backpacks! Sign ups on the website: [Nottinghampc.org](http://Nottinghampc.org) under Ways to get involved or see Tenille Dewees.

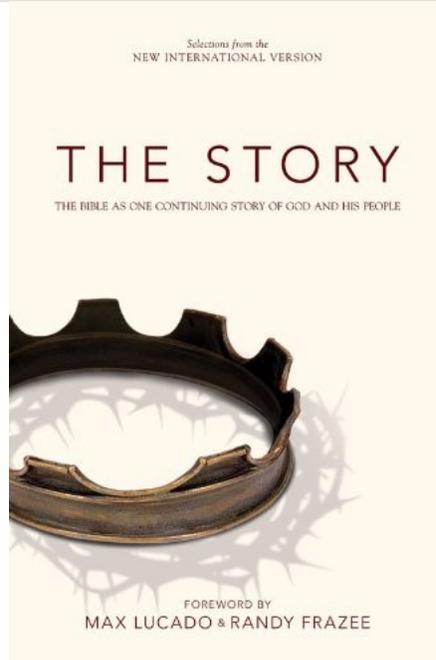
**Set up for Back-to-School Fair Friday August 24**

**10:45a—3:30pm** Sign up for a 2 hour shift on the website: [Nottinghampc.org](http://Nottinghampc.org) under Ways to get involved or see Tenille Dewees.

**Work the Back-to-School Fair Sat. August 25**

**8am—2pm** Sign up for a 2 hour shift on the website: [Nottinghampc.org](http://Nottinghampc.org) under Ways to get involved Or see Tenille Dewees.

If you have never experienced the Back-to-School Fair, sign up for a shift and see God's love in this ministry!



**Coming in September!**

**Finding Your Story in God's Story**  
A Churchwide program which helps us weave together God's Story and our own. Read through the Scriptures in a format that is almost like a novel - and see the flow of God's plan unfold. Whether you know the Bible well, or don't know it at all **THIS STUDY IS FOR YOU!**  
Books available by September 2..



**August 2018**

**August Birthdays**

1- Kim Cabeliero  
 1-Elwood (Woody) Welk\*  
 7-Connie MacNeal\*  
 11- Randy Gray  
 14-Eryn Gallagher  
 31-John Steele

\*Shut-in

**August Anniversaries**

14-Kevin and Jill Walsh  
 29-Roger and Kay Moran

**Upcoming Meetings  
and Events:**

Every Tuesday: AA 7pm

Every Thursday: NA 7pm

Wednesday August 8

Deacons 6:30pm

Thursday August 16

Stewardship 7pm

Saturday August 18 Men's

Breakfast 8:30am

STUFF BACKPACKS (NPC)

9am-1pm

Wednesday August 22

Session 7pm

Friday August 24

BACK TO SCHOOL

FAIR SET UP

10:45am-3:30pm

Saturday August 25

BACK TO SCHOOL

FAIR!

8am-2pm

Wednesday August 29

Worship —1pm

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope this finds you happily enjoying the last month of summer. I am so excited about what we have coming in the fall that I can hardly wait! In fact, we may be jumping ahead a little by having a Music Worship Service even before the Fall programs begin.

Our new hymnals have arrived! As soon as our wonderful Worship Ministry Team can schedule it, we will be introducing the new hymnal in a special Sunday worship service that highlights some of the familiar hymns as well as opening us to learning some new favorites. Stay tuned (pun intended!) to hear when this special service will be!

Then on September 9, we will kick off our year-long program called The Story. The Story is a Bible program which engages all the ministries and all the ages in the church. We will work our way through the Bible chronologically rather than simply in the order of the books. This helps us see how the prophets fit with the kings, how the gospel versions fit together, and how God's story plays out throughout Biblical times (and in our own times and stories). You will see some specific requests for information from you in articles in this newsletter (and in bulletin inserts) as well as information for you concerning times and places for activities. The various books for this program have arrived and will be available starting August 12. While each week will cover a specific time period of the Scriptures, each age group will have separate appropriate materials for its level of understanding. We are still working on the times and days of week for the adult studies (this is one of the questions you will be asked to help us answer). The youngest members of our church family will study the passages in the Children's Times (and receive trading cards as well!) and in Children's Church. Youth from ages seven through high school will have study and activities on Monday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. Worship on Sundays will center on these same passages. In addition, we plan to have mission and fellowship activities periodically which will focus on themes that emerge from our immersion in the Scriptures. I can't wait to see what the Holy Spirit does as we celebrate the gift of grace by seeing how God's story has unfolded and continues to unfold!

