



The Church Bell

Newtonville United Methodist Church

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May-June 2024

Greetings NUMC! It is hard to believe that I am writing for the May/June newsletter! I pray that this edition finds you well, and enveloped by God's grace!

We had a prayerful Lenten, and Easter season together, with our worship blessed each week by Brandon's music, our dynamic choir, and many guest musicians. Thanks also to Cheryl Assimon for leading and creating our altar decorations, which this year included a life-sized tomb, complete with prayer stations, and space to find quiet within! We will wrap up our Easter season together on May 19th, with our celebration of Pentecost.

I am excited to share with you that our 55 Maxwell Planning Committee met this past week and is taking some initial steps to begin opening up our beautiful property for use by our congregation. These first steps include... 1. Purchasing three park benches to be placed in some quiet spots, in order for people to have the opportunity to gather, to sit and to pray, or to have conversations with friends! These benches will be made of poly-plastic material and will require little to no maintenance. We will also look for ways to fasten the benches in place. 2. To make our property useful for our children and youth, we will be acquiring the materials to build something called a "Ga-Ga" pit. In basic terms it is a circle, made from wood, within which kids place a modified game with a ball. I encourage you to google it for a true explanation! This will come in the form of a kit, which will need to be assembled, but I am also looking for the possibilities of the company we buy it from, also assembling it. More to come with that. 3. The committee will be looking at acquiring some wildflowers that we can plant in some of the wetter areas, and also so we can eliminate the need to mow some areas. This step will come after research is done about which flowers would be best. 4. On Sunday June 9th, we will gather on the new property for coffee hour! This will be our first official use of the property, and we will have something simple like juice and cookies. If it rains, we'll try again the following week! 5. We would like to have our annual fall, back to church picnic here. Date and logistics to be determined!

Many thanks to all who have donated time, funds, and many prayers to the preparation of this new property. The committee and I look forward to seeing it in use, and look forward to the many ways it will bless our congregation and our community in the years to come. If you should have any questions, please email or call me, or connect with someone on the committee. We will keep you posted as these things above begin to take shape.

See you in church!
Blessings, 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

FUNDRAISING FOR STEEPLE ROOF

Our prominent church steeple needs a new roof. Some of the tiles are falling off, and the Trustees want to get it fixed before it causes further damage. We have some capital funds to cover a portion of the costs, but we would like to raise \$15,000 toward the repairs. The drive will start in May and end in December.

We are asking that you give money for this special need as you are able. Anyone giving \$25 per month will get a 125th anniversary calendar with historic church photos. Anyone giving \$100 per month will get an attractive print of the pen and ink drawing of the church suitable for framing. Copies are limited. Thank you so much for your gifts of support, time and talent to the church.

Church Trustees

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. Boxes of mix and instructions are available in the GK Lounge.

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, 21 Hacket Blvd. - a **new location** and a new route with no streets to cross. You can also walk virtually wherever you want during the month of May.

Your participation impacts individuals and families in more than 35 countries. In many developing nations, people could walk up to six miles a day to get food and water. One in nine people worldwide lack access to clean water and a healthy diet. We walk to show solidarity and bring awareness while raising funds for permanent change. The CROP Hunger Walk is the only nationwide Walk that addresses hunger both locally and globally.

To join the team, please go to crophungerwalk.org/albanyny. At the "search" box, type in Newtonville United Methodist Church. To donate by check, please make payable to CWS/CROP and give to Anne Sheffer or any team member. For further information or with any questions, contact Anne Sheffer at asheffer816@gmail.com or 518-489-2180.

SPRING CHURCH WORKDAY

REMINDER: Our annual Spring church workday will be on May 4th beginning at 8:30 with a continental breakfast. A list of items that need to be addressed will be posted ahead of time in the Grace Krauss lounge. Clifton Fowles will be demonstrating how to use the zero-turn rider mower for new volunteers too. Any help would be appreciated.

Donna M. Buda, Trustee Chair

ALZHEIMER'S VOLUNTEER CARE TEAMS

Eddy Alzheimer's Care Teams exist to provide support and companionship to individuals with some form of memory loss, by providing much needed respite to caregivers and socialization to the person with the disease. These caring individuals strive to make life better for both the caregiver and the patient.

The Alzheimer's Care Team, consisting of 4-10 volunteers from the local community, is matched up with a family in their area. Trained volunteers are available to assist families for a few hours each week free of charge. Training generally takes place at your organization and runs about 2.5 hours.

Volunteers are recruited from communities across the Capital Region and are trained by Eddy staff about dementia and the best approaches to care. Many of our volunteers were family caregivers. Confidentiality is maintained. Eddy staff continues to meet with the team to provide support and guidance. All volunteers provide personal references.

As part of the Team, volunteers provide friendship and non-medical support to both the individual who has dementia and the family members who are involved. Examples of volunteer activities may include: lending a listening ear, visiting for socialization, running errands, picking up groceries or a prescription at the pharmacy, listening to music or watching a ballgame, taking a walk, visiting a museum or enjoying other community outings, delivering a hot meal, preparing lunch – and providing the caregiver “a break” and much needed respite!

Hours of volunteering are flexible and up to individual volunteer. Team works together to create schedule of volunteering. Expectation to meet with Team every six weeks for an hour.

A Volunteer needs no previous experience. One needs only a desire to support a neighbor. Volunteers will be required to attend training prior to volunteering and to complete and submit applicable paperwork including references. Training includes information on Dementia, caregiving, communication strategies, and other resources.

