

Newtown United Methodist Church

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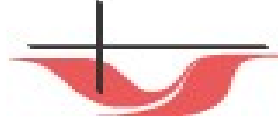
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**Sunday morning
Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School grades
Pre-school—6th,
Child care available:
9:45-11:15 a.m.**



Dear NUMC Family,

As we step into the month of May, a season of flowers in bloom and renewed hope, it is a fitting time for us to honor and celebrate the incredible women of faith within our community. In doing so, we also acknowledge the diverse experiences and relationships that shape each person's journey.

Mother's Day often brings to mind warm memories and gratitude for the nurturing presence of mothers in our lives. However, we recognize that for some, this day may also stir feelings of loss, pain, or complicated emotions due to strained relationships or the absence of a mother figure. In our congregation, we embrace the full spectrum of experiences and emotions surrounding Mother's Day, offering support, and understanding to all.

To those who have experienced the love, guidance, and wisdom of a mother figure, we celebrate you. Your nurturing spirit and unwavering support have been a source of strength and inspiration to many. Your love has shaped lives and left an indelible mark on our hearts.

For those who may not have had a mother or have experienced difficult relationships with their mothers, we acknowledge your pain and honor the complexity of your journey. We recognize that motherhood comes in many forms, and the love and care provided by other women, whether grandmothers, aunts, sisters, mentors, or friends, have played a significant role in shaping your lives. We celebrate you.

Let us also celebrate the women who have paved the way for us, whose faith, resilience, and courage have left a lasting legacy. From the biblical matriarchs to the trailblazers of our time, their stories inspire us to persevere in our own faith journeys and to strive for justice and equality in our world.

As a community of faith, we commit to creating a space where all women feel seen, valued, and supported. Let us uplift one another, offering compassion and understanding, and celebrate the diverse tapestry of womanhood within our midst.

This May, let us honor the women of faith who have enriched our lives and continue to inspire us with their strength, grace, and unwavering devotion. May we be guided by their example as we journey together in faith and love.

With gratitude and blessings,

Pastor Rodney

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

Join us here at NUMC
June 17-24
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon



The kids will be taken back to Hometown Nazareth, where they'll stand up for their faith among people who doubt that a carpenter's son is really the son of God.



The Mission of the Month (Advance) for May is The Methodist Services of Philadelphia. Providing services to homeless families, adults, and children, or families of limited resources, Methodist Services offers housing, child care, educational programs, mental health services, and nutritional advice.

If you would like to help Methodist Services, 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 May."

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 Easter gifts for teachers, friends, neighbors. Don't forget some for yourself! All proceeds will be donated to missions.



Caring for Friends: Will meet on Wednesday, May 15th at 9:00 a.m. to prepare meals for homebound people in and around the Philadelphia area.



Faith and Fellowship during the day! The Circle of Concern meets on Monday, May 20th, at 9:30 a.m., in the library. We are a group of women of all ages who gather to pray, study, and have a time of fellowship together. Any woman in the church is welcome to join us. If you have any questions call Gerry Hixson at 215-321-4315 or e-mail c_hixson@yahoo.com.

May Schedule

Ushers:

Pat King, Jim & Helene Mershon

Finance Stewards:

Barb Selah & Tom He

Fellowship Time:

May 5-Freeman Corson
May 12-Barb Selah
May 19-Judi Swerk
May 26-

Lay Readers:

May 5-Nancy McCarthy
May 12-Lauren Brailsford
May 19-Helene Mershon
May 26-Nora Schenk

Greeters:

May 5-Jim & Helene Mershon
May 12-Dan & Debbie Boltner
May 19-Pat King & Carol Hauss
May 26-Donald & Susan Smith



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May Birthdays!

5/3-Cheryl Burd
5/6-Bill D'Anjolell
5/8-Jim MacMain
5/15-Colleen Gutekunst
5/17-Jean Sosna
5/18-Dixie Scurlock
5/19- Helene Mershon
5/25-Martha Vile

Lemonade in the Garden begins June 2nd!

Volunteers are needed to serve lemonade after the worship service. Lemonade mix, cups, pitchers, napkins and plates will be on the counter in the kitchen. All you need to provide is something to snack on! There is a sign-up sheet located in the gallery. If you have any questions please call the church office at 215-968-2662.

Spring Fling Music Concert Tuesday, May 21 7:30pm

Bucks County Women's Chorus will perform a variety of show tunes, including such favorites as: A Wonderful Day Like Today, Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In, If My Friends Could See Me Now, Singin' in the Rain, Seize the Day and more. The program starts at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. Following the program, Sweet and Savory Refreshments will be served in Wesley Hall. Please invite family and friends to join us. A free will offering will be taken. Please sign up to bring either a Sweet or Savory (e.g. cheese/crackers) treat. The sign-up sheet is in the gallery. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Nora Schenk or Judi Swerk or call the church office at 215-968-2662 or numc@verizon.net.

UMW Thank You!

We appreciate all who made the spring rummage sale a big success. It takes a village to make things happen and we have that at Newtown United Methodist Church. One feels the energy as we prepare for the sale, during the actual sale days and carries through packing up the boxes for Good Stuff Thrift Store. We had great weather. Thank you to the entire congregation for your support. It is such a pleasure to work with such a great group of people who understand the purpose of the rummage sale is to support our mission work. Start organizing your treasures for the Fall Rummage sale, September 27 and 28th. We look forward to working with all of you again.

Sincerely,
Nora and Judi



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
MOTHER'S DAY GERANIUMS

_____ at \$6.00 each plant
(number of plants)

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

Plants can be taken after the worship service.

Please return this form by May 5th, with your payment to:

Chris Bethman or
Kathy Mershon
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