

NEWTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 2025 Newsletter



Note from the Pastor's Desk

Dear NUMC Family,

As the days grow shorter and the air begins to cool, we are reminded that fall officially arrives on September 22. Autumn is a season of transition, a time when God's creation gently reminds us that change is not to be feared but embraced. The turning leaves point us to God's faithfulness, showing us that in every season there is both beauty and purpose.

This month is filled with opportunities for us to grow in faith, serve our neighbors, and share in the life of our church family:

- **UMM Pig Roast** – Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 13, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM** (with a rain date of September 14). Join us for fellowship and great food, with proceeds benefiting flood relief efforts in Texas. Your participation helps us bring hope and healing to communities in need.
- **UMW Rummage Sale** – Friday, September 26 (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM) and Saturday, September 27 (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM), with the Bag Sale beginning at 9:00 AM. This annual tradition not only



blesses our community but also supports the mission and ministry of NUMC.

· **Pastor's Bible Study** – Beginning Wednesday, September 17, from **10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**, we will be diving into the book *Revelation for Normal People* by **Robyn J. Whitaker**, a New Testament scholar and ordained minister. This study promises to bring fresh insight and encouragement as we wrestle with one of the Bible's most mysterious and hope-filled books.

· **Leadership Team (One Board)** – Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 16, at 7:00 PM**. The Leadership Team is resuming its work, carrying forward the vision of Team Ministries. This model invites each of us to serve together more effectively, aligning our church's ministries with God's call for this congregation.

As we step into this new season, may we do so with expectant hearts. Our world often feels heavy with challenges, but God has given us a hope that is unshakable. Each donation offered at the Pig Roast, each treasure found at the Rummage Sale, each Bible study discussion, each ministry our church carries out, and every prayer lifted is a seed of that hope. Together, we are the living testimony of God's love here in Newtown.

Let us embrace this fall season with gratitude, courage, and joy, knowing that God's Spirit is at work among us, guiding us into the future with purpose.

With hope and blessings,

Pastor Rodney Brailsford

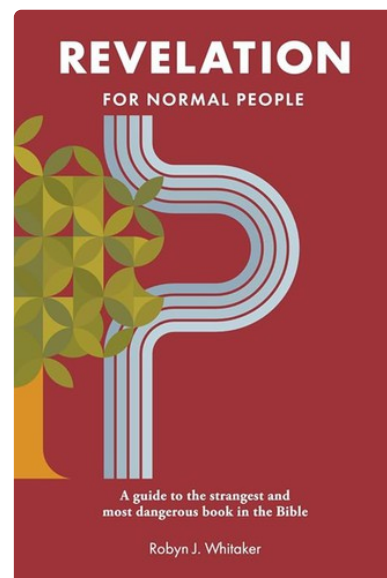
Fall Bible Study

Fall Bible Study: Revelation for Normal People

Join us this fall for a fresh and accessible look at one of the most misunderstood books of the Bible. Our study will follow *Revelation for Normal People* by Robyn J. Whitaker, offering insight into Revelation's powerful message of hope, resilience, and renewal. Whether you are new to Bible study or have explored Revelation before, all are welcome!

Wednesdays, beginning September 17 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Wesley Hall (On the third Wednesday of each month, we will meet in the Sanctuary due to Caring for Friends.)

Participants are asked to order their own copy of the book in advance. Come ready for rich conversation and spiritual discovery!



August Mission of the Month (Advance)



Mission of the Month

The **Mission of the Month (Advance)** for **September** is The Independence Fund, providing programs and services to disabled military veterans who served in combat. Their mobility program empowers amputees to regain their mobility and independence by

using Trackchairs, designed to navigate snow, mud, and dirt. These veterans are able to reenter the outdoors and engage in the activities they enjoy.

CEO Sarah Verardo, a member of Weddington Methodist Church in North Carolina, saw firsthand what a difference Trackchairs could make. Her husband Michael was severely injured when he stepped on an IED while serving in Afghanistan in 2010, losing one of his legs, most of his one arm, and suffering other injuries. He underwent over 100 surgeries. He recently passed away from his injuries at age 40.

The Independence Fund also provides suicide prevention counseling and many other services needed by disabled veterans.

