



The Church Bell

Newtonville United Methodist Church

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March-April 2024

Greetings NUMC!

This past Sunday we gathered in worship for the 2nd Sunday of Lent. There are a few things going on for Lent this year that I would like to bring to your attention.

On Saturday March 9, from 9am-11:30am we will have our first ever in-house Lenten Retreat. Come join us for a time of fellowship, prayer, music, and quiet time, as we continue to travel this Lenten journey together. Coffee and donuts will be available at 9, and we'll begin our activities around 9:15. We will be meeting at the top of the stairs in Room 27. Hope to see you there!

On Maundy Thursday (March 28) we will be going to Trinity UMC in Albany, for a pot-luck dinner and worship service. I will once again be renting a van, and will be so happy to drive those who would like a ride. The sign up for the van, and a dish to pass will be in the lounge this coming weekend, March 3.

Good Friday with our Albany area UMC friends will be held here at NUMC, beginning at noon, on Friday March 29.

Easter Sunday will be at our usual worship time, here at NUMC at 10am.

Did you notice all of the teens who were in church this past weekend! I counted six! Stephanie, our awesome Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministries, will be launching our first official youth group experience, beginning in March. **Youth Zone** will begin meeting at 11am each Sunday, during coffee hour, in the youth room. The first two dates for this are Sunday March 10, and Sunday March 22. Send any teens, from 6th grade and up downstairs at 11, for games and fellowship. It will be a blast! If you feel a calling to hang out with Stephanie and the teens, she could use some help with supervision. Email her at steph16ramk@gmail.com Thanks!

Friends, I will continue to hold each of you in prayer during this Lenten season. Thanks to each of you for all that you bring to our faith community here at Newtonville!

See you in church!
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

2024 NUMC GARAGE SALE

Our annual garage sale will be on **Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 8:30 - 1:30.**

Early birds may pay \$5 to come in at 8 o'clock. At 1:30 we will have a bag sale costing \$5 per bag.

Among the items that will be available for sale are: appliances, furniture, garden and household tools, sports equipment, holiday decorations, jewelry, housewares, linens, toys, plants and books. There will also be a bake sale with homemade goodies.

We will begin to *accept donations* on **Monday, April 8.** Donated items may be left downstairs near the elevator. All donations must be clean and in good repair. We will NOT accept clothing, CD's or DVD's, records, nuts, bolts, screws, hardware, craft items nor encyclopedias. The *last day for donations* will be **Wednesday, April 17.** We appreciate your support.

NOTE: We will not be able to help you get *large pieces of furniture* to the church this year. If you have a large piece of furniture to donate, we suggest that you advertise it on Facebook Marketplace and then donate the money to the church. *If you need help advertising your item*, please contact Linda Widomski @ 845-701-0855 or email her @ lwidomski2@gmail.com.

ALBANY DISTRICT DAY WITH BISHOP HÉCTOR A. BURGOS NÚÑEZ

Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez will be visiting laity and clergy of local churches in all 12 districts from February to April. All United Methodists are invited and encouraged to attend.

Bishop Hector will visit with laity and clergy at Shenendehowa UMC in the Albany District on **Tuesday, April 9 7 to 8:30 PM.** The church is located at 971 Route 146 in Clifton Park.

2024 BROOKS BARBECUE

The dates for the 2024 barbecue are:

Thursday, May 9

Thursday, June 6

Thursday, September 12

Thursday, October 3

Due to increased costs for all supplies, we have increased our price for a dinner. Prices for 2024 are:

Chicken dinner \$15

Chicken only \$9

If you are willing and able, we can always use help on prep days and the day of the barbecue. Contact Kathy Mascelli if you'd like to help.

Another easy way to support this fund raiser is to bake brownies.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND LACE UP YOUR WALKING SHOES!!

The 2024 John U. Miller Memorial CROP Hunger Walk in Albany will take place on **Sunday, May 5,** starting and ending from St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Hackett Blvd.

This is a new location, and will also mean that there will be a new route --- about 2.2 miles long, with no streets to cross.

