



NEWBURG

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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.

SUNDAY SERVICE
10 AM IN-PERSON & ONLINE



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, May 4th**
 - **9:15 AM:** Still Point Warrior: Tai Chi Class
 - ◆ Free in Gutherie Hall
 - **5:30 PM:** Scholarship Committee - Swift Conference Rm.
 - **6:30 PM:** Staff Parish
- **Tuesday, May 5th**
 - **1:00 PM:** Lectio Divina in Asbury Lounge
- **Wednesday, May 6th**
 - **4 PM:** The Hangout - Lower Education Wing
 - **6 PM:** Cantabile Bells - Wesley Music Room
 - **7:10 PM:** Chancel Choir - Wesley Music Room
 - **8:15 PM:** Sunday Worship Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- **Sunday, May 10th**
 - **9 AM - 1:30 PM:** Blood Drive in Gutherie Hall
 - **10 AM:** In-person & Online Worship
 - ◆ Scripture: *Romans 3:21-26*
 - **10 AM:** Children's Sunday School - Upper Education Wing
 - **11:20 AM:** Sweet Spirit - Wesley Music Room

Read. Study. Pray.

Read. Study. Pray. offers a simple way to engage Sunday's scripture during the week. **Begin with Romans 3:21-26 NRSVUE.** 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.

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DEVOTIONAL SUBMISSION
REVIEWED EVERY THURSDAY



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.



The Wind IN HIS HAIR

Wind in My Hair

Dr. Frank Dunbar

Minister of Congregational Life

*When the day of Pentecost had come,
they were all together in one place.
And suddenly from heaven there came a sound
like the rush of a violent wind,
and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
Acts 2:1-2 (NRSVUE)*

I have the privilege of preaching this year on Pentecost and the text above obviously has an important role in the message that day. It's truly one of my favorite verses in the Bible as the wording about the wind that comes with the arrival of the Holy Spirit is quite interesting. The text says in the original Greek) or in a good English translation) "**there came a sound like a rush of a violent wind...**"

For years I have wondered what a sound **LIKE** the rush of a violent wind actually sounds like. When I preach on Pentecost, we will try out a few of the possible sounds. You will need to wait to hear the sermon on May 24th for that to become a reality. But I have had a problem in my research and my thinking about the message that day. I have been struggling on what more we can say about the coming of the Holy Spirit to those gathered on Pentecost and what it all means for us today.

Then, in a rush, it came to me. The reason I have been struggling to with the sermon for that day is that I have not had enough wind in my hair! Stay with me now...

In late 2020, after my mother had passed away, I bought my first convertible, a MINI Cooper. And I loved it. The open top motoring, the wind in my hair in the warm and sunny weather days of the year, just made my heart sing. I sold that convertible and bought a MINI Roadster (another convertible) in 2023 and had a similar sense of joy when driving it. But, as I found I was not driving it much, I decided in 2025 to sell it. For the first time in 5 years, I had no convertible.

Then along comes 2026...and I am struggling with a sermon on the coming of the Holy Spirit. I was not sure why but then; it came to me! I needed wind in my hair, the little bit of hair that I have, at least! And so, long story short, I now have a convertible in our garage...and for the first time it is not a MINI (shocking, I know). The car that allows for that wind in the hair feeling now is a 2004 Mustang GT Convertible. Seems like I needed more a more powerful wind to get things moving this time...and MOVE it does!

All humor aside; I find that sometimes in life in life I need to manufacture my own joy or at least get the wind moving enough around my brain to soak in the joy that comes in God's beautiful world. I have made it no secret that some of my best times of prayer come when I am driving in my car alone. No, I do not close my eyes. But I do find the solitude and task of driving helps me focus on prayer...prayer for our church, the people I am concerned about in church, my family and, of course, my own personal concerns. I do this in my daily driver, but when I get to drive my convertible with the top down - open sky, wind in my hair - the joy that fills my heart from the experience of "a sound LIKE a rushing wind" is powerful. The happiness I feel when driving with the top lowered and the blue sky above is, as they say, priceless.

