



*NPC strives to be an intercultural church of believers in Jesus Christ who delight to share the good news in Germantown and beyond.*

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# CALLED TO WITNESS

ACTS 1:1-8

**Sunday, February 8, 2026 – 10:45am Worship**



# Welcome to Neelsville!

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Welcome to Neelsville Presbyterian Church! We are so thrilled that you have visited with us today. We are a church that is growing more and more captivated by Jesus Christ, delighting to glorify and serve Him in every area of our lives. Wherever you are in your walk with God, we have resources for you and your family. Please contact me if you have any questions or desire additional information. Thanks for visiting and I hope you experience the welcome of Christ during your time with us!

Warmly in Christ,

Pastor Jeffrey Rickett

[pastorjeff@neelsville.org](mailto:pastorjeff@neelsville.org)

## First Time Here?

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We're so glad you've joined us! Please fill out a green guest card in the pew and hand it to a Welcome Team member for a small gift. They can help connect you with our various ministries and answer any questions you may have.

When you join us again, please take a moment each Sunday to sign in with our Welcome Team. This helps us to stay connected and to reach out to ensure you are well if we haven't seen you in a while.

## Tips for Families

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We are a church who believes in the value of families worshipping together, and we welcome the wiggles & giggles of little ones in the pews.

Look for the  station outside the Sanctuary to learn more about...

- **Nursery Care** – Available for children 2 years and under during the service.
- **Worship & Praise Zone** – Children ages 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to a Bible Story & crafts during the sermon. Please check-in before worship at the kids' station.
- **Worship Activity Bags** – Feel free to grab one for your child to use during the service.

**Join us for Classes for All Ages at 9:30am Sunday. We have offerings for everyone from preschoolers to adults. Learn more on page 10.**

# Order of Service

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Christian worship is the gathered response of God's people to God's revelation of Himself. It is our wholehearted offering of praise, gratitude, and obedience to the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Worship centers on God's character and saving work – especially the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ – and shapes us to live as His witnesses in the world. In worship, we listen to God through Scripture, speak to God in prayer and song, and present our lives as a living sacrifice. It is both a foretaste of the eternal praise of heaven and the weekly reorientation of our hearts around the One who alone is worthy.

– Pastor Jeffrey Rickett

## Prelude

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*We invite you to let the music quiet your mind and heart to prepare for worship.*

## Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Jeffrey Rickett

\* = please rise if you are able

## \*Call to Worship

Psalm 100

*God's words in scripture remind us that He is the one who calls us to gather.*

**Leader:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!

**All:** Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**Leader:** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**All:** For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

## \*Hymn

*How Great Thou Art (Hine)*

#33

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed!

*Refrain:* Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. *(Refrain)*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin. *(Refrain)*

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And then proclaim: “my God, how great Thou art!” *(Refrain)*

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## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

Pastor Jeff

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*Our Pastor leads a prayer in which we lift our hearts to praise God for who He is and to express our deep love for Him.*

## **\*Hymn**

*King of Kings (Ligertwood/Ingram)*

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In the darkness we were waiting without hope, without light.  
‘Til from heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes.  
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word,  
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt.

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,  
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross.  
For even in Your suff’ring, You saw to the other side.  
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died.

*Chorus:* Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, three in one.  
God of glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of kings.

And the morning You rose, all of heaven held its breath,  
‘Til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.  
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,  
For the souls of all who’d come, to the Father are restored.

And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.  
Now this gospel truth of old, shall not kneel, shall not faint.  
By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me. *(Chorus)*

Praise forever to the King of kings.

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## Confession of Sin

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*Seeing how great and good God is, we are reminded that we have, more often than we wish, failed to live as God has designed.*

**Leader:** O LORD, our God who brought his people out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery and by Christ delivered us from sin, you have been faithful to keep all the promises of your covenant.

**All:** But we, O LORD, have been a stiff-necked people who love unfaithfulness.

We have loved other gods before you and become their servants.

We have not worshiped you in spirit and in truth, and so we have mocked your glory in heaven.

We have used your name in vain and profaned your reputation on earth.

We have desecrated your Sabbath because we have not trusted you to give us rest.