And, as promised last year when we put out the Advent devotional book, we are starting to recruit folks will to share Advent thoughts for this year's devotionals. Do you have a special story or thoughts of preparation for the joyous gift of Christ's incarnation, the birth of the little one who is the Messiah? Please let me know. If you would like help with a Scripture passage to get you started we can provide that!

Before we jump into these exciting adventures, let's not forget that August is a busy mission month as well. Schedule some time to help with stuffing the backpacks or helping to hand them out. Pause for a moment as well, simply to enjoy the day. Be mindful that each day, whether full of activity or full of time for reflection or rest, is precious and fleeting. Treasure warm memories of the past. Create loving moments in the present. Make time and plans for dreams in the future. Rest and renew your spirit. And when days are difficult, find comfort and hope in the constant presence of the Lord our God.

Blessings on you all, and may God direct our ways as a community of faith now and forever!

In Christ's love, Merritt





## August Volunteers

### Readers:

8/5 Cindy Sudnikovich  
8/12 Becky Conner  
8/19 Carol/Jack Dunlap  
8/26 Dar Gray

**Head Usher:**  
Mark Roney

**Deacon of the month:**  
Connie Lewis

**Communion Prep Team:**  
August 5—Joyce and Jerry  
Jackson

**Communion Servers**  
**August 5**  
Brian Dewees  
Jim Lewis  
Connie Lewis  
Alice Witmer

## September Volunteers

### Readers:

9/2 Tenille Dewees  
9/9 Carol/Jack Dunlap  
9/16 Nina Hansen  
9/23 Jim Lewis  
9/30 Ruth Ann Sumner

**Head Usher:**  
Ed Squires Jr

**Deacon of the month:**  
Dave Pohlig

**Communion Prep Team:**  
9/2 Joyce and Jerry  
Jackson

**Communion Servers**  
**September 2**  
Donna and Gerry Davis  
Alice Witmer  
Carol Dunlap

## Coming Together As A Community

LOUISVILLE — A dozen tornados slashed through Iowa in July, leaving behind extensive property damage in their wake. Marshalltown, a community of about 25,000 residents, suffered catastrophic damage to its downtown area. While not unscathed from the EF-3 tornado that tore through, [First Presbyterian Church](#) was more fortunate than most. In the storm's aftermath, it's focused on rebuilding and healing through worship and community service to those affected by the disaster. "Our community is in rough shape, our entire downtown is destroyed and many of those buildings are going to have to come down. The residential areas that were hardest hit are populated by those who have the fewest resources to recover." The 400-member church will likely need a new roof. It lost windows in the fellowship hall and sustained damage to its air conditioning units and the school bus it uses for outreach. First Presbyterian's sanctuary survived, and a worship service was held as scheduled on Sunday after the Thursday evening storm despite some of the heaviest property damage occurring only a block away from the church. According to Rottink, First Presbyterian's "good fortune" created an opportunity for the congregation. They are providing showers and evening meals for anyone affected by the tornado, as many residents are facing days or weeks of not receiving a paycheck. "We're kind of the only ones left standing around our area, said Rottink. "We've been providing meals and showers for those in need; we served 190 people Sunday night and 325 Monday night. We've begun a "free store" for those who have been turned away from other services and so far, have helped 37 families with groceries, toiletries and cleaning supplies. We're going to keep doing it until God tells us to stop." Rottink, who is filling in this week for the church's senior pastor, the Rev. Richard King, shared several stories of God's presence in the wake of the disaster, including a family of 12 migrant workers from Texas who lost their vehicle in the tornado and were stranded in Marshalltown. A congregation member bought them a van, so they could return home. "Just sitting and talking with them I got to quickly love their family. **Continue to next column**

It's about building relationships and making connections outside of what normally would happen," said Rottink. "That's where God is blessing us, and his personal demonstration of love has been priceless."

