

Count Your Blessings...

Our focus this Fall has been that we are “blessed...to be a blessing.” By now I hope you are well aware of the many ways in which you have been blessed by God, and how you are being called to be a blessing to others in this world. We’ve considered:



- the power one person has to make a difference
- that it truly is more blessed to give than receive
- that it is an honor and privilege to bless others in this world
- what it means to celebrate others’ blessings
- how to praise the One from whom all blessings flow
- actually counting our blessings
- how to understand the blessings that come in ways we weren’t anticipating
- the blessings others have left behind, AND the legacy we might leave ourselves

And in these remaining weeks we will look at the responsibility that comes with being richly blessed, and have an opportunity to ask God to make each of us a blessing as we continue our life’s journey.

This mailing comes to help you consider ways in which you can be a blessing, in and through Newburg Church. I invite you to prayerfully consider how you might better this world by blessing it with a generous measure of your resources of time, talent and treasure, so that God’s good work may continue to bless our church, our community and this world.

Thank you, friends, for all the ways in which YOU are a blessing!

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Your gifts at work...



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BLESSED TO BE A
BLESSING

Count Your Blessings

Pledge Campaign

2012

Count the ways in which you are a blessing and go forth to share your time, talent, gift and service

*Giving of your time & talent
Your Personal Commitment*

Count your many blessings...

GIFT OF TIME AND TALENT

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

*I would like more information about these
ministry opportunities in which my time and
talent could be given:*

- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Mission Work (local & beyond)
- Kitchen Ministry (Funerals)
- Committee Work
 - Financial Committees
 - Educational Committees
 - Worship Committee
 - Other
- Partnering with Detroit Organizations
 - Joy Southfield Development
 - CASS Community Social Services
- Justice For Our Neighbors (Immigration)
- Worship Ministries
 - Ushering or Greeting at Worship
 - Serving Communion
 - Lay Reading Scripture Passage
 - Help with Special Sunday Prep
- Caring Connection (Seniors & Shut-Ins)
- Music Ministries

Detach each form and place in the offering plate beginning on November 20 or mail to the church office.

*Giving of your gift & treasure
Your Financial Commitment*

"Blessed to be a Blessing"

2012 Estimate of Giving

Newburg United Methodist Church

In 2012, I prayerfully intend to participate in the church's ministry in the following way:

OPERATING BUDGET – (CURRENT FUND)

\$ _____ Per week
 Per month
 Per year

BUILDING & MAJOR MAINTENANCE FUND

\$ _____ Per week
 Per month
 Per year

One time gift of \$ _____ to
Newburg United Methodist Church

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

Envelope # (if known): _____

Signature: _____

**I understand that I may increase or decrease my
commitment as circumstances change during the year. As
an Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) participant, I authorize
the above changes in my EFT contribution amounts.*

*Faithful with our
Blessings...*

It may not be possible to "step up" your pledge. This economy is hard on many families. Here are ways to "step up" without increasing your consistent financial tithe.

Rummage Sale

Each year, the church collects over \$20,000 in the Rummage Sale! You can "step-up" your giving by volunteering to work the rummage sale, or donating items to sell! Clean out your closets, while supporting the church.



3rd Thursdays

Every month on the 3rd Thursday of the month, Newburg has a fundraiser. If you know you're planning a gathering with friends or family on the 3rd Thursday, recommend that you eat at the selected restaurant... and then make sure you bring the coupon!



Scrip Program

Plan your spending and buy "gift cards" that the church purchases at a lower price. Different percentages from various stores kick-back to the church. Giving a gift card as a gift? Buy it through the church!

Plan your Christmas shopping and use loaded gift cards as your method of payment. Something you do anyway... benefitting the church!



Program

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