

Our Fall rummage sale will be held on Friday, September 25 from 9am-3pm and Saturday, September 26 from 9am-12pm.

We are now accepting gently used items for our rummage sale. Please place your items on the shelves in our rummage room in the basement from now until September 19. On September 20 and 21, 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. They will be happy to unload for you.

If you are able, please join us on Sunday, September 20 immediately after church to set up the tables in Wesley Hall and bring up the items from the basement rummage rooms. 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. ALL are welcome. Contact Judi Swerk or Nora Schenk for any questions.

CONGREGATIONAL TEAM MEETING!

We will have a congregational meeting following the service on Sunday, September 13th, to walk through the Team Ministries Guide and talk together about this next step in the life of our church.

The guide is designed to help people explore ways to serve, connect, grow, and use their gifts in the ministry of Newtown UMC. Since we have not talked about it in detail for a little while, this meeting will be a good opportunity to review the purpose of the guide, answer questions, and receive feedback or suggestions before we move further into the fall.

I hope you will join us as we continue discerning how God is calling us to be rooted in faith, growing in Christ, and serving with love.

GAME NIGHT!

Our next Family Game Night will be on Thursday, September 17th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in Wesley Hall.

Bring a favorite game or learn a new one. We will have fresh buttered popcorn to enjoy while we spend the evening laughing and strategizing with church friends, family, and neighbors.

All are welcome, so please feel free to invite a friend. We look forward to seeing you there! Questions? Ask Rich or Barb Selah.

Memoir Writing Classes Resume!

Discover the power of your own stories this fall in two welcoming memoir classes at NUMC—free for members and open to all levels.

Memoir Writing Classes at NUMC — Fall Session

Two welcoming memoir classes return this fall, each designed to help you explore your stories with clarity, confidence, and community. Both are free for Newtown United Methodist Church members, and all levels are warmly encouraged.

Class 1 — Evening Session Starts Tuesday, September 22 • 6:30 PM 6-week series • 90 minutes A repeat of the summer memoir class, focused on gentle prompts, short scenes, and supportive reflection.

Class 2 — Morning Session Starts Thursday, September 24 • 10:00 AM 6-week series: A deepening of the memoir process for anyone who wants to go further — still fully accessible, with no prior writing experience needed.

To register, please visit the church website, <https://newtownumc.com>. All are welcome to join this thoughtful, encouraging space for writing and remembering.

Fall Bible Study

This fall, I would like to invite you to join us for an 8-week Bible study on Romans, beginning Tuesday, September 15, at 10:00 AM in Wesley Hall. Romans wrestles with some of the biggest questions of the Christian faith: grace, identity, faith, the struggle within ourselves, and what it means for very different people to become one in Christ. Whether Romans is familiar to you or completely new, we will approach it with fresh eyes and plenty of room for conversation. We will be using Romans for Normal People as one of our guides along the way. You can click the link below for full details about the study, including a link to purchase the book:

<https://newtownumc.com/events/romans-grace-identity-the-struggle-to-become-one/>

You do not need to be a Bible expert. Just bring your questions, your curiosity, and a willingness to explore this remarkable letter together. I hope you will join us!