

**Church Family Prayer Concerns:** Kathy Kelly & James Thomas (friends of Nancy McCarthy), Bill Sandy, Bridget McFadden (friend of Carolyn Brown), Elizabeth Sullivan (friend of Pam Rook), Brendan (friend of Pam Rook), Pat Reilly (Friend of 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 mild, 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**

<b>Sunday, March 29</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Worship Service, Childcare available
<b>Tuesday, March 31</b> 10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
<b>Thursday, April 2</b> 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Soup & Bread Supper Communion Worship Service
<b>Friday, April 3</b> 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service
<b>Sunday, April 5</b> 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Continental Breakfast Worship Service, Childcare available

<b>Sunday Servants</b>	<b>March 29, 2026</b>
ALTAR FLOWERS:	Given by Charles & Jane Swartz in memory of Chuck Swartz's Birthday
USHERS:	Brian & Julie Foster
LAY READER:	Monica Flint
GREETERS:	Susan & Donald Smith
FELLOWSHIP HOUR:	Debbie Haneman
FINANCE STEWARD:	Kevin Burd & Cliff Hixson

**April 5<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Servants**

USHERS:	Tom He, Randy & Nora Schenk
GREETERS:	Freeman Corson & Monica Flint
FELLOWSHIP HOUR:	Continental Breakfast
FINANCE STEWARD:	Nora & Randy Schenk

**Annual Maundy Thursday Soup Supper: Thursday, April 2nd.**  
**Soup at 6 p.m. followed by worship in the sanctuary at 7:00.**  
**Sign up in the gallery to bring soup or attend.**

## 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! April 17-19<sup>th</sup>

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. 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! 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.**

**Donation Jar.** For those not attending the retreat, your contributions will help support UMW retreat scholarships. Also, please donate to show your support of the NUMW's activities which support the church's mission work for women and children. The jar will be located in the back of the church and angels corner.



### Holy Week

**Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

**Maundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
6:00 p.m. Soup & Bread Supper  
**7:00 p.m. Communion Worship Service**

**Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**7:00 p.m. Worship Service**  
*Into Your Hands: A Service of Surrender and Release*

**Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
**10:00 a.m. Worship Service & Children's Easter Celebration**

**On Easter Sunday,** we will celebrate the eternal life we have through Christ our Risen Lord with worship at 10:00 am. Everyone is invited to enjoy a continental Easter breakfast starting at 9:00 a.m.