

**Church Family Prayer Concerns:** Elizabeth Sullivan (friend of Pam Rook), The Daney Family, Brendan (friend of Pam Rook), 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, 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 February** will help local families in need pay for heating and food. We have worked with now-retired Newtown police chief Martin Duffy for over 20 years. He is aware of local families who are struggling right now, and our Advance offering can make a big difference in the lives of these families during one of the coldest times of the year. Please consider giving whatever you can so we, as a congregation, can help these families by sharing God's love. You can use the blue envelopes located in the pews in the Sanctuary and put them in the offering plate, or you can send a check to Newtown United Methodist Church, 35 Liberty Street, Newtown, PA 18940. Please mark your check or envelope "Advance for February."



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, February 22**

10:00 a.m.

**New Members**

Worship Service, Childcare available

**Tuesday, February 24**

7:00 p.m.

Team Leadership Meeting

**Thursday, February 26**

4:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

**Sunday, March 1**

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service, Childcare available

**Sunday Servants**

**February 22, 2026**

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Given by Doug & Erinn Demskis in honor of Lorelei's 18th Birthday!

USHERS:

Cliff Hixson, Paul Mathias

LAY READER:

Nora Schenk

GREETERS:

Freeman Corson & Monica Flint

FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

Pat King

FINANCE STEWARD:

Erinn Demskis & Judi Swerk

**March 1<sup>st</sup> - Sunday Servants**

USHERS:

Brian & Julie Foster

LAY READER:

Cami Haneman

GREETERS:

Dave & Kathy Mershon

FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

Karen Schoener

FINANCE STEWARD:

Kevin Burd & Cliff Hixson

## 2026 Newtown Women's Retreat: True Blue

Ladies, how would you like to get away for a weekend and relax in your blue jeans, bask under the blue sky, and walk along the blue ocean? We will be using the Ocean Grove seaside as a backdrop to this year's retreat theme, "True Blue." The phrase true blue comes from the middle ages, when artisans in Coventry, England dyed material blue in such a way that its color remained steadfast and true, despite washing. Through Bible study, fellowship, and prayer, we will reconnect to the steadfast love of God, and strengthen our faith so we can remain true to who we want to be, come washing, wearing, or whatever!

On hand to lead the Friday night and Saturday portions of the retreat is Rev. Dorry Newcomer, now pastor at Jarrettown UMC in Dresher, PA. Dorry was pastor of Newtown UMC from 2014 to 2018. She hopes the retreat will help foster faith in God that never fades!

A weekend of sharing and fellowship! 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: Known as "God's Square Mile at the Jersey Shore", 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, \$200 for shared bath; \$250 for private bath and \$225 for a room to yourself. This covers two nights lodging, continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, dinner Saturday, and all retreat materials. The registration deadline is February 22nd, 2026, **Registration forms are available on the table in the gallery.**

## Urgent Need for New Coats for Children and Teens

The response to the Coat Drive has been AMAZING! Thank you to everyone who participated in this call for help. The last day to drop off coats will be Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. All coats will be delivered on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup>.



## Lenten Bible Study: The Inner Work of the Cross

Join us for a four-week Lenten Bible study exploring the deeper spiritual work of the season. Together, we will reflect on how Lent invites us into honesty, humility, and transformation as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

We will meet on the following Tuesdays: March 3, March 10, March 24, and March 31 at 10:00 a.m.

Whether you have been part of our recent studies or are joining for the first time, you are warmly welcome. Lent is not only about giving something up, it is about allowing Christ to shape something new within us.