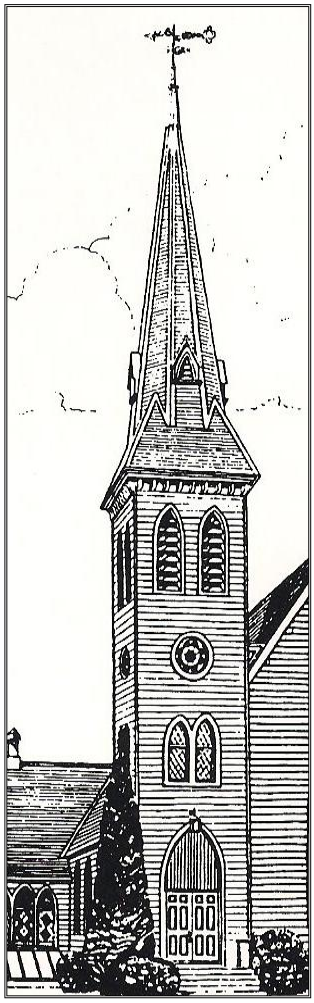

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September ~ October 2026

Greetings NUMC!

Wow. Summer is coming to a quick end, and we are moving into fall, which is when we experience my favorite temperatures! Fall also bring us into the beginning of our program year, and we move back into a more regular rhythm of worship and ministry together as a faith community. I am looking forward to this coming year together!

Beginning on Wednesday, September 16, our weekly Bible Study will begin once again. We meet on Zoom each week from 7 to 8:30 PM for prayer, a song, a few minutes of silence, a look at the upcoming scripture for worship, and then some kind of theology conversation. The fall we will be reading "The Tears of Things," by Richard Rohr. The book will examine the biblical prophets, and the model that they are still today for the prophetic work each of us is called to do in the world, in the face of racism, hate, violence, war, and the myriad of other social issues that we face each day. Books will be in the church, beginning this coming Sunday. All are welcome! The ZOOM link is sent from the church office the morning of the gathering. If you'd like to be added to email list, please let us know! newtonvilleumc@gmail.com

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, our focus this fall and into 2027 will be to increase our ministry work in the areas of reaching out to the margins, anti-racism work, and building on our identity as a Reconciling Congregation. We will also continue to craft our Sunday worship and Children's Church ministries, so that all continue to feel drawn into our community on Sunday mornings. We continue to be a place where our guests come for a visit, and then stay to become part of our community, because we offer a spiritually safe place for all people, where we not only accept, but encourage questions, and want people to come as they are! This is the gift that we offer here at NUMC.

Please enjoy the rest of your summer, and I look forward to seeing you all in church!

Blessings,

Pastor Nick

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Keep in touch with Pastor Nick - Call or text his cell phone: **(443) 813-7584** or email him: **pastornickbufano@gmail.com**

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

TRUSTEE REPORT

A new 50 Gallon hot water tank has been installed at the parsonage along with newer appliances donated for the kitchen. **The next Trustee meeting will be September 28th at 6:30. Please join us.** We will be discussing the date for the Fall work day and will keep you posted.

Donna Buda

BROOKS BARBECUES

We have two more Brooks barbecues on Thursdays **September 10 and October 1**. Please consider volunteering to help make this fundraiser a success.
Donna M. Buda

CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY SEPT. 13

Our annual church picnic will be held Sunday, Sept. 13 following worship at the Shaker Road/Loudonville Fire Department, Old Niskayuna Rd. behind the fire station at the pavilion.
Still looking for helpers! If you can help with preparations and/or with "take-down," please let Pastor Nick know! Many hands make light work! Hotdogs, hamburgers, buns, water, lemonade, coffee and paper products will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. There is a sign-up sheet on the welcoming table in the Grace Krauss Lounge.

GAME NIGHT! SATURDAY OCTOBER 24th

Enjoy an evening of a **soup supper and game night** from 5 to 9 PM Saturday, Oct. 24 in Fellowship Hall. We will have variety of soup/sandwiches first and then on to the games.
Please bring a game that you love to play. I will be bringing Bingo since that is the favorite with our grandchildren. Gail and I will set up tables for four players, Come and enjoy a fun evening with the members of church and also bring a friend. The more the merrier. We will place a sign-up sheet in the lounge. Any question check with Gail Cotler and/or Kathy Mascelli

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Due to various circumstances, we are down 2 volunteers. Volunteer responsibilities are basic: Go to the Church anytime on your designated day and gather some items from the kitchen pantry rack and the storage tubs in the youth room. Place them in the outside Food Pantry. That's it!

