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### **2024 Women's Retreat!**

The retreat will be held April 12-14th at Daylesford Abbey in Paoli PA. You can check it out on their website: [daylesford.org](http://daylesford.org). Join us for a weekend filled with friendships, fellowship, and finding the way "out of our boats ". We will be diving into the exciting story of Jesus, walking on the water and focusing on Matthew 14:29, when Jesus calls Peter to join him on the raging sea. We will take a journey together and individually answer the question: "Do we want to walk on water enough to get out of our boats?" **Registration forms are now available in the gallery. Invite your friends!**

### **Staff Thank You for Christmas Gifts**

On behalf for the entire staff of the Newtown United Methodist Church, I would like to thank the congregation for the wonderful Christmas gifts we received this year. These gifts speak of the generosity of NUMC! Each gift is appreciated as is each member of the congregation. It is a privilege to serve our Lord by serving you. The love, acceptance and support you show us in so many ways are indeed blessings!

**Join us for Bible study on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** This study is centered around the book *Jesus Before Christianity*, by Albert Nolan! The author's portrait introduces us to Jesus before he became the object of the Christian faith, operating in history in a specific social context, addressing concrete hopes, and engaging in controversy and social conflict. Here is a man who was deeply involved with the real problems of his time – which also turn out to be the real problems of our time. As Nolan writes, "God is speaking to us in a new way today. God is speaking to us in the events and problems of our time. Jesus can help us to understand the voice of Truth, but, in the last analysis, it is we who must decide and act." Contact Pastor Rodney for more information!

**The 2024 Offering envelopes** are ready to pick up in the gallery. Please pick up your envelopes and maybe your friend or neighbors also! Mailing them would be expensive. We appreciate your help.