

Church Family Prayer Concerns: Bill Sandy, Bridget McFadden (friend of Carolyn Brown), Elizabeth Sullivan (friend of Pam Rook), 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), 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 March is Heifer International. We also collected Advance offerings for this organization for in January; however, a congregation member pointed out it would be good to repeat this because we were unable to gather for two Sundays due to the weather. The Outreach team agreed, and decided to repeat the focus on this very worthwhile mission opportunity. This 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 market. 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.

You can use the blue envelopes located in the pews in the Sanctuary and put them in the offering plate, or you can send a check to Newtown United Methodist Church, 35 Liberty Street, Newtown, PA 18940. Please mark your check or envelope "Advance for March."



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.

THIS WEEK AT NEWTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
35 Liberty Street, Newtown, PA 18940
215-968-2662

Sunday, March 22 10:00 a.m.	Pancakes! Worship Service, Childcare available
Tuesday, March 24 10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Thursday, March 26 4:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, March 29 10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship Service, Childcare available

Sunday Servants March 22, 2026

ALTAR FLOWERS:	Given by Nancy Matthews in honor of her church Family
USHERS:	Brian & Julie Foster
GREETERS:	Dan & Debbie Boltner
FINANCE STEWARD:	Kevin Burd & Cliff Hixson

March 29th - Sunday Servants

USHERS:	Brian & Julie Foster
LAY READER:	Monica Flint
GREETERS:	Susan & Donald Smith
FELLOWSHIP HOUR:	Debbie Haneman
FINANCE STEWARD:	Kevin Burd & Cliff Hixson

Easter Baskets

This year, the Outreach Committee is providing Easter baskets for local children whose families are in need. These Easter baskets for children up to the age of 12 will ensure they have treats for Easter and give them and their families smiles. You will be able to find the empty baskets with instructions in the Gallery. Please take one, fill it, and return it to church no later than Sunday, March 29, 2026. Some suggestions for filling the baskets are candy, small stuffed animals, small toys and games, books, toothbrush and toothpaste, combs, socks, hats, or anything else you choose to include!

If you have any questions please call the church office at 215-968-2662.

2026 Newtown Women's Retreat: True Blue

Ladies, how would you like to get away for a weekend and relax in your blue jeans, bask under the blue sky, and walk along the blue ocean? We will be using the Ocean Grove seaside as a backdrop to this year's retreat theme, "True Blue." The phrase true blue comes from the middle ages, when artisans in Coventry, England dyed material blue in such a way that its color remained steadfast and true, despite washing. Through Bible study, fellowship, and prayer, we will reconnect to the steadfast love of God, and strengthen our faith so we can remain true to who we want to be, come washing, wearing, or whatever! April 17-19th

On hand to lead the Friday night and Saturday portions of the retreat is Rev. Dorry Newcomer, now pastor at Jarrettown UMC in Dresher, PA. Dorry was pastor of Newtown UMC from 2014 to 2018. She hopes the retreat will help foster faith in God that never fades!

A weekend of sharing and fellowship! Get Ready for Our Annual Women's Retreat! Join us for a peaceful weekend by the sea. Through self reflection, small group activities, and fellowship we will WHAT TO EXPECT: A great weekend and a lot of fun! The retreat will begin on Friday evening with check-in between 6:30 and 7:30. Saturday morning there will be a program. After lunch, you'll have the afternoon free to do crafts, walk the beach, explore the quaint village of Ocean Grove, or just take a nap! We will have dinner as a group, then enjoy an evening of interactive programming. On Sunday morning, we have worship together with communion before heading home. WHO'S INVITED: This retreat is being planned for adult women of all ages from our church and their friends. Any woman who would like to some spiritual refreshment is welcome! ABOUT OCEAN GROVE: Known as "God's Square Mile at the Jersey Shore", Ocean Grove is just south of Asbury Park, roughly one hour from Newtown. It is a Methodist vacation and retreat community whose mission is to "provide opportunities for spiritual growth, birth, and renewal in a Christian seaside setting." Lodging: There are three first floor, handicapped accessible rooms. Most rooms are on the second and third floors. A limited number of 2nd and 3rd floor rooms have their own bath only 5. All rooms are double occupancy. Cost: Per person, \$200 for shared bath; \$250 for private bath and \$225 for a room to yourself. This covers two nights lodging, continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, dinner Saturday, and all retreat materials. The registration deadline is **April 1, 2026 Registration forms are available on the table in the gallery.**



Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 29th
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd
6:00 p.m. Soup & Bread Supper
7:00 p.m. Communion Worship Service

Good Friday, April 3rd
7:00 p.m. Worship Service
Into Your Hands: A Service of Surrender and Release

Easter Sunday, April 5th
9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Worship Service & Children's Easter Celebration