



# NEWBURG

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### OCTOBER 2024 MONTHLY



#### Greetings Siblings in Christ –

October is here and as 2024 winds down, Newburg's Administrative Committees and Ministry Teams are leaning into God's guidance for 2025. Our plans for Youth and Children's ministries for the 2024-25 academic year are underway and some will continue to develop as the year rolls out. The Fall Rummage

Sale into which so many of you pour your time and effort is happening the first weekend of October, right around the time this Newsletter is being published. Our missions teams are hard at work planning for the Thanksgiving Community Meal, the Warmth Drive, Children's Christmas, gathering support for travelers to Guatemala to support Salud y Paz, and many other ongoing missional causes. And of course, the Worship Design Team is working on Advent and Christmas and developing and designing worship for the coming year.

All these activities, missional efforts, and ministries are not only in place to support the people of Newburg and the community around us but are also supported by the people of Newburg and the community around us. Ministry and Mission are done in a cyclical pattern. Ministries and mission projects are in place to help form followers of Christ, who then find their place in the ministries and missional efforts that help form other followers of Christ. In Colossians 1:3-14, Paul is praising God for this very kind of work the Church at Colossae has been doing. In verses 5-6 Paul writes, "...You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God." I agree with Paul in the idea that the good news of Jesus Christ comes to us and then bears fruit in our lives. That fruit is found in willing hearts that continue to participate in the ministries of the Church that move us forward in the mission of God's Church.

It is in the spirit of this idea that the Finance Team presents the theme for this year's pledge campaign, "The Mission Continues." This theme acknowledges the good work you are doing and financially supporting already and reminds us that we are in no way done. The important work your gifts support lives in the ongoing cycle of attracting people to Jesus through the example shown them in good works born out of love and at the same time deepens our love for God and one another. Expect to hear more about this theme from the administrative leaders at Newburg between now and November 24, as they bring testimony to the work of God in their lives and to the good work being accomplished through the generosity of the Newburg community past and present.

There are some things you should know about my approach to generosity. First, I believe generosity breeds generosity. The individual giving of our members inspires the giving of those around us. Second, what you contribute financially is not about the rules and expectations of the Church, but rather about your response to the generosity God has shown you in your life. You will hear me say, "Give as the Holy Spirit leads you to give, nothing more and nothing less." I believe that if each of us responds to God's generosity honestly, within our own capacity to give, Newburg will have all it needs to do the work to which we are called.

This year's pledge campaign culminates on November 24. On that day we will gather the pledges we have received, collect additional pledges in worship, ask God's blessing upon them, and seek God's guidance in their responsible use. Together, we will continue our mission.

SERVING CHRIST | BUILDING COMMUNITY |  
LOVING ALL

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Chad



# PSALMS

## SUNDAYS

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

### October 6 | World Communion Sunday

"All the Nations" | Pastor Chad Parmalee

*Psalm 117*

Holy Communion

Blood Drive | 9am-1pm | Guthrie Hall

Children's Sunday School | 10am

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

UNPACKED | 11:30am | Asbury Lounge

Deeper Faith | 12pm | Skype

Three Cedars Farm (Students) | 4:30pm

Fall Church Potluck | 4:30pm

### October 13

"Nothing is Hidden" | Dr. Frank Dunbar

*Psalm 19:1-6*

Children's Sunday School | 10am

UNPACKED | 11:30am

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

UNPACKED | 11:30am | Asbury Lounge

Deeper Faith | 12pm | Skype

Youth Group | 6pm | Assemble NOAH lunches

Warmth Drive Begins

### October 20

"In the Shelter of the Lord" | Pastor Chad Parmalee

*Psalm 91*

Children's Sunday School | 10am

Membership Class | 11:30am | Swift Conference Rm.

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

UNPACKED | 11:30am | Asbury Lounge

Deeper Faith | 12pm | Skype

Youth Group | 6pm | Lower Education Wing

### October 27

"A Call to Worship" | Pastor Chad Parmalee

*Psalm 100*

Children's Sunday School | 10am

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

UNPACKED | 11:30am | Asbury Lounge

Deeper Faith | 12pm | Skype

Trunk or Treat | 5pm-6:30pm

## MONDAYS

**Staff Parish | October 7 | 6:30pm | Swift Conf. Rm.**

**Finance | October 14 | 7pm | Swift Conf. Rm.**

**Trustees | October 21 | 7pm | Swift Conf. Rm.**

**Church Council | October 28 | 7pm**

**Asbury Lounge**

## TUESDAYS

### Forgotten Harvest | October 8

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

**Lectio Divina | Tuesdays at 1pm | Asbury Lounge**

Led by [Dr. Frank Dunbar](#)

### Taking Steps in Loss and Life

**Tuesdays at 6:30pm-8pm**

Led by Pastor Chad & Roschenne Parmalee

### Bookmarks | Asbury Lounge | 7pm

On October 22, we will be discussing "The Silent Patient" by Alex Michaelides. Led by [Mimi Silverman](#).