We have not honored our fathers and mothers, and so we have proved ourselves rebels.

We have hated our neighbors and murdered them in our hearts.

We have made adulterers of ourselves in the lust of our eyes or in the deeds of our flesh.

We have stolen honor and wealth and privileges that are not ours.

We have lied and falsely accused for we love gossip more than truth.

We have coveted blessings you wisely and righteously gave to others.

O LORD, have mercy on us for we have not kept your law. Amen!

## Silent Confession

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*Written words can never reflect exactly what is in each individual's heart, so this is a time for us to consider our own waywardness and speak it silently to God.*

## \*Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1-2,11

*When we confess our sins, seeking God's help to turn away from them, we are assured that He will extend grace, mercy and forgiveness. He is willing to do this because Jesus paid the penalty for our sins on the cross.*

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death...If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Brothers and Sisters, we are forgiven in Christ!

**All:** Thanks be to God!

## \*Confession of Faith (unison)

Nicene Creed

*Since the earliest years when disciples gathered, Christians have formulated statements to summarize what we believe. These creeds help remind us of the richness of our faith and can help answer the questions of those who may be wondering about Christianity.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

\*The term "catholic" means "universal," throughout all ages and generations.

## Time of Offering

*We have an opportunity to give financially to support the work of the local and global church, offering what we are able with cheerful hearts, grateful for God's blessings. Giving also includes generously sharing our time and talents to care for one another and the community around us. **Please take the plate and pass it down the pew to the usher. To give online, scan the QR code.***



## Offertory

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*"Music is a fair and glorious gift of God." Martin Luther*

## \*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

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*A song of praise used by Christians since the early 18<sup>th</sup> century.*

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

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*Jesus said: "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do... for your Father know what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this:"*

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Children's Message

Melissa Evans

*On alternate Sundays, the young children receive a blessing or they gather to hear a mini-message, often sharing a point from the upcoming sermon in a relational way with the children.*

**Children ages 3-3rd grade will be dismissed to the Worship & Praise Zone following the message.**

## Hymn

*Jesus, Strong and Kind*  
(Buchanan/Robinson/Farren/Thompson)

**#362**

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.  
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him.

*Chorus:* For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.

## Scripture Reading

Acts 1:1-8

***Please turn in the pew Bible to page 909 or flip ahead in the bulletin to page 9 to follow the text as it is read.***



Rev. Dr. Dana Allin is ECO's Synod Executive. Dana formerly served as president of the board of ECO; the pastor of Indian River Presbyterian Church in Fort Pierce, Florida; and the pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church in Lakewood, California. Dana attended Fuller Seminary, where he earned both an MDiv and a DMin. He also has a BS in microbiology from University of California, Santa Barbara, and is an Associate Certified Coach with the International Coach Federation. Dana's passion to encourage and inspire leaders has led him to develop both the Missional Leader Training program and the Coach Certification Process. He lives in Santa Barbara with his wife, Beth, and their three children: Micah, Peyton and Piper.

**Space for Sermon Notes is provided on page 8.**

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**\*Hymn***Turn Your Eyes*

#269

(Lemmel/Romanacce/Trout/Winebarger/Stiff)

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face.  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

Turn your eyes to the hillside where justice and mercy embrace.  
There the Son of God gave his life for us, and our measureless debt was erased.

*Chorus:* Jesus, to you we lift our eyes, Jesus, our glory and our prize.  
We adore you, behold you, our Savior ever true.  
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to you.

Turn your eyes to the morning and see Christ the lion awake.  
What a glorious dawn: fear of death is gone, for we carry his life in our veins.

