



NEWBURG

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICE
10 AM IN-PERSON & ONLINE



Summer Office Hours *June 1 – September 8*
Monday – Thursday | 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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

- **Tuesday, August 11th:**
 - **8:30 AM:** Forgotten Harvest - St. Mary Cause of Our Joy
- **Saturday, August 15th**
 - **9 AM - 11 AM:** Non-Food Pantry
- **Sunday, August 16th**
 - **10 AM:** In-person & Online Worship
 - * Scripture: Romans 13:8-10 (CEB)
 - **10 AM:** Sunday School (Check-in begins at 9:30 AM)

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Look Up!

Marsha Kozlowski

Member of NewburgUMC

During our preparation for the last cantata, our beloved Choir Director encouraged, asked, begged, and admonished us to look up: to look at him for direction, and to connect with the audience by looking at them. Dick Lenz always has a vision for the choir. We mostly don't get it until we get it. But he helps us become better than we think we are, and the result is that the whole thing becomes greater than the sum of the parts. His words, "Look up," have stayed with me. As I kept hearing that phrase in my mind, I began to notice how often Scripture invites us to do the same thing.

There are Bible passages and stories that exemplify reasons to remember to look up. In Genesis 18:1-10, Abraham was just sitting in front of his tent. He looked up and saw three men. He recognized the opportunity to extend hospitality to strangers and received an unexpected blessing.

Psalms 121 begins with "I lift up my eyes to the hills." It is a psalm of assurance that answers come when we look for them.

Isaiah 40:26 says, "Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these?" Looking up at the night sky, or getting up early to watch the sun rise, expands our awareness and our sense of wonder about the universe.

John 4:34-35. Ends with the instructions to open your eyes and look at the fields. The time is ripe.

The more I pondered this, the more I paid attention. My neighborhood is a walking neighborhood. I love walking and taking different routes each time, noticing what is blooming, children playing, birds singing, and people working on projects. I check out the little libraries, say hi to my favorite trees. It is a treasured time during which I often receive inspiration. I notice other walkers passing my house, often with a dog on a leash in one hand and a cell phone in the other. The dogs are engaged, sniffing, looking, etc. The person is not so much more distracted and disconnected.

Then I went to the dance club that meets at our church. I love dancing. The best dancers are those who look up, engage with their partners, have good posture, and don't look at their feet. They smile and exude joy. They are "light on their feet."

Then there is the dulcimer club for which I am music coordinator. I was asked to lead a workshop at the annual campout. Dick's words came back to me – "Look Up." I created a workshop to give practice in looking up, connecting to each other, and the audience. The benefits to dulcimer players were physical (better posture, more lung capacity), greater sensory experience (trust muscle memory and rely on all your senses, hearing, visual, kinetic, etc.), and emotional (smiling evokes group connection and joy). It was not easy for them. Some seem to treat their dulcimer like a cell phone on steroids. But all came away with the realization that looking up and out would improve their musical experience in a meaningful way by shifting their focus outward, trusting they could do this, and it might just transform the experience.

Paying attention to where you look and making it a habit to look up can be a spiritual practice. Especially as I look outside and wonder at the deer eating my daylilies. Guess the time is ripe.

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!](#)



FUN FAMILY GAME NIGHT

AUGUST 19, 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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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE:

teachers lounge edition

Aug. 9th-24th

DROP-OFF LOCATION
BIN BY THE MAIN OFFICE

SUPPORT OUR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS, DONATE TODAY!

ITEMS NEEDED
PLEASE CHECK OUT THE AMAZON WISHLIST:



Online Donations:
newburgumc.org/backtoschool

As you grocery shop, consider grabbing an extra 12-pack of pop or a box of individually packaged snacks! We're collecting treats to stock the teachers' lounge at Rosedale