



NEWBURG

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICE

10 AM IN-PERSON & ONLINE

The Newburg Weekly

Friends, we're grateful for all God is doing in our community. Here's what's happening this week and how you can jump in.



Think of it as a Monday morning touchpoint—a way to begin the week with encouragement, a devotional thought, and the details you need to stay plugged in. We pray this little rhythm of connection will help us walk together more intentionally as a faith community.

Programs This Week

- **Monday, Jan 26th**
 - o 7 PM: Church Council - Online
 - o Find link in the section: ***Understanding the UMC: Structure & Function***
- **Tuesday, Jan 27th**
 - o 9 AM: Non-Food Pantry - Guthrie Hall
 - o 1 PM: Lectio Divina - Asbury Lounge
- **Wednesday, Jan 28th**
 - o 4 PM: The Hangout - Lower Ed. Wing
 - o 6 PM: Cantabile Bells - Wesley Music Room
 - o 7:10 PM: Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Wesley Music Room
 - o 8:15 PM: Sunday Worship Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- **Thursday, Jan 29th**
 - o 12:30 PM: Unpacked Online ([class link](#))
 - o 6:30 PM: Women Connecting Through Christ, Time of Connection - Asbury Lounge.
Class starts at 7 pm
- **Saturday, Jan 31st**
 - o 8 AM: Quilting Ministry - Guthrie Hall ([email](#))
- **Sunday, Feb 1st (Communion Sunday)**
 - o 10 AM: In-person & Livestream Worship
 - o Scripture: *Matthew 5:43-48*
 - o 10 AM: Children's Sunday School
 - o 11:15 AM: Sweet Spirit - Wesley Music Rm.
 - o 11:30 AM: Unpacked - Asbury Lounge
 - o 6 PM: Youth Group - Lower Ed. Wing

Read. Study. Pray.

Read. Study. Pray. offers a simple way to engage Sunday's scripture during the week. **Begin with *Matthew 5:43-48*.** Read slowly. Read once for flow, then again for meaning. Notice repeated words and the speaker. Move to study by choosing one verse. Ask clear questions. Who speaks. What promise appears. What brings surprise. Use a brief Bible note or talk with others if helpful. Then pray. Thank God for a blessing named in the passage. Practice one teaching during the week. Pray for those preparing to teach and lead on Sunday. Sit quietly for a moment. Start small. Return to the passage during the week.



January 2026

Pastor Chad Parmalee

Lead Pastor

OK! I know for many of you **2026** is just another year. The calendar rolls and the number changes, but the expectation is that not much else will. But the year **2026**, or at least the last digit of that date, has my full attention. I was born in **1966**. I will be entering another decade when October rolls around again. I am living my 60th trip around the Sun. How the heck did that happen, and so quickly? I know that some of you are chuckling and whispering answers under your breath and some have trouble finding any real concern for my plight as you are ahead of me in life. If any really good advice comes to mind, do share!

Age has never bothered me much. I tend to respond to life as it comes. I am generally not a worrier, preferring to see what comes over wringing my hands about what might. But when the calendar turned to 2026, I entered the decade in which I will retire. I need to be looking forward to what life might look like if I am not preaching 45+ times a year, and not helping to guide a large non-profit with all that asks of me.

I am finding myself leaning into advice I have offered to folks as the calendar progresses (to be gentle). We are all called to do the things the current season of life affords us to do. As we age, and our physical abilities change, we simply cannot do some of the things we have always done. When the gifts that were once close at hand are no longer as useful or accessible as they once were, we are called to locate and access the gifts we need and are called to use in the next one. I am not retiring tomorrow, but the eventuality seems closer with this changing of the calendar, and it comes as a reminder to continually reevaluate both my call, and the gifts necessary to fulfill it. I invite all of you to reevaluate with me, trusting that God will call and equip those needed to do the work that lies ahead. As things change, we are called to change with them. New seasons come with new challenges and God has promised to equip us as needed.

Here's to an exciting and blessed 2026!

Pastor Chad

THE NEWBURG WEEKLY
DEVOTIONAL SUBMISSION
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Do you like to write?

