



NEWBURG

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2024 MONTHLY



Greetings in the Name of Jesus:

The Church is always at work. Sometimes, churchgoers can get lulled into the notion that Church is that thing that happens on Sunday morning. When we “Go to church” or “participate online” whenever we do that, we can begin to think that is all that church is. The danger in that kind of compartmentalization

is that if we allow ourselves to think about Church that way corporately, we also compartmentalize what it means to participate in Church personally. Once we have participated in worship, we go about our secular lives, until we go to church again next time. Church, the holy catholic church, we proclaim in our creeds, does not begin and end with worship.

Participating in the Church, the community of Christ, is something that happens at least as much, if not more, between Sundays, as it does on Sunday. We come to worship to give God our gratitude for all the many ways God is working in our lives. In the United Methodist Church, we agree to participate in the Church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Keeping this commitment requires us to acknowledge all our God given gifts and abilities and to offer them back to God, so that God can join them with the gifts of those with whom we are participating in the Church. Weekly worship is a testament to the many ways we are gifted as we greet, usher, sing, read, pray, praise, prepare the sanctuary, make coffee, clean, teach, preach, and give of our finances to support the ongoing work of the Church. It is also the time of the week when we give testimony to all the ways God has been present in our lives between Sundays. We participate in worship to empty ourselves before God in praise and thanksgiving so that we make room for what God will give us to prepare for the days ahead.

As an example, I will share a story of something that you helped make possible on a Monday. A family entered the

church on Monday morning looking for help. They were Ukrainian refugees who had entered the US legally and needed to get back to their point of entry for immigration proceedings. They had experienced car troubles, completely outside their control along the way. They had used their resources to make their vehicle safe for travel but needed help with the other things for their journey. Because you gave of your resources, Newburg was able to make a significant contribution toward this end. As a result of the ministries born out of our collective gifts, the Church was prepared to be the Church on Monday. The resources we shared were rummage-sale proceeds that had been designated for just this kind of giving.

We are insulated from the terrible situation in Ukraine. We aren't all of one mind when it comes to the politics of the war itself. But regardless of what we think about the war, the people who are displaced, or who flee for the safety of their families, are children of God. They are our neighbors, whom we are commanded to love as we love ourselves. I wish you ALL could have witnessed the gratitude in this young father's eyes when he thanked us and asked us to pray for safe travels. It was a powerful moment in OUR ministry. You should feel good about your role in helping this family and it should inspire us to help the next.

Many Newburg ministries “restart” in the Fall after taking a break in the summer months. There is always room for folks to use their gifts in worship and in support of the work Newburg does between Sundays. We are also interested in hearing your testimonies as you witness to the work God calls you to between Sundays. We gather in the church to worship, but we cannot do all that is necessary to BE the Church in one hour a week. What is your role? How can you apply your gifts in God's holy, catholic Church? May God guide you toward our collective call to be the Church.

Serving together in Christ,

Pastor Chad

PSALMS

SUNDAYS

In-Person & Livestream Family Worship at 10am
Coffee Hour | After Worship in Guthrie Hall

September 1 | Family Worship

Sermon Series Lies We Believe About God - Lies 1-2:
 "God loves us but doesn't like us & God is Good, I am not."
 "Created by God For Good" | Pastor Chad Parmalee
Genesis 1:26-27

September 8

"The Kingdom is Near" | Pastor Chad Parmalee
Mark 1:1-15
 Holy Communion
 Children's Sunday School | 10am
 Fall Kick Off & Ice Cream Social | 11:30am
 UNPACKED | 11:30am

September 15

"The Prayer Book of the People" | Pastor Chad Parmalee
Psalms 1:1-3; 2:1-6
 Children's Sunday School | 10am
 Sweet Spirit | 11:30am | Wesley Music Rm.
 UNPACKED | 11:30am | Asbury Lounge
 Deeper Faith | 12pm | Skype
 Staff Parish | 1:30pm
 All Church Conference | 3pm | Zoom
 Youth Group | 6pm | Lower Education Wing

September 22

"How Long, Oh Lord?" | Pastor Chad Parmalee
Psalms 13, Psalms 25:1-2; 16-21
 Children's Sunday School | 10am
 Youth Group | 10am | Lower Education Wing
 Sweet Spirit | 11:30am | Wesley Music Rm.
 UNPACKED | 11:30am | Asbury Lounge
 Deeper Faith | 12pm | Skype

September 29

"What is Honored" | Angela Montgomery
Psalms 12
 Children's Sunday School | 10am
 Rummage Drop Off | 11am-2pm
 Sweet Spirit | 11:30am | Wesley Music Rm.
 UNPACKED | 11:30am | Asbury Lounge
 Deeper Faith | 12pm | Skype
 Youth Group | 6pm | Lower Education Wing

MONDAYS

Main Office closed on September 2 for Labor Day

Staff Parish | September 9 | 6:30pm | Swift Conf. Rm.

