

Newtown United Methodist Church

April 2025 Newsletter



Note from the Pastor's Desk

Pastor's Page

The Power of a New Beginning

Dear NUMC Family,

April is a sacred season of resurrection. As we celebrate Easter and continue our journey through the 50 days that follow, we are reminded that our faith is not just about remembering what God has done. It is also about living into what God is still doing.



The empty tomb was not the end of the story. It was the beginning. Christ's resurrection launched a movement of hope that continues to transform hearts and communities. If there is one thing the resurrection teaches us, it is this: no matter how dark the night, morning comes. No matter how final the ending feels, God can begin again.

This month, as flowers bloom and the world awakens from winter's slumber, let us open our hearts to what God may be reviving in us. Are there dreams God is calling you to dust off? Relationships in need of healing? A deeper sense of purpose waiting to be pursued?

Let us also look around us. In a world weary with violence, division, and despair, the Church is called to be an Easter people. We are invited to bring light into darkness, love where there is fear, and courage where there is complacency. Our witness matters. Our kindness matters. Our presence in the lives of others can be a seed God uses to bring something new.

I encourage you to make space for prayer and reflection this month. Ask God: What are You resurrecting in me? What new thing are You doing in our church? How can I be part of it?

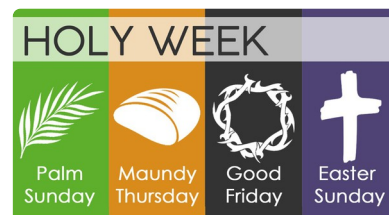
This is a time of renewal. May we embrace it fully, not only with flowers and festivities, but also with faith, boldness, and a readiness to walk wherever the risen Christ leads.

With Resurrection hope,
Pastor Rodney

Easter Schedule

Holy Week & Easter Celebrations

Holy Week and Easter are at the heart of our faith, and we invite you to join us as we journey through Christ's sacrifice and victory over the grave. These services are a time to reflect, worship, and rejoice together as a church family.



Holy Week Events at Newtown UMC

Palm Sunday – April 13

10:00 AM – Worship Service

Maundy Thursday – April 17

6:00 PM – Soup & Bread Supper

7:00 PM – Communion Worship Service

Good Friday – April 18

7:00 PM – Tenebrae Worship: The Service of Shadows

Easter Sunday – April 20

9:00 AM – Continental Breakfast

10:00 AM – Easter Worship Service & Children's Event, "Butterfly Blessings"

Easter Flowers

2025 Easter flowers

This Easter we will be decorating the sanctuary with a limited number of Lilies. The funds collected for this Easter garden will benefit the ministries of our church. Your dedication will

appear in the Bulletin on Easter Sunday, you may take **one** after the service, the flowers that are left will be planted around our church.

_____at \$15.00 each plant

(number of plants)

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM & PAYMENT PAYABLE TO:

Newtown United Methodist Church

Attention: Kathy Mershon

35 Liberty Street

Newtown, PA 18940

Phone: 215-968-2662



The deadline to put your dedication in the bulletin is Sunday April 13, 2025

NUMC CONCERT SERIES

Beginning this May!

With the goal of gaining a reputation for being a venue for quality music in the area – both sacred and secular – NUMC is kicking off a new concert series. Six times a year, we'll be bringing you a variety of musical artists performing a plethora of genres presented by some of the region's best musicians.

Our series will kick off on Saturday, May 17th at 7 pm with the nationally-renowned Eric Mintel Quartet. Eric and his band have been lauded nationwide for their interpretations of well-known jazz classics as well as original pieces written by the ensemble. We guarantee the concert will be a treat for your ears, filled with "easy listening" pieces you'll love.

We'll be offering more details on the Eric Mintel concert shortly and hope to announce the next several concerts and dates in the near future. Stay tuned!

February Mission of the Month (Advance)



Mission of the Month

The Mission of the Month (Advance) for April is the Oak Grove United Methodist Church in Tylertown, Mississippi, an area in southern Mississippi that was devastated by the E-4 tornadoes that hit on March 15. According to Pastor Terry Thomas, "It looks

like a war zone." Both staff and congregation members of the church lost their homes and cars. Many in the area were hurt and three lost their lives. Some are still without power. If you would like to help Oak Grove UMC, please use one of the blue Advance offering envelopes in the pews and

place it in the offering plate. You can also send a check to Newtown UMC, 35 Liberty Street, Newtown, PA 18940. Please mark your check "Advance for April."

Caring for Friends

We will meet on Wednesday April 16th at 9:00 a.m. Caring for Friends makes meals to be delivered in and around the Philadelphia area.