So, the good news for me is I have a convertible again. And the inspiration is coming fast and furious for that sermon on May 24th, the day of Pentecost. The good news for you, is you might just hear something inspired by the Holy Spirit! I bet it's a "wind in the hair" experience.

Last thought, make sure to find a way to create your own joy this summer. Lord knows we need more joy in this world. As for me, I'll be doing that in a Mustang GT, top down and wind in my hair.

Upcoming Events

See what's coming up next at facebook.com/NewburgUMC/events

Do you have upcoming Newburg events? Fill out this form for us to share it out, [click here!](#)



Mondays at 9:15 AM

Stillpoint Warrior Movement

Join us for this free, donation-based movement class offered over the next several weeks at Gutherie Hall, beginning at 9:15 AM. Led by Eran Reznik — licensed acupuncturist, massage therapist, and founder of Stillpoint Acupuncture and Healing Arts. This class is open to everyone. Donations are warmly encouraged and go directly toward supporting the ongoing work of Pro Allies, Directed by Rev. Rodney Gasaway.

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.

The Trustees want to hear from you. The Trustees are beginning to plan updates to our restroom facilities, which were designed decades ago. These spaces serve everyone who walks through our doors, from weekly worship to community events. Your voice matters in this process. Your feedback will help identify needs, set priorities, and guide decisions as we plan for the future. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

Trustees: [Restroom Survey](#)

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Upcoming committee meeting dates:

May 4th, Scholarship Committee at 5:30 PM

May 4th, Staff Parish at 6:30 PM

May 11th, Finance at 7 PM

Upcoming Events

FUN FAMILY GAME NIGHT

JUNE 10, 2026
6:30 PM - 9 PM

Join Us

Join us for a fun night of food & games! We'll bring the hot dogs—just bring a side to share. Games provided, but bring your faves too! All families and ages are welcome.

Sponsored by Children's Ministry!

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JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO
RAISE MONEY!

3rd Thursdays
Dine Out & Support Newburg

Join Newburg UMC for our Third Thursday fundraiser meal at B.J.'s Restaurant & Brewhouse, 19470 Haggerty Rd. in Livonia on **Thursday, May 21, from 12pm to 8pm**. 20 percent of all sales will be donated to support the church through dine-in and pick-up orders. Download the coupon at newburgumc.org/events.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Rummage Sale ([Sign up here](#))
- Youth Leader ([Contact Ali B.](#))
- Tech Team ([Contact Marshall M.](#))
- Coffee Hour ([Contact Bill R.](#))
- Welcome Team ([Contact Donna M.](#))
- Non-Food Pantry ([Contact Donna M.](#))
- Funeral Lunches ([Contact Ayesha B.](#))

Fundraisers & Mission Collections

Donation drop-offs are located outside the main office.

- **Third Thursday:** May 21st from 12pm-8pm at BJ's Restaurant and Brew House, get your coupon at newburgumc.org/events or you can show it to the staff on your phone or print for your convenience.
- **Non-Food Pantry:** Help restock essential supplies such as toilet paper, paper towels, tooth paste, laundry detergent, bar soap and tissues. Your donations make a direct impact.
- **Alaska Mission Trip:** This mission trip to Alaska is from July 6 to July 12. The focus is on service, relationship building, and shared ministry. The interest window closes soon due to limited travel availability. If you want more information or want to express interest, reach out to Marshall Montgomery ([email](#)) as soon as possible.
- **Appalachia Service Project (ASP):** June 14th-20th. This is our senior high mission trip which is always seeking more young adult and adult leaders. If you have interest in this trip - email our Youth Ministry, Young Adults and Communications Director, Ali Belsky (ali@newburgumc.org)
- **Rummage Sale Drop-Off:** Saturdays - June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12
- **Blood Drive:** July 26 from 9am-1:30pm. You can make your appointment today at newburgumc.org/events.



Tuesday, May 12 from 8:30 AM to 11 AM

Forgotten Harvest

Join us on the *second Tuesday of each month from 8:30am to 11am* at St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, 8200 N. Wayne Rd. in Westland, as we help Forgotten Harvest to distribute food, which provides families in need with fresh and nutritious food free of charge. Contact rodney@newburgumc.org for more information.