



NEWBURG
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Serving Christ | Building Community | Loving All

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2024

The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God in honor of Sue Spaw's birthday. Thank you for everything you do. We love you! Bob, Kim, Terry, Briana, Alexis, Miles, Samantha, Annie, Jesse & Toney

*Please stand as you are comfortable

PRELUDE

"Pour L' Advent" by Benoit
Beverly Ratcliffe

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Chad Parmalee

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Chris & April Wolters

***WORSHIP IN SONG**

"Angels From the Realms of Glory"
See Screens

TIME OF PRAYER

Michelle Hartmann

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING IN SONG

"Fantasia on Forest Green" arr. Larson
Cantabile Bells

***ADVENT DOXOLOGY**

(Sung to the tune of The First Noel)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Michelle Hartmann

SONG OF INVOCATION

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

UM Hymnal #230

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:67-79 CEB | Susan Adams

SERMON

"Light in the Darkness" | Pastor Chad Parmalee

COMMUNION HYMN

"God Almighty, We Are Waiting" vs. 1,3

W&S [green songbook] #3047

HOLY COMMUNION

***SONG OF BENEDICTION**

"God Almighty, We Are Waiting" vs. 2

W&S [green songbook] #3047

POSTLUDE

"Shine, Jesus, Shine" by Carter | Beverly Ratcliffe

UPCOMING EVENTS

Newburg Blood Drive | Dec. 1 | 9am-1:30pm

Sign up at [Versiti.org](https://www.versiti.org). Walk-ins welcome!

ADVENT 2024: "Light of the World"

by Amy-Jill Levine

For Advent 2024, we invite you to journey with us through "Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent" by Amy-Jill Levine, a renowned biblical scholar. Copies of our Advent study book are available at the Welcome Center. We don't want cost to be a barrier, so all are welcome to participate. The books are \$11 and if you'd like to help offset the cost for others, additional donations are appreciated and welcomed.

Christos: The Coming of the Anointed One

Sunday, December 15 | 4:30pm

We love to tell and celebrate the story: ***Christos: The Coming of the Anointed One***, a moving **Christmas Cantata** celebrating the hope and joy of Christ's birth through beautiful music and narration. Free admission so bring family and friends for an evening of worship and song!

Blue Christmas

Wednesday, December 18 | 6pm

Christmas can be a time when we are in need of reassurance and comfort through the holidays. A Service with the theme of "Blue Christmas" will be held on Wednesday, December 18 at 6pm in the Sanctuary. Those looking for comfort, hope, wholeness and renewal are invited to join Pastor Chad, Dr. Dunbar and Jen Noricks for a time of prayerful reflection and healing in the midst of the Christmas season.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Children's Advent Bags: Stop by the check-in desk in the Children's Ministry Wing to pick up an Advent bag for your child! Each bag contains a calendar and a Comfort & Joy pack. If you need help with any of the activities, reach out to jamie@newburgumc.org.

J.A.M (Jesus and Me!) | December 13

6pm - 8:30pm

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me!) is a new 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 here](#) by Wednesday, December 11.

Hat & Glove Drive: This winter, let's help keep kid's warm! From December 15 to January 5, we are collecting new hats and gloves for students at Rosedale Elementary. Please place your donations on the Giving Tree that will be located next to the East entrance doors.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 Offering Envelopes: For those of you who use Offering Envelopes for your contributions to Newburg UMC, the 2025 Boxed Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex outside the Sanctuary.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Deeper Faith | Sunday's at 12pm | 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. For the Skype link and any questions, contact James at attjpf@gmail.com.

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

Sundays at 11:30 am | Asbury Lounge
Thursdays at 12pm: Online only study
Google Meet Link:
<https://meet.google.com/ifz-vzyo-vhg>
Led by [Dr. Frank Dunbar](#).

Lectio Divina | Tuesdays at 1pm Asbury Lounge

The focus of our readings is 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. Open to everyone, therefore, drop in anytime! Led by [Dr. Frank Dunbar](#).

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays, December 4 | 7:30pm

For more information and Skype link, contact James Frederick at attjpf@gmail.com.

Women Connecting Through Christ

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

Class meets in the Asbury Lounge. For questions, contact Janice Gasaway at jgasaway361@yahoo.com.

Newburg UMC Winter Retreat

January 10-11, 2024

Join us at the Lake Huron Retreat Center for a time of fellowship & scripture study to begin the new year! If you are interested in attending, contact frank@newburgumc.org. We only have a few rooms left, so please do not hesitate to sign up!

STUDENT MINISTRIES

**Youth Group | Sunday's at 6pm | Lower Ed. Wing
The Hangout | Wednesday's at 4pm**

Do you have a student in 6th -12th Grade?
Connect with our Director of Student Ministries,
ali@newburgumc.org.

Christmas Cookies Exchange

December 8 | 11am-1pm

Calling all bakers and cookie eaters! We are so excited for our Young Adults to host our Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange on December 8th following worship in Guthrie Hall. [Click here](#) to sign up to bring 4 dozen of your favorite cookie and join us for a Cookie Exchange! Coffee, hot chocolate and cookie boxes will be provided.

Young Adults Noah at Central Day!

Mark your calendars for December 17th! We're heading back to Noah at Central to serve another meal, and we'd love to have you join us! If you're interested in being part of this meaningful opportunity, reach out to Ali Belsky, Director of Young Adults, and [click here](#) to sign up today!

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Forgotten Harvest | Tues, December 10 | 8:30am

If you are looking for an opportunity to serve, we are working with St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, (8200 N. Wayne Road in Westland) on the second Tuesday of each month from 8:30am to 11am to help Forgotten Harvest distribute food. For information, contact rodney@newburgumc.org.

NUMC Elf Program (Children's Christmas)

November 10-December 8

NUMC Elf Program (Children's Christmas) is our ministry with St. Francis Family Social Services, which provides Christmas gifts to children of all ages. [Click here](#) to fill out our request form or see Larry Iddins or Janice Gasaway at the Welcome Center and we will do our best to match you with a child(ren) along with their gift list(s). Drop-off times for the gifts are Monday-Friday, 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm. You also can donate at newburgumc.org/giving or mail in your cash/check written to Newburg UMC with Children's Christmas in the memo.

St. Francis Christmas Party

St. Francis will be having their Christmas Party here at Newburg UMC on **Saturday, December 14** at 11:30 am in Gutherie Hall to celebrate with the children. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, games and clean up. Contact [Rev. Rodney](#) to help out!