Each week, The Newburg Weekly features a devotional from someone in our church community. Share your own reflection and encourage others as we begin the week.

Understanding the UMC: Structure & Function

*Each week we'll take a closer look at **how leadership works across the United Methodist Church**. We'll focus on three key parts of the church's structure—how decisions are made, who provides spiritual guidance, and how accountability is maintained. Our goal is to help you see how these connections shape our shared life at Newburg and beyond.*

Church Council guides vision and direction for ministry at Newburg United Methodist Church. Council shapes how you worship, serve, and grow together.

Council focuses on three areas.

Nurture. Worship, discipleship, small groups, stewardship.

Outreach. Missions, service, community partnerships.

Witness. Evangelism, hospitality, communication.

Council includes the pastor, lay leader, delegates to Annual Conference, and leaders from Finance, Trustees, and Staff Parish. Council also includes youth, young adults, ministry leaders, and members from across the congregation. Your voice matters.

Church Council meets several times each year. Every member shares responsibility for this work. Participation strengthens ministry and deepens connection.

Church Council meets tonight at 7 pm by Zoom. Attend if you are available. This meeting offers a direct way for you to support structure and development at Newburg United Methodist Church.

Find the full Council description and meeting link below.

[Click here](#), to learn more about Church Council

[Click here](#), for tonight's meeting

Upcoming Committee Meeting Dates:

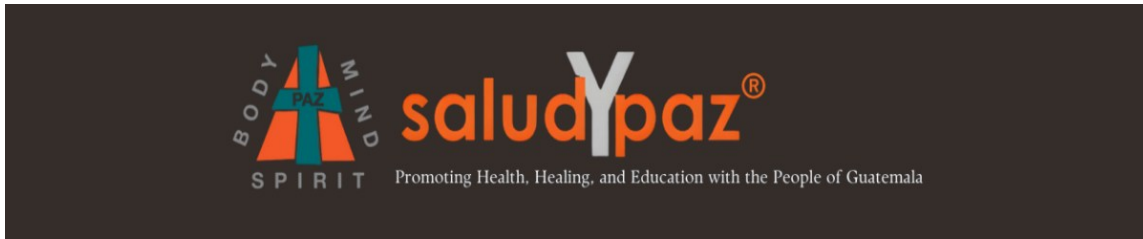
Feb. 2nd, 6:30 PM - Staff Parish

Feb. 9th, 7 PM - Finance

Volunteer Opportunities

- Rummage Sale ([Sign up here](#))
- Youth Leader ([Contact Ali B.](#))
- Tech Team ([Contact Marshall M.](#))
- Unhanging of the Greens (after worship on Sunday, January 25)
- Welcome Team ([Contact Donna M.](#))
- Non-Food Pantry ([Contact Donna M.](#))
- Funeral Lunches ([Contact Ayesha B.](#))
- Coffee Hour ([Contact Bill R.](#))

Upcoming Events



Now-Until Feb 4th

Support our Guatemala Mission Team

From now through February 4th, our team prepares for a mission trip with [Salud Y Paz](#). You can help equip them for meaningful work of “Promoting health, healing, and education with the people of Guatemala.” through the following ways:

- Donate supplies through this [Amazon Wishlist](#).
- Drop off donated items by February 4th so the team can pack the items.
- Give financial support by check. Checks can be written out to NewburgUMC with Guatemala Trip on the memo line.
- Give online through Venmo ([@newburgumclivonia](#)). Add a note: Guatemala Mission Trip.

Prayer matters most.

- Pray for safety.
- Pray for unity.
- Pray for impact.

Trip dates run February 7th to 15th. Your support sends this team ready and well prepared!