A new Golden Mile route is also being created.

More information will be available as the date approaches. Contact: Anne Sheffer (asheffer816@gmail.com or 518-489-2180).

FOOD PANTRY

The pantry continues to be a vital ministry.

Donations are always welcome and thank you to all those who so faithfully give so that others will not be hungry.

Just a reminder that we are in the cold season so no cans or glass things that will freeze and pop should go in the outside pantry until Spring please.

The sign-up sheet to help with the pantry is in the coffee hour room.

Items to fill the pantry can be found on the shelves in the kitchen and in the non-cold silver refrigerator in the hall.

Please email me at any time with questions, concerns or suggestions. Ahummingbird@yahoo.com

Thanks, Cheryl Assimon

NEWTONVILLE PRESCHOOL

Registrations for the **2024-2025 school year** began in **January**.

Know of someone that has young children? Or a family that has moved into the area? Openings are available for three- and four-year-old morning programs.

Please spread the word to family, neighbors, friends and colleagues with young children.

Contact Fiza Rohail at 783-1976 and visit our website at newtonvillepreschool.weebly.com

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE AT NUMC

- Great location: Rt. 9 and Maxwell Rd, Newtonville.
- Ample parking.
- 162 sq ft. with plentiful natural light
- Private access
- 1st floor location.
- Clean communal restrooms.
- Kitchen privileges.
- Heat & electricity included.
- Snow removal & lawn care

Inquiries to:

Brian Hayes (518)791-9454 or

Donna Buda (518)577-5797

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR SKYE FARM SUMMER CAMP

In the summer months we host a resident Christian summer camp where all youth from ages 6 to 18 are invited to spend a week or more at one of our exciting summer camp programs. Brochures are on the table in the Grace Krauss Lounge.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council meeting will meet on Tuesday, **March 26 at 7PM** in the Grace Krauss Lounge.

FINANCE

The Finance Committee will meet on **Tuesday April 16 at 6:30pm** in Grace Krauss Lounge.

TRUSTEES

Trustees will meet Monday **March 24 and April 1 at 6:30pm**

Celebrations!

March Birthdays

- 1 - Brooke Romania
- 7 - Stephen Doran
- 10 - Sue Brooks
- 11 - Kathy Franklin
- 17 - Heidi Elmendorf
- 24 - Kim Babson

April Birthdays

- 3 - Avril Guity
- 10 - Kate Palmer
- 15 - Jon Schneider
- 17 - Daniel Schneider
- 26 - Kemise Essien

CHURCH FAMILY OUTREACH

Since everyone enjoyed our Soup Luncheon, Gail and I have decided to have a Church Breakfast on Sunday, March 3rd after worship. Get out your recipes for breakfast, make something, bring something or just yourself. All are welcome!

There will be a sign up in the lounge so we will know how many tables/chairs to set up. Also, as suggested at the soup luncheon please bring something for our food pantry. It is always in need of non-perishable items. We ask for no canned goods currently. Any questions please reach out to Kathy Mascelli or Gail Cotler.

NEW MEMBER & BAPTISM



Tom Assimon joined Newtonville UMC



Charlie was baptised.



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.*

MARCH _ APRIL VOLUNTEERS:

Usher Rotation Art Bowen Head Usher

Mar 3: Liz and David McGeough-Gamache
Mar 10: Nancy Goddard and Gail Cotler
Mar 17: Tom Assimon and Wendy Spendiff
Mar 24 (Palm Sunday): Clifton Fowles and Geoff Whittle
Mar 31 (Easter): Liz and David McGeough-Gamache

Apr 7: Nancy Goddard and Gail Cotler
Apr 14: Tom Assimon and Wendy Spendiff
Apr 21: Clifton Fowles and Geoff Whittle
Apr 28: Liz and David McGeough-Gamache

Worship Assistant Rotation

Mar 3: Gary Thompson
Mar 10: Sandy Rivenburg
Mar 17: Kaylee Spendiff
Mar 24: Wendy Spendiff
Mar 31: Frank Essien

