



# The Church Bell

Newtonville United Methodist Church

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*"If we lose love and respect for each other, this is how we finally die."*

*~Maya Angelou*

I was recently in the church parking lot with Caleb (who's now 22) in the passenger's seat, and needed to ask a question of Art Bowen who was walking past on Caleb's side. I rolled down his window, and said to Caleb, "Get Mr. Bowen's attention for me." When Caleb paused I said, "Just say 'hey Art,'" to which Caleb replied, "I can't do that. He's Mr. Bowen." I imagine many of us recall that difficult transition to adulthood where the elders we respect become fellow adults. In fact, there are still people at my home church who are Mr. or Mrs. [last name] to me.

Respect, however, is increasingly lacking in our society, and I'm not talking about the ways that norms evolve or people are just sometimes thoughtless. This is different. While in some ways the current reality has brought out the best of people, in other ways it has brought out the worst. Too often we seem to have lost our sense of a common humanity, remembering that each person is a precious child of God. We can differ, we can disagree, and still respect one another. Not only can we, we must. It's a Biblical imperative that we honor and care for one another.

*"Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home. Bless people who harass you—bless and don't curse them. Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart. Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good."*

*—Romans 12:9-17 (CEB)*

Peace for the journey,  
*Pastor Steve*

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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.**

# *The Church in Action...*

## **RED BIRD MISSION**

Note: These are suggestions of the type of items that are acceptable. All items should be FULL size and in their original containers, as purchased. To help items fit in the box, purchase flat bottles of shampoo, hand lotion, etc. & small round cans of shaving cream.

### **Adult Shoebox suggestions:**

- Comb and/or Hair Brush
- Shampoo
- Hand Lotion
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Chap Stick
- Full size Bar of Soap
- Washcloth
- Disposable Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Nail Care Items
- Socks

### **Child's Shoebox suggestions**

- Comb and/or Hair Brush
  - Shampoo
  - Hand Lotion
  - Child's Toothbrush and Toothpaste
  - Chap Stick
  - Full size Bar of Soap
  - Washcloth
  - Socks
  - Small Flashlight
  - 2 or 3 small toys
  - 2 or 3 school items
- Christian bookmarks, wristbands, and other spiritual items are also appreciated.

**The mission is also accepting "gently used" and clean clothing items for boys and girls. These items must be sent in cardboard boxes. Plastic bags are not accepted.**

***Thank you for your generosity!***

## **RED BIRD MISSION BOXES**

Red Bird Mission Christmas boxes need to be turned in first Sunday in November. Shoeboxes can be picked up after service Oct 4<sup>th</sup> from Jeanne Chesney in the parking lot or in the lower hallway in case of rain. Label shoebox; Man, Woman, Boy or Girl. Prayer Shawl Ministry will supply hats, scarves and gloves or mittens bagged and labeled in a separate tote.

## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Needle workers are wielding their tools to make hats, mittens and scarves for Red Bird Mission as well as shawls and blankets for baptisms and other local purposes. We are masked, social distancing, signing in and sanitizing before and after we gather to work and pray. Some folks just pop in just to join the group for an hour or two of conversation. Feel free to do the same on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month, **October 12 and 26**, usually in room 4 where there is lots of space to spread out.

## **SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!**

### **WORSHIP**

We need extra ushers each Sunday to help welcome and direct members to entrances and pews. If you are willing to help out please contact Karin in the office.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We need volunteers each week to lead a 15 minute virtual Sunday school for students age 4-3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Pre-recorded videos are posted to our YouTube channel before Sunday. Lesson plans are available in the office, but you may certainly make up your own plans. Read a story, do a craft, sing a song, teach a game or activity and, most importantly, have fun! Contact Karin for more info ([newtonvilleumc@gmail.com](mailto:newtonvilleumc@gmail.com)). Our younger NUMCers will appreciate it.

# News and Notes

## FROM THE TRUSTEES

While we have entered Fall, we leave behind a Summer full of activity at our church. The first major improvement was installing a new sound system in the sanctuary. This began with installing 1,000 feet of mic cable from 32 mic and instrument inputs to our new sound mixer and hanging two JBL speakers on both sides of the choir loft. The mixer, two large amplifiers and other equipment were all installed into the rack (cabinet) in the hall from the sanctuary to the library. The mixer can be controlled remotely by Steve or Doug via an iPad wherever they sit. The new system has eliminated the sound dead spots in the back of the sanctuary and sounds fantastic.

You may have noticed the tower windows have been removed. An inspection by Stained Glass Resources found that the eight rectangular windows were exhibiting deterioration. This included heavily oxidized and cracked lead comes, bowing and buckling along with cracked and broken glass, and the two quatrefoil (round) window frames had severe rot and could fall out. The trustees decided to move forward with the repairs with most of the funds coming from the Grace Brandley's bequest.

The contract with Stained Glass Resources did not include a lift rental. I offered to do the research and rent the machine. I found that the 3 day rental (what the window company needed) was the same cost as a weekly rental, so we chose to keep the lift for a week and do some extra work around the church. The majority of those four rental days were used to cut down trees and branches overhanging the cottage, education building and all along the parking lot. This resulted in having a massive amount of trees, branches and vines all along the north side of the church property. Given the volume of debris, we chose to rent a large wood chipper and put a call out for help on the weekend. The response that Saturday was phenomenal! Twenty-six members showed up, giving what they could. Some committed to a few hours, some all day, and it was hard work. The result was everything was chipped up and we were able to place 10 yards of good wood chips in the playground saving us over \$300.

It was a fantastic day and many, many thanks to all who were able to help.