AUGUSTA GEORGIA MISSION TRIP

MARCH 1-5, 2026
NEWBURGUMC

LED BY REV. GASAWAY

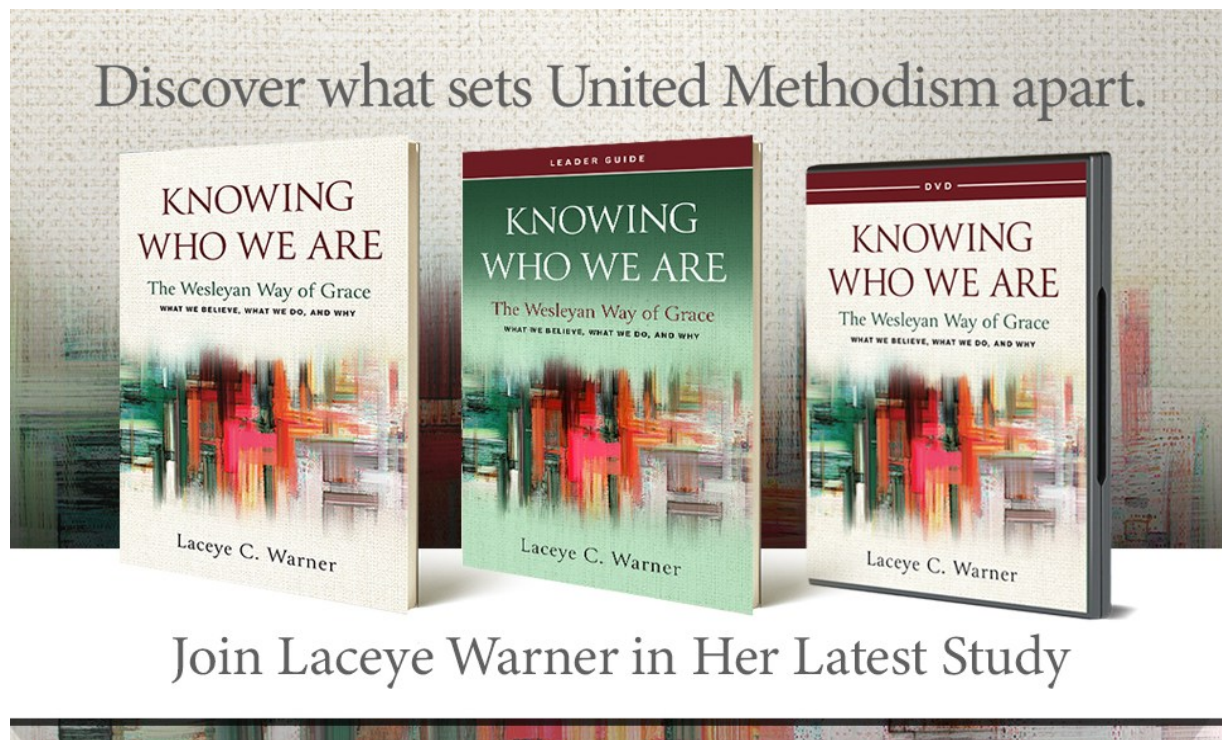
Interested or have questions
Contact Rev. Gasaway
rodney@newburgumc.org



March 1st-5th, Augusta Georgia Mission Trip

Newburg is forming a team with other Michigan United Methodist churches for a mission trip to Augusta, Georgia, March 1 to 5. Volunteers will serve alongside families and communities still recovering from Hurricane Helen. No special skills required. A willing heart and helping hands matter most. Questions or interest. Contact Rev. Gasaway at rodney@newburgumc.org or register online click here; [Georgia Mission Trip](#) or go to <https://www.newburgumc.org/missionandoutreach>.

Upcoming Events



February 24th, 6:30 PM

Knowing Who We Are - Denomination Wide Book Study

One of Newburg's 2026 goals centers on deeper connection with the wider United Methodist Church and the local community. During Lent, you have a chance to live into this goal by joining a Conference Wide Book Study with churches across the Michigan Conference. The study focuses on *Knowing Who We Are* by Lacey C. Warner and invites churches across Michigan into shared learning and conversation.

