

**Church Family Prayer Concerns:** Doreen McCarthy (sister in-law of Nancy McCarthy), The Gildea Family, 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."

**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.

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

**Sunday, January 21**

10:00 a.m.  
 11:15 a.m.

**UMW Officer Installation**

Worship Service, Childcare available  
 Outreach Meeting

**Tuesday, January 23**

10:00 a.m.  
 7:00 p.m.

Bible Study  
 UMW Executive meeting

**Thursday, January 18**

7:30 p.m.

Senior Choir Practice

**Sunday, January 28**

10:00 a.m.  
 11:00 a.m.

Worship Service, Childcare available  
 Outreach Meeting

**Sunday Servants**

**January 21, 2024**

**USHERS:** Eric Johnson, Joe & Judi Swerk  
**LAY READER:** Tim Bryan  
**GREETERS:** Mike & Nancy Daney  
**FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Pat King  
**FINANCE STEWARD:** Karen Schoener & Dixie Scurlock

**January 28<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Servants**

**USHERS:** Eric Johnson, Joe & Judi Swerk  
**LAY READER:** Lauren Brailsford  
**GREETERS:** Jim & Helene Mershon  
**FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Barbara Rabberman & Dottie Detwiler  
**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 the church's paypal account.

**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.

### **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 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!

**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.