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Greetings in the Name of Jesus:

In February, I was fortunate to make a trip to Guatemala where a group of 15 traveled to serve with Salud y Paz. Salud y Paz is a medical mission and early childhood development center that is in Camanchaj, in the Guatemalan highlands. I have helped to promote and support groups making this trip for years but never took the opportunity to travel myself. I heard about the good work being done, saw pictures of the clinic and the children in the school, and had a pretty good idea what the mission was, to promote the health and wellbeing of the Mayan communities.

Until this year, however, I had not actually seen the faces or heard the joyful noises of the children who are attending preschool. I had not witnessed the healthcare clients make their way into the clinic on foot to receive basic care. And I really had no idea about the cultural realities that make Salud y Paz and nonprofits like it an absolute necessity for the people of Guatemala. The difference Salud y Paz is making goes far beyond the immediate care and education they offer.

We didn't do much with the medical side of things on this trip, other than help clean up and prep a new building site for an expanded, updated clinic that will resume building very soon. It is important to know that along with work teams like the one Newburg supported, teams that are specifically focused on medical and dental care also periodically come to Salud y Paz. The clinic serves as a base for teams who also travel into more remote areas, bringing care to people who don't have access to transportation and cannot go to the city to receive care.

We did work with the preschool quite a bit. Most of the physical work we did was to paint all four classrooms and some of the outside of the building to help create a clean, safe environment in which the children can learn. When I went, I assumed that this preschool was like any other preschool, teaching children basic things like letters, numbers, simple math, and reading skills. I thought they were giving kids a leg up in their early development the way preschools do in the US. That is true but to an extraordinary degree. The Mayan people speak any number of

Mayan dialects in the remote villages in Guatemala. They are very proud of their heritage. But the official language of Guatemala is Spanish, and public education is only taught in Spanish. If you reach school age and cannot speak Spanish, you cannot succeed in the public school system. In Camanchaj, where we were, the dialect most households speak is K'iche and if your parents don't speak Spanish, you are only exposed to K'iche as a young child. This pattern perpetuates poverty because it limits access to education. Salud y Paz teaches 3–6-year-olds to speak Spanish while honoring K'iche in the process. This gives children access to public education they would not otherwise have. Just as in the US, education is a key factor in helping families out of poverty.

While we were there, we attended a celebration of service for a school principal who had been selected for a job in public education, after 16 years with Salud y Paz. This is a big deal. Also, in attendance to help celebrate that day was young Jennifer, a girl who in 2009 was part of the first graduating class at Salud y Paz, who is now a public educator and college professor herself. Seeing the two of them together and witnessing the impact that Salud y Paz is having in Guatemala was very powerful. I am convinced that this is the kind of work to which we are all called. And my support for Salud y Paz can only grow stronger.

If you would like to know more about how your support is helping in Guatemala or ways you can support the project further, please see the Salud y Paz web site <https://www.saludypaz.org/> or have a conversation with me or anyone else who has made this trip. I am sure those who have witnessed the work and the impact of this ministry will be happy to share. I pray that Newburg UMC is in a long-term committed relationship with the Mayan people Salud y Paz seeks to serve.

Read Matthew 25:34-40

People from Newburg who have been to Guatemala: Michelle Chick, Angela Montgomery, Marshall Montgomery, Mimi Silverman, Steven Silverman, and Pastor Chad.

In all things, be blessed and be a blessing,

Pastor Chad



SUNDAYS

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

March 2

“Repentance Requires Vulnerability”

Pastor Chad Parmalee

1 John 1:5-10

Holy Communion

Children’s Sunday School | 10am

Sweet Spirit | 11:30am | Wesley Music Rm.

UNPACKED | 11:30am | Asbury Lounge

Deeper Faith | 12pm | Skype

Youth Group | 12pm | Perez home

March 9 | 1st Sunday in Lent

(Start Daylight Saving Time)

“Tested” | Pastor Chad Parmalee

Luke 4:1-13

Children’s Sunday School | 10am

Education Team Meeting | 11:30am | Upper Ed. Wing

Sweet Spirit | 11:30am | Wesley Music Rm.

UNPACKED | 11:30am | Asbury Lounge

Deeper Faith | 12pm | Skype

Youth Group | 6pm | The Gathering

March 16 | 2nd Sunday in Lent | Missions Day

“When Did We?” | Pastor Chad Parmalee

Matthew 25:35-40

Children’s Sunday School | 10am

Sweet Spirit | 11:30am | Wesley Music Rm.

