Church Family Prayer Concerns: The Mohn Family (friends of the Hanemans), Danny Wright (friend of Pat King), Marie Bollman (friend of the Fidlers), Jerry Yerkes (friend of Joanne Tomlinson, Pam Rook & Kay Lawerance), Doreen McCarthy (sister in-law of Nancy McCarthy), The Gildea Family, Nathanial 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 Pfleger & 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 Urkrainian 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 February will help local families in need pay for food and heating. We have worked with now-retired Newtown police chief Martin Duffy for over 20 years. He is aware of local families who are struggling right now, and our Advance offering can make a big difference in the lives of these families during one of the coldest times of the year. Please consider giving whatever you can so we, as a congregation, can help these families by sharing God's love. You can use the blue envelopes located in the pews in the Sanctuary and put them in the offering plate, or you can send a check to Newtown United Methodist Church, 35 Liberty Street, Newtown, PA 18940. Please mark your check or envelope "Advance for February."

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

Sunday, February 18

10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Childcare available

Monday, February 19 President's Day, office closed

9:30 a.m. Circle of Concern

Tuesday, February 20

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, February 21

9:00 a.m. Caring for Friends

Thursday, February 22

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir Practice

Sunday, February 25

10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Childcare available

Sunday Servants February 18, 2024

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Given by Doug & Erinn Demskis in honor of

Lorelei's 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

**USHERS:** Cliff Hixson, Paul Mathias and Joe Tam

LAY READER: Cami Haneman

GREETERS: Randy & Nora Schenk

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Barbara Burger

FINANCE STEWARD: Erinn Demskis & Nancy Daney

February 25th - Sunday Servants

**USHERS:** Cliff Hixson, Paul Mathias and Joe Tam

LAY READER: Erinn Demskis
GREETERS: Joe & Judi Swerk

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Pat King

FINANCE STEWARD: Erinn Demskis & Nancy Daney



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.

## 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. 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!** 

## UMW Soup Lunch & Program, Wed, Mar. 6 11am – 1pm

Please join us for lunch of homemade soup and learn about Advanced Care Planning with Colleen Campbell. Collen is a trained facilitator from the Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership. We will have a short business meeting starting at 11am, Then Colleen Campbell will present her program on Advanced Care Planning. A lunch of home-made soup, salad, bread and dessert will follow. Guests are welcome. Please RSVP to Lucie Lyman, Nora Schenk or Judi Swerk and contact them with any questions. There are sign-up sheets in the gallery for those who would like to bring food.

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!



## **GO NUTS FOR THE NUT SALE**

We will be selling pecans, cashews, walnuts, bridge mix, fruit and nuts, almonds, mixed nuts, and assorted chocolates. They come in one pound packages and make great gifts for teachers, bus drivers, friends, neighbors. Don't forget some for yourself! All proceeds will be donated to missions.

Join us on February 24th for a Team Ministries Information Session – open to the entire congregation! Team Ministries is a new leadership model, which has been adopted by many other United Methodist churches in our conference and across the country. We have the opportunity to adopt this model, which is allowed for by the UMC Book of Discipline at Newtown UMC. This model would replace the traditional administrative structure and allow for increased opportunities for missions at NUMC. The model would also provide new opportunities for growth and prosperity as we look toward the future of our church.

Please join us from 12 pm - 2 pm on February 24th in Wesley Hall to learn more about this model and ask any questions you may have. Lunch will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet located in the gallery.