The Pantry continues to be regularly emptied so the community need is still high. Contributions are always needed. Monetary contributions are welcome - just place a check made out to NUMC in the plate offering and designated that it is for the Food Pantry. Food donations can be placed in the kitchen on the counter near the food rack, in the basket in the Sanctuary or in the Food Pantry itself. Thank you to our volunteers and all who bring donations! Sue

If you wish to become a volunteer, please email me at SusanPBrooks@yahoo.com

CHURCH LIBRARY

How to use church library: The books are arranged by the Dewey Decimal System. You can look at the chart by the stained-glass windows to look for a subject by number. There also are shelf labels for some topics of special interest (e.g. Jesus or prayers).

There is a special set of shelves in the corner for Bible Study, including Bibles, dictionaries of the Bible and Interpretations of the Bible stories.

You are welcome to borrow a book. Just return it when you are done.

Submitted by Gary Thompson

PRESCHOOL 2026-2027

We're excited to begin a new school year at Newtonville Preschool! **Our first day of school is Monday, September 14th**, and we look forward to welcoming both returning and new families.
If you're considering preschool for your child, we still have a few spots available for the 2026–2027 school year.
Come meet our teachers and tour the classroom at our **Open House on Wednesday, September 9th, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m**. For more information or to schedule a visit, please email us at newtonvillepreschool1@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - ZOOM

We encourage you to give Zoom Bible Study a try on Wednesday evenings! We will begin meeting again on **September 16th on Zoom at 7:00pm.**
The link will be sent out each week from the church email. All are welcome! If you're not on our email distribution list, please contact Carrie in the office and she'll add you. (518) 785-6789 or newtonvilleumc@gmail.com

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Church Council meeting will be announced.

FINANCE MEETING

The Finance Committee will meet **Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:30pm in room 4.**

TRUSTEES MEETING

The Trustees Committee will meet **Monday, September 28th at 6:30pm**

WATCH LIVE / PAST SERVICES ON YOUTUBE:

The YouTube link for the worship livestream is below. Click on the link, and once on our page, click on the word "LIVE" and you'll be connected to our live broadcast. If you want to watch later in the day, you click on this same link and follow the same process. I look forward to seeing you Sunday morning or anytime you are able to tune in! -- Pastor Nick

Here is the link:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQyjvslUcE-7o-AUWFs3C8g

OUTREACH - CAPITAL CITY RESCUE MISSION

Mission News Update:

We have been able to continue our mission of serving dinner on the 2nd Monday of the month for the entire year. We really enjoyed having a Siena student, Zoey coming each month. What a wonderful addition to our team. Hoping in 2026 that we will be able to volunteer 4 times a year at the Regional Food Bank.
Three to four 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 next to the kitchen; or if you need a ride, contact Kathy or Gail.
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.

Adirondack/Albany Districts
United Women in Faith Fall Meeting

Saturday, Sept. 26. Registration begins at 8:45 am. Christ United Methodist Church, 54 Bay St., Glens Falls. The topic is CREATION JUSTICE with key note speaker Rev. John Paarlberg (retired Reform Church of Albany), Member of the Environmental Justice Working Group of the NYS Council of Churches. He will speak about climate change, fossil fuels and ways we can make changes in our lives and advocate for change in our communities and government. There will be an annual business meeting, election and installation of officers for 2026-2027, lunch provided by the women of Christ UMC, Reports and Updates on Assembly 2026 and 2030, Mission U, and Jurisdiction 2028. Come and meet our new District Superintendent, Rev. Anna Blinn Cole. All women are invited! For more details, view the UWF newsletter "The Burning Bush." Click here:
Burning Bush Newsletter Fall 2026.pdf

Celebrations! Io

September Birthdays

1 – Brandon Akuoko
1 – Terri Lorensen
10 – Maryann Olstad
10 – Stephanie Perez
10 – Kathy Mascelli
11- Donna Buda
13 – Pam LaCasio
14 – Jim Kurbiel
18 – Laurie Wheeler
22 – David S. Plume
23 – Art Bowen
28 – Jeanie Guity

October Birthdays

3 – Corey Ware
17 – Gay Tarlo
20 – Todd Hanley
20 – Brody Williams
29 – Laura Prince

NUMC YOUTH

On Sundays you will find our youth helping to lead worship, growing closer to God in Children's Church, and just plain having fun!