Finance | September 16 | 7pm | Swift Conf. Rm.

Trustees | September 23 | 7pm | Swift Conf. Rm.

Rummage Drop Off | September 30 | 9am-4pm

Church Council | September 30 | 7pm | Asbury Lounge

TUESDAYS

Forgotten Harvest | September 10
 8:30am-11:30am | St. Mary Cause of Our Joy

Caring Connection | September 10 | 11am

Lectio Divina

Beginning September 10 | 1pm | Asbury Lounge
 Led by [Dr. Frank Dunbar](#)

Taking Steps in Loss and Life

Beginning September 10 | 6:30pm-8pm
 Led by Pastor Chad & Roschenne Parmalee

Bookmarks | Asbury Lounge | 7pm

On September 17, we will be discussing "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride. Led by [Mimi Silverman](#).

WEDNESDAYS

The Hangout | Begins September 4 | 4pm

Music Ministry Rehearsals:

Led by [Richard Lenz](#)

Cantabile Bells | 6pm | Wesley Music Room
 Begins September 11

Chancel Choir | 7:10pm | Wesley Music Room
 Begins September 4

Men's Online Bible Study

September 11 & 25 | 7:30pm | Skype
 Contact [James Frederick](#) for information/Skype link.

THURSDAYS**UNPACKED Online at Lunch | Google Meet**

Beginning September 12 | 12pm

Led by [Dr. Frank Dunbar](#)

Redford Brightmoor Meal Assembly

September 19 | 5:30pm | West Guthrie Hall

Women Connecting Through Christ | 7pm

(6:30pm for a time to connect) | Beginning September 19
 In the Asbury Lounge. Led by [Janice Gasaway](#).

SATURDAYS**Rummage Drop Off:**

September 14 | 10am-12pm

DISCUSSION GROUPS

newburgumc.org/congregationallife

Deeper Faith | Sunday's at 12pm | Beginning Sunday, September 15 | Skype

Deeper Faith is an adult Sunday school class that provides a place to learn, grow and deepen your faith, build relationships, fellow-ship and connect. Class meets on Sundays at 12pm on Skype. Starting this Fall, the study is called "**America: Columbus to the Constitution**" and delves into stories of history, character, faith and the hand of God in America's discovery and early Revolutionary War years. For the Skype link and any questions, contact James at attjpf@gmail.com.

UNPACKED: What Gospels Didn't Make It into Bible, and Why

Beginning Sunday, September 8 at 11:30 am | Asbury Lounge
Beginning Thursday, September 12 at 12pm | Google Meet – online only study
Google Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/ifz-vzyo-vhg>

This UNPACKED discussion group seeks to explore the early years of the Christian church, as many leaders of the new church expressed wildly different ideas of the faith, the belief in Jesus and how to worship. We will use a book entitled *The Apocryphal Gospels* (translated and introduced by Simon Gathercole) as our guide for this study while we compare writings that did not make it into the New Testament with those that did. Join us! The book will be made available through the church, or you can grab one from your favorite bookseller. Led by [Dr. Frank Dunbar](#).

Lectio Divina | Starting September 10 | 1pm | Asbury Lounge

Lectio Divina is a Latin phrase meaning *Divine Listening*. The practice is a simple spiritual discipline that allows one to have a deep encounter with scripture. In Lectio Divina, the same scripture passage is read four times. After each reading, the leader invites you to respond to the passage with a word or phrase that catches your attention, the feelings the passage evokes, finding images, thoughts or memories that rise in response to the passage, or how is God is speaking to you through the passage. Participants are asked to share these thoughts, but no one is required to share. Starting in September, we will focus our readings on the Psalms. One of the best things about Lectio Divina is that every group meeting is a new start; nothing is carried over from week to week and there is no homework. Therefore, drop in anytime! Led by [Dr. Frank Dunbar](#).

Taking Steps in Loss and Life

Starting Tuesday, September 10 through October 29 | 6:30pm-8pm | Swift Conf. Rm.
Led by [Pastor Chad](#) and Roschenne Parmalee

Pastor Chad and Roschenne are co-leading a grief support workshop this fall using the resource *Taking Steps in Loss and Life*, written by Barbette and Randy Shepherd. This 8-week curriculum of shared experience invites participants to engage multiple modes of expression in sharing their grief journey with others. Combining their training and experience, Rev. Chad brings a practical theological approach, and Roschenne, who has a Master's Degree in Counseling offers mental and emotional health support and together they serve as guides on this journey. The first session on September 10 will be introductory and informational.

