



The Church Bell

Newtonville United Methodist Church

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January ~ February 2025

Happy New Year NUMC!

I pray that this newsletter finds you well, and that each of you had a wonderful Christmas!

I want to begin by thanking Joan Jensen for her many years of service as our newsletter editor. I also want to thank Linda Widomski for taking over this important ministry. This is Linda's first edition as our new editor! On Sunday January 19th we will have our yearly Celebration of Ministry for 2024. We will gather after worship in the fellowship hall for a delicious pot luck lunch, and then we will celebrate all of the amazing ministries and the ways God has walked faithfully alongside of us in 2024. We will then hear from David and Eric about the 2025 budget, and I will share some of our ministry goals and direction for the new year. You won't want to miss it, so come and bring a friend!

As we move into 2025 together, we will be working both as individuals, and as a congregation to prayerfully identify what specific things God would have us do, as we move more closely toward following the verse in Micah 6:8 which reads "And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God." We will move forward as a congregation focused on doing justice, in particular in regard to our reconciling and anti-racism work, as well as seeking what tasks God will place before us as we seek to love and care for our neighbor. I am excited to see what God has for us as a faith community, and also expect that we will be challenged to do new things in the coming year; things that will stretch us and form us in new and beautiful ways. I look forward to walking this journey with each of you.

Happy New Year.

See you in church! Pastor Nick

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***The Mission of Newtonville United Methodist Church is to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and to be God's love with our neighbors in all places.***

News and Notes

TRUSTEE REPORT

As I reflect on 2024, I realize how generous our congregation is monetarily, physically and emotionally. Our church, parsonage, cottage and grounds would not be as maintained without all your assistance. I am truly grateful for each and every one of you. I wish you a blessed 2025

Psalms 65:11 You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon trucks overflow with abundance.
Next Trustee meeting Monday January 27, 2025 at 6:30pm Room 4
Respectfully Submitted,
Donna M. Buda Trustee Chair

2025 BROOKS BARBECUE

Kathy Franklin and Kathy Mascelli are retiring as Brooks barbecue coordinators after decades of loyal service.

In **2025**, with new leadership, the dates are:
Thursday, May 8
Thursday, June 5
Thursday, September 11
Thursday, October 2
Thursday November 20

Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year will begin at the end of February. If you know anyone with young children or a family who has recently moved to the area, we have openings available for our three- and four-year-old morning programs. Please help spread the word to family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues who may be interested!
For more information, contact Fiza Rohail at 783-1976 or visit our website at newtonvillepreschool.weebly.com

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

The remaining windows in the Grace Krauss Lounge have been returned.
Gary Thompson confirmed that this room was the original location of our sanctuary when the three Watervliet Circuit churches combined to create the new church in Newtonville in 1859. It remained the sanctuary until our present sanctuary was dedicated in 1893.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

The little food pantry continues to bless many in our community. Thank you for your faithful commitment to this mission. Now that we are in the cold season no cans or glass items that will freeze and break. Some suggestions for the colder weather are cereals, rice, pastas, kids' snacks, cooking spices, tea, coffee pods, hot chocolate packets, soup packets etc.
The sign-up sheet to help with the Pantry is in the Grace Krauss Lounge. Items to fill the pantry can be found on the shelves in the kitchen and in the non-cold silver refrigerator. Please email Cheryl Assimon with any questions Ahummingbird@yahoo.com

Isaiah 58:10

"If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry, and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday".

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, **January 21 at 6:30pm** in the Grace Krauss Lounge. Please note the *new, earlier time*.

FINANCE MEETING

The Finance Committee will meet in January (date to be announced) **at 6:30pm** in Room 4.

TRUSTEES MEETING

Trustees will meet **Monday January 27th at 6:30pm** in Room 4

OUTREACH - CAPITAL CITY RESCUE MISSION

Newtonville United Methodist Church is doing an outreach program for the Capital City Rescue Mission. We have volunteered to serve dinner on the **2nd Monday of each month from 5:00 – 7:30pm.**

Five volunteers are needed each month to serve the guests. Young volunteers must be at least 16 years old and accompanied by an adult. Parking is available across from the Mission in a closed DMV parking lot; or meet at NUMC to car pool.

Mandatory: face masks, hair net, gloves and apron, which are all part of what the Mission supplies to the volunteers.

Please contact me if you are interested in this program or have any questions: Gail Cotler, 518-441-4853 phone/text or gailcotler@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - ZOOM

We encourage you to give Zoom Bible Study a try on Wednesday evenings! We gather on Zoom at 7pm, The link will come out each week from Joanna, so be looking for it this coming Wednesday. All are welcome!

A NOTE OF THANKS – RED BIRD MISSION

Dear Red Bird Mission Coordinators,
I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible support and generosity of all the UMC churches that participated in filling **526** Christmas shoeboxes!! That's 100 more than last year!! Along with the shoeboxes, there were numerous bins, bags and boxes full of new towels, sheets, pillows, school supplies, handmade hats & scarves and sneakers. Your efforts will make a significant impact on the Red Bird Mission and the people of Beverly, Kentucky.

Along with Calvary UMC, which includes our Preschool and a House Church, this year we were blessed to have 13 churches contribute to this mission project. Thank you to every person who filled the shoeboxes and/or purchased household items. Thank you also to the many volunteers who helped make this year a success. Your dedication and compassion are truly inspiring. On Monday, December 2 the trucks from Endwell UMC will set off for the Red Bird Mission. Calvary UMC looks forward to continuing our collaboration and making a positive difference together. With grateful appreciation,
Cecelia Broomhead Red Bird Shoebox Coordinator,
Calvary UMC Latham

UPCOMING WORSHIP THEMES:

1st Sunday/Communion Sunday:

We will engage more fully in the communion liturgy as Brandon teaches us the sung responses to the Prayer of Thanksgiving..

