



The Church Bell

Newtonville United Methodist Church

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November-December 2022

Dear Friends,

As I was walking through our local CVS the other day, I noticed that the Halloween decorations had already been taken down and replaced with Christmas items! And then yesterday on a commercial I saw that there are only nine Fridays left until Christmas. Oh my. I am sharing this with you so that I might take a moment and encourage us all to slow down a bit. We still have All Saints Day, Thanksgiving, and all of the season of Advent to come, before we get to Christmas. Won't you join me as I intentionally slow myself and try to be deeply connected to the Holy, and let things come as they do, and in their own time? It's hard to do, but we surely notice more blessings and signs of God's grace when we slow ourselves.

We had a busy fall here at NUMC! We continue to have consistent and growing worship attendance, both in person and on line. Our Sunday school is back in operation, and each week we have a few children, with lots of space to grow! Bible Study continues to meet each Wednesday evening on Zoom, and coffee hour after worship continues to be a popular place to share in fellowship and good conversation.

The SPRC was busy this fall doing the important work of hiring two wonderful new staff members. Alyssa Dessingue came on board as our new Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministries. Alyssa is working hard to re-connect with families and children, as well as planning some upcoming fellowship opportunities for our church family. Alyssa also is coordinating and organizing our Sunday School. Be sure to stop and introduce yourself to Alyssa, and if you have some ideas, or want to volunteer, please contact her at numcyouthandfamilies@gmail.com. Fiza Rohail is our Pre-School Director! Fiza joined us in September, and has been doing a wonderful job in her new position, and we are glad to have her with us. Please join me in welcoming Alyssa and Fiza to our NUMC community!

We will be celebrating **All Saints Day** during worship on Sunday November 6. Like we did last year, we will be providing space on a table up in front for any of you who would like to bring in a photograph of a loved one you have lost this year, or at any other time as well. The photos will allow us to see and be present with our "cloud of witnesses" as we remember loved ones on November 6.

On Christmas Eve this year, Saturday December 24th, we will be having **one worship service at 7pm**. This will be one big celebration, both for children and families, as well as all of the candlelight and carols for the adults! Please make plans to be with us. Let's fill the sanctuary this year with all of our families and friends! More info will be available as we get closer. Christmas Day is on Sunday this year, and we will worship at our regular time at 10am. More details about that service will be out soon!

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

CHURCH CONFERENCE

We are entering the season when we gather for Church Conferences. Each year as we gather for these required meetings, we try to bring a focus that will move ministry forward in a meaningful way.

This year, our focus will be on increasing discipleship through collaboration, so most of our Church Conferences will be held jointly with other congregations.

Much of the required business we will do will have been considered by the appropriate teams in the congregation before we gather for formal approval at the Church Conference, leaving time to have some meaningful time to vision together and/or to move forward with collaboration that is already taking place.

I look forward to seeing how God might be at work among us in this way.

Newtonville Church will meet in Albany: Trinity UMC Sun., Nov. 13, 1:00 PM

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at debbieearthrowl@unyumc.org or albanydistrict@unyumc.org

Blessings! Rev. Debbie Earthrowl, District Superintendent

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX DRIVE 2022

Christmas shoe boxes and supplies are being collected for Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky.

Red Bird Mission is the most comprehensive mission in the United Methodist Church, providing outreach and services including health care, education, spiritual, social, and economic assistance.



Shoe Boxes are being collected for people of all ages. See lists of suggested items in the “weekly church updates” emails.

All shoebox items should be placed in plastic storage containers (shoebox size) with a locking lid or a sturdy cardboard shoe box, rubber banded. Please label your box for gender and age (see label forms in box below) and include the age range for children. The boxes should not be decorated on the outside and should include \$1.50 per box for shipping in an envelope affixed to the **outside of the box**.

Or you may make a donation to offset the cost of truck rental, gas, food and lodging for the round-trip journey from Endwell to Red Bird Mission. All donations will be placed in a dedicated account for this mission. Please make all checks payable to Endwell United Methodist Church, with a notation for the Red Bird Mission Collection. Checks can be sent to the church at 3301 Watson Blvd., Endwell, NY 13760.