NUMC is blessed by the presence and the gifts and graces of our young people, and we give God thanks for each of them!

Keeping Our Promises

Prayers ~ Presence ~ Gifts ~ Service ~ Witness

In Our Prayers

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for those dealing with health issues; Brenda Slingerland, Bill Rainbolt, Pat Loz and Gene Hanchett; Continued prayers for the family of Bill Smith; Harold, Norelis and Adriana; and for those dealing with addiction and those struggling to manage anxiety and fight depression.

Please contact Carrie in the church office to add or remove a prayer request (518) 785-6789

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS:

Ushers Art Bowen Head Usher
September 6: Carrie Boyer & Geoff Whittle
September 13: Cheryl Assimon & Wendy Spendiff
September 20: Clifton Fowles & Gail Cotler
September 27: Amy Rogers & Stuart Rogers

October 4: Cheryl Assimon & Geoff Whittle
October 11: Clifton Fowles & Gail Cotler
October 18: Amy Rogers & Stuart Rogers
October 25: Elizabeth & David McGeough-Gamache

Worship Assistant Rotation
September 6: Gary Thompson
September 13: Frank Essien
September 20: Stefanie Perez
September 27: Charles Bonsu

October 4: Pam LaCasio
October 11: Cheryl Assimon
October 18: Stefanie Perez
October 25: Charles Bonsu

Children's Message

September 6, 13 & 27: Joy Bufano
September 20: Jennifer Dengler
October 4: Wendy Spendiff
October 11 & 25: Joy Bufano
October 18: Jennifer Dengler

Our Gifts June July 2026

Average *Undesignated Income* needed for 3 months **$55,439**	
Pledges	$28,890
Plate	$319
Initial Offering	$0
Heat	$0
Festival Offering (Easter/T'Giving/X'Mas)	$0
Brooks BBQ	$3,549
Garage Sale	$499
Building Rent	$3,200
Youth Coordinator	$0
Preschool	$1,515
Undesignated Income total:	**$37,972**
Designated Funds	
Building Fund	$5,622
Youth/Child Programs	$320
Student Day	$0
Native Am Ministry	$0
Human Relations Day	$0
Peace with Justice	$5
Retired Ministers	$0
World Communion	$0
UMCOR Sunday	$0
Other Conf. Benevolence	$0
Missions	$0
Little Food Pantry	$1,600
Total Income	**$7,547**

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Offerings can be mailed to the office, Newtonville United Methodist Church 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 the Financial Secretary in touch with you to set that up through Vanco. We sincerely appreciate your continued financial support

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September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:00pm AA	3 7:00pm RST	4 6:30pm NA	5
6 **10:00am Worship** **10:15am Children's Church** 3:00pm RST	7 Labor Day 6:00pm AA	8 10am Banjo Band 6:00pm AA 7:00pm RST	9 6:00pm AA	10 **3:30pm doors open Brooks BBQ** 7:00pm RST	11 6:30pm NA	12 10amSewing Guild
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October 2026

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Church Events: Calendar At-a-Glance

September Calendar

6, 13, 20, 27 – Worship and Children's Church
7 – Labor Day
10 – Brooks Barbeque
13 – Church Picnic
16, 23, 30 - Bible Study
22 – Finance Committee Meeting
28 – Trustees Meeting

October Calendar

4, 11, 18, 25 – Worship and Children's Church
1 - Brooks Barbeque
7, 14, 21, 28 – Bible Study
24 – Game Night

Pastor	*Rev. Dr. Nick Bufano*
Music Director	*Brandon Malowski*
Administrative Asst.	*Carrie Boyer*
Youth and Family Ministries	*Joy Bufano*
Custodian	*Olga & Daria Zhukorsha*
Preschool Director	*Fiza Rohail*
Office Hours	*11am-3:30pm Tue; 9:30am-2pm Thu*
Telephone	*518-785-6789*
Email	*NewtonvilleUMC@gmail.com*
Website	*www.numc.net*
Facebook Group	*"Newtonville United Methodist Church"*

Office Hours: ***Tuesdays, 11am-3:30pm; Thursdays, 9:30am-2pm***
Live worship services Sundays at 10am & Recordings can be found online at
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