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays, September 11 & 25 | 7:30pm | Skype

The Men's Bible group is currently working through a book called *"In Defense of Civility,"* by James Calvin Davis. It focuses on the role of religion in helping to unite people, when addressing political and moral issues. For information and any questions, contact James at attjpf@gmail.com.

Women Connecting Through Christ

Thursdays at 7pm (6:30pm for a time to connect) | Asbury Lounge

Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 19, as the Women Connecting Through Christ's Fall class will begin meeting in the Asbury Lounge. Join us from 6:30pm to 7pm for a time to connect with other women or when the class begins at 7pm. Our Fall book study is *"Stillness is the Key"* by Ryan Holiday. The book is designed to help you with the ability to slow things down, clarify your thinking, center your soul, direct your efforts and to be steady while the world spins. Participants should come to this class with the book and having read the Preface and Introduction. For questions, contact Janice Gasaway at jgasaway361@yahoo.com.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Children & Family Ministries

newburgumc.org/kids

Children's Sunday School | 10am (check in begins at 9:30am)

Ages: Nursery to 5th Grade

Our Education team is excited to announce our new Fall curriculum "*Be Bold*" for our older two classrooms and "*Travel Guide to the Lord's Prayers*" for the younger classroom. Contact [Jamie Baxter](#) for more information.

School Supplies Drive for Rosedale Elementary School

This year we are on a mission to bless Rosedale Elementary School in a new way to help the teachers restock their classrooms for the upcoming school year! Check out our Amazon Wishlist; which we will deliver at the start of the school year. Items can be purchased through September 5th. View the [Amazon Wishlist](#). For any questions, contact the Children & Family Ministries Coordinator, [Jamie Baxter](#).

Volunteers Needed!

Have you ever wanted to help Children grow in their knowledge & faith in God? Our Children's Ministry is growing and our outreach is expanding! If you are interested in joining our team by teaching Sunday School or helping with Friday Night Jam, contact [Jamie Baxter](#).

Save the Date!

Friday Night JAM (Jesus and Me) is Coming Soon!

We're excited to announce that Friday Night JAM will be replacing our previous Parents Night Out program. This new event is all about fun, faith, and fellowship! Kids will enjoy rotations filled with engaging lessons and a delicious dinner.

Date: Friday, October 18

Time: 6pm-8:30pm

Stay tuned for more details and be on the lookout for the sign-up link. We can't wait to see your kids at JAM!

Student Ministries

newburgumc.org/students

The Hangout | 4pm

Wednesdays beginning September 4

Youth Group | 6pm

Sundays beginning September 8

Do you have a student in 6th –12th Grade? Connect with our Director of Student Ministries, [Ali Belsky](#). For the Fall Student Ministry Calendar [click here!](#)

Missions & Outreach

newburgumc.org/missionandoutreach

Forgotten Harvest | Tuesday, September 10 | 8:30am

If you are looking for an opportunity to serve, we are seeking Newburg volunteers to join us to assist one of our local long-time ministry partners, St. Mary Cause of Our Joy on Tuesday, 8200 N. Wayne Road in Westland on the *second Tuesday of each month from 8:30am to 11am*. We are helping Forgotten Harvest to distribute food, which provides families in need with fresh and nutritious food free of charge.

The **Non-Food Pantry** is faithfully serving our local community! Please consider NFP with your monetary donations, as we impact our community in a lasting way and provide help to those in need! Each month NFP is open: 3rd Tuesday from 11:30am-1:30am; 4th Tuesday from 9am-11am; and 3rd Saturday from 9am-11am.

Winter Coat Drive | October 6– 27

The Detroit Public Schools now estimates that approximately 7000 students are homeless or without heat. **October 6-27**, Newburg UMC is having a "*Winter Coat Drive*" for new & gently used winter coats, which will go directly to the DPS children and youth in need. Please bring in your donations by October 27 and place in the carts by the Main Office. For more questions, contact the main office, Janet Newcomer or Rev. Rodney Gasaway ([email](#)).

Music & Worship Arts

newburgumc.org/music

The Music & Worship Arts is open to all ages and skill levels!

Chancel Choir resumes Wed., September 4 | 7:10pm

Sweet Spirit resumes Sun., September 8 | 11:15am

Cantabile Bells resumes Wed., September 11 | 6pm

Worship Rehearsals resumes Wed., September 4 | 8pm

If interested in any of the above groups or for more information, contact [Richard Lenz](#), Choir Director or [Jen Noricks](#), Worship Leader.

