



The Church Bell

Newtonville United Methodist Church

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September-October 2024

Greetings NUMC...

I pray this letter finds you well, and that you are, like me, looking forward to how God will work among us this fall season at Newtonville UMC! I wanted to be sure to share the exciting news about our upcoming worship themes which are designed to offer more opportunities for active participation in our weekly worship services, as well as some creative ideas, and new things that we will be trying. Check out the descriptions below!

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. We will be ready to sing the parts on Sunday October 6.

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, in order to learn and broaden or own theological and missional perspectives.

I am excited for this coming year, and encourage you to invite a friend to worship to check out our new themes, and to see what an awesome faith community we have here at NUMC!

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 BROOKS BARBECUE

The fall dates for the 2024 barbecues are:

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.

NEWTONVILLE PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Know of someone that has young children? Or a family that has moved into the area?

There will be a preschool open house on **Wednesday, September 4 from 5-6 pm.** Registrations for the 2024-2025 are ongoing. Openings are available for three- and four-year-old morning programs. Please spread the word. Contact Fiza Rohail at 783-1976 and visit our website at newtonvillepreschool.weebly.com

NEWTONVILLE UMC PRESCHOOL

There are still a few spots available for the Newtonville United Methodist Preschool held downstairs in the newly repainted classrooms!

You have the option to send your child 2,3,4 or 5 mornings a week and can choose which mornings work best with your schedule. Class runs from 9:30am-12:30pm. There will be a limit of 14 children per day with 2 teachers. The class will be made up of 3 and 4 year old students. Your preschooler must be 3 years old by December 1st to be enrolled.

For more information or to register, email

newtonvillepreschool1@gmail.com

Website: <https://newtonvillepreschool.weebly.com>

OLD METHODIST CEMETERY

The original predecessor to the Newtonville United Methodist Church was the West or Union Church, founded in 1799 and located on the corner of what is now Wade Road and Old Niskayuna Road.

It had a church, a parsonage and a cemetery. That cemetery started around 1800 and was closed in 1882.

Church Historian, Gary Thompson, and a friend worked to restore the cemetery over the last decade.

The cemetery is now on Albany Airport property about 100 feet from the road. The Church Historian is working with the Airport Authority so that members of the Church may have access to the cemetery. After the insurance issue is settled, we will let members of the NUMC congregation know. The airport will cut the grass, but we may ask for volunteers from time to time to help do some other small tasks to maintain the cemetery. The Church Historian will provide instructions.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Phase two of restoring the stain glass windows in the Grace Krauss lounge has begun. With the help of an anonymous donation, we can finish all the windows. Weather permitting, installation should take place in November.

Many Thank you's

to Brian Hayes for planting wildflowers on Maxwell Road hill.

to Clifton Fowles, Brian Hayes, David McGeough-Gamache and Pastor Nick for summer mowing.

to Margie King for her work with the flowers.

to Geoff and Sue Brooks and Brian Hayes for painting the Pre-K.

to Geoff Brooks who put a wood wall where there was an opening between the sanctuary and library -. This will save on the heat and cold coming through and compromising our sound system.

to Brian Hayes for sanding and painting the trim above sanctuary doors.

There will be a workday on October 26. Watch for more details.

Donna M. Buda, Chair of Trustees

STAINED GLASS WINDOW RESTORATION

Restoration of the first group of stained glass windows in the Grace Krauss Lounge is complete. The first round of windows looks absolutely beautiful.

While the first phase of this project was happening, we were blessed with an anonymous donation that will cover the cost of removing, repairing, and re-installing the remainder of the windows in the lounge. Many, many thanks for this generous donation!

Weather permitting, work on the remaining windows should be complete by October

Many thanks to Donna Buda for coordinating this project! If you should have any questions about this project, please see Donna or Pastor Nick.

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to all the faithful supporters of our little pantry. Daily, light stocking of the pantry seems to be having continued success. There are many who use the box and many, both congregants and community friends, who donate. What a blessing this box has been! Fall is rapidly approaching and students will need back to school, easy to pack lunch items. Hats, mittens and scarfs are welcome too. Thanks to all! If anyone has any questions/concerns please contact Cheryl at ahummingbird@yahoo.com

WELCOME OUR NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



This summer we welcomed Joanna Feuer, our new Administrative Assistant at NUMC! Joanna and her husband joined us for worship, and a reception in her honor. Welcome Joanna to the NUMC community. We are so glad to have you with us!

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council meeting will meet on Tuesday, **October 22 at 6:30pm** in the Grace Krauss Lounge. Please note the *new, earlier time*.

FINANCE

The Finance Committee will meet on **Tuesday September 10 at 6:30pm** in Room 4.

TRUSTEES

Trustees will meet Monday **October 7 at 6:30pm**

Celebrations!

