



NewburgUMC

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NOTES FROM REV. STEVE



IT'S HARD TO SAY GOODBYE

Well, here we are everyone. This is my last newsletter article as your Lead Pastor. I have never really been good with goodbyes, and I find myself at a loss for words even in this moment... but here it goes anyway.

In our time together we have accomplished great things here at Newburg, from the practical, to missional, to worship, all for the purpose of making disciples. We have endured and continue to endure, a pandemic, the likes of which none of us have ever seen. We have improved our church facilities in a variety of ways, enhanced our worship, and have undertaken mission and ministry projects that no one else would. All of this requires faith and trust for the journey we walk on with Christ. Sure, there have been hard times and while we rejoice in our accomplishments, there is still much more to do. However, that is the nature of the church, in that we inherit a legacy and the faith of those who have gone before us. We also have a responsibility to share and pass on that faith to the next generation. I have said these two things many times before, and I am now adding a third one to the list. We have a spiritual responsibility to allow the next generation of leaders to utilize their gifts for ministry and to encourage them along the way. I know this will continue and I will say it one more time: *Newburg Church always comes through.*

I am reminded that the ministry we all share in is Christ's ministry, and we are servants who walk on the journey. There is still more to do here, but if I have done my job well, I can leave knowing and trusting that God will continue to guide this congregation under new pastoral leadership, and that the mission of Christ will continue forward. No matter who your pastor is, we all have the responsibility to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

It has been my privilege to serve as your pastor and I now ask for your prayers of support and encouragement for Deb, Brendan, Ryan, Ainsley, and myself as we move to a new community in Grand Rapids and a new ministry. Pray also for your new pastor Chad Parmalee and his spouse Roschenne, as they transition to Newburg. Continue to pray for the ministry of this church that lies ahead. Pray for us as we pray for you and we will all trust in God's grace and mercy that brings us together in faith.

May God bless you here at Newburg, the people of Livonia, the Metro Detroit area, and all who have called Newburg their spiritual home.

Peace and Prayers,

Rev. Steve
Lead Pastor

GO, THEREFORE...



SUNDAYS

June 5 | Pentecost Sunday

In-Person & Livestream Worship at 10am

"Who Are You? Who Are We?" | Dr. Frank Dunbar

Acts 2:1-4a; Romans 8:14-17

Newburg Blood Drive | 8:30am-1:30pm

Children's Sunday School | 10am

June 12 | Graduate & Scholarship Sunday

In-Person & Livestream Worship at 10am

Rev. Steve McCoy

Holy Communion

Children's Sunday School | 10am

Graduates Reception | After Service

Pastor Steve's Ministry Celebration | 4pm-7pm

June 19 | Father's Day

In-Person & Livestream Worship at 10am

"Tell the Story of What God has Done for You"

Ron Blaisdell

Luke 8:26-39

Children's Sunday School | 10am

June 26

In-Person & Livestream Worship at 10am

"The Shortest Sermon" | Dr. Frank Dunbar

1 Thessalonians 5:13-22

1 Peter 3:8-12

Children's Sunday School | 10am

Education Team | 11:30am | Swift Conf. Rm.

MONDAYS

Monday Morning Minute With Rev. Steve McCoy

<https://www.youtube.com/newburgumc>

The Main Office Summer hours begin on June 6

Monday—Friday from 9am to 1pm.

TUESDAYS

(NEW!) UNPACKED // Why Methodism?

June 7, 14 & 21 | 1pm | Asbury Lounge or Zoom

Led by Dr. Frank Dunbar, [email](#)

June 8, 15, 22 | 7pm | Asbury Lounge or Zoom

Led by Rev. Rodney Gasaway, [email](#)

WEDNESDAYS

Newburg Student Ministry | The Hangout

June 1 Last one till Fall | The Gathering | 4pm-7pm

ASP Young Adult & Leaders Meeting

June 8 | 7pm | East Room

Music Ministries:

Chancel Choir | 7pm | Wesley Music Rm.

June 1 Last one till Fall

Sunday Rehearsal | 8pm | Sanctuary

Men's Online Bible Study

Wednesdays, June 8 & 22 | 7:30pm | Skype

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

Bookmarks

June 21 | 7pm | Swift Conference Rm.

We will discuss "*The Bookshop on the Corner*"

by Jenny Colgan. Led by [Mimi Silverman](#).

THURSDAYS

Women Connecting Through Christ

Meal Assembly | June 9 | 6:30pm

SATURDAYS

Rummage Drop Off

June 11 | 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!

Dona Kovach Memorial Service & Luncheon

June 11 | 12pm

Alice Walton Memorial Service

June 25 | 11am

Family Gathering in Guthrie Hall following the service

"*The Upper Room*" daily Devotional guide for July/August 2022 are available at the Welcome Center and the Main Office for pick up Mon.—Fri. 9am-1pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS!

UNPACKED Discussion Groups – June / July / August 2022

UNPACKED // Why Methodism?

Why be a Methodist in today's world? What principles of the Methodist faith resonate with the challenges and opportunities present in our world today? In this UNPACKED Discussion Group we will UNPACK our reasons for choosing Methodism over other Christian faith traditions. We will UNPACK some core principles of the faith, UNPACK some of the challenges we face, and share a bit of why each of us remain Methodist. This Next Step Group will be offered in-person and online via Zoom:

- Tuesday's, June 7, 14 & 21 at 1pm with Dr. Dunbar in the Asbury Lounge
- Wednesday's, June 8, 15 & 22 at 7pm with Rev. Gasaway in the Asbury Lounge

UNPACKED // Care of Creation

How should Christians responsibly care for God's creation? What is the scriptural basis for caring for our planet and its people? How should we respond to changes in our global environment? In this UNPACKED Discussion Group we will UNPACK scripture right next to science as we seek to understand our role as Christians to care for our home, planet Earth. We will UNPACK what we need to know to be effective leaders in creation care and UNPACK the range of objections to such care, as well as sharing a bit of our own hopes and dreams for a better world. This Next Step Group will be offered in-person in the Asbury Lounge and online via Zoom:

- Tuesday's, July 12 & 19 at 1pm with Dr. Dunbar
- Wednesday's, July 6 & 13 at 7pm with Dr. Dunbar

UNPACKED // Ways to Pray

What exactly is prayer? How should we pray? How often? Why? What different styles of prayer are there? What if we can't seem to pray? In this UNPACKED Discussion Group we will UNPACK importance of prayer as a Christian discipline. We will UNPACK different ways to pray. We will UNPACK the effectiveness of prayer to change our lives, the lives of others, and share a bit of our own stories about our personal prayer practices. This Next Step Group will be offered in person and online:

- Monday's, July 11, 18 & 25 at 7pm with Rev. Gasaway

UNPACKED // How to Read Scripture

What is the best way to read scripture? How do you pick a regular reading plan? What translation? How do you find the most logical beginning and ending of a verse? What about context? In this UNPACKED Discussion Group we will UNPACK productive ways to read scripture, in many ways the bedrock of our faith. We will UNPACK different reading styles and different translations. We will UNPACK how to get the most out of the Bible and share a bit of how we do that with each other. This Next Step group will be offered in-person and online:

- Wednesday's, August 3, 10 & 17 at 7pm with Rev. Gasaway

UNPACKED // Gospel Inclusivity

What do the gospels say about the inclusion of all people in the gift that is God's grace? What message can we infer from the words of Jesus? What about the words in Paul's letters that seem, at times, to contradict the gospel message? Do they? In this Next Steps" discussion group we will UNPACK the message of the gospel regarding class, sexual orientation, poverty, divorce and other challenging distinctions. We will UNPACK specific texts and review the social context for these passages. We will UNPACK indeed how a truly inclusive gospel makes us feel and share our thoughts with each other. This Next Step group will be offered in person and online:

- Monday's, August 22 & 29 at 7pm with Rev. Gasaway
- Tuesday's, August 23 & 30 at 1pm with Dr. Dunbar

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BLOOD DRIVE

Hope springs
eternal



Newburg Blood Drive

Make a difference in your community.
Donate blood today.

Sunday, June 5, 2022
8:30am—1:30pm

[CLICK HERE](#) TO SCHEDULE YOUR
APPOINTMENT FOR THE JUNE 5 BLOOD DRIVE
TODAY!



MINISTRY CELEBRATION

June 12th // 4 PM - 7PM // Gutherie Hall

Join us for an Open House between 4 PM - 7 PM on June 12th in Gutherie Hall as we celebrate, and share the amazing work God has done through Pastor Steve's time here at Newburg UMC. Let us gather as we continue to keep the McCoy family in prayer through their transition, as they begin a new journey in ministry in Grand Rapids. If you'd like to contribute to the gift from the congregation all contributions can be mailed to the office or dropped in the Contribution Boxes located outside of the Sanctuary.

Family Campout with NUMC

July 22nd-24th

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 19th

Greenwood Acres Family Campground
Jackson MI

RSVP: newburgumc.org/events

Family Campout with NUMC

July 22nd-24th

It's time to look ahead to our annual Newburg Family Camping trip at Greenwood Acres Family Campground in Jackson, Michigan from July 22-24. Space is limited, please register by June 19th if you are interested in camping. Click the following link for the Newburg UMC 2022 Camping Interest Form: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSc.../viewform>! Let's come together in fellowship and have some fun! For questions about this trip contact our Director of Adult Education, Program, and Outreach, Rev. Rodney Gasaway (rodney@newburgumc.org)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 25, 26, 27 | 10AM - 1PM
(Lunch included!)

VBS is free! Invite your neighbors and friends! In this wet and wild VBS, kids will learn that what you do today can change the world around you. Through fun activities, engaging lessons, and God's Word, we'll help kids understand how they can share God's love with the people around them and explore what it means to "make waves" in their own lives that will influence the people around them! [Click here](#) to Pre-register or call the main office at (734) 422-0149 and receive a free "Make Waves" CD. Open to children Preschool to Grade 5. If you are interested in volunteering to help with VBS, please contact Karen Golden [email](#).

Pray without ceasing... 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Please pray for the prayer concerns for our Newburg Family & Friends:



ANNIVERSARIES

Alex & Merrill Wassell
Dan & Julie Kafcas
Joseph & Karen Schiffman
Kevin & Mary Jane Canary
Mark & Tara Popejoy
Warren & Wendi Knappe
Kyle & Anne Berry
David & Vickie Reault
John & Jean Norman
Jeff & Betsy Everett

Brendan & Katie Stevenson
Les & Janet Newcomer
Ken & Sandy Cauvet
Jaimie & Sunnye Garza
Philip & Diane Wojcik
Roy & Bonnie Dlugosz
Jon & Diana Oatley
Rob & Sarah Mutch
Gary & Mary Beth Fry
John & Sandy Yee

BIRTHDAYS

Alex Wassell
Keith Chick
Ervin Piontek
Sandra Fillion
Devin Leopardi
Connie Dlugosz
Jacki Kelsay
Parker Adams
Lenard Fillion
Carmen Holton
Tom Eland
Donald Lobb
Brenda Supica
Mark Ellis
Andrew Perez
Serenity Fadiga
Rev. Steve McCoy

Julia Richardson
Javier Garza
Dan Kafcas
Chris Alward
Wayne Garrett
Ron Kinne
Charlotte Harris
Benjamin Minehart
Justin Gasaway
Emma Thomson
Andrew Scofield
Linda Collins
Camren Thomson
Terry Lamb
Audrey Minidis
Richard Sewell

With Deepest Sympathies, Thoughts, & Prayers . . .

To the **Burkart** family and **Everett** Family on the passing of Jeff's Uncle, **Pat Burkart**.

To the family of former Newburg Member **Sharon Weiss**, who passed Wednesday, May 11.

To **John & Kay Williams** on the passing of John's brother, **Frank Williams**, on Monday, May 23.

To **Virginia & Ken Klein** on the passing of Virginia's mother, **Evelyn Tofilski** on Thursday, May 26.

To **Miriam Walton and family** on the passing of her mother, **Alice Walton**, on Monday, April 18. There will be a Memorial Service on June 25 at 11am with a gathering in Gutherie Hall following the service. Dr. Frank Dunbar will be officiating

There will be a Memorial Service for **Dona Kovach** on Saturday, June 11 at 12pm with a luncheon to follow in Gutherie Hall. Rev. Rodney Gasaway will be officiating.

Prayer Requests

Newburg Members...

Julie Albaugh	Andree Garrett	Bev Ratcliffe
Pam Alexander	Mary Griffin	Jackie Reault
Nancy Boyd	Mark Hallgath	John Rooda
Bill Broome	Beatrice Hart	Shirley Roszler
Linda Collins	Dave Jensen	Carol Sundell
Alice Crosby	Gayle Landrum	Hazel Thomas
Roger Crosby	Don Lobb	Shirley Wade
Barb Erickson	Sarah Mutch	Carroll Wheeler
Barb Fisher	GayLynne Nadeau	Charlie Wilkinson
Mary Fletcher	Sally Parsell	

Newburg Family & Friends...

Cindy Caldwell, friend of Patricia Patton
Irma Pederson, Diana Oatley's cousin
Jane Currier, Mary Jane Canary & Sue Cavaretta's mother
Leia Wilson, friend of Mimi Silverman
Ken Ledford, Rick & Bev Ratcliffe's son-in-law
Tom & Kathy McGannon, Melissa Peterson's parents
Sue Lenz, Dick Lenz' wife
Tulio Family, Terry Spaw's neighbors
Burt Donley, friend of Mary Edgerton
Jean Ellis, Mark Ellis' mother
Coty Matthews, Michelle Chick's nephew
Dani Collins, Michelle Chick's niece
Cheryl & Mike Hinds, Friends of Susan & Bruce Adams
Lindsay & Kaleigh Kelsay, friends of Jacki Kelsay
Danielle & Laura Moerle, friends of Mimi Silverman
Tim Spankie, Mimi Silverman's nephew
Lisa Buege's friends from Ukraine
Jim & Mary Jane Austin, Julie Albaugh's father & mother
Kristine Hennessey, friend of Gayle Landrum
Sandy Hill's niece
David Henry, Jacquelyn Pantaleo's father
Sam, Rick & Bev Ratcliffe's grandson
Joe Zarzycki, John & Yvonne Murray's brother-in-law
Johnny Kochanek, friend of Sandy Conway
Nahum, Gayle Landrum's son's neighbor
Jason, Meezan Hooper's cousin
The Lanborn family, friends of Gayle Landrum
Farley, Bev & Rick Ratcliffe's friend's newborn baby
Tobin Cruyton, Karen Maguire's nephew
Jim Marson, Linda Ford's father
Anna Fletcher, Mary Fletcher's granddaughter
Ashley Farkas, Nancy Farcas' daughter
John Camileri, friend of Len & Sandi Fillion
Michael Christian, Sandee Christian's husband
Abbi Ledford, Rick & Bev Ratcliffe's granddaughter
Lesly Wisch, Cheryl Johnson's sister
Patricia Frederick, James Frederick's mother



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Children & Family Ministries	Karen Golden
Chancel & Sweet Spirit 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