UNPACKED | 11:30am | Asbury Lounge

Deeper Faith | 12pm | Skype

Youth Group | 6pm | The Gathering

March 23 | 3rd Sunday in Lent | Family Worship

“Transfigured” | Pastor Chad Parmalee

Luke 9:28-36

Sweet Spirit | 11:30am | Wesley Music Rm.

UNPACKED | 11:30am | Asbury Lounge

Deeper Faith | 12pm | Skype

March 30 | 4th Sunday in Lent | UMCOR Sunday

“Looking for Fruit” | Pastor Chad Parmalee

Luke 13:1-9

Sweet Spirit | 11:30am | Wesley Music Rm.

UNPACKED | 11:30am | Asbury Lounge

Deeper Faith | 12pm | Skype

Youth Group | 6pm | The Gathering

MONDAYS

Staff Parish | March 3 | 6:30pm | Swift Conf. Rm.

Finance | March 10 | 7pm | Swift Conf. Rm.

Trustees | March 17 | 7pm | Swift Conf. Rm.

Church Council | March 24 | 7pm

Asbury Lounge

TUESDAYS

Forgotten Harvest | March 11

8:30am-11:30am | St. Mary Cause of Our Joy

Lectio Divina | Tuesdays at 1pm | Asbury Lounge

Led by [Dr. Frank Dunbar](#)

Bookmarks | Swift Conference Rm. | 7pm

On March 18, we will be discussing “*The Remarkable Bright Creatures*” by Shelby Van Pelt. Led by [Mimi Silverman](#).

WEDNESDAYS

Ash Wednesday Service | March 5 | 7pm

The Hangout | Wednesdays at 4pm

Music Ministry Rehearsals:

Led by [Richard Lenz](#)

Cantabile Bells | 6pm | Wesley Music Room

Chancel Choir | 7:10pm | Wesley Music Room

Sunday Preparation | 8:15pm | Sanctuary

Men’s Online Bible Study

March 5 & 19 | 7:30pm | Skype

Contact [James Frederick](#) for information/Skype link.

THURSDAYS

UNPACKED Online | Google Meet

12pm | Led by [Dr. Frank Dunbar](#)

Redford Brightmoor Meal Assembly

March 13 | 5:30pm

Women Connecting Through Christ | 7pm

6:30pm for a time to connect | Asbury Lounge.

Led by [Janice Gasaway](#).

FRIDAYS

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me!) | March 14

6pm-8:30pm | Upper Education Wing

SATURDAYS

Rummage Drop Off | March 8 | 10am-12pm

Lent



ASH

Wednesday
Wednesday, March 5
7:00pm



LABYRINTH WALK

Experience the Labyrinth During Lent
A labyrinth is an ancient symbol of life's journey, with its twists and turns, offering a spiritual path to draw closer to God. Unlike a maze, a labyrinth has a single path to the center and back out again, helping Christians deepen their faith, unburden their hearts, or discover new God-given realities.

This Lent, we invite you to experience the labyrinth in **Gutherie Hall:**

- **Ash Wednesday:** March 5, 10 am – 9 pm
- **Maundy Thursday:** April 17, 10 am – 9pm
- **Good Friday:** April 18, 10 am – 9 pm

Join us on this meaningful journey of faith as we reflect and grow together this Lenten season.



EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 | 11:30 AM
East Parking Lot

EASTER FLOWERS

The Easter flower display for our sanctuary will be an arrangement of plants that will enhance our worship area during our Easter season. If you would like to help with the cost of our Easter floral display, your contribution of \$10 "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" a loved one, will be included in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. Please send your payment along with this form or drop off to Newburg UMC, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, MI 48150, due by April 17. You can also [click here](#) to complete your form online, and if you choose to submit your form online, please use this link [payment online](#). For more information or questions, contact the Main Office.

NAME _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____



newburgumc.org/flowers

EASTER FLOWERS

IN REMEBERANCE & HONOR OF OUR LOVED ONES.

NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST

Ministry Opportunities

Children & Family Ministries

newburgumc.org/kids

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)

Friday, March 14 | 6pm-8:30pm

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me!) is an event that is all about fun, faith, and fellowship! Kids will enjoy rotations filled with engaging lessons and a delicious dinner. We can't wait to see your kids at JAM! RSVP by March 12 at the J.A.M. sign-up link.