Easter Baskets

This year, the Outreach Committee is providing Easter baskets for local children whose families are in need. These Easter baskets for children up to the age of 12 will ensure they have treats for Easter and give them and their families smiles. You will be able to find the empty baskets with instructions in the Gallery. Please take one, fill it, and return it to church no later than Sunday, April 13, 2025. Some suggestions for filling the baskets are candy, small stuffed animals, small toys and games, books, toothbrush and toothpaste, combs, socks, hats, or anything else you choose to include!

If you have any questions please call the church office at 215-968-2662.



Easter Meals

For over 25 years we have been helping local families in need buy food so they can have an Easter dinner. Our United Methodist Women's group has taken the lead in administering this important mission. Now the group has passed the torch to the Outreach team, who will carry on this mission and tradition. There are so many families who are struggling, and we can help!

Retired Newtown Police Chief Martin Duffy has been our contact for these families since we first started collecting the food, and gift cards only during and since the pandemic, and he continues to do this.

We have had donations from the United Methodist Men and the United Methodist Women organizations to buy Giant gift cards for these families. Chief Duffy will make sure the families receive the gift cards.

If anyone else in the congregation would like to help these families in need, please either buy a Giant food gift card or write a check to Newtown United Methodist Church with "Easter Meals"



written on the check. You can mail the check to Newtown United Methodist Church, 35 Liberty Street, Newtown, PA 18940, ATTN: Treasurer, or you can drop off a check in the church office. Please make sure all donations are in no later than Sunday, April 13, 2025.

Spring Rummage Sale

Our Spring rummage sale will be held on Friday, May 2 from 9am-3pm and Saturday, May 3 from 9am-12pm.

We are now accepting gently used items for our rummage sale.

Please place your items on the shelves in our rummage room in the basement from now until April 24. On April 28 and 29, you may put your items in the kitchen or the opportunity room.

If you are able, please join us on Sunday, April 27 immediately after church to set up the tables in Wesley Hall and bring up the items from the basement rummage rooms. Once the items are all upstairs, we will begin the task of sorting, arranging, and pricing. We will be working on Monday-Wednesday from 9am until 4pm. On Wednesday, we will serve lunch to all the workers. A small crew on Thursday will address final details. We will need people to help on the days of our sale to serve as cashiers and to assist buyers. We need many hands to make this a successful sale. Please sign up on the sheets in the gallery to help. ALL are welcome. Contact Judi Swerk or Nora Schenk for any questions.

PLEASE NOTE:

All clothing should be clean and free from stains, tears, missing buttons, and broken zippers.

All electric items and electronics must be in working order.

Only flat screen TVs (no older than 10 years) will be accepted.

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT:

China Cabinets, Hutches, and Entertainment Centers

Exercise Equipment of any kind

Mattresses. Box Springs, Bunk Beds and King-Sized Head & Foot Boards

VHS tapes

Baby equipment older than 5 years past the manufacture date

Baby car seats and cribs

Upholstered furniture that is stained, ripped, torn, or worn.

Computers, monitors, printers, fax machines and typewriters



Circle of Concern

"Faith and Fellowship during the day! The Circle of Concern will hold our next meeting on Monday, April 21st, at 9:30 a.m., in the library. We are a circle of women of all ages who gather for prayer, fellowship, and time to learn about United Methodist women around our country and around our world. If you would like to find out how you can make a difference in your life and in the lives of others, come join us! We usually meet on the third Monday of the month. For more information, please call the church office.

April Schedule



Ushers and Greeters

Ushers:

Nora & Randy Schenk and Tom He

Greeters:

April 6-Freeman Corson & Joanne Tomlinson

April 13-Dan & Debbie Boltner

April 20-Dave & Kathy Mershon

April 27-Joe & Judi Swerk



Finance Stewards & Communion Stewards

Finance Stewards: Randy & Nora Schenk

Communion Steward: Pat Kling

Lay Readers:

April 6-Eric Johnson

April 13- Monica Flint

April 20- Susan Smith

April 27- Cami Haneman



Fellowship Time

Please sign up to bring donuts, muffins, cookies, or whatever you would like to be enjoyed during our fellowship time. We begin at approximately 9:30 A.M., so please have your goodies here by then. Coffee and hot water will be started and everything you need

to "set" the table will be on the cart with the coffee. The sign-up sheet is located in the gallery.

Thank you!!

April 6-Barbara Rabberman & Dottie Detwiler

April 13- Kathy Mershon

April 27-Judi Swerk

United Methodist Mother's Day Geraniums

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

Starting the second week of April you can order your Mother's Day Geraniums! This flower sale is sponsored by the UMW.

April Birthdays!

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4/1-Rich Selah

4/2-Lucie Lyman

4/5-Pat King

4/9-Chris Koelzer

4/11-K.J. Sweeney

4/13- Lois Brailsford

4/14-Barb Rabberman

4/17-Oliver Flint

4/17-Joan Mathias

4/19-Jane Swartz

4/21-Tricia Olmos

4/27-Lukas Demskis



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