Volunteers will meet every six weeks at a location convenient for the volunteer. Volunteering will be done within the volunteer's local community.

If interested in participating as a volunteer, please contact Margaret Blanco for a *Care Team Interest Form* and further information.

NEWTONVILLE PRESCHOOL

Registrations for the 2024-2025 school year have begun.

Registrations for the 2024-2025 school year has begun. 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

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Your generosity continues to humble me. Thank you to all of those who faithfully give each week. Items mysteriously appear in the downstairs pantry which makes me smile every time I open the magic silver doors. We have been getting donations from others who use our church building and community members have been seen leaving items as well. This is a well utilized ministry. Stocking the pantry lightly on a daily basis seems to be successful in making sure that everyone who is in need gets at least something. Thank you for your ever faithful giving! If there are any questions or problems please call/text me at 518-322-2111.

Cheryl Assimon

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, **May 14 at 7PM** in the Grace Krauss Lounge.

FINANCE

The Finance Committee will meet on **Tuesday June 4 at 6:30pm** in Room 4.

TRUSTEES

Trustees will meet Monday **May 6 and June 4 at 6:30pm**

Celebrations!

May Birthdays

10 - Lynn Romania
18 - John Loz
18 - Deborah Plume
22 - Pat Loz
25 - Cameron Leo Doran
28 - Gene Hanchett
31 - Ted Ware
31 - Christopher Kurbiel

June Birthdays

7 - Nancy Breyette
9 - Bev Moras
17 - Brian Hayes
18 - Sandi Kurbiel

Anniversaries

June 21 - Eric and Joan Jensen

MORE WINDOW RESTORATIONS



Five windows in the Grace Krauss Lounge (the original sanctuary) have been removed for restoration.

2024 NUMC GARAGE SALE

THANK YOU!!! Our garage sale was a tremendous success. We made over \$8200 exceeding our goal of \$6,000 and still expect to make a bit more with sales from Facebook Marketplace. The success was due to a large team of dedicated workers. I thank everyone who donated items, helped to organize and price items, contributed baked goods for the bake sale, worked the day of the sale and helped to pack up leftovers. Above all, the garage sale was a great opportunity to work together as a church family. Kathy Franklin, chairperson



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.*

MAY _ JUNE VOLUNTEERS:

Usher Rotation Art Bowen Head Usher

May 5: Nancy Goddard and Gail Cotler
May 12: Geoff Whittle and Clifton Fowles
May 19: Tom Assimon and Wendy Spendiff
May 26: Liz and David McGeough-Gamache

June 2: Nancy Goddard and Gail Cotler
June 9: Clifton Fowles and Geoff Whittle
June 16: Tom Assimon and Wendy Spendiff
June 23: Liz and David McGeough-Gamache
June 30: Nancy Goddard and Gail Cotler

Worship Assistant Rotation

May 5: Sandy Rivenburg
May 12: Kaylee Spendiff
May 19: Wendy Spendiff
May 26: Kathy Maker

June 2: Frank Essien
June 9: Joan Jensen
June 16: Pam LaCasio
June 23: Charles Bonsu

Our Gifts Feb. & Mar. 2024

Average Undesignated Income needed for 2 months \$33,426	
Pledges	\$20,306
Plate	\$826
Initial Offering	\$15
Heat	\$640
Festival	\$809
Building Rent	\$800
Youth Coordinator	0
Preschool	\$5,046
Undesignated Income total:	\$28,442
<i>Designated Funds</i>	
Building Fund	2,622
Missions	\$0
Little Food Pantry	\$520
Youth/Children	\$90
UMCOR	\$1,650
UM Student Day	\$30
Human Relations Day	\$530
Other Conf. Benevolence	\$90
Retired Ministers	\$160

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.

May

2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			6:00pm AA 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm LC Square Dancers	9:00am TOPS 10:00am Living Resources 7:00pm BSA PLC meeting 7:00pm RST	10:00am Living Resources	4:00pm BSA Cub Scouts
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10:00 Worship 10:15 Children's Church CROP Walk 3:00pm RST 6:00pm AA	10:00am Living Resources 6:00pm AA 6:30pm Trustees meeting	10:00am Banjo Band 10:00am Living Resources 6:00pm AA 6:30pm RCA 7:00pm RST	10:00am Living Resources 6:00pm AA 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm LC Square Dancers	9:00am TOPS 10:00am Living Resources 4:00pm Brooks BBQ 7:00pm BSA Comm Meeting 7:00pm RST	10:00am Living Resources	10:00am Sewing Guild
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June

2024

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May Calendar

1 – Bible Study 7pm via ZOOM
5 – CROP Walk
6 – Trustees meeting 6:30pm
8 – Bible Study 7pm via ZOOM
9 – Brooks BBQ 4pm
13 – Prayer Shawl 1pm, room 4
15 – Bible Study 7pm via ZOOM
22 – Bible Study 7pm via ZOOM
26 – Peace with Justice Offering
27 – Office Closed for Memorial Day
29 – Bible Study 7pm via ZOOM

June Calendar

3 – Trustees meeting 6:30pm
5 – Bible Study 7pm via ZOOM
6 – Brooks BBQ 4pm
10 – Prayer Shawl 1pm, room 10
12 – Bible Study 7pm via ZOOM
19 – Bible Study 7pm via ZOOM
24 – Prayer Shawl 1pm room 10
26 – 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
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12pm – 3pm

Live & Videos of worship services
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