Easter Egg Hunt | Sunday, April 6 | 11:30am

Join us immediately following worship on April 6 for an egg-citing adventure for kids of all ages! Get ready to dash through the grass and discover hidden treasures in our Easter Egg Hunt. For questions or if you are interested in volunteering to help, contact our Coordinator of Children's and Family Ministries, Jamie Baxter (jamie@newburgumc.org).

The Children's Ministry will be collecting candy and goodies to fill the eggs for the hunt. Please drop off donations to the in the cart by the Main Office!

Missions & Outreach

newburgumc.org/missionandoutreach

Forgotten Harvest | Tuesday, March 11 | 8:30am

Join us to assist one of our local long-time ministry partners, St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, 8200 N. Wayne Road in Westland on the *second Tuesday of each month from 8:30am to 11am*.

Student Ministries & Young Adults

newburgumc.org/students

Youth Group | Sunday's at 6pm

The Hangout | Wednesday's at 4pm

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Bid & Brunch Sunday, April 13 | 11:30am | Gutherie Hall

Join us at Newburg Student Ministry's annual Bid & Brunch! Enjoy delicious brunch favorites, mingle with friends, and bid on some amazing items. Proceeds will go to support our 38th Appalachia Service Project trip this summer! This helps us keep our trip costs low, contributes to our travel costs, and ensures that we can offer scholarships to those who need that assistance.

ASP Workshop | May 4 | 11:30am

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Dates: July 13 - 19

Do you have a student in 6th -12th Grade? Connect with our Director of Student Ministries, [Ali Belsky](#).

Discussion Groups

newburgumc.org/congregationallife

UNPACKED\\ What Happens After Our Death and Why It Matters Now

Sundays at 11:30 am | Asbury Lounge

Thursdays at 12pm: Online only study

Google Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/ifz-vzyo-vhg>

What happens after our death? What does scripture tell us about life after death? What does the church say about this? What does society tell us?" To provide a good framework for reflecting on this topic we will use a book by Anglican Bishop N.T. Wright, ***Surprised by Hope***. The book will be available at the church or you can grab one from your favorite bookseller. Should you care to reimburse the church, the cost is \$10. As a part of this discussion series, a funeral planning workshop will be held at the end of the study in May, so you can put what we have learned into practice! Led by [Dr. Frank Dunbar](#)

Deeper Faith | Sundays at 12pm | Skype

Led by [James Frederick](#)

Deeper Faith is continuing with their series, ***America, Columbus to the Constitution*** for the first part of 2025.

Men's Bible Study | Wednesday, March 5 & 19

7:30pm | Skype | Led by [James Frederick](#)

The Men's group is continuing with their course from **Great Courses on Gnosticism** through the end of Spring 2025.

Lectio Divina | Tuesdays at 1pm | Asbury Lounge

We are using a prayer journal to help us get more out of our discussions. ***On Our Knees***, a Lectio Divina designed prayer journal by Phil Wickham will be used to better document the reflections we have when encountering the scripture. The journal will be made available free of charge to all Lectio Divina participants. 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](#)

Women Connecting Through Christ | Thursdays at 7pm

Time to connect is at 6:30pm. For 2025, our study is ***How (not) to Save the World: The Truth About Revealing God's Love to the People Right Next to You*** by **Hosanna Wong**. Through faithfully studying God's Word and fumbling through her own flawed progress, Hosanna uncovered what the Bible says about revealing God's love in our everyday lives. Led by [Janice Gasaway](#)

Announcements

Newburg Family Camping Trip – June 27-29, 2025

Summer will be here before we know it, and many of us are making plans! It's time to look ahead to our annual **Newburg Family Camping Trip** at **Greenwood Acres Family Campground** in Jackson, MI. We'll be camping **Friday, June 27 – Sunday, June 29**, during the campground's **carnival weekend**—a favorite for all who attended last year! There will be plenty of fun activities for all ages, and we hope you'll join us. Please contact **Greenwood Acres** at **517-522-8600** to reserve your campsite. To stay together as a group, try to book a site on **Seventh Street (46-49)** or **Eighth Street (5-8)**.

◇ **Important:** Campsites must now be reserved individually—we can no longer hold multiple sites under the church name. Be sure to call as soon as possible, as sites fill up quickly. If plans change, there is a cancellation grace period. **All are welcome!** Whether you camp every year or this is your first time, we'd love for you to be part of this wonderful time of fellowship and fun. Hope to see you there! For more information, contact [Rev. Rodney Gasaway](mailto:Rodney.Gasaway).