2nd Sunday/Mission Sunday:

Following the sermon, we will have a "Mission Moment", which will include a conversation about a specific mission focus for the month, and a mission project that we will complete right during worship!

3rd Sunday/Peace with Justice Sunday:

We will begin to focus on our Reconciling and Anti-Racism work, and take a moment during this service to engage in conversation and activism around this important work.

4th Sunday/Youth Sunday:

Young people will take on worship leadership roles during this service, and our Children's Church kids will share a song, or a skit, or something relevant to their experience here at NUMC.

5th Sunday/Variety of Voices Sunday:

Guest preachers will share their wisdom and experiences with us on the months that have a 5th Sunday. We will look to bring in folks with diverse backgrounds and experiences.

WATCH LIVE / PAST SERVICES ON YOUTUBE:

The YouTube link for the worship livestream is below. Click on the link, and once on our page, click on the word "LIVE" and you'll be connected to our live broadcast. If you want to watch later in the day, you click on this same link and follow the same process. I look forward to seeing you Sunday morning or anytime you are able to tune in!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQjvslUcE-7o-AUWFs3C8g>

Celebrations!

January Birthdays

- 4 - David Perez
- 6 - Laura Romania
- 9 - Erica Buda Doran
- 11 Judy Mills
- 13 - Trevor Elmendorf
- 14 - Natia Elmendorf
- 23 - Claire Romania
- 31 - Mark Olstad

February Birthdays

- 7 - Joan Jensen
- 12 - Jim Moras
- 12 - Monika King
- 13 - Sandy Rivenburg
- 21 - David Perez Jr.
- 24 - Griffin King

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

Please plan to stay after worship on **January 19th** for a delicious potluck lunch. We will celebrate all of the amazing ministries and the ways God has walked faithfully alongside of us in 2024 at Newtonville United Methodist Church.

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We will then hear from David and Eric about the 2025 budget, and Pastor Nick will share some of our ministry goals and direction for the new year. You won't want to miss it, so come and bring a friend!

Restoration of the Windows in the Grace Krauss Lounge Completed!





Keeping Our Promises



Prayers ~ Presence ~ Gifts ~ Service ~ Witness

In Our Prayers

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for those dealing with health issues; Beth, Kathy Maker, Bill Smith, Bill Rainbolt, Barb Rasmussen, Piper Toby, Pat Loz, Christopher Biggs, Stephanie Sherman, Ann Crocker Lawton, Susan C.; those dealing with addiction and those struggling to manage anxiety and fight depression. Contact the office to add or remove a prayer request..

JANUARY-FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS:

Ushers Art Bowen Head Usher

January 5: Gail Cotler & Clifton Fowles

January 12: Cheryl & Tom Assimon

January 19: David & Liz McGeough-Gamache

January 26: Wendy Spendiff & Geoff Whittle

February 2: Cheryl & Tom Assimon

February 9: Wendy Spendiff and Geoff Whittle

February 16: Gail Cotler and Clifton Fowles

February 23: David & Liz McGeough-Gamache

Worship Assistant Rotation

January 5: Geoff Brooks

January 12: Gary Thompson

January 19: Charles Bonsu

January 26: Cheryl Assimon

February 2: Frank Essien

February 9: Denise Huestis

February 16: Pam LaCasio

February 23: Kathy Maker

Our Gifts October & November 2024

Average Undesignated Income needed for 2 month \$37,048	
Pledges	\$26,086
Plate	\$665
Heat	\$5
Festival	\$930
Brooks BBQ	\$3,709
Garage Sale	\$6
Building Rent	\$3,200
Youth Coordinator	\$2,500
Preschool	\$7,435
Other Income	\$25
Undesignated Income total:	\$44,536
Designated Funds	
Building Fund	\$2,410
Youth/Child Programs	\$160
Student Day	\$690
World Communion	\$683
US Disasters	\$3,000
Little Food Pantry	\$40
Prayer Shawl	\$7
	\$6,983

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Offerings can be mailed to the office, Newtonville United Methodist Church P.O. Box 7, Newtonville, NY 12128.

The GivePlus app is another option that can be downloaded to either iPhone or Android. Simply search by zip code 12128.

For electronic giving on a regular basis, please contact the church office and we will put the Financial Secretary in touch with you to set that up through Vanco.

We sincerely appreciate your continued financial support.

January

2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Calendar At-a-Glance

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1 - New Years Day- office closed
12- Heat Offering
13- Prayer Shawl 1 pm Room 10
15- Bible Study 7 pm- ZOOM
19- UMCOR Human Relations Sunday
19- Celebration of Ministry and Pot Luck Lunch
21- Church Council Meeting 6:30 pm Grace Krauss Lounge
22- Bible Study 7 pm - ZOOM
27- Prayer Shawl 1 pm Room 10
27- Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm Room 4
29- Bible Study 7 pm- ZOOM

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5- Bible Study 7pm- ZOOM
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10- Prayer Shawl 1 pm Room 10
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24- Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm Room 4
26- Bible Study 7 pm- ZOOM

Pastor Rev. Dr. Nick Bufano
Music Director Brandon Malowski
Administrative Asst. Joanna Feuer
Youth and Family Ministries . Stephanie Ramkison
Custodian Olga & Daria Zhukorsha
Preschool Director Fiza Rohail
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