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has offered support in the form of an immediate \$5,000 grant to First Presbyterian to help them continue their worship and ministry.

"PDA stands with our brothers and sisters who have been impacted by the tornadoes and is ready to help support the response and recovery in the best way possible," said Jim Kirk, PDA's associate for national disaster response.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is able to respond quickly to emergencies because of gifts to [One Great Hour of Sharing](#).

## Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning—Psalm 30:5



**Elizabeth Ann Lyle Frist (Betty Frist)**, 86 of Rising Sun, MD, passed away Saturday, July 21, 2018 at home. Born in Nottingham, PA, on February 6, 1932, she was the daughter of the late Harry J. and Kathryn S. (Martin) Slauch. All knew her as Betty, a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She was a residence of Cecil

County for over 50 years, working at Calvert Manor Healthcare Center as a nurse's aide for many of those years. A member of Nottingham Presbyterian Church, Betty loved spending time with her church family.

She is survived by one son: Donald C. Lyle, Jr. (Debra) of Rising Sun, MD and one daughter: Winnie Gochneur (Robert Jr.) of Elkton, MD; and two grandchildren: Jennifer and Donnie. In addition to her parents, Betty was also preceded in death by her first husband: Donald Lyle, Sr.; and her second husband: Donald Frist; sister: Mabel Lyle and brother: John Slauch.

Interment was in West Nottingham Cemetery, Col- ora, MD.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial donations be made to Nottingham Presbyterian Church or American Heart Association, both in care of Crouch Funeral Home, 127 S. Main St., North East, MD 21901.



We are in the process of updating the Church Directory. If you want to be in the Directory or need to change information, please give the information to the Church office or an Elder.



# BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible Studies for The Story! We know that most of us live very busy lives – and that our schedules can be hard to coordinate. We would like to find the best times for adults to meet to discuss the Scriptures and contemplate how God’s Story relates, directs, and motivates our own lives and our stories. Please call or email the Church Office to indicate what days of the week and what times of day would work best for you. We would like to have a daytime weekday group and either an evening or weekend group to accommodate various work or other activity needs. Invite your friends to join us – the more the merrier!

Email: [office4npc@gmail.com](mailto:office4npc@gmail.com)



Christmas in August? Who is rushing things? Actually, we are not celebrating Christmas in the summer, we are asking you to consider writing a devotional for the Advent Devotional booklet. We have 37 devotionals to write (from Dec. 1 through January 6 – Epiphany). Do you have a special memory to share or a special Scripture that reminds you of the extraordinary meaning of Christmas? Each devotional will include a Scripture reading, a short meditation, and a prayer. You can choose all three or you can write the meditation and we will provide the Scripture choice and the prayer. Writing from the heart is the gift we can share with one another. Please let Pastor Merritt know if you plan to provide a meditation. Meditations will be due by October 15, but don’t delay!

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Share your  
recipe



From the **June Fellowship Picnic**, this was a requested recipe:

## Spinach Apple Salad

2 Tbsp Cider vinegar  
2 Tbsp oil  
1/4 tsp salt  
1/4 tsp sugar  
1C diced unpeeled apple  
1/4 C chopped red onion  
1/4 C raisins  
2 C Spinach—torn  
2C Romaine—torn

Combine vinegar, oil, salt and sugar. Mix well. Add apple, onion and raisins. Cover, let stand 10 minutes.

Just before serving, combine spinach and romaine in large bowl, add dressing and toss.

Thanks Becky Reiber for this recipe

## Bereavement Support Group Jennersville Regional Hospital

**Second and Fourth Tuesday  
of each month**

**6:30-8:00pm  
Conference Room A**

For more information contact:  
Maris P. Hufnal, Chaplain  
and Bereavement Coordinator  
Brandywine River Valley Hospice (610) 998-1700

**Coming in  
September:  
Food Drive for The Devine Sent  
Food Cupboard**

**Theme: Packing Lunches  
and after school snacks**