UPCOMING EVENTS!



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ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE
Sunday, September 15 | 3pm | Zoom

Newburg's Church Conference will be held on Sunday, September 15, at 3:00 pm, with the SPRC meeting preceding the full conference at 1:30 p.m. Everyone in our community is invited to attend; however, voting is limited to Newburg members. Please plan to be present and to participate as you are able on that day!

This year, all church conferences in the Greater Detroit District are being held virtually. We will begin in a joint meeting with other churches and then join a virtual meeting room with a presiding elder to conduct Newburg-specific business. This year, we have some important business to conduct that requires a Church Conference vote.

Important note: All voting will be electronically, requiring each voting member to access the meeting on an individual smart device. We invite folks who might see this as a challenge to join us in Asbury Lounge, where we will have the meeting on a screen and smartphones, tablets, and laptops available with folks to help you sign in and vote. We will make every effort to make our Church Conference available to those seeking participation. While this format allows broader access to some participants, we recognize that it presents barriers for others. We will do all we can to navigate those barriers.



Many hands make light work! If you are able and available to assist us during move-in, setup, sale and/or take-down, please see the various ways you can volunteer by viewing our sign-up list. We thank you in advance for your amazing helpful hands! Sign-up to help today, [click here!](#)

SETUP:

Saturday, September 28 | 10am-12pm | Equipment Setup
Sunday, September 29 | 11am-2pm | Rummage Move-in
September 30—October 2 | 9am-7pm
October 3 | 9am-4pm

SALE:

Thursday, October 3 | 5pm-7pm | \$2 admission
Friday, October 4 | 9am-12pm
Saturday, October 5 | 9am-12pm | 1/2 price sale
12pm-3pm | Take Down

Rummage Drop-offs:

September 14 | 10am-12pm (Annex)
September 29 | 11am-2pm & September 30 | 9am-4pm

Bring items right in Gutherie Hall! Questions?
Contact Coordinator, [Betsy Everett](#)

BLOOD DRIVE

GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD THIS FALL

Fall Into Giving

Newburg Blood Drive | Sunday, October 6
9am-1pm | Gutherie Hall

Make a difference in your community. Schedule your appointment to give blood today at [versiti.org](#).

*Walk ins welcome, as schedule allows.

Donate for a chance to win 2 floor tickets to the Taylor Swift Eras Tour and a \$500 gift card.

* Must be 18 years+ to donate.

SAVE THE DATE

October 6: World Communion Sunday
- Fall Church Potluck at 4:30pm
- Youth at Three Cedars Farm

October 27: Trunk or Treat at 5pm

November 28: Thanksgiving Dinner

December 8: Cookie Exchange



COUNCIL CORNER

Finance Committee: 2nd Quarter Update for 2024

Michelle Hartmann, Church Council Chair

Kevin Canary, Finance Committee Chair

Newburg family & friends,

The Finance Committee gives thanks to God for his blessings and extends our heartfelt gratitude for the continued and faithful support received from all your generous contributions and gifts through the second quarter of 2024! Our total income reached \$274,224, which is \$17,102 more than anticipated. This is a testament to the dedication and commitment of the Newburg faith community, for which we should all be grateful to God. We know that what we are able to give first comes from God who makes giving possible. That we can all celebrate together.

Our operational expenses were \$270,966 for the first six months of the year. We anticipated spending \$294,805, so we have had cost savings of \$23,835 so far this year. In terms of year-over-year giving, we are up \$6,000 over the same time in 2023.

Newburg continues to meet our District Ministry Shares and contributions to the United Methodist Union at 100%. For the Michigan Conference, Newburg has continued to make our General Church Apportionments, which support the Episcopal Fund, World Service Fund, General Church Administration, Ministerial Education Fund, Black College Fund, Africa University, and Interdenominational Cooperation Fund at 100%. Year to date we have paid \$12,451 to the conference for common budget apportionments. This equates to slightly less than 50% of the conference expectations. The Finance Team has committed to “tithing” 5% of our monthly income to Conference Ministry Shares. That 5% commitment is over and above the other contributions we are making. Our goal is to continue to increase the percentage of our income until we have returned to contributing 100% of what is asked of us by the Conference. As the United Methodist Church emerges from the season of disaffiliation and departure, it is critical that we meet our commitments to the Conference so that Newburg fully participates in the reformation and rebuilding of United Methodism in Michigan. Your continued financial commitment at Newburg, will help us reach that goal.

As we move forward into the remainder of 2024, we are committed to providing regular updates on our financial status, ensuring transparency and accountability. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support and for the gifts of your time, talents, and treasures in 2024!

