

**Church Family Prayer Concerns:** The Daney Family, The Hemp Family upon the death of Charlene, Pat Reilly (Friend of Pam Rook), Cathy Dennison (friend of Chris Bethman and Pam Rook), Valerie, Rosie (Friend of Jim & Helene Mershon), Mary Beth (Friend of Bill & Karen D'Anjolell), Rev. Debbie Rakos and her husband Rod, Charlie (son in-law of Carol Smith), Buschner Family (Friends of Joe & Judi Swerk), Devon Mattox (nephew of Carolyn Brown), Rich Selah, Tammy (niece of the Tomlinson family), Daniel Wright (friend of Pat King).  
*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.**

The 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 markets. 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 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 11**

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service, Childcare available

**Thursday, January 15**

4:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

**Saturday, January 17**

9:30 a.m.-noon

Coffee with the Pastor

**Sunday, January 18**

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service, Childcare available

**Sunday Servants**

**January 11, 2025**

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Given by Janet Johnson in honor of Eric's Birthday

USHERS:

Joe & Judi Swerk & Eric Johnson

LAY READER:

Gerry Hixson

GREETERS:

Nora & Randy Schenk

FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

Barb Rabberman & Dottie Detwiler

FINANCE STEWARD:

Karen Schoener & Dixie Scurlock

**January 18<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Servants**

USHERS:

Joe & Judi Swerk & Eric Johnson

LAY READER:

Erinn Demskis

GREETERS:

Pam Rook & Kay Lawrence

FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

Chris Bethman

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!

Blessings, Allen Fidler  
Chair of the SPRC Leadership Team



### **Coffee with the Pastor – Saturday, January 17, 2026**

Visitors and those considering membership are invited to join Pastor Rodney for Coffee with the Pastor on Saturday, January 17, 2026, 9:30 AM–12:00 PM. Enjoy coffee, light snacks, and a relaxed conversation about our church, Methodist faith, and the meaning of membership. A sign-up sheet is available in the Gallery. For questions, please email [rbrailsford@verizon.net](mailto:rbrailsford@verizon.net) or call the church office.

### **Looking Ahead: Interfaith Study Series**

Later in January, we will be offering a short interfaith study exploring Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Christianity.

This study invites us to deepen our Christian faith by learning how people of different traditions seek meaning, devotion, and truth, and by reflecting on how Christianity speaks clearly and faithfully into those shared human longings.

As part of the study, we hope to include guided site visits to places of worship, such as the BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham in New Jersey, as schedules and opportunities allow.

The study will be held at 10:00 AM, with the exact day to be announced soon.

**The Outreach team** will meet to plan our missional giving for 2026 directly following the morning service on Sunday, January 11, 2026, in the Opportunity room.

### **2026 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 new envelopes for 2026** are available for pick up in the gallery. Please pick yours up and maybe pick up your friends or families also.