Study details:

- Dates. Tuesdays, February 24 through March 31
- Purchase Book Online
 - Amazon: [Knowing Who We Are by Lacey C. Warner](#)
 - Cokebury: [Knowing Who We are by Lacey C. Warner](#)
- First Session Preparation: Read Chapter 1 before February 24

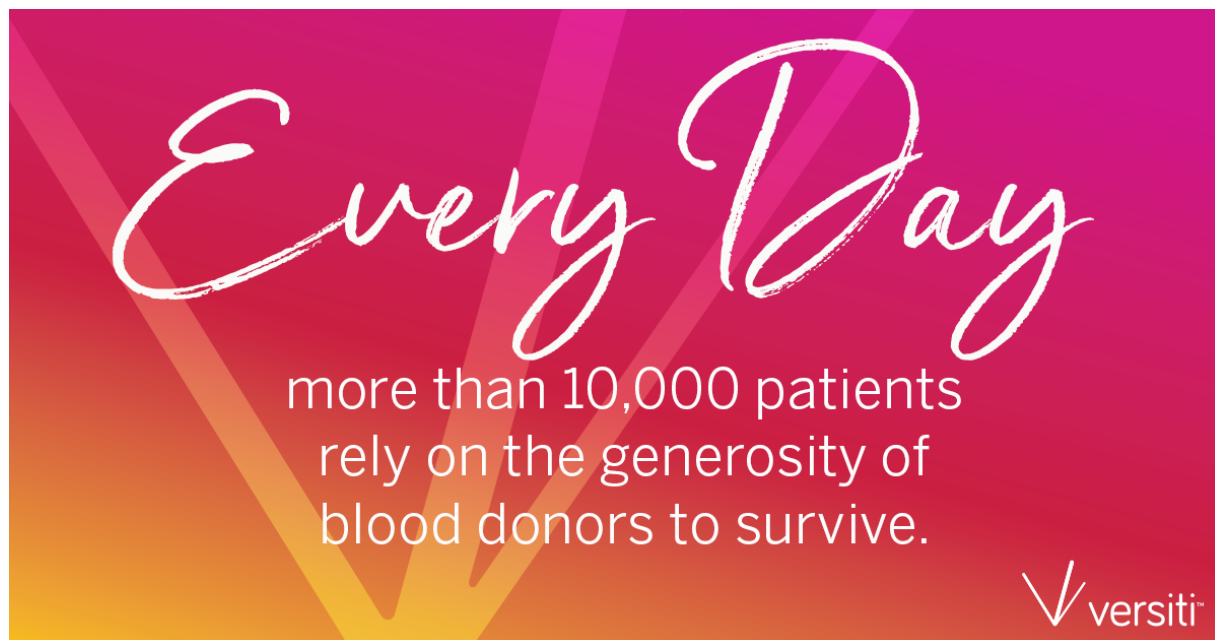
How to participate:

- Register through the Conference and join the Zoom sessions online
- Join Pastor Chad for the Tuesday evening Zoom sessions at Newburg

Register here: <https://michigan-reg.brtapp.com/KnowingWhoWeAreBookStudyPromo>

Questions go to Pastor Chad (chad@newburgumc.org) or Judy in the Newburg Office (734.422.0149)

Upcoming Events



February 15th, 9 AM - 1:30 PM

Blood Drive - Versiti

Join us on February 15, 2026 to give blood and help save lives in our community. A simple donation can make a life-changing difference. Thank you for sharing the gift of life!

[Make Your Appointment Today!](#)

Fundraisers & Mission Collections

Donation drop-offs are located outside the main office.

- **Non-Food Pantry:** Help restock essential supplies such as toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, and tissues. Your donations make a direct impact.
- **Lighting & Sound:** We continue to make progress toward our goal of \$120K. Every contribution makes a difference ([link](#)).
- **Guatemala Mission Trip Supply Drive:** ([link](#)) check out the Guatemala teams Amazon Wishlist to donate supplies for their upcoming trip. Click the link above!
- **Augusta Trip:** see details above
- **Appalachia Service Project (ASP):** Information meeting Jan 18th after worship in the lower education wing.
- **ASP Bid & Brunch:** save the date for April 19th after worship. Come support your Youth Missions!
- **Blood Drive - Feb 15th:** [Make Your Appointment Today!](#)
- **Spring Rummage Sale Volunteers:** Save The Dates: April 25th-May 2. ([Contact Betsy E.](#))