Bob Kircher, Trustee Chair

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### TRUSTEES

Trustees will meet on **Monday, October 5**, at 6:30pm.

### CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council will meet on **Tuesday, October 6** at 7pm.

### FINANCE

The Finance Committee will meet on **Tuesday, October 20**, at 6:30pm.

### CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our new District Superintendent, Rev. Debbie Earthrowl has set a Charge Conference for NUMC on **Saturday, October 31** at 12:30pm.



# Celebrations!

## October Birthdays

3 - Megan Wheatley

3 - Corey Ware

9 - Archie Maker

17 - Gay Tarlo

20 - Todd Hanley

20 - Brody Williams

23 - Holly Cheetham

26 - Heather Smith

29 - Laura Prince

## October Anniversaries

1 - Bob and Jean Cerrone

NUMC would like to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries! Please share these dates with the office: [newtonvilleumc@gmail.com](mailto:newtonvilleumc@gmail.com).

## UMCOR

### SCHOOL & HYGIENE KITS

Thanks to all who donated UMCOR School Kits and Hygiene Kits on Saturday, September 26. They will make a difference in the quality of people's lives!

**SPECIAL THANKS to all the members of the Reopening Task Force for their thoughtful work and attention to both NYS guidelines and the safety of the congregation.**

## We have returned to in-person worship!

In order to manage limited capacity, we have set up an online reservation system – Eventbrite.com. When you get to NUMC...

\*Use the Loudon Rd entrance (handicapped entrance only for those needing the lift).

\*Ushers will direct you to a seat after a non-contact temperature check. No one will be admitted with a temperature over 100.4.

\*You must wear a face covering over your nose and mouth. Masks will be available.

\*Respect a physical distance of at least 6 feet between yourself and others.

\*Remain in your seat throughout the service. Please keep children with you.

\*At the end of worship, wait to depart until directed, and immediately exit the building.

\*Hand sanitizer stations are available.

\*Do not attend if you: are experiencing COVID symptoms; have travelled to a state on the NYS quarantine list within the past 14 days; or, have had a positive COVID test or have come into contact with someone with COVID-19 within the past 14 days.

\*We are not sharing printed materials, but a print-at-home bulletin is available on our website (NUMC.net). Prayers and liturgies will also be projected. There will be no hymns at this time.

**It's very important that everyone follows these guidelines in order for us to be able to hold in-person worship.**



# Keeping Our Promises

Prayers ~ Presence ~ Gifts ~ Service ~ Witness



## In our prayers

Prayers for the family of **Art Walker** on his passing; the family of **Sharon Maron** on her passing; the family of **Marjorie Hill** (Joan Jensen's mom) on her passing; **Sue Whittle and family** on the passing of her dad; **Archie Maker** dealing with health issues; Dennis and Alicia Rizzo dealing with a difficult diagnoses; **Piper Toby**, she is 10 and is having health issues; **Eleanor Loos**, recovering from a hospital stay; those recovering from surgery and injury: **Pat Loz, Christopher Biggs**; those facing challenging diagnoses: **Amelia Brennock, Stephanie Sherman, Ann Crocker Lawton, Susan C.**; those dealing with ongoing health issues: **Donna Lavender**; those dealing with addiction and those struggling to manage anxiety and fight depression. . *Contact the office to add or remove a prayer request.*

**Cards or calls, (no visits at this time) would be appreciated:**

**Ethel Pufpaff** - Our Lady of Mercy Room 223,  
2 Mercycare Ln., Guilderland, NY 12084

**Cecelia Fluewelling** - 19 Pasinella Way, Cohoes,  
NY 12047

## Our Gifts August 2020

<i>Average Undesignated Income needed per month</i> <b>\$18,182</b>	
Pledges	\$11,626
Plate	\$200
Preschool	\$1,385
Virtual Garage Sale	\$645
Virtual BBQ	\$145
<i>Building Rent</i>	\$600
<b>Undesignated Income Total</b>	<b>\$13,216</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>	
Building Fund	\$1,708
Youth	\$20
DS Mission	\$100

## CHARGE CONFERENCE

There will be a meeting of the *Charge Conference* on **Saturday, October 31 at 12:30 p.m.** at the church. Please note that at the direction of the District Superintendent this is *not a Church Conference*, so voting will be limited to members of the Church Council and those clergy holding Charge Conference membership. It is an open meeting, so anyone can attend or join by Zoom to observe. The agenda includes approval of Lay Servants and a candidate for ministry, pastor's compensation, and election of Trustees, chairpersons of SPRC and Church Council, Lay Leader, Lay Member to Annual Conference, Treasurer, and Finance Secretary. Other elections and approval of the full budget will be done at a later date.

Join us!  
Bring a  
friend, Invite  
a neighbor!

## October At-a-Glance

10/4 – World Communion Sunday  
10/5 – Trustees meeting 6:30pm via Zoom  
10/6 – Church Council 7:00pm via Zoom  
10/8 – Brooks Barbecue cancelled  
10/10 – Sewing Guild 10am-12pm  
10/12 – Prayer Shawl 1pm  
10/20 – Finance 6:30pm via Zoom  
10/26 – Prayer Shawl 1pm  
10/31 – Charge Conference 12:30pm

**Lead Pastor** Steven M. Smith  
**Certified Lay Minister** Nancy Goddard  
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**Facebook Group** "Newtonville United Methodist Church"

**Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday,  
& Thursday  
12pm – 3pm**

**Videos of the worship services  
online at YouTube.com  
(search Newtonville UMC)**

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**Return Service Requested**

Our #1 goal at NUMC, for which the pastor and the congregation will be held accountable, is to  
"welcome ALL people to our church with Christian love in word and deed."