September Birthdays

- 1 - Brandon Akuoko
- 10 - Maryann Olstad
- 10 - Stefanie Pe'rez
- 10 - Kathy Mascelli
- 13 - Pam LaCasio
- 11 - Donna Buda
- 14 - Jim Kurbiel
- 18 - Laurie Wheeler
- 22 - David S. Plume
- 23 - Art Bowen
- 28 - Jeanie Guity

October Birthdays

- 1 - Bob and Jean Cerrone
- 3 - Corey Ware
- 17 - Gay Tarlo

SAVE THE DATE! Church Picnic Sunday, September 22nd at 12pm

Located at
Shaker Road/ Loudonville Fire Department
347 Old Niskayuna Road,
behind the station at the pavilion

There will be a sign-up sheet available in the Grace Krauss Lounge. Sign up for the salad, side dish, or dessert you will be bringing!

CHURCH FAMILY POT-LUCK BREAKFAST

The fall is coming and Gail and I, Kathy Mascelli, would like to have a pot-luck breakfast AFTER church on **Sunday, October 20th**.

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 in the Spring, please bring something for our food pantry. It is always in need of non-perishable items,

Any questions please reach out to Kathy Mascelli or Gail Cotler.



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.*

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS:

Usher Rotation Art Bowen Head Usher

September 1: Liz and David McGeough-Gamache
September 8: Bryan Goddard and Gail Cotler
September 15: Geoff Whittle and Clinton Fowles
September 22: Tom Assimon and Wendy Spendiff
September 29: TBD

October 6: Gail Cotler and TBD
October 13: Geoff Whittle and Clifton Fowles
October 20: Tom Assimon and Wendy Spendiff
October 27: Liz and David McGeough-Gamache

Worship Assistant Rotation

September 1: Joan Jensen
September 8: Pam LaCasio
September 15: Charles Bonsu
September 22: Kaylee Spendiff
September 29: Wendy Spendiff

October 6: Gary Thompson
October 13: Frank Essien
October 20: Joan Jensen
October 27: Pam LaCasio

Our Gifts June & July, 2024

Average Undesignated Income needed for 2 months \$37,048	
Pledges	\$20,188
Plate	\$1,418
Brooks BBQ	\$3,965
Garage Sale	\$87
Building Rent	\$3,200
Youth Coordinator	\$2,500
Preschool	\$1,778
Undesignated Income total:	\$33,136
Designated Funds	
Building Fund	2,369
Peace With Justice	\$625
Little Food Pantry	\$90
Youth/Children	\$120
UMCOR (US Disasters)	\$5,000

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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>10:00am Worship and 10:15am Children's Church 3:00pm RST 6:00pm AA</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00am Living Resources 6:00pm AA</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00am Banjo Band 10:00am Living Resources 6:00pm AA 6:30pm RCA 7:00pm RST</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00am Living Resources 5:00pm Preschool open house 6:00pm AA 7:00pm Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00am Albany District Clergy Day 9:00am TOPS 10:00am Liv'g Resources 7:00pm BSA PLC meeting 7:00pm RST</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00am Living Resources</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>10:00am Worship and 10:15am Children's Church 3:00pm RST 6:00pm AA</p>	<p>9</p> <p>First Day of Preschool 10:00am Living Resources 1:00pm Prayer Shawl 6:00pm AA</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00am Living Resources 6:00pm AA 6:00pm SOS 6:30pm Finance Meeting 7:00pm RST</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00am Living Resources 6:00pm AA 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00am TOPS 10:00am Liv'g Resources 4:00pm Brooks BBQ 7:00pm BSA Comm Meeting 7:00pm RST</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00am Living Resources 7:00pm RST</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00am Sewing Guild</p>
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<p>22</p> <p>10:00am Worship and 10:15am Children's Church 12:00pm Church Picnic 3:00pm RST 6:00pm AA</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00am Living Resources 1:00pm Prayer Shawl 6:00pm AA</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00am Living Resources 6:00pm AA 7:00pm RST</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00am Liv'g Resources 6:00pm AA 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00am TOPS 10:00am Living Resources 7:00pm RST</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00am Living Resources</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10:00am Worship and 10:15am Children's Church 3:00pm RST 6:00pm AA</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00am Living Resources 6:00pm AA</p>					

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September Calendar

4 – Preschool Open House 5–6pm
9 – Prayer Shawl 1pm, room 10
9 – Trustees 6:30pm
10 – Finance 6:30pm room 4
11 – Bible Study (ZOOM)
12 – Brooks BBQ 4pm
18 – Bible Study (ZOOM)
22 – Church Picnic 12pm
25 – Bible Study (ZOOM)
23 – Prayer Shawl 1pm, room 10

October Calendar

2 – Bible Study (ZOOM)
3 – Brooks BBQ
7 – Trustees 6:30pm
9 – Bible Study (ZOOM)
14 – Prayer Shawl 1pm, room 10
16 – Bible Study (ZOOM)
20 – Church Pot Luck Breakfast
22 – Church Council 6:30pm
23 – Bible Study (ZOOM)
28 – Prayer Shawl 1pm room 10
30 – Bible Study (ZOOM)

Join us!
Bring a
friend,
Invite a
neighbor!

Pastor Rev. Dr. Nick Bufano
Music Director Brandon Malowski
Administrative Asst. Joanna Feuer
Youth and Family Ministries. Stephanie Ramkissoon
Custodian Olga & Daria Zhukorsha
Preschool Director Fiza Rohail
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Office Hours: Tues., Wed., & Thurs
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