**DON'T FORGET TO
SPRING FORWARD**

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY

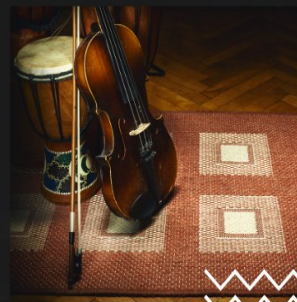
MARCH 9TH

Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday, March 9. Just a reminder to forward your clocks one hour Saturday night before you go to bed!



FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT

APRIL 4TH AT 6PM



STILL PICKING
JAM BAND

(BLUEGRASS/COUNTRY)

STACEY MURRAY
"SOUL SONGSTRESS"

(R&B/MOTOWN)

DOUGLAS
CLAIR

(FOLK)



SOUL
SURFERS

(CONTEMPORARY
CHRISTIAN)

Please pray for the prayer concerns for our
Newburg Family and Friends

MARCH

ANNIVERSARIES

Doug & Terri Lobb
Keith & Linnea Garvey

BIRTHDAYS

Ali Belsky	Karen Maguire	Marshall Ford
Shelly Cook	Donald Dumouchelle	Terry Spaw
Linden Garvey	Mark Popejoy	Juliet Kafcas
Janet Newcomer	April Wolters	Janet Meloche
John Blanchard	Emma Fleming	Denise Crancer
Kyle Berry	Sandy Cauvet	Mary Fletcher
Betty Boyd	Wanda Killeen	Amy Karbowski
Roy Dlugosz	Jon Oatley	Lily Kasprowicz
Julianne Haefner	Frank Dunbar	Brigitte Chick
Brandon Bennett	Brayden Shawcross	Jeff Everett
Mike Fillion	Ken Cauvet	

With Deepest Sympathies, Thoughts, & Prayers . . .

Longtime Newburg member **Lois Breen** passed away Saturday, after a long stay in hospice care. **Herr** funeral was at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral home in Westland on Friday, February 21 with Dr. Dunbar officiating. Please be in prayer for the Breen family as we offer our condolences.

Congratulations to Cameron & Amanda Hamilton on the birth of their daughter Gwendolyn on February 20 weighing 6lbs. 3oz. Grandparents are Bruce & Susan Adams!

Rummage Drop-Off

The next rummage drop-off will be **Saturday, March 8**, 10am-12pm. Thank you for your donations and for dropping rummage off during the times listed, it helps us to keep things organized and optimize space in the annex! If you require a key to get into the Annex, please contact Pastor Chad or Judy Cash in the Main Office.

Prayer Requests

Newburg Members...

Mary Jane Austin	Wayne Garrett	Pat Patton
Nancy Boyd	Sandy Hill	Bev Ratcliffe
Alice Crosby	Cheryl Johnson	Rick Ratcliffe
Judy Dobson	Don Lobb	Carroll Wheeker
Madeleine Everett	GayLynne Nadeau	Robert Wheeker

Newburg Family & Friends...

Alex Ackerman, friend of Bruce & Susan Adams
Katrina, friend of Gayle Landrum
Linda, Sarah Mutch's aunt
Evren Chamberlian, friend of Frank & Tracy Dunbar
Ralph, friend of Paula Genta
Beth, friend of Pam Popejoy
Merikay Cochran, Pastor Chad's mother
Frank Campbell, Marta Clare's brother-in-law
Jerry Shanek, friend of the Dunbar's
Sally Jackson, Monica Harrison's sister
Glenn Corker, Julie Albaugh's daughter-in-law's father
Joey Robinson, Gayle Landrum's nephew
Ray Walker, neighbor of Terry Spaw
Jim Bademian, Janice Gasaway's father
Carolyn Smeggil
Marge Hebestreit, friend of Wayne & Margaret Garrett
Ruth Baisch, friend of Sandy Hill
Grace, Sarah Mutch's cousin
Chuck Applegate, Sarah Mutch's cousin
Denise Lucas, friend of April Wolters
Beth Erickson, Barb Erickson's daughter
Jimmie Kelly, friend of Pastor Chad & Roschenne Parmalee
Gigi Wheaton, friend of April Wolters
Paul & Pat O'Mara, Julie Albaugh's uncle & wife
Kayla and her dad, Ken, friends of Lauren Canary
Andre Fraczek & Joan Lamborn, friends of Gayle Landrum
Alvin & Nadine White, friends of Betsy Everett
Richard & Sue Lenz
Rev. Ron Barton, Bill Reeder's cousin

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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“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