## WEDNESDAYS

### 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

October 9 & 23 | 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

October 24 | 5:30pm | West Guthrie Hall

### Women Connecting Through Christ | 7pm

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

Led by [Janice Gasaway](#).

**Rummage Sale | October 3 | 5pm-7pm**

## FRIDAYS

**Rummage Sale | October 4 | 9am-12pm**

## SATURDAYS

**Rummage Sale | October 5 | 9am-12pm**

**Quilting Ministry | October 19 | 8am**



# DISCUSSION GROUPS

[newburgumc.org/congregationallife](http://newburgumc.org/congregationallife)

## 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. Starting this Fall, the study is called *"America: Columbus to the Constitution"* and delves into stories of history, character, faith and the hand of God in America's discovery and early Revolutionary War years. For the Skype link and any questions, contact James at [attjpf@gmail.com](mailto:attjpf@gmail.com).

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

Sundays at 11:30 am | Asbury Lounge

Thursdays at 12pm | Google Meet – online only study

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

This UNPACKED discussion group seeks to explore the early years of the Christian church, as many leaders of the new church expressed wildly different ideas of the faith, the belief in Jesus and how to worship. We will use a book entitled *The Apocryphal Gospels* (translated and introduced by Simon Gathercole) as our guide for this study while we compare writings that did not make it into the New Testament with those that did. Join us! The book will be made available through the church, or you can grab one from your favorite bookseller. Led by [Dr. Frank Dunbar](#).

## Lectio Divina | Tuesdays at 1pm | Asbury Lounge

*Lectio Divina* is a Latin phrase meaning *Divine Listening*. The practice is a simple spiritual discipline that allows one to have a deep encounter with scripture. In Lectio Divina, the same scripture passage is read four times. After each reading, the leader invites you to respond to the passage with a word or phrase that catches your attention, the feelings the passage evokes, finding images, thoughts or memories that rise in response to the passage, or how is God speaking to you through the passage. Participants are asked to share these thoughts, but no one is required to share. Starting in September, we will focus our readings 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. Therefore, drop in anytime! Led by [Dr. Frank Dunbar](#).

## Taking Steps in Loss and Life

Starting Tuesday's through October 29 | 6:30pm-8pm | Swift Conf. Rm.

Led by [Pastor Chad](#) and Roschenne Parmalee

Pastor Chad and Roschenne are co-leading a grief support workshop this fall using the resource *Taking Steps in Loss and Life*, written by Barbetta and Randy Shepherd. This 8-week curriculum of shared experience invites participants to engage multiple modes of expression in sharing their grief journey with others. Combining their training and experience, Rev. Chad brings a practical theological approach, and Roschenne, who has a Master's Degree in Counseling offers mental and emotional health support and together they serve as guides on this journey.

## Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays, October 9 & 23 | 7:30pm | Skype

For information and any questions, contact James at [attjpf@gmail.com](mailto:attjpf@gmail.com).

## Women Connecting Through Christ

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

Join us in Asbury Lounge from 6:30pm to 7pm for a time to connect with other women or when the class begins at 7pm. Our Fall book study is *"Stillness is the Key"* by Ryan Holiday. The book is designed to help you with the ability to slow things down, clarify your thinking, center your soul, direct your efforts and to be steady while the world spins. Participants should come to this class with the book and having read the Preface and Introduction. For questions, contact Janice Gasaway at [jgasaway361@yahoo.com](mailto:jgasaway361@yahoo.com).



# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

## Children & Family Ministries

[newburgumc.org/kids](http://newburgumc.org/kids)

**Children's Sunday School | 10am (check in begins at 9:30am)**

**Ages: Nursery to 5th Grade**

Our Education team is excited to announce our new Fall curriculum *"Be Bold"* for our older two classrooms and *"Travel Guide to the Lord's Prayers"* for the younger classroom. Contact [Jamie Baxter](#) for more information.

**J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) | Friday, October 18 | 6pm-8:30pm**

We're excited to announce that J.A.M. (Jesus and Me!) will be replacing our previous Parents Night Out program. This new event 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 October 16 at the [J.A.M. sign-up link](#).

