Church Family Prayer Concerns: Michael Cannon (friend of Betty Levine), 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), Scott Hamill (friend of Pam Rook), Cathy Dennison, Tom Jennings (son-in law of Kay Lawrence), Diane Pfleger & Tammy Flynn (relatives of the Tomlinson family), Julia Nucero (friend of Pam Rook), Janice Fisher, Alexis & Tedd Van Buskirk (brother and sister-in law of Erinn & Doug Demskis), Bob Evans (brother of Jane Del Bianco), Rev. Dave Cramp.

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 March is the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), who works to alleviate human suffering around the world.

Our offering this month will help in Tanzania. The United Methodist Church there is growing. Recent incessant rainfall has caused floods that have devastated the area. Over 90 people have died, and more than 900 people have been directly impacted, losing homes, businesses, and livestock.

The building that was home to the UMC congregation in the Masai district was washed away, and the pastor lost her home and her livestock.

If you would like to help the people of Tanzania, 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 March."

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

Sunday, March 17

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

Monday, March 18

9:30 a.m. Circle of Concern

Tuesday, March 19

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, March 20

9:00 a.m. Caring for Friends

Thursday, March 21

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir Practice

Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday

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

Sunday Servants March 17, 2024

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Given by Cliff, Gerry, Holly, and Terry Hixson in

loving memory of our beloved uncle Paul

McCormick on this St. Patrick's Day.

**USHERS:** Brian & Julie Foster

**LAY READER:** Gerry Hixson

GREETERS: Donald & Susan Smith

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Susan Smith

FINANCE STEWARD: Kevin Burd & Cliff Hixson

March 24th - Sunday Servants

**USHERS:** Brian & Julie Foster

LAY READER: Monica Flint

GREETERS: Nora & Randy Schenk

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Nora Schenk

FINANCE STEWARD: Kevin Burd & Cliff Hixson

Annual Maundy Thursday Soup Supper: Thursday, March 28th.

Soup at 6 p.m. followed by a worship service with communion in the sanctuary at 7:30. Sign up in the gallery to bring soup or attend.



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! Please register by March 24.

### **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. **They make great Easter gifts!** 

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!

## **Holy Week Schedule**

Sunday, March 24th- Palm Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, Holy Thursday Soup & Bread Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.
Followed by a service of Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday, March 29-Prayer Stations 3:00-7:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 31- Continental Breakfast at 8:45 a.m.
Easter Service at 10:00 am

# **Good Friday Prayer Stations**

Prayer Stations will be set up in the gallery and the sanctuary on Good Friday, March 29, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. There will be 9 different stations, each dedicated to a particular aspect of the life, passion, and crucifixion of Jesus. The purpose is for each station to provide various opportunities for thought and prayer as we contemplate the events of Holy Week and prepare for the resurrection on Easter Sunday.



**Easter Flower Cross:** We hope to fill our cross with flowers once again on Easter Sunday. Please bring a bloom to place in the cross Easter morning. We will use it to beautify our altar. It will be in the gallery and there will be flowers available.

Join us for high-flying Easter fun at Rise Up with Jesus!

This Easter event will send your spirits soaring as you travel through the engaging stations and discover more about Jesus and Easter. You'll experience games, activities, crafts, and an interactive drama in this adventure for the kids. Come and see that Jesus is alive! Easter Sunday, March 31,2024 from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.