Turn your eyes to the heavens; our King will return for his own.  
Ev'ry knee will bow, ev'ry tongue will shout, "All glory to Jesus alone!" (*Chorus 2x*)

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**\*Charge & Benediction**

*The pastor gives a charge to go into the world in Jesus' name, living and serving in ways that give witness to God's love. He then raises his hands, giving a blessing for the congregation to receive.*

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**\*Postlude**

*We close with another instrumental piece, carrying praise to God out of the church and into the world.*

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**After Worship Today!**

**Join us in the Fellowship Hall for the NPC Annual Meeting & Potluck!**

**Next Week:** The Unfolding Promise: The Faith Story of Abraham  
*God So Loved the World He Gave Abraham* (Genesis 12)

<sup>1</sup> In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” <sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

# Grow and Go with Us! \_\_\_\_\_

## Next Generation Ministry

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*Ages: Birth – 5th grade*

*Contact: kids@neelsville.org*

**Sunday School at 9:30am** (Ed Wing for PreK - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)



*Ages: 6th – 12th grade*

*Contact: students@neelsville.org*

**Sunday School at 9:30am** (Andrew Small Room)

**Wednesday Night Youth Group** meets at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## Young Adult Ministry

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*A place for those aged  
18-40ish to grow in  
Christ & community.*



*Contact: youngadults@neelsville.org*

**Fridays at 7:30pm – Weekly Gathering** (Parlor)

**Join our Group app!** Scan the QR code to stay informed of upcoming events and service opportunities.

## Adult Ministry

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*Join a class or small  
group that meets  
throughout the week!*

*Scan the QR code for  
more details and  
descriptions.*



**Sundays at 9:15am – Get Your Life Back** (Parlor)

*Contact: Adam Condrick (acondrick@segalco.com)*

**Sundays at 9:30am – Jeremiah Bible Study** (Library and Online)

*Contact: Jason Evans (jason.evans@vikamd.com)*

**Sundays at 9:30am – How to Talk about Jesus** (Room 1)

*Contact: Pastor Jeff (pastorjeff@neelsville.org)*

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 5:00pm – Frederick Small Group**

*Contact: Pastor SeongSu Hong (seongsu@neelsville.org)*

**Sundays at 7:00pm – Ezekiel Bible Study** (Online)

*Contact: Craig Wilson (cdw6@msn.com)*

**Wednesdays at 7:00pm – Women's Study on Esther** (Online)

*Contact: Kim Evans (kyejohn316@gmail.com)*

**Wednesdays at 7:15pm – Men's Lenten Bible Study** (Online)

*Contact: Brian Farrell (bpf3356@gmail.com)*

**Fridays at 9:30am – Women's Bible Study on Abraham** (Parlor)

*Contact: Sue Farrell (bfarrell01@aol.com)*

# This Week at Neelsville

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More details of this week's schedule and upcoming events can be found in our weekly e-letter. Scan this QR code for last Friday's edition.



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Sunday 2/8	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>NPC Annual Meeting &amp; Potluck (Fellowship Hall)</b>
	7:00pm	Ezekiel Bible Study (Online)

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Monday 2/9

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Tuesday 2/10

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Wednesday 2/11	7:00pm	NPC Students Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	Women's Bible Study – <i>Esther</i> (Online)
	7:15pm	Men's Lenten Bible Study – <i>Jesus' Final Week</i> (Online)

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Thursday 2/12

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Friday 2/13	9:30am	Women's Bible Study – <i>Abraham</i> (Parlor)
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Saturday 2/14	10:00am	ESOL Classes (Lower Entrance)
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Sunday 2/15	9:15am	Sunday Morning Small Group (Parlor)
	9:30am	Classes for All Ages!
	10:45am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:15pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00pm	Ezekiel Bible Study (Online)

# Announcements

Please send your announcements to [office@neelsville.org](mailto:office@neelsville.org) by Tuesday at Noon for next week's bulletin & e-letter.

**All are invited to the Neelsville Presbyterian Church Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation TODAY, SUN 2/8 in the Fellowship Hall.** The church leadership will present the "Big Picture" of 2025, as well as look ahead to 2026. A potluck lunch will be held after worship with the meeting to follow. Come and enjoy food and fellowship, as well as find out about the many thriving ministries here at NPC!

**Summer Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic** – Trip is open to teens and adults (ages 13+). Step outside your comfort zone, grow in faith and see how God is at work around the world as we partner with local DR churches. Mission dates are June 20 – 26. **Deadline to sign up is TODAY, Sun 2/8.** Contact Pastor SeongSu if you're interested in learning more ([seongsu@neelsville.org](mailto:seongsu@neelsville.org)).



