

NEWTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 2026 Newsletter



Note from the Pastor's Desk

Dear NUMC Family,

July has a way of sending us in many different directions. Some of us will travel to the shore, spend time by the water, visit family, take long-awaited vacations, go fishing, or enjoy a slower summer pace. Others will remain close to home, keeping familiar routines, caring for loved ones, working, serving, and worshipping.

Wherever this summer takes us, I hope we remember this: the church is not only a place we attend. The church is a people we belong to.

That truth feels especially important this year. As our nation prepares to celebrate America's 250th birthday, we are reminded that meaningful communities are not built in a single moment. They are shaped over time by faithfulness, sacrifice, courage, prayer, and the willingness of ordinary people to contribute to something larger than themselves.



The same is true in the life of the church. Newtown United Methodist Church has a beautiful history in Bucks County, but our calling is not only to remember what has been. Our calling is also to ask what God is inviting us to become. We honor the past best when we carry its faith forward with gratitude, humility, and hope.

Summer often changes our schedules, but it does not change who we are. Whether we are in Newtown, at the Jersey Shore, visiting grandchildren, sitting by a lake, walking through an airport, or relaxing in the backyard, we remain connected by something deeper than geography. In Christ, we remain part of one another's lives.

That belonging is not just an idea; it is something we practice in the shared life of the church. We practice it when we gather for worship, pray for one another, encourage someone who is tired, check on someone who is hurting, welcome someone who is new, or simply show up with kindness and faithfulness.

As we move through July, I hope this summer gives you opportunities to rest, laugh, pray, and notice God's presence in unexpected places. If you are traveling, may God grant you safety and renewal. If you are staying close to home, may God meet you in the ordinary blessings of each day. And wherever you are, may you know that you remain part of this church family.

In the months ahead, we will also begin taking some gentle first steps with Team Ministries, creating more opportunities for people to share their gifts in meaningful ways. But before Team Ministries is about structure, it is about a truth we already believe: every person matters in the body of Christ.

My prayer is that this summer will not be a season of drifting apart, but a season of remembering who we are: a church family rooted in Christ, grateful for our history, present to one another, and open to the future God is preparing.

Wherever the summer takes us, may we remember that we belong to Christ, we belong to one another, and we are part of a story much larger than ourselves.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Rodney



AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY!



Mission of the Month

The Mission of the Month (Advance) for July is the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) International Disaster Response and Recovery.

Our offering will help the people of Venezuela affected by the two recent devastating earthquakes which have resulted in 1,500 lives lost so far. Thousands are still missing. More than 770 buildings are partially or totally collapsed. If you would like to help the people of Venezuela, 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. Please mark your check "Advance for July."

Jazz on Liberty

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Matt Kahn, July 19th @ 3:00 p.m.

Prester & Samargia- August 23rd @ 3:00 p.m.



Caring for Friends

Caring for Friends will not meet in July.

July Schedule



Ushers and Greeters

Ushers for July: UMW Volunteers

July 5-Nora Schenk, Cheryl Burd & Kathy Mershon

July 12-Janet Johnson, Susan Smith & Judi Swerk

July 19 Nora Schenk, Judi Swerk & Linda Walsh

July 26- Pat King, Nancy Matthews & Helene Mershon

Greeters:

July 5- Pam Rook & Kay Lawrence

July 12- Dan & Debbie Boltner

July 19- Donald & Susan Smith

July 26- Joe & Judi Swerk



Finance Stewards & Communion Stewards

Finance Stewards: Joe & Judi Swerk

Communion Steward: Nancy Matthews

Lay Readers

July 5-Gerry Hixson

July 12-Pat King

July 19-Janet Johnson

July 26-Denise Dugan



Fellowship Time

Lemonade in the Garden begins June 7th!

Volunteers are needed to serve lemonade after the worship service. Lemonade mix, cups, pitchers, napkins and plates will be on the counter in the kitchen. All you need to provide is something to snack on! **No refreshments will be served on dates without**

volunteers. There is a sign-up sheet located in the gallery. If you have any questions please call the church office at 215-968-2662.

July 5- Kathy& Dave Mershon

July 12-

July 19-Debbie Haneman

July 26-

Game Night

Please join us for Family Game Night on Thursday, July 9, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in Wesley Hall.

Bring a favorite game or learn a new one. We will have fresh buttered popcorn to enjoy while we spend the evening laughing and strategizing with church friends, family, and neighbors.

All are welcome, so please feel free to invite a friend. We look forward to seeing you there!

Questions? Ask Rich or Barb Selah.



This Month's Birthdays!

July Birthday's

7/1-Karen Schoener
7/4-Jim Mershon III
7/4- Sandy Porzig
7/5-Madison Tomlinson
7/12-Mark Woodward
7/15-Emma Stuart
7/18-Freeman Corson
7/25-Bob Stickel
7/27-Bill Payton
7/28-Amanda Mershon
7/29- Joe Tam



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