May Newburg UMC continue to be blessed in so many ways!

Respectfully submitted,
Your Finance Committee

Please pray for the prayer concerns for our Newburg Family & Friends:
Pray without ceasing... 1 Thessalonians 5:17

SEPTEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES

David & Gail Weems
Mack & Marilyn Gaut
Don & Cindy Dumouchelle
Keith & Michelle Chick
Cheryl & Rich Johnson
Robert & Carol Wheeler

BIRTHDAYS

Carol Sundell	Jen Noricks
Dick Merry	John Norman
Chase Wolters	Alyssa Crosby
Matthew Nelson	Sam Kinne
Emmett Leopardi	Shelley Bates
Mark Hallgath	Cindy Dumouchelle
Olivia Weems	Rowan Knape
Max Gulyas	Colin Mutch
Ken Klein	Amy Holton
Ryan Urbonowicz	Jeff Noricks
Kristen Gulyas	Janet Lamb
Ryan McCoy	Daniel Giauque
Rose Smith	Pat Grainger
Annelise Saylor	Shelby Bowles
Mary Griffin	Joey Leopardi
Jaime Garza	Lilyana Weems

You're Invited!

Join us on Sunday, September 8, for an ice cream social after the worship service in Gutherie Hall. Everyone is welcome—come enjoy a sweet treat and great fellowship! This is a great opportunity to ask questions or get more information about our Fall programming!

Do you have something you or your committee would like others to know? Let the Main Office know before the 20th of each month to be included!

Prayer Requests

Newburg Members...

Nancy Boyd	Don Lobb
Lois Breen	GayLynne Nadeau
Alice Crosby	Roschenne Parmalee
Ed & Judy Dobson	Karen Patterson
Wayne Garrett	Pat Patton
Janice Gasaway	Rick Ratcliffe
Mary Griffin	Carol Sundell
Mark Hallgath	Carroll Wheeler
David Jensen	

Newburg Family & Friends...

Paul & Pat O'Mara, Julie Albaugh's uncle & wife
Kayla and her dad, Ken, friends of Lauren Canary
Mike & Amy Davidson, friends of Katie Stevenson
Lori Leong, Frank Dunbar's sister
Andre Fraczek & Joan Lamborn, friends of Gayle Landrum
Alvin & Nadine White, friends of Betsy Everett
Gary Sundell, brother of Carol Sundell
Jim Kelly, friend of Roschenne Parmalee
Sherry Crump, NFP participant
Riot Miller, Len Fillion's supervisors grandson
Phyllis Peterson, friend of Cheryl Johnson
Tom Parkinson, friend of Tom & Pat Eland
Ron & Cindy Locke, friends of Mary Edgerton
Richard Dille, Michelle Hartmann's father-in-law
Cheryl Murdock, Julie Albaugh's cousin
Carolyn Brown & Marian Haynes, Alice Crosby's sisters
Kathy Jobbutt, Lou & Dawn Minehart's neighbor
John McFadden, friend of Paula Genta
Richard & Sue Lenz
Ed Stemdien, friend of Hank & Sandy Conway
Abbi Ledford, Rick & Bev Ratcliffe's granddaughter
Shawna Drake, friend of Gayle Landrum
Rev. Ron Barton, Bill Reeder's cousin
Frank, Rose Smith's brother

With Deepest Sympathies, Thoughts, & Prayers . . .

We offer our deepest condolence to Marsha Kozlowski and family on the passing of her husband Terry on Monday, July 8. A Celebration of Life Service was held on Saturday, August 10 at Newburg.

If you have a Prayer Request, need help or can help others, please contact Dr. Frank Dunbar at (734) 355-3793 or the main office at (734) 422-0149 or [Frank's email](#), or [Judy's email](#).



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SEPTEMBER

The NewburgUMC Monthly is published by the Newburg United Methodist Church of Livonia, MI 48150-3461

Meet the friendly Staff at Newburg UMC!

Pastor	Rev. Chad Parmalee
Ministers	All Members
Children & Family Ministries Coordinator	Jamie Baxter
Director of Student Ministries, Young Adults & Communications	Ali Belsky
Kitchen Coordinator	Ayesha Browning
Worship Leader	Jen Noricks
Administrative Assistant	Judy Cash
Nursery.....	Ragan Chick
Minister of Congregational Life	Dr. Frank Dunbar
Custodian	Sandra Fillion
Deacon, Adult Education, Program & Outreach Ministries	Rev. Rodney Gasaway
Chancel, Sweet Spirit & Cantabile Choirs.....	Richard Lenz
Organist.....	Beverly Ratcliffe

“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.” - John Wesley