**Did you miss Blanket Sunday? You can still make a donation** to the Church World Service Blanket program today! To donate by check, make it out to NPC and remember to note on your check that it is for "Blanket Sunday" and place in the regular offering. Or donate through our NPC Blanket Link at this QR code! Thank you!!!



**Valentine's Day Fellowship** – Please join us after worship on **NEXT SUN 2/15** for a small reception in the Welcome Center celebrating Valentine's Day. We're celebrating our love for Jesus and each other. Hope you will join us. We could use some help with set up and clean up. Please contact Gerry Davis if you can and for any questions. ([gerry.davis@outlook.com](mailto:gerry.davis@outlook.com))

**Ash Wednesday is 2/18! Join us at 6:30pm for the Deacon's Soup & Bread Supper followed by a 7:30pm Worship Service.** Coming to the dinner? Please fill out the quick form at this QR code so we can plan for everyone and bring your favorite soup to share.



**NPC Women and Teens - Join us for a Weekend Retreat, "Resting in God's Presence." Friday Night and Saturday – 3/6 – 3/7– at Neelsville.** We are fortunate to have Hayley Satrom as a guest speaker! She is a biblical counselor, author, speaker and podcaster. She also co-founded and co-directs Heart Song Counseling with Pastor Jeff! Make plans now and reserve your spot! Cost is \$30. For more information, and to register, use this QR code. Email any questions to [women@neelsville.org](mailto:women@neelsville.org) or contact the Retreat Planning Team members - Cathy Brown, Karen Clark, Sue Farrell and Val Rickett.



**What is a 2nd Sunday Fellowship event?** It is simply lunch together after worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month to help strengthen our Christian community and cohere together. Don't we all need that? Each month we will have a different theme. **Check out the next few 2nd Sundays planned:** (TODAY) - Annual Meeting and Potluck Lunch, 3/8 - Chili Cook Off, and 4/12 - Games and Soup/Salad

**Do you miss Hugh? Me too** - Hugh Smith had coordinated the **American Red Cross Blood Drive** two to three times a year on Saturdays. We collected 50-70 pints of blood, which helps save lives in our community. We need a new coordinator. Is this something you may be interested in? Want to know more? Contact Joanne Wilson at joannelwilson@gmail.com for more information.

### **Men's and Women's Online Lenten Studies – "Jesus' Final Week"**

We are excited to have two online studies, one for men and one for women during Lent on Wednesday evenings. Once every year, the church calendar calls us to walk through the events of the final week of Jesus' life. Many of these events are familiar to you, but you will find it helpful to gain a perspective from each of the four Gospel writers, learning what God was doing in that week that changed our world. Join us as we gain insight and wisdom from following the path to the cross—the path that Jesus, King of all kings and Suffering Servant, walked for us.

- **Men's Study on Wednesday Nights at 7:15pm beginning this week on 2/11**
- **Women's Study on Wednesday Nights at 7pm beginning 2/25**

## **Financial Update**

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	<b>Dec.** Actual</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>
<b>Income (\$K)</b>	\$76.6 K	\$ 849.0 K	\$ 784.0 K	\$ 784.0 K
<b>Expenses (\$K) *</b>	\$ 69.8 K	\$ 836.1 K	\$ 824.8 K	\$ 824.8 K



<b>Excess Income/Expenses</b>	\$ 6.8 K	\$ 13.0 K
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\*Adjusted expense includes mortgage principal

\*\*December financials have been updated after end of the year reconciliation.

# Stay Connected with Neelsville

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### Office Hours

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Email office@neelsville.org to  
join the prayer chain.



## E-LETTER SIGNUP

The Weekly Neelsville News is  
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## LAY LEADERSHIP

**Elders** – *Oversee the spiritual health of the congregation as well as the congregation's faithfulness to God's mission.*

Clerk of Session – Eileen Bauer

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**Deacons** – *Nurture fellowship and caregiving within and beyond the congregation.*

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**Trustees** – *Provide care and oversight for Neelsville's buildings and grounds.*

Moderator – Jason Craft

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