**Church Family Prayer Concerns**: Buschner Family (Friends of Joe & Judi Swerk), Diana, Doug, and Dave Lyle (Friends of Cliff & Gerry Hixson) Scott Baer (nephew of Cliff & Gerry Hixson), Devon Mattox (nephew of Carolyn Brown), Woody Bethman, Rich & Barb Selah, Tammy (niece of the Tomlinson family), Nancy Daney & Family, Daniel Wright (friend of Pat King), The Bollman Family (friends of the Fidlers), Tom Jennings (son-in law of Kay Lawrence).

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

The Mission of the Month (Advance) for August is The Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS). Founded in the United States in 1998, it has become one of the most active and leading medical relief organizations working on the front lines of crisis relief in Syria, Turkey, and neighboring countries. SAMS has established field hospitals, intensive care units, dental and primary care clinics, birth and newborn care facilities, mobile medical units, and dialysis centers to those living in refugee camps. SAMS brings together medical professionals from around the world to provide lifesaving, dignified health care to those in need. If you would like to help with this mission, you can use the blue envelopes 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 August."



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.

## **Back to School Backpacks**

You may have noticed some colorful backpacks in the Gallery. The Outreach team is collecting backpacks and school supplies to help local families who need help securing them. With Chief Duffy's help, we will be donating filled backpacks to local area children. We have purchased 20 backpacks, and inside each backpack is a list of suggested supplies for either elementary school children or middle/high school children. Please take a backpack home, shop for the items on the list, and return the backpack to the Gallery no later than Sunday, August 17. If you have any questions, see Barb Selah or Cheryl Burd, or call the church office.

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

Sunday, August 10

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

Sunday, August 16

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

Sunday Servants August 10, 2025

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Given by Jane Bowman in loving memory of

Howard "Skeets" Bowman

**USHERS:** Kathy & Dave Mershon & Janet Johnson

LAY READER: Judi Swerk

GREETERS: Freeman Corson & Joanne Tomlinson FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Danika Constanzo & Nicole Gordon

FINANCE STEWARD: Dave & Kathy Mershon

August 17th - Sunday Servants

**USHERS:** Kathy & Dave Mershon & Janet Johnson

LAY READER: Nora Schenk

**GREETERS:** Monica Flint & Pat King

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Linda Walsh

FINANCE STEWARD: Dave & Kathy Mershon

Sunday, August 31st is our next 5th Sunday pancake breakfast.

We are looking for help with setting up and cooking and also cleanup. Please give Kathy Mershon at 215-968-2662 or email numc1@verizon.net if you are willing to help with this.



### 2025 Pig Roast

This year's Pig Roast will be held on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> (rain date September 14<sup>th</sup>). The roast this year will help raise funds for the Texas flood victims. Sign-up sheets are now located in the gallery. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated!



### **Fall Bible Study: Revelation for Normal People**

Join us this fall for a fresh and accessible look at one of the most misunderstood books of the Bible. Our study will follow Revelation for Normal People by Robyn J. Whitaker, offering insight into Revelation's powerful message of hope, resilience, and renewal. Whether you are new to Bible study or have explored Revelation before, all are welcome!

**Wednesdays,** beginning September 17 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Wesley Hall (On the third Wednesday of each month, we will meet in the Sanctuary due to Caring for Friends.)

Participants are asked to order their own copy of the book in advance. Come ready for rich conversation and spiritual discovery!

**Our annual Nut Sale is ending.** The Terri Lynn company is closing its doors permanently on June 1st. So, our nut sale will continue every Sunday morning after the worship service. We placed a new order, when we sell out we won't be getting any more in. So stock up now! 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.

# Our Fall rummage sale will be held on Friday, September 26 from 9am-3pm and Saturday, September 27 from 9am-12pm.

We are now accepting gently used items for our rummage sale. On September 21 and 22, you may put your items in the kitchen or the opportunity room. If you need any help unloading your items from your car, please reach out to Randy or Nora Schenk. If you are able, please join us on Sunday, September 21 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 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. 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, and VHS tapes

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

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.

**UMW** is in need of filling a few positions for the 2026 calendar year. We are in need of a vice-president. Nora will be president for 2026. Although Judi will not be vice- president she will co-chair the rummage sales with Nora. As you know we do not have as many meetings as we use to and we all work well together. Please think about being vice-president and letting one of us know.

We are also in need of a circle leader for our circle of action. In the past we have been a circle of coming together to help when needed. Helping a church member with meals, helping with the bazaar, rummage sales, or when ever there is a need. We are in need of someone to be our leader. If either one of these positions are of interest to you please contact one of us. It is a blessing to be part of the UMW. Thank you, Chris Bethman. Pat King. Linda Walsh