If you would like to help The Independence Fund, please use one of the blue Advance offering envelopes in the pews and put it in the offering plate. You can also send a check to Newtown UMC, 35 Liberty Street, Newtown, PA 18940. Please mark your check "Advance for September."

The Outreach team thanks the Vacation Bible School children and everyone else who helped with our Backpacks for Children collection. Thanks to you, we collected 26 school backpacks, along with scientific calculators and other school supplies. They have been given to children whose families are in need. Thank you to Cheryl Burd and Barb Selah for coordinating this!

Caring for Friends

We will meet on Wednesday, September 17th at 9:00 a.m. Caring for Friends makes meals to be delivered in and around the Philadelphia area.



September Schedule



Ushers and Greeters

Ushers for September: Cheryl Burd & Kevin Burd

Greeters:

September 7- Helene & Jim Mershon

September 14-Nora & Randy Schenk

September 21-Pam Rook & Kay Lawrence

September 28-Dan & Debbie Boltner



Finance Stewards & Communion Stewards

Finance Stewards: Cheryl Burd & Linda Walsh

Communion Steward: Pat King & Helene Mershon

Lay Readers:

September 7- Janet Johnson

September 14-Pat King

September 21-Gerry Hixson

September 28-Denise Dugan



Fellowship Time

Fellowship Hour!

September 7- Linda Walsh

September 14-

September 21-

September 28-

Pig Roast

2025 Pig Roast

This year's Pig Roast will be held on Saturday, September 13th (rain date September 14th). The roast this year will help raise funds for the Texas flood victims. Sign-up sheets are located in the gallery!

Your help is needed and greatly appreciated! Bring you friends and neighbors for Fun, Food & Fellowship! Sign-up sheets are located in the gallery. If you have any questions, please give the church office a call at 215-968-2662.



Fall Rummage Sale

Our Fall rummage sale will be held on Friday, September 26 from 9am-3pm and Saturday, September 27 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 21. 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 22 immediately after church to set up the tables in Wesley Hall and bring up the items from the basement rummage rooms. Once the items are all upstairs, we will begin the task of sorting, arranging, and pricing. 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.

PLEASE NOTE:

All clothing should be clean and free from stains, tears, missing buttons, and broken zippers.

All electric items and electronics must be in working order.

Only flat screen TVs (no older than 10 years) will be accepted.

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT:

China Cabinets, Hutches, and Entertainment Centers

Exercise Equipment of any kind

Mattresses. Box Springs, Bunk Beds and King-Sized Head & Foot Boards

VHS tapes

Baby equipment older than 5 years past the manufacture date

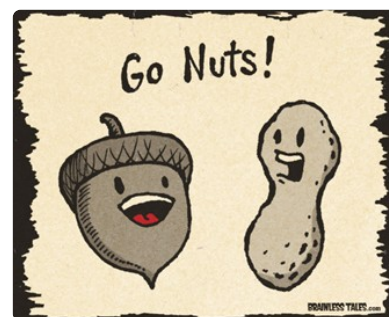
Baby car seats and cribs

Upholstered furniture that is stained, ripped, torn, or worn.

Computers, monitors, printers, fax machines and typewriters

Our Nut Sale Continues!

Our annual Nut Sale is ending. The Terri Lynn company has closed it's doors permanently on. So our nut sale will continue every Sunday morning after the worship service. We placed a new order, when we sell out we won't be getting any more in. So stock up now! We will be selling pecans, cashews, walnuts, bridge mix, fruit and nuts, almonds, mixed nuts, and assorted chocolates. They come in one-pound packages and make great gifts for teachers, friends, and neighbors. And don't forget some for yourself! All proceeds will be donated to missions.



Circle of Concern

Fall is here and it's time to gather! The Circle of Concern will hold its first gathering of the season on Monday, September 15, at 9:30 a.m., in the library. We are a circle of women of all ages who

gather for prayer, refreshment and fellowship, and time to learn about United Methodist women around our country and around our world. If you would like to find out how you can make a difference in your life and in the lives of others, come join us! We usually meet on the third Monday of the month. For more information please call the church office.

September Birthdays!

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9/7– Doug Demskis

9/8–Ethel Hibbs

9/8– Donald Smith

9/12– Janice Barry

9/14– Christine Sottile

9/15– Betty Fidler



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