

NewburgUMC

monthly

NOVEMBER 2020

NOTES FROM REV. STEVE



On Being Thankful

Greetings Newburg Family,

Eleven months ago, we had no idea how the whole world would change. As the early months of 2020 progressed, so too was a new unpredictable virus that would redefine the way we live. Ordinarily during the month of November, we would be preparing for our All Community Thanksgiving Dinner and making arrangements to decorate the church for the Advent season. However, our lives have changed. Now, we continually need to be cognizant of our own personal health and safety, as well as those around us. We have adjusted our ministry to accommodate the new needs of our church family by doing things differently. This also includes our Mission and Outreach programs, and how and where we worship. Covid fatigue has begun to set in for many, especially as we get towards the end of the year. We want to return to normal and celebrate our holiday traditions starting with Thanksgiving.

There are those who believe we need to observe Thanksgiving now more than ever. Normal laments about Thanksgiving being overshadowed by Christmas aside, I even heard someone say that "We need to have Thanksgiving and if it's canceled what will we do?" I began to contemplate and think about the meaning of giving thanks. I remember a choir director at a former church complaining about not celebrating Thanksgiving Sunday (it was the first Sunday of Advent that year). Voicing that

this holiday is the one time of year we take time to give thanks, and now the church was not even going to acknowledge it? My friend and colleague quickly shared, that as Christians we give thanks every Sunday, especially during communion.

Psalm 34, which is part of the readings for Sunday, November 1st, says: "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praises shall be continually in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." In November we are called as a nation to give thanks, but as people of faith, we give thanks and praise at all times for what God has done and what God is doing in our world. Even if we cannot see it now.

While we need to take precautions this year to love our neighbors, we can and always will give thanks, because that is who we are. So let us be thankful this month and every month. Let's do our part to *show thanks* by changing the way we celebrate, so that when we return (and we will return), we all can *give thanks* around the table together!

Peace and Prayers,

Rev. Steve
Lead Pastor



SUNDAYS

November 1

All Saints Sunday

Livestream Worship at 10am

"Times To Remember" | Rev. Steve McCoy
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

November 8

Do Good Sunday

Livestream Worship at 10am

"Time To Choose" | Rev. Steve McCoy
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Children's Christmas Begins
Rake N Run

November 15

Commitment Sunday

Livestream Worship at 10am

"Time To Vision" | Rev. Steve McCoy
Matthew 25:14-30

November 22

Livestream Worship at 10am

Theme: Thanks/Giving | Ali Belsky

November 29

1st Sunday in Advent

Livestream Worship at 10am

"His Name Shall Be Called" | Rev. Steve McCoy
Isaiah 9:1-7

MONDAYS

Monday Morning Minute

With Rev. Steve McCoy on Newburg's
Facebook page

TUESDAYS

Bible Reading by Jim

Tuesday, November 10 | 2pm

Bookmarks

Tuesday, November 17 | 7pm | Asbury Lounge
We will discuss "*The Beantown Girls*" by Jane
Healey. Led by Mimi Silverman

WEDNESDAYS

Adult Online Bible Study

Wednesday, November 4 at 6:30pm "Glimpses of
Grace" (last one) led by Rev. Rodney Gasaway
via Zoom. This is a chance for members of the
congregation to tell their story and share their
testimony in an inspiring way.

Men's Online Bible Study

Wednesdays, November 4 & 18 | 7:30pm
Contact James Frederick at attyjpf@gmail.com for
more information.

THURSDAYS

Bible Study with Rev. Steve

Thursday, November 5 | 7:00 pm
"Jesus for President" (last one)

Women Connecting Through Christ

Thursdays: 6:30pm Limited seating capacity
In the Asbury Lounge. Led by Janice Gasaway

SATURDAYS

Saturday's with Mrs. Karen

Saturdays on Facebook

Rummage Drop Off

November 14 | 10am-12pm

THANKSGIVING TAKE-HOME KITS

This kit will provide you with everything for
your own Thanksgiving Dinner! RSVP required.
See page 3 for more information and page 5 to
donate for the kits!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

"*The Upper Room*" daily Devotional guide for
November/December are available in the main
office for pick up Monday—Friday 9am-12pm &
1-4pm.



• NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH •

Thanksgiving!

TAKE HOME KITS

Unfortunately, we can't gather like normal, but as always we have a plan! For those who are still in need of a meal, we would like to introduce you to this year's **Thanksgiving Take-Home Kits!** This kit will provide you the supplies needed to cook a home-cooked Thanksgiving meal. This is totally free just RSVP for a kit by November 20th.



HOW DO I RSVP FOR ONE?

