

Church Family Prayer Concerns: Margaret Anderson, The Cramp Family, Hester Boltner (Dan's Mom), James Wiggins and his daughter Elizabeth Wiggins, Christine Miller (friends of Betty Levine), Michelle Loitfellner (neighbor of Sue Bloomfield), Tammy (niece of the Tomlinson family), The Hibbs Family, Nick Shaw (brother in law of Eric & Janet Johnson), Wayne Hunt (brother of Elizabeth Kiraly), Nancy Daney & Family, Daniel Wright (friend of Pat King), CB Cook & Family, Marie Bollman (friend of the Fidlers), Jerry Yerkes (friend of Joanne Tomlinson, Pam Rook & Kay Lawrence), Cathy Dennison, Tom Jennings (son-in law of Kay Lawrence), Janice Fisher.

Names added to the prayer list will remain for 3 weeks unless an extension is requested.

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."



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.

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

Sunday, January 12

10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Childcare available
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, ages 3 to 5th grade

Wednesday, January 15

9:00 a.m. Caring for Friends

Sunday, January 19

10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Childcare available
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, ages 3 to 5th grade

Sunday Servants

January 12, 2025

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given by Charles & Jane Swartz in memory of Maggie Bishop
USHERS: Eric Johnson, Joe & Judi Swerk
LAY READER: Monica Flint
GREETERS: Susan & Donald Smith
FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Chris Bethman
FINANCE STEWARD: Karen Schoener & Dixie Scurlock

January 19th - Sunday Servants

USHERS: Eric Johnson, Joe & Judi Swerk
LAY READER: Cami Haneman
GREETERS: Nora & Randy Schenk
FELLOWSHIP HOUR:
FINANCE STEWARD: Karen Schoener & Dixie Scurlock

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!

Newtown UMC Women's Retreat
Friday, April 4 - Sunday, April 6, 2025
Grove Hall Retreat Center

Get Ready for Our Annual Women's Retreat!

Join us for a peaceful weekend by the sea. Through self reflection, small group activities, and fellowship we will

WHAT TO EXPECT: A great weekend and a lot of fun! The retreat will begin on Friday evening with check-in between 6:30 and 7:30. Saturday morning there will be a program. After lunch, you'll have the afternoon free to do crafts, walk the beach, explore the quaint village of Ocean Grove, or just take a nap! We will have dinner as a group, then enjoy an evening of interactive programming. On Sunday morning, we have worship together with communion before heading home.

WHO'S INVITED: This retreat is being planned for adult women of all ages from our church and their friends. Any woman who would like to some spiritual refreshment is welcome!

ABOUT OCEAN GROVE: Ocean Grove is just south of Asbury Park, roughly one hour from Newtown. It is a Methodist vacation and retreat community whose mission is to "provide opportunities for spiritual growth, birth, and renewal in a Christian seaside setting."

Lodging: There are three first floor, handicapped accessible rooms. Most rooms are on the second and third floors. A limited number of 2nd and 3rd floor rooms have their own bath only 5. All rooms are double occupancy.

Cost: Per person, \$150 for shared bath; \$175 for private bath. This covers two nights lodging, continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, dinner Saturday, and all retreat materials.

The registration deadline is February 5th 2023 Registration forms are available on the table in the gallery.



2025 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 2025 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.

Our annual Nut Sale continues every Sunday morning after the worship service. 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, friends, and neighbors. And don't forget some for yourself! All proceeds will be donated to missions.

Please join us as we resume our Bible study, Genesis: Exploring the Foundations of Faith, on Tuesday, February 11, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. This journey will bring the ancient stories of Genesis to life as we explore creation, the impact of sin and redemption, and the significance of God's promises. We'll also discuss the faith journeys of key figures like Abraham, Isaac, and Joseph and how their experiences continue to speak to us today. I look forward to seeing you there!