

Church Family Prayer Concerns: 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), Devon Mattox (nephew of Carolyn Brown), Rich Selah, Tammy (niece of the Tomlinson family), Nancy Daney & Family, 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 December is the Prison Ministries and Restorative Justice Team of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church (EPAUMC). Under the leadership of Reverend Marilyn Schneider, the Prison Ministries and Restorative Justice Team gives support for individuals, families, and communities affected by the criminal justice system. Team members provide books, Bible studies, films, and speakers to educate congregations. They offer weekend retreats for families. They help at-risk youth and formerly incarcerated individuals.

If you would like to help with this important ministry, you can use the blue envelopes located in the pews in the Sanctuary. You can also send a check to Newtown United Methodist Church, 35 Liberty Street, Newtown, PA 18940. Please mark your check “Advance for December.”



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 to the church’s PayPal account.

The Outreach Team thanks everyone for your contributions to our "Thanksgiving for Families in Need" mission. Thanks to you, many local families were able to buy ingredients for a Thanksgiving meal.

Just a reminder that the team is still collecting non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, and baby items. These items will be given to our sister church, Penns Park UMC, home to the Wrightstown Food Pantry, and to other churches who have requested help.

THIS WEEK AT NEWTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
35 Liberty Street, Newtown, PA 18940
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Sunday, December 7 10:00 a.m.	Worship Service, Childcare available
Tuesday, December 9 7:30 p.m.	Newtown UMW’s Christmas Celebration
Wednesday, December 10 10:00 a.m.	Advent Study
Thursday, December 11 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Cookie Exchange
Sunday, December 14 10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Worship Service, Childcare available Christmas Dine-around

Sunday Servants **December 7, 2025**

ALTAR FLOWERS:	Given by Dave & Kathy Mershon in loving memory of Doris Mershon
USHERS:	Randy & Nancy Scurlock, Allen Fidler
LAY READER:	Erinn Demskis
GREETERS:	Nora & Randy Schenk
FELLOWSHIP HOUR:	Barbara Burger
FINANCE STEWARD:	Randy & Nora Schenk

December 14th - Sunday Servants

USHERS:	Randy & Nancy Scurlock, Allen Fidler
LAY READER:	Allen Fidler
GREETERS:	Dan & Debbie Boltner
FELLOWSHIP HOUR:	Nora & Randy Schenk
FINANCE STEWARD:	Randy & Nora Schenk



Christmas Eve- Candlelight services will be: 7:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

The UMW invites all woman in the church to participate in one of happiest times of the season for a cookie exchange and fellowship on December 11 from 7-9 in Wesley Hall.

You should make 60 cookies. Pack 6 cookies in 9 bags labeled with your cookie's name. Keep 6 cookies out and put them on a small plate to enjoy during the exchange. Everyone will get 9 bags of cookies to take home, for a total of 54 cookies. Please send or give your recipe to Linda Walsh by December 9 to avoid too many duplicates. Everyone coming will get a copy of the recipe for every cookie! Be sure to bring a container to hold your cookies to take home!

Let me know if you have any questions - I'm looking forward to this!

Bring a snack to share, Beverages will be available

The annual Adult Christmas dine around, and party will be held Sunday, December 14th starting with salads, at the home of Susan & Donald Smith, at 5:30 p.m. We will then go to various homes for dinner. After dinner we will meet back at the church for dessert and gift exchange. We ask each person to bring a \$20 gift-women for a woman & men for a man. You can sign up in the gallery. We need each couple or person to either be a hostess, bring a salad or a dessert. December 7th is the final day to sign up for this fun event!

UMW Christmas Celebration, Tuesday, Dec. 9

UMW invites the congregation and their guests to our annual Christmas Celebration. We are excited to welcome the Council Rock High School Choral Group lead by Heather Brewer. They will be providing a delightful Christmas musical program at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. Following the program, refreshments will be served in Welsey Hall. We would appreciate if you would help with the refreshments by bringing a Sweet or Savory treat to share after the performance. Please list your contribution on the sign-up sheets in the gallery. Please contact Judi Swerk or Janet Johnson if you have any questions.



Cocoa & Conversation — A Three-Week Advent Gathering

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM | Beginning December 3

Wesley Hall | Newtown United Methodist Church

Join us this Advent for Cocoa & Conversation, a simple and uplifting way to prepare our hearts for the season. For three Wednesday mornings, we will gather in Wesley Hall to enjoy cocoa and light refreshments, read Scripture, and share meaningful conversation around the themes of Hope, Peace, and Joy.

Each gathering includes a brief Advent message, a Scripture reading, and time to reflect together on how God is at work in our lives during this sacred season.

Whether you attend Bible study regularly or are simply looking for a gentle spiritual pause in the middle of the week, you are warmly welcome.

Dates:

- December 3 – Hope
- December 10 – Peace
- December 17 – Joy

Come as you are, bring a friend, and enter the beauty of Advent with community, warmth, and thoughtful reflection. We look forward to seeing you there.

Holiday Wrapping Paper Drive!

Once again we are collecting wrapping paper for Newtown Middle School “Kindness Rocks Club” Please donate new, holiday-themed wrapping paper to help local families in need. My students have set a goal of donating 200 rolls! A collection bin is located in the gallery.

If you have any questions, please call Erinn Demskis at 1-484-433-2227