



NEWBURG

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 2025

The flowers are presented to the Glory of God in celebration 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

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" by Burkhardt
Beverly Ratcliffe

WELCOME

Pastor Chad Parmalee

ADVENT READING & PRAYER

"Peace" | Michelle & Brigitte Chick

***WORSHIP IN SONG**

"God Almighty, We are Waiting"

W&S [green songbook] #3047

TIME OF PRAYER

Rev. Rodney Gasaway

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING IN SONG

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" by Martin
Chancel Choir

***ADVENT DOXOLOGY**

Sung to the tune of *“O Tannenbaum”*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Rodney Gasaway

SONG OF INVOCATION

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel” | UM Hymnal #204

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:1-12 NRSVUE | Libby Noricks

SERMON

“Produce Fruit” | Pastor Chad Parmalee

COMMUNION HYMN

“What Feast of Love” vs. 1, 3

W&S [green songbook] #3170

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

“What Feast of Love” vs. 2

W&S [green songbook] #3170

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Chad Parmalee

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“To Jordan Came Our Lord, the Christ”

by Buxtehude | Beverly Ratcliffe

UPCOMING EVENTS

After the service, join us in Guthrie Hall for coffee and conversation!

Christmas Cookie Exchange

December 7th (TODAY!) | 11am-12pm

Calling all cookie eaters! We are so excited for our Young Adults to host a Christmas Cookie Exchange today following worship in Guthrie Hall. Everyone is welcome, so join us for our Cookie Exchange! Coffee, hot chocolate and cookie boxes will be provided.

Finance | Monday, December 8 | 7pm

Endowment | Monday, December 15 | 7pm

Forgotten Harvest | December 9 | 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. For information, contact rodney@newburgumc.org.

Christmas Cantata | “Let There Be Christmas”

Join Us for Our Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 14. Celebrate the hope and peace of the season with a joyful service of music presented by the combined choirs of Newburg UMC and directed by Richard Lenz. This uplifting cantata—invites us into the wonder of Christ’s birth. All are welcome to share in this festive celebration!

Longest Night Service

Sunday, December 21 | 5pm

Christmas can be a time when we especially need comfort and reassurance. Our *Longest Night service* offers a quiet space for prayer, reflection, and healing. All who seek hope, healing and renewal are invited to gather in the Sanctuary.

Christmas Eve Services | 4:30pm & 7pm

Celebrate the joy and meaning of Christmas with us on Christmas Eve! At 4:30pm, enjoy a service designed especially for families and children—a warm and welcoming celebration of Christ’s birth. Then at 7pm, experience a peaceful Candlelight Worship Service filled with Scripture, carols, and the gentle glow of candlelight. Come as you are to either or both services—everyone is welcome!

The Newburg Post Office is Open!

We’re excited to bring back the “Newburg Post Office” this Christmas season! Skip the postage and share greetings by placing cards in the Christmas card boxes in Guthrie Hall. Just drop cards into the labeled boxes for your Newburg friends to pick up. Everyone’s invited to join in—let’s fill the hall with cheer and make sure no one is missed. A warm note can help someone feel truly at home here!

Skip and Share | Through January 4

Our Youth and Children's Ministry have decided to participate in a friendly giving competition!

Together, we hope to bring greater awareness to food scarcity in our communities and around the world. We're inviting everyone to sacrifice a meal (either by skipping a meal or choosing to have a smaller one) and donate the money each week, through January 4, in the Skip and Share envelope on the giving tree in the east lobby.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

UNPACKED: Comparing the Gospels

Sundays at 11:30pm in the Asbury Lounge

Thursdays at 12pm: Online only study

Google Meet Link:

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

For questions, contact frank@newburgumc.org.

Deeper Faith | Sundays Online at 12pm

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 online on Sundays at 12pm Contact James at attjpf@gmail.com for the online link.

Men's Bible Study

Online Wednesday, December 10 | 7:30pm

The Men's Bible Study continues to work through The Apocryphal Gospels, a book edited by Simon Gathercole. The book has over 40 different writings that were kept out of the New Testament for a variety of reasons and makes for interesting conversation. For the link and more information or questions, contact James at attjpf@gmail.com.

Lectio Divina: Tuesdays at 1pm

In the Asbury Lounge. For more information, contact frank@newburgumc.org.

Women Connecting Through Christ

Thursdays at 7pm in the Asbury Lounge, with a time to connect at 6:30pm. For more information, contact jgasaway361@yahoo.com.

Winter Retreat | January 9-10, 2026

Reservation sign-ups are open for our annual Winter Retreat January 9-10, 2026! The retreat, held each year at the Lake Huron Retreat Center, has "Revisiting the Central Teachings of Jesus" as our theme. The event is a great way to get to know folks in the church and push yourself spiritually at the start of the year. If you are interested in attending, please speak with Dr. Dunbar or email frank@newburgumc.org. [Click here](#) to register for the Winter Retreat.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

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

Cantabile Bells

Wednesdays at 6pm | Wesley Music Rm.

Chancel Choir

Wednesdays at 7:10pm | Wesley Music Rm.

Sweet Spirit

Sundays at 11:15am | Wesley Music Rm.

If interested or for more information on Music & Worship Arts, contact richard@newburgumc.org, Choir Director or Jen@newburgumc.org, Worship Leader.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

The Hangout | Wednesdays at 4pm

Youth Group | Sundays at 6pm

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

WAYS TO GIVE

newburgumc.org/giving

Text To Give—Text 833-856-8498 with the dollar sign+ amount (example: \$25) Follow prompts to successfully make your contribution.

Vanco Mobile—Download the Vanco Mobile app on your smart phone/tablet in your local App Store and follow the prompts.

Online Giving—Create a login and setup your online giving profile.

Visit newburgumc.org/giving to get started today!

For those who use offering envelopes, the 2026 boxed sets are now available and can be picked up in the narthex.