

Church Family Prayer Concerns: Bridget McFadden (friend of Carolyn Brown), 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), 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 March is Heifer International. We also collected Advance offerings for this organization for in January; however, a congregation member pointed out it would be good to repeat this because we were unable to gather for two Sundays due to the weather. The Outreach team agreed, and decided to repeat the focus on this very worthwhile mission opportunity. 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.

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 March."



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.

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

Sunday, March 8
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Childcare available

Tuesday, March 10
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Thursday, March 12
 4:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, March 15
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Childcare available

Sunday Servants March 8, 2026

USHERS: Brian & Julie Foster
 LAY READER: Gerry Hixson
 GREETERS: Nora & Randy Schenk
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Sandy He
 FINANCE STEWARD: Kevin Burd & Cliff Hixson

March 15th - Sunday Servants

USHERS: Brian & Julie Foster
 LAY READER: Pat King
 GREETERS: Pam Rook & Kay Lawrence
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Dottie Detwiler & Barbara Rabberman
 FINANCE STEWARD: Kevin Burd & Cliff Hixson

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, March 29, 2026 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!

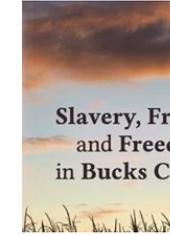
If you have any questions please call the church office at 215-968-2662.

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 Jarretstown 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 **April 1, 2026 Registration forms are available on the table in the gallery.**



Slavery, Friends, and Freedom in Bucks County

Presentation description: In researching their new book, "Slavery, Friends, and Freedom in Bucks County," authors Pat Mervine and Joe Coleman have uncovered dozens of untold stories about Bucks County people and places involved with the Underground Railroad. They have been able to link Bucks County to daring escapes, challenges to the Fugitive Slave Act, and even an infamous Supreme Court decision, all of which made national headlines. The stories Pat will share will take you back to the time when slavery and bounty-hunting were legal, and when people of both races found the courage, compassion, and conviction needed to make Bucks County a safe haven and Pennsylvania a free state. The book, "Slavery, Friends, and Freedom in Bucks County," will be available for purchase; the full purchase price of \$30 goes to the African American Museum of Bucks County's Capital Campaign.

Start time of the presentation: 11 am, length of presentation: – 30 minutes including a Q & A session.

Immediately after the presentation, we will be having a soup and salad lunch. Everyone is welcome. There is a sign up sheet in the gallery.

Book display: we will have a small table to display the book. Copies of your book will be available for purchase. The full purchase price of \$30 go to the African American Museum of Bucks County's Capital Campaign. The Museum is located at 215 E Richardson Ave, Langhorne, PA.