Shoebboxes will be delivered to Calvary United Methodist, the Albany District collection center for shipment to Red Bird Mission. Watch “weekly church updates” emails for the last collection date.

USCRI (United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants) SEEKING FURNITURE DONATIONS

The **USCRI** Albany Field Office has welcomed more than 4,500 newcomers to Albany, New York since 2005. Refugees resettled in Albany come primarily from Afghanistan, Burma, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq and Syria. Newly arrived refugees receive a comprehensive set of services including housing placement, cultural orientation, school enrollment, coordination of initial health appointments, referrals to ESL classes and employment preparation and placement.

Newtonville Church is a furniture donation site for USCRI. Items in great need are twin and double beds (not king or queen sized), tables and chairs, sofas, living room chairs, area carpets, lamps, end tables and coffee tables. You may contact our office with questions or donations.

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.

NUMC LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

NUMC continues to supply our community with food and essential supplies even during the winter months.

With the cold weather arriving soon, we will suspend collecting canned goods.

We ask instead that you consider donating the following:
crackers, cookies, rice meals, macaroni and cheese, hot chocolate, pasta, dried fruit, tea/coffee, popcorn, beef jerky, snacks, baking mixes, dried soup mixes, powdered milk, dried beans, pancake mix, instant potatoes, bar soap and cereal.

Any questions or concerns may be sent to Pam Palmer at ppalmer55@nycap.rr.com

CHOIR

The choir is starting back up for adventure! If anyone is interested in joining, contact Brandon at brandon.malowski@gmail.com

FINANCE

The finance committee will meet on **Tuesday November 8, 2022 at 6:30pm.**

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council will meet Tuesday **November 29 at 7pm**, in the Grace Krauss Lounge.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Each week you have the opportunity to don the altar with flowers, whether they are in honor or in memory of a loved one, or you would just like to beautify our altar.

You may purchase the flowers from your own florist, make an arrangement from your garden or you can pay us and we will take care of the rest.

Sign-up is in the Lounge.

Looking Ahead:

2023 NUMC GARAGE SALE

Mark your calendar!

The 2023 garage sale has been scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2023.

Diane Davison has retired as garage sale chairperson, but many folks have already stepped up and taken responsibility for a department. Still looking for someone to organize books (cooking, medical,... and to sort fiction by author) and someone to be in charge of the bake sale.

The department chairs will all need help organizing and pricing the two weeks prior to the sale. Please contact Kathy Franklin by [email: auntiedoll@earthlink.net](mailto:auntiedoll@earthlink.net) if you can help.

We will start accepting donations on Monday, April 10.

Celebrations!

November Birthdays

1 - Barbara Rasmussen
9 - Glen Sheffer
13 - Tina Sheridan
16 - Kara Olstad
23 - Kathy Maker
26 - Pamela Palmer

December Birthdays

6 - Karin Wheatley
6 - Julie Scorzelli
7 - Katelyn Scorzelli
7 - Rudi Romania
14 - Margaret Blanco
15 - Bill Smith
17 - William Essien
18 - Cheryl Smith
22 - George Erfurt III
23 - Tammy Hanley
29 - Jay Smith
30 - Matthew Mascelli

**Alyssa Dessingue, new Coordinator
of Youth and Family Ministries,
celebrated at Coffee Fellowship**



Workday October 22, 2022



The bins were filled by day's end



Keeping Our Promises

Prayers ~ Presence ~ Gifts ~ Service ~ Witness



In Our Prayers

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for **Beth**, a friend and neighbor of Diane Davison; **Karen Smith** as she recovers from injuries from a car accident; those dealing with health issues; **Bill Smith, Bill Rainbolt, Sally Coonley, Barb Rasmussen, Piper Toby, Eleanor Loos, 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.*

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS:

Usher Rotation Bill Smith and Art Bowen Head Ushers
November 6: Bob Kircher and Tom Assimon
November 13: Geoff Whittle and Clifton Fowles
November 20: Liz and David McGeough-Gamache
November 27: Nancy Goddard

