

Church Family Prayer Concerns: Nathaniel McKelvy (infant son of Min & Ryan McKelvy), Scott Hamill (friend of Pam Rook), Bernie Koval, (Tom Mershon's father in law), The Williams Family, Cathy Dennison, (friend of Chris Bethman and Pam Rook), Hunter Smith (3yr old friend of the Tomlinson family), Tom Jennings (son-in-law of Kay Lawrence), Diane Pflieger & Tammy Flynn (relatives of the Tomlinson family), Julia Nucero (friend of Pam Rook), Judy, Johnny & Brielle Lansing (dear friends of the Boltner family), Janice Fisher, Regina Meszaros (friend of Betty Livine an online worshiper), Alexis & Tedd Van Buskirk (brother and sister-in law of Erinn & Doug Demskis), Bob Evans (brother of Jane Del Bianco), Aaron Wasser (Friend of the Del Bianco's), Cheryl Swerk, (wife of J.R. Swerk), Rev. Dave Cramp, Carla Malin, (friend of Gerry Hixson), The Ukrainian People.

The names added to the prayer request will be listed for 3 weeks and then removed unless requested to stay on.

The Mission of the Month (Advance) for January is Heifer International. This organization works with communities around the world to end hunger and poverty, and care for the earth. It links communities and helps bring sustainable agriculture and commerce to areas with a long history of poverty. It gives animals to families for food and reliable income, as products like milk, eggs, and honey can be traded or sold at market. When many families gain this new sustainable income, it brings new opportunities for building schools, creating agricultural cooperatives, forming community savings, and funding small businesses. Our financial support can give hungry families the training it takes to feed themselves. It can give a young child the opportunity to have an education. Together, working with Heifer International, we can change the world - one family, one community at a time.

If you would like to help with this important ministry, you can use the blue envelopes located in the pews in the Sanctuary. You can also send a check to Newtown United Methodist Church, 35 Liberty Street, Newtown, PA 18940. Please mark your check "Advance for January."

THIS WEEK AT NEWTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
35 Liberty Street, Newtown, PA 18940
215-968-2662

Sunday, January 7
10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Childcare available

Thursday, January 11
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir Practice

Sunday, January 14
10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Childcare available

Sunday Servants **January 7, 2024**

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given by the Demskis family in hope for a healthy 2024 for all

USHERS: Eric Johnson, Joe & Judi Swerk

LAY READER: Gerry Hixson

GREETERS: Pat King & Freeman Corson

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Freeman Corson

FINANCE STEWARD: Karen Schoener & Dixie Scurlock

January 14th - Sunday Servants

USHERS: Eric Johnson, Joe & Judi Swerk

LAY READER: Lauren Brailsford

GREETERS: Dan & Debbie Boltner

FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

FINANCE STEWARD: Karen Schoener & Dixie Scurlock



If you would like to make your church donation online, you just have to scan this code with your phone camera to be connected directly to the church's paypal account.

Mark Your Calendars for the 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.



2024 Flower Chart

The new flower chart is posted. Please consider donating altar flowers, in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone or for a special occasion. The cost is \$35.00. If you have any questions, please call Kathy in the church office.

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.

Your Finance Committee met with the Executive Director of the United Methodist Foundation, Jack Brooks, on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, to discuss ways to create and encourage a culture of growth and generosity within our churches.

As a result of our meeting and discussion, Mr. Brooks suggested that NUMC partner with the United Methodist Foundation to host an EPA Conference, District-Wide Event, Funding Ministry Through Legacy Giving, Endowments and Major Gifts at Newtown UMC. Please see the attached flyer.

This event, scheduled for Wednesday, **January 17, 2024**, will include East District United Methodist churches and non-UM churches in our area. You may register for the event here: <https://web.charityengine.net/epaeastdistricteventjanuary2024>.

Please be aware that the registration cutoff date is Friday, January 12, 2024.

The format will be as follows:

- Attendees will begin arriving at 5:00 pm to enjoy a meal and fellowship until 6:00 pm, provided by the UM Foundation.
- The UM Foundation presentation will start at 6:00 pm.
- The presentation will end at 6:45 pm, and time will be given for questions.
- The event will end at 7:00 pm, but Foundation staff will stay to talk to anyone who has further questions.

The United Methodist Foundation will organize the registration so that they have an accurate count for the meal, and they will handle the marketing. However, we may spread the word among other churches in the Newtown area who might be interested, both United Methodist and non-United Methodist congregations.

The Outreach Committee will meet to plan our missional giving for 2024 directly following the morning service on Sunday, January 21, 2024, in the Opportunity room.

Join us as we resume Bible study on January 23, 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!