## Student Ministries

[newburgumc.org/students](http://newburgumc.org/students)



**NOAH at Central | October 13**

On October 13th at Youth Group, the students will assemble bagged lunches for NOAH at Central (formerly NOAH Project). We will be collecting donations from September 25th until October 9th. If you're interested in contributing snacks, please check the [Sign-Up Genius link](#) to see what is needed. NOAH has specific guidelines we must follow, and your help in adhering to these will ensure that everything is used to its fullest potential. Starting September 25th, you can drop off donations in the designated bin by the Main Office during office hours or events. Donations are due no later than October 9th. Thank you for your support!

**The Hangout | Wednesday's at 4pm**

**Youth Group | Sunday's at 6pm**

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

## Missions & Outreach

[newburgumc.org/missionandoutreach](http://newburgumc.org/missionandoutreach)

**World Communion Sunday | October 6**

Holy Communion joins us in Christian unity and invites us to focus on the holiness of communion with God and one another. United Methodists, in conjunction with other denominations and believers worldwide, participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. This year, we are inviting people to wear something that represents a culture that is of particular importance to you. Whether it is your culture of origin, a culture you share with family members, or a culture you have visited that had a significant impact on your life, we hope you will help us visualize the diversity of God's kingdom on the Whole Earth.

**Fall Church Potluck | Sunday, October 6 | 4:30 PM**

Bring your family, friends, and your favorite multicultural dish to share, as we come together as a community and continue to celebrate World Communion Sunday. We are delighted to have Kevin Albaugh as our guest speaker, who will be sharing his experiences from a recent visit to the Philippines. We hope to see you there!

**Forgotten Harvest | Tuesday, October 8 | 8:30am**

If you are looking for an opportunity to serve, we are seeking Newburg volunteers to 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*. We are helping Forgotten Harvest to distribute food, which provides families in need with fresh and nutritious food free of charge.

**Winter Coat Drive | October 13– November 3**

The Detroit Public Schools now estimates that approximately 7000 students are homeless or without heat. **October 13-November 3**, Newburg UMC is having a *"Winter Coat Drive"* for new & gently used winter coats, which will go directly to the DPS children and youth in need. Please bring in your donations by November 3 and place in the carts by the Main Office. For more questions, contact the main office, Janet Newcomer or Rev. Rodney Gasaway ([email](#)).

The **Non-Food Pantry** is faithfully serving our local community! Each month NFP is open: 3rd Tuesday from 11:30am-1:30am; 4th Tuesday from 9am-11am; and 3rd Saturday from 9am-11am.



# UPCOMING EVENTS!

## BLOOD DRIVE

GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD THIS FALL

## Fall Into Giving

**Newburg Blood Drive | Sunday, October 6**  
9am-1pm | Guthrie Hall

Make a difference in your community. Schedule your appointment to give blood today at [versiti.org](https://www.versiti.org).

\*Walk ins welcome, as schedule allows.

## Newburg's FALL Rummage Sale

Many hands make light work! If you are able and available to assist us during move-in, setup, sale and/or take-down, please see the various ways you can volunteer by viewing our sign-up list. We thank you in advance for your amazing helpful hands! Sign-up to help today, [click here!](#)

### SETUP:

September 30—October 2 | 9am-7pm  
October 3 | 9am-4pm

### SALE:

Thursday, October 3 | 5pm-7pm | \$2 admission  
Friday, October 4 | 9am-12pm  
Saturday, October 5 | 9am-12pm | 1/2 price sale  
12pm-3pm | Take Down

Bring items right in Guthrie Hall! Questions?  
Contact Coordinator, [Betsy Everett](#)

## Newburg UMC TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 27 | 5-6:30pm

Hand out candy with us  
and set up your trunk!

SIGN-UP [NEWBURGUMC.ORG/EVENTS](https://www.newburgumc.org/events)

## TRUNK OR TREAT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 | 5PM-6:30PM

Join in the fun by decorating your vehicle and passing out treats to the children or bring your children to for a fun-filled Trunk or Treat experience! [Sign-up](#) to let us know you will be joining us with a decorated trunk and ready to handout candy this Halloween. You can begin setting up your trunk anytime after 4pm on Halloween, see Rev. Gasaway the day for where to park.

## NEW MEMBERS CLASSES

### New Members Class

Sunday, October 20 | 11:30am | Swift Conference Rm.  
Interested in joining Newburg UMC? Our Membership Classes are open to all! We will help answer any questions you may have about Newburg UMC and what it means to be a Methodist! Please contact at Pastor Chad ([email](#)) if you are interested in attending or call the Main Office.