December 4: Bob Kircher and Tom Assimon
December 11: Clifton Fowles and Geoff Whittle
December 18: Liz and David McGeough-Gamache
December 25: Nancy Goddard

Worship Assistant Rotation

Nov 13: Kaylee Spendiff
Nov 20: Wendy Spendiff
Nov 20: Charles Bonsu
Nov 27: Gary Thompson

Dec 4: Sandy Rivenburg
Dec 11: Liz McGeough-Gamache
Dec 18: Frank Essien
Dec 25 Kathy Maker

Our Gifts for August-September 2022

Average Undesignated Income needed per 2 months \$35,880	
Pledges	\$18,117
Plate	\$530
Misc	\$12
Preschool	\$4,163
Building Rent	\$1,200
Bottle return	\$10
Brooks BBQ	\$6,632
Undesignated Income total:	\$30,652
Designated Funds	
Building Fund	\$2,688
DS Mission	\$200

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

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

We sincerely appreciate your continued financial support.

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 No preschool 10:00am Banjo Band 6:00pm AA 6:30pm RCA 7:00pm Latham Circle Squares	2 5:45pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm AA 6:30pm BSA Troop meeting 7:00pm Bible Study	3 10:00am TOPS 7:00pm BSA PLC meeting	4	5 9:00am BSA OA meeting
6 Daylight Saving Time ends 10:00am Worship & All Saints Celebration 6:00pm AA	7 6:00pm AA 6:00pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Trustees meeting	8 Election Day 6:00pm AA 6:00pm SOS 7:00pm Latham Circle Squares	9 5:45pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm AA 6:30pm BSA Troop meeting 7:00pm Bible Study	10 10:00am TOPS 7:00pm BSA Comm. mtg	11 No Preschool office closed Veterans Day	12 10:00am Sewing Guild
13 10:00am Worship 1PM Church Conference Trinity UMC 6:00pm AA	14 1:00pm Prayer Shawl 6:00pm AA	15 10:00am Banjo Band 6:00pm AA 6:30pm RCA 7:00pm Latham Circle Squares	16 5:45pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm AA 6:30pm BSA Troop meeting 7:00pm Bible Study	17 10:00am TOPS	18	19
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27 First Sunday of Advent 10:00am Worship -UMCOR Student Day 6:00pm AA	28 1:00pm Prayer Shawl 6:00pm AA	29 6:00pm AA 7:00pm Church Council 7:00pm Latham Circle Squares	30 5:45pm Cub Scouts 6:00pm AA 6:30pm BSA Troop meeting 7:00pm Bible Study			

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Join us!

- Bring a friend,
- Invite a neighbor!

Calendar At-a-Glance

November

2 – Bible Study via ZOOM 7pm
7 – Trustees meeting 6:30pm
9 – Bible Study via ZOOM 7pm
13 – Church Conference Trinity UMC 1pm
14 – Prayer Shawl 1pm, room 10
16 – Bible Study via ZOOM 7pm
23 – Bible Study via ZOOM 7pm
24 – Happy Thanksgiving – office closed
27 – Advent 1/ UMCOR Student Day
28 – Prayer Shawl 1pm, room 10
29 Church Council
30 – Bible Study via ZOOM 7pm

December

4 – Advent 2
5 – Trustees meeting 6:30pm
7 – Bible Study via ZOOM 7pm
11 – Advent 3/ Heat Offering
12 – Prayer Shawl 1pm, room 10
14 – Bible Study via ZOOM 7pm
18 – Advent 4
21 – Bible Study via ZOOM 7pm
24 – Christmas Eve Services 7pm
25 – Christmas worship 10am
26 – Prayer Shawl 1pm, room 10
28 – Bible Study via ZOOM 7pm

Pastor Rev. Dr. Nick Bufano
Music Director Brandon Malowski
Administrative Asst. Karin Wheatley
Youth and Family Ministries . Alyssa Dessingue
Custodian Richard Bryant
Preschool Director Fiza Rohail
Office Hours 12pm – 3pm
Telephone 518-785-6789
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Website www.numc.net
Facebook Group “Newtonville United Methodist Church”

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

Live & Videos of worship services
can be found online at

www.facebook.com/groups/newtonville

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