Apr 7: Joan Jensen
Apr 14: Pam LaCasio
Apr 21: Charles Bonsu
Apr 28: Gary Thompson

Our Gifts Dec. 2023 Jan.2024

Average Undesignated Income needed for 2 months \$37,190	
Pledges	\$33,329
Plate	\$5,306
Youth Coordinator	\$2,500
Preschool	\$5,271
Building Rent	\$1,000
Initial Offering	\$65
Festival	\$1,583
Heat	2,165
Undesignated Income total:	\$51,219
<i>Designated Funds</i>	
Building Fund	5,539
DS Mission	\$100
Little Food Pantry	\$30
Youth/Children	\$90
Other Conf. Benevolence	\$50
UM Student Day	\$85
Human Relations Day	\$260
Heifer Living Gifts	\$160
Ornaments	\$290

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Offerings can be mailed to the office, either in your regular offering envelopes or marked "Attn: Financial Secretary" to 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 get in touch with you to set that up through Vanco.

We sincerely appreciate your continued financial support.

March

2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 First Day of Women's History Month	2
3 10:00 Worship 10:15 Children's Church 6:00pm AA	4 6:00pm AA 6:30pm Trustees meeting	5 10:00am Banjo Band 6:00pm AA 6:30pm RCA 7:00pm LC Square Dancers	6 6:00pm AA 7:00pm Bible Study	7 7:00pm BSA PLC meeting	8	9 9:00am Morning Lenten Retreat 10:00am Sewing Guild
10 Daylight Saving Time 10:00 Worship 10:15 Children's Church 11:00am Breakfast 6:00pm AA	11 1:00pm Prayer Shawl 6:00pm AA	12 6:00pm AA 6:00pm SOS 7:00pm LC Square Dancers	13 6:00pm AA 7:00pm Bible Study	14 10:00am TOPS 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm BSA Comm Meeting	15 No Preschool	16
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24 10:00 Palm Sunday Worship 10:15 Children's Church 6:00pm AA	25 1:00pm Prayer Shawl 6:00pm AA	26 6:00pm AA 7:00 Council 7:00pm LC Square Dancers	27 6:00pm AA 7:00pm Bible Study	28 10:00am TOPS	29 No Preschool 12:00pm Good Friday Service	30
31 Easter Sunday 10:00 Worship 6:00pm AA						

April

2024

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Calendar At-a-Glance

March Calendar

3 – Congregation Breakfast
4 – Trustees meeting 6:30pm
6 – Bible Study 7pm via ZOOM
9 – Lenten Retreat 9am-12pm
10 – Heat Offering and UMCOR Sunday
11 – Prayer Shawl
13 – Bible Study 7pm via ZOOM
20 – Bible Study 7pm via ZOOM
24 – Palm Sunday
25 – Prayer Shawl 1pm, room 10
27 – Bible Study 7pm via ZOOM
28 – Maundy Thursday @Trinity UMC 6pm
29 – Good Friday service 12pm
31 – Easter Sunday

April Calendar

1 – Trustees meeting 6:30pm
3 – Bible Study 7pm via ZOOM
8 – Garage Sale Collections Begin
10 – Bible Study 7pm via ZOOM
14 – UMCOR Native American Ministries Sunday
17 – Bible Study 7pm via ZOOM
20 – Garage Sale 8:30am
22 – Prayer Shawl 1pm room 10
24 – Bible Study 7pm via ZOOM

Join us!
Bring a
friend,
Invite a
neighbor!

Pastor Rev. Dr. Nick Bufano
Music Director Brandon Malowski
Administrative Asst. Karin Wheatley
Youth and Family Ministries . Stephanie Ramkison
Custodian Olga & Daria Zhukorsha
Preschool Director Fiza Rohail
Office Hours 12pm – 3pm M, W, Th
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Facebook Group “Newtonville United Methodist Church”

Office Hours: Mon., Wed., & Thurs
12pm – 3pm

Live & Videos of worship services
can be found online at

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