

**Church Family Prayer Concerns:** The Daney Family, Brendan (friend of Pam Rook), 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, 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 January is Heifer International.**  
The 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 milk, eggs, and honey can be traded or sold at markets. 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.



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, January 18</b> 10:00 a.m.	Worship Service, Childcare available
<b>Monday, January 19</b> 9:30 a.m.	Martin Luther King Day, office closed Circle of Concern
<b>Tuesday, January 20</b> 7:00 p.m.	Team Leadership Meeting
<b>Wednesday, January 21</b> 9:00 a.m.	Caring for Friends
<b>Thursday, January 22</b> 4:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
<b>Sunday, January 25</b> 10:00 a.m.	Worship Service, Childcare available

**Sunday Servants** **January 18, 2025**

USHERS:	Joe & Judi Swerk & Eric Johnson
LAY READER:	Erinn Demskis
GREETERS:	Pam Rook & Kay Lawrence
FELLOWSHIP HOUR:	Chris Bethman
FINANCE STEWARD:	Karen Schoener & Dixie Scurlock

**January 25<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Servants**

USHERS:	Joe & Judi Swerk & Eric Johnson
LAY READER:	Nora Schenk
GREETERS:	Dan & Debbie Boltner
FELLOWSHIP HOUR:	Cheryl Burd
FINANCE STEWARD:	Karen Schoener & Dixie Scurlock

### **Staff Thank You for Christmas Gifts**

On behalf for the entire staff of the Newtown United Methodist Church, I would like to thank the congregation for the wonderful Christmas gifts we received this year. These gifts speak of the generosity of NUMC! Each gift is appreciated as is each member of the congregation. It is a privilege to serve our Lord by serving you. The love, acceptance and support you show us in so many ways are indeed blessings!

Blessings, Allen Fidler  
Chair of the SPRC Leadership Team



### **Looking Ahead: Interfaith Study Series**

Later in January, we will be offering a short interfaith study exploring Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Christianity.

This study invites us to deepen our Christian faith by learning how people of different traditions seek meaning, devotion, and truth, and by reflecting on how Christianity speaks clearly and faithfully into those shared human longings.

As part of the study, we hope to include guided site visits to places of worship, such as the BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham in New Jersey, as schedules and opportunities allow.

The study will be held at 10:00 AM, starting **Tuesday, January 27 at 10:00 a.m.**

### **2026 Flower Chart**

The new flower chart is posted. Please consider donating altar flowers, in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone or for a special occasion. The cost is \$35.00. If you have any questions please call Kathy in the church office.

**The new envelopes for 2026** are available for pick up in the gallery. Please pick yours up and maybe pick up your friends or families also.