MUST RSVP BY NOVEMBER 20TH

Various Ways to RSVP:

1. Visit us at newburgumc.org/thanksgiving
2. Call our main office (734) 422-0149

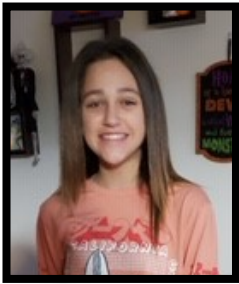
WHAT IS IN THE KIT?

Mash Potatoes & Gravy
Turkey
Green bean Casserole Supplies
Mac N' Cheese
Stuffing
Dessert

KIT PICK UP DATES

November 24th | 6pm-8pm
November 25th | 10am-2pm
East Side Parking Lot - Gutherie Hall Entrance

Confirmation Class | Sunday, October 25, 2020



Zoey Allen

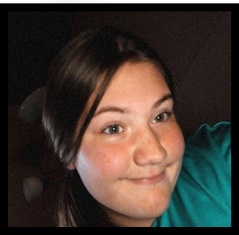
I attend: Frost Middle School; 8th Grade

Activities/sports I am involved in at school, in the community and at Newburg:

Cross Country, Yearbook Committee, and Youth Group

My Favorite Bible Verse is Matthew 5:16

Why I love Newburg: "I have many friends here that help me learn God's ways."



Brigitte Chick

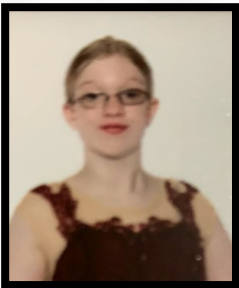
I attend: Frost Middle School; 8th Grade

Activities/sports I am involved in at school, in the community and at Newburg:

Hawks Soccer & Youth Group

My Favorite Bible Verse is Ephesians 2:10

Why I love Newburg: "Newburg is very welcoming and treats everyone like family."



Naomi Gorzen

I attend: Emerson Middle School; 8th Grade

Activities/sports I am involved in at school, in the community and at Newburg:

Dance Classes, Youth Bells & Youth Group

My Favorite Bible Verse is Genesis 1:1

Why I love Newburg: "I enjoy playing bells."



Max Gulyas

I attend: Pioneer Middle School; 8th Grade

Activities/sports I am involved in at school, in the community and at Newburg:

Boy Scouting, Swimming, Piano, Golf, Scripture Reading & Youth Group

My Favorite Bible Verse is Philippians 2:13

Why I love Newburg: "There are many friends at Newburg that I have known for a long time. Newburg gives us many opportunities to do good in the world."



Sophia Mansour

I attend: Frost Middle School; 8th Grade

Activities/sports I am involved in at school, in the community and at Newburg:

Softball, Band and Youth Group

My Favorite Bible Verse is Proverbs 2:10

Why I love Newburg: "It feels like a great big family!"



Christian Mumbiro

I attend: Discovery Middle School; 8th Grade

Activities/sports I am involved in at school, in the community and at Newburg:

Football, Youth Group

My Favorite Bible Verse is Psalm 23

Why I love Newburg: "The Youth Group"



Ainsley McCoy

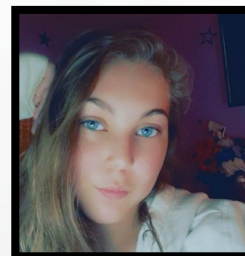
I attend: Frost Middle School; 8th Grade

Activities/sports I am involved in at school, in the community and at Newburg:

Cheer, Cross Country, & Youth Group

My Favorite Bible Verse is Psalm 31:24

Why I love Newburg: "I love Newburg because they welcome everyone and do fun Activities. Everyone always makes me laugh and it's always a good time."



Annelise Saylor

I attend: Frost Middle School; 8th Grade

Activities/sports I am involved in at school, in the community and at Newburg:

Cheerleading for the Orioles (LJAL), Theater, & Youth Group

My Favorite Bible Verse is Philippians 1:6

Why I love Newburg: "I enjoy the people and always feel welcome. There is no judgement for your opinions. I have made a lot of friends that are different in their own ways and that's ok. I enjoy my mentors and all the crazy times with the youth group."



James Valentino

I attend: Holmes Middle School; 8th Grade

Activities/sports I am involved in at school, in the community and at Newburg:

Basketball, Baseball & Youth Group

My Favorite Bible Verse is 2 Timothy 2:21

Why I love Newburg: "I love Newburg because it's a place where I can come and be relaxed and have fun, while learning about God."



Chase Wolters

I attend: Frost Middle School; 8th Grade

Activities/sports I am involved in at school, in the community and at Newburg:

Scouts, Baseball, Robotics & Youth Group

My Favorite Bible Verse is Psalm 63:10

Why I love Newburg: "I love Newburg because everyone is treated fairly and everyone is kind to you."

Newburg Announcements!

Children's Christmas!

newburgumc.org/childrenschristmas

Children's Christmas is our ministry with St. Francis Family Social Services and the NAIA, which provides Christmas gifts to a wide age range of amazing kids! Starting November 8th

through December 10th, you can fill out our online request form and we will assign you a child(ren) to shop for.

[REQUEST FORM](#)

Once you have shopped for your child(ren), you can drop off your gifts during Office Hours, Monday – Friday, 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm, or during our extended hours on December 9th & 10th from 6pm-8pm. If you are not able to shop, you can also donate to “[Children's Christmas](#)” online or in the Main Office.

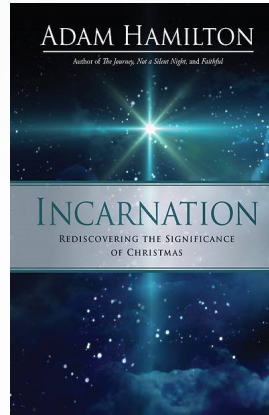
For more information or questions, please contact Rev. Rodney Gasaway [EMAIL](#).



SPONSOR A CHURCH PROJECT WITH FUNDING FROM OUR ENDOWMENT INCOME

All church organizations and members may submit project proposals for funding from our Newburg UMC Endowment income. Blank forms with instructions for the **2021**

Expenditure Requests are now available on the church website [CLICK HERE](#). Please complete the forms and send to Jon Oatley at Jon.Oatley@prodigy.net by Sunday, November 29th. For additional information or questions, please contact Jon Oatley.



INCARNATION

Rediscovering
The Significance of Christmas
Beginning Sunday, November 29th

His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh.

In *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, best-selling author Adam Hamilton examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth. In the face of uncertainty and conflict, Christians reclaim the Christ child who brings us together, heals our hearts, and calls us to bring light into the darkness. Now more than ever, we invite you to reflect upon the significance of the Christ child for our lives and world today!

This Advent season our Newburg church family will come together to share in this book study. The first *in person* class begins on Wednesday, December 2nd at 11am & the *Zoom* class is at 6:30pm. You can [click here](#) to purchase your book today.

2021 Offering Envelopes: For those of you who use Offering Envelopes for tithing, the 2021 Boxed Offering Envelopes are available across from the Welcome Center and can be picked up during office hours. Thank you!

Thanksgiving Take-Home Kits

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

This year we have found a way to keep our tradition for Thanksgiving alive by creating Thanksgiving Dinner Take-Home Kits. There are two great ways to donate!

1. Financially ~ you can mail in cash/check written to NUMC, Memo: Thanksgiving Kits, or simply donate online Link: [click here](#).
2. Volunteering to bring one or more of our requested items, [click here](#) for the donations list, which is due by November 15th.

We truly couldn't thank you enough for continuing to be a vital part of our mission during this holiday season!

Please drop your donations off by November 15th.

Drop-off Times:

M-F | 9 AM - 12 PM & 1 PM - 4 PM

Sunday, November 15th | 12 PM - 4 PM

Pray without ceasing... 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Please pray for the prayer concerns for our Newburg Family & Friends:

NOVEMBER Anniversaries

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| 2 | Phillip & Angela Reed |
| 3 | Kevin & Julie Albaugh |
| 4 | Ed & Judy Dobson |
| 15 | Bob & Sandy O'Daniel |
| 16 | Marshall & Angela Montgomery |
| 20 | Dani & Sara Tubbs |
| 29 | Erv & Pam Piontek |

NOVEMBER Birthdays

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|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Maren Mutch | 17 | Angela Montgomery |
| 2 | Tracy Dunbar | 18 | Samantha Williams |
| | Melissa Peterson | 19 | Natalie Cavaretta |
| 3 | Gary Fry | 20 | Peyton Battiselli |
| 4 | George Bowles | 20 | Christian Mumbiro |
| | Sara Kasproicz | 22 | Kara Frank |
| | Leslie Koester | 23 | Megan Garrett |
| 7 | Kennedy Christian | | Hilda Reault |
| | Patricia Everett | | Elliott Rooda |
| 9 | Mindy Hunsaker | | Henry Walker |
| | Miles Williams | | Melynda Wojewski |
| 10 | Jacquelyn Reault | 24 | Pamela Piontek |
| | Kevin Wesenberg | | Sarah Warren |
| 13 | Alexis Williams | 25 | Marcia Reeder |
| | Brianna Williams | | Masen Scofield |
| 14 | Joseph Schiffman | 26 | Marilyn Scitar |
| | Suzanne Stichler | | Kristie Thomson |
| 16 | Melissa Frederick | 27 | Marie Jenkins |
| | Aliyah Gonzales | 28 | James Valentino |
| | Paul Maynard | | John Wakeford |
| | Leonard Maguire | 30 | Darlene Lamp |
| 17 | Pam Alexander | | Carroll Wheeler |

With Deepest Sympathies, Thoughts, & Prayers . . .

To Judy Cash & family on the passing of her sister-in-law, Lynn Cash, on Wednesday, October 28, 2020.

To the family of Alan Thuernau, who passed away on Wednesday, October 21, 2020.

To the family of Wanda Britton who passed away on Friday, October 9th.

To Sally Parsell on the passing of her son, Walter Mack, on Saturday, October 17th.

To Wayne and Karen Golden on the passing of Wayne's cousin's daughter, Heather Marvin Kruczynski, due to Covid-19 complications.

Children's Ministry Announcement

For the month of November, the Children's Ministry will focus on our blessings and have created Blessing Bags for the children. This bag has several blessing crafts, a book for each child, a mission project and a note to help you make Thanksgiving a more memorable holiday for you and your children. The bags are available for pickup across from the Welcome Center. If you are unable to pick up the Blessing Bag, please call the church office at (734) 422-0149 and we will deliver it to your home!

Prayer Requests

Newburg Members...

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|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Marta Clare | Connie Klein | Helen Pond |
| Linda Collins | Virginia Klein | Hilda Reault |
| Don Dumouchelle | Dona Kovach | Jackie Reault |
| Mary Edgerton | Karen Lacey | Shirley Roszler |
| Tom Eland | Pat Landorf | Kate Stewart |
| Barb Erickson | Gail Landrum | Carol Sundell |
| Mike Fillion | Paul Maynard | Ralph Sundell |
| Barb Fisher | Jim Meloche | Hazel Thomas |
| Eleanor Frost | GayLynne Nadeau | Carroll Wheeler |
| Mary Griffin | Sally Parsell | |
| Beatrice Hart | Lori Pearse | |

Newburg Family & Friends...

Vicki Sharples, friend of Diana Oatley
Gary Madill & Jim Dograss, friends of Gayle Landrum
Chery & Stephen Taylor, friends of Sandy Conway
Michelle Dalton, Sandi Fillion's Sister-in-law
John Mincher's father, friend of Linnea Garvey
Laurie Anderson, friend of Linnea Garvey
Arlene Miller, sister of Richard Lenz
Terry Brenner, friend of Richard Lenz
Ryan Lynn, family friend of Karen & Wayne Golden
Brenden Stevenson's grandmother
John Camilleri, friend of the Fillion's
Susan DeVine, friend & colleague of Charissa Shawcross
Leila Christie, Marsha Kozlowski's family friend
Michael Christian, Sandee Christian's husband
Brian Landrum, Gayle Landrum's brother
Gretta Jones, Brenda Wesenberg's sister
Shaan Patel, Rev. Steve's neighbor's nephew
Jim & Cynthia Cook, friends of George & Judy Dobson
Bob Fournier, friend of George & Judy Dobson
Janet Wojna, friend of Nancy Boyd
Caryle Schober, former Newburg UMC organist
Debbie Lambert, friend of Julie Albaugh
April Bertolino, daughter of Gerald & Sharon Flis
Norm Soucy, friend of Cheryl Johnson
Pat Olsen, Debbie Visotsky's mother
Brad Edgerton, Mary Edgerton's brother in law
Linda Avila, Sunnye Garza's mother
Ann Birchmeier, Terry & Marsha Kozlowski's daughter
Vincenzo Potestio, Linda Potestio's husband
Jennifer Houttekier, Hilda Reault's daughter
Sylvia Stewart, Kevin Montgomery's sister
Ernest Lantto, Richard & Janice Merry's son
Bert Donley, Mary Edgerton's friend
Mark Marshall, Sherry Marschall's ex-husband
Jim Austin, Julie Albaugh's dad
Robert Fletcher, Mary Fletcher's husband
Missy Zwarka, Tom & Pat Eland's daughter in law
Nancy Nurse, Mimi Silverman's sister
Abbi Ledford, Rick & Bev Ratcliffe's granddaughter
Mark Berry, Mabel Berry's son
Bob Walton, Alice Walton's husband
Lesly Wisch, Cheryl Johnson's sister
Patricia Frederick, James Frederick's mother
Cathryn Patterson, Merry's Granddaughter
David Stanforth, Phil & Angela Reed's brother-in-law
Scott Moore, Joyce Harvey's grandson



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Meet the friendly Staff at Newburg UMC!

Pastor	Rev. Steve McCoy
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Director of Music & Worship Arts	Kyle Berry
Administrative Assistant	Judy Cash
Custodian & Kitchen Coordinator	Sandra Fillion
Deacon, Adult Education, Program & Outreach Ministries.....	Rev. Rodney Gasaway
Children & Family Ministries	Karen Golden
Chancel & Sweet Spirit Choirs.....	Richard Lenz
Organist/Children's Choirs	Beverly Ratcliffe
Caring Ministries Coordinator	Rev. Lynn Snider

*"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." - John Wesley*