## SAVE THE DATE

**November 28:** Thanksgiving Dinner

**December 8:** Cookie Exchange



*Please pray for the prayer concerns for our Newburg Family & Friends:  
Pray without ceasing... 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

**SEPTEMBER**

## ANNIVERSARIES

John & Denise Klein	Bruce & Susan Adams
Tracy & Frank Dunbar	Billy & Shelby Bowles
Stuart & Elise Ramsey	Matt & Sarah Alexander
John & Carol Blanchard	

## BIRTHDAYS

Sherry Marschall	Allison McConnell	Karen Schiffman
Matt Harrison	Noah Christie	Thandy Sithole
Toney Saylor, Jr.	Liz Lewis	Jennifer Dumouchelle
James Gorzen	Vicki Reault	Nikki Giauque
Philip Klein	Ethan Stevenson	Benjamin Alexander
Anderson Rooda	John Curtright	Bob O'Daniel
Megan Wolters	David Jensen	John Critchett
Bruce Adams	Diane Wojcik	Charles Reault
Chad Parmalee	Carolyn Hallgath	Donna McKinney
David Lobb	Bill Reeder	

## JOIN OUR TEAM

### Newburg UMC

Newburg UMC, in an effort to meet our needs in worship technology, is offering a part-time (6-8 hours weekly) Worship Tech Intern position starting immediately. The Worship Tech Intern will work with worship staff and volunteers to support AV production for both in person and online worship services. Hours will vary, but will require Wednesday evening rehearsals, preparation hours and Sunday morning worship support as directed by the Worship Leader. All training will be provided. A successful intern candidate would possess or be expected to learn the following:

- Basic operational knowledge of a 200 Channel analog sound board
- Various microphone and monitor configurations
- Sound set up for various musical groups, soloists & speakers
- A working knowledge of ProPresenter
- An understanding of the Newburg's online worship offerings through Facebook and Youtube
- A basic operational understanding of the house lighting system

Applications should be received by 10/08/2024

## Prayer Requests

### Newburg Members...

Nancy Boyd	Don Lobb
Lois Breen	GayLynne Nadeau
Alice Crosby	Karen Patterson
Amanda Curtright	Pat Patton
Ed & Judy Dobson	Linda Potestio
Wayne Garrett	Rick Ratcliffe
Janice Gasaway	Vickie Rooda
Mary Griffin	Carol Sundell
Mark Hallgath	Carroll Wheeler
Sandy Hill	

### Newburg Family & Friends...

Jimmie Kelly, friend of Pastor Chad  
Gigi Wheaton, friend of April Wolters  
John Kelly  
Paul & Pat O'Mara, Julie Albaugh's uncle & wife  
Kayla and her dad, Ken, friends of Lauren Canary  
Mike & Amy Davidson, friends of Katie Stevenson  
Lori Leong, Frank Dunbar's sister  
Andre Fraczek & Joan Lamborn, friends of Gayle Landrum  
Alvin & Nadine White, friends of Betsy Everett  
Gary Sundell, brother of Carol Sundell  
Jim Kelly, friend of Roschenne Parmalee  
Sherry Crump, NFP participant  
Riot Miller, Len Fillion's supervisors grandson  
Phyllis Peterson, friend of Cheryl Johnson  
Tom Parkinson, friend of Tom & Pat Eland  
Ron & Cindy Locke, friends of Mary Edgerton  
Richard Dilley, Michelle Hartmann's father-in-law  
Cheryl Murdock, Julie Albaugh's cousin  
Carolyn Brown & Marian Haynes, Alice Crosby's sisters  
Kathy Jobbutt, Lou & Dawn Minehart's neighbor  
John McFadden, friend of Paula Genta  
Richard & Sue Lenz  
Ed Stemdien, friend of Hank & Sandy Conway  
Abbi Ledford, Rick & Bev Ratcliffe's granddaughter  
Shawna Drake, friend of Gayle Landrum

### With Deepest Sympathies, Thoughts, & Prayers . . .

We offer our deepest condolence to John Blanchard on the passing of his brother.

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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### Meet the friendly Staff at Newburg UMC!

Pastor .....	Rev. Chad Parmalee
Ministers .....	All Members
Children & Family Ministries Coordinator .....	Jamie Baxter
Director of Student Ministries, Young Adults & Communications .....	Ali Belsky
Kitchen Coordinator .....	Ayesha Browning
Worship Leader .....	Jen Noricks
Administrative Assistant .....	Judy Cash
Nursery.....	Ragan Chick
Minister of Congregational Life .....	Dr. Frank Dunbar
Custodian .....	Sandra Fillion
Deacon, Adult Education, Program & Outreach Ministries .....	Rev. Rodney Gasaway
Chancel, Sweet Spirit & Cantabile 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*