

NEWTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 2025 Newsletter



Note from the Pastor's Desk

"Faith That Endures the Seasons"

"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." – Ecclesiastes 3:1

Dear NUMC Family,

Autumn's beauty reminds us not only that seasons change, but that faith endures through them all. When the trees release their leaves, they are not losing; they are preparing for the next season. Their letting go is not an end, but a quiet trust that spring will come again. So, it is with us. True faith is not proven in ease, but in the quiet moments when we continue to trust, even when life feels uncertain.

There are seasons of clarity, when God's hand feels near and visible. There are also seasons of waiting, when faith must reach deeper roots. Yet God's faithfulness remains steady through them



all; unchanging, reliable, and strong. The same hand that paints the leaves in color holds our lives with purpose.

In every season, God invites us to grow, not just upward in moments of joy, but inward in moments of testing. Enduring faith is not hurried; it is shaped by patience, prayer, and the steady flow of God's grace. When we do not see immediate results, we are reminded that roots grow strongest in the unseen soil. Those are the seasons when our trust matures, when what we believe moves from words to way of life. Faith that endures is faith that keeps showing up; loving, serving, and believing even when the harvest has not yet come.

This October offers us the gift of living that faith together. As we gather for Trunk or Treat, opening our hearts and parking lot to the laughter of families, and prepare for our Holiday Bazaar, where creativity and fellowship fill the halls, we are reminded that faith is strengthened in community. These moments of joy and service are living reminders that the church is not a building, but a people sustained by grace.

Whatever season you find yourself in, joyful, weary, or waiting, remember that God is already at work within it. No season is wasted in the hands of a faithful God. Every experience, every challenge, every prayer becomes part of the story that God is writing in you. May this fall be a time of quiet renewal and confident trust, a reminder that even as the seasons turn, the love of Christ never fades, and His purpose for your life continues to unfold with grace.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Rodney

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, now until November 12th | 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!

October Mission of the Month (Advance)

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The Mission of the Month (Advance) for October is Feed the Children's ministry in Uganda.

Volunteers are working with churches there to feed about 80,000 children. They are also teaching the girls sewing and the boys carpentry skills.



Uganda lacks important resources such as sanitation, access to electricity, health, education, and nutrition. Families in Uganda are often large and highly likely to fall below the poverty line. Poor health also impacts a family's ability to work, causing poverty to be passed down through generations.

Uganda has one of the youngest and most rapidly growing populations in the world, with 48% of the population under the age of 15. Currently Uganda is taking in refugees fleeing wars in its bordering neighbors of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

If you would like to help feed the children of Uganda, please use one of the blue Advance offering envelopes in the pews and place 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 October."

Trunk or Treat

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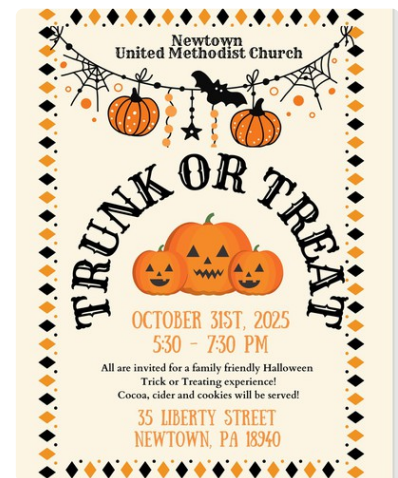
Invites YOU to Trunk or Treat!

When: Friday, October 31st

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

Place: Church Parking Lot

Trunk or Treat? It's a fun, safe way for little ones to experience the joy of trick or treating. In the parking lot cars, vans, and trucks will be lined up and children can go trunk to trunk collecting candy. Pass the word! This is for Elementary school age children and younger. Please watch the gallery. We will be putting a sign up sheet for those willing to open their trunks. We are hoping for 12 to 14 trunks. We will also have a donation box in the gallery for candy. COME join the fun!



Nov 6 Holiday Bazaar & Lunch

Santa Room, Craft Area, Bake Table & Homemade Soup

10am-3pm

Lunch 11am-2pm

UMW Luncheon ... Calling All Servers

Thursday, November 6th

Lunch is served from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M.

We need 12 to 14 volunteers

If you have any questions, you can call

Helene Mershon @ 267-491-5226

or call the church office @ 215-968-2662



UMW Reminder: The bake table is a great success every year! Please consider making your favorite baked item and dropping it off Wednesday, November 5th or early Thursday morning,

November 6th.

Caring for Friends

We will meet on Wednesday, October 15th at 9:00 a.m. Caring for Friends makes meals to be delivered in and around the Philadelphia area.



October Schedule



Ushers and Greeters

Ushers for September: Rich & Barb Selah

Greeters:

October 5- Freeman Corson & Pat King

October 12- Monica Flint & Joanne Tomlinson

October 19- Joe & Judi Swerk

October 26- Dave & Kathy Mershon



Finance Stewards & Communion Stewards

Finance Stewards: Jim & Helene Mershon

Communion Steward: Pat King

Lay Readers:

October 5-Eric Johnson

October 12-Nora Schenk

October 19-Helene Mershon

October 26-Cami Haneman



Fellowship Time

Fellowship Hour!

October 5- Reception

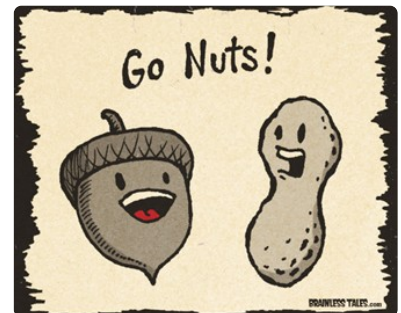
October 12- Lauren Brailsford

October 19-Pat King & Nancy McCarthy

October 26

Our Nut Sale Continues!

Our annual Nut Sale is ending. The Terri Lynn company has closed its 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, October 20th, 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.

October Birthdays!

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10/4-Chris Bethman

10/5-David Mershon Jr.
10/6-Kristy Terrell
10/7-Dennis Schoener
10/8-Rich Tomlinson Jr.
10/10-Terry Hixson
10/10-Joe Swerk
10/13- Judy Stetler
10/19-Mia Rolli
10/19-Nancy Scurlock
10/20-Judi Swerk
10/28-Rich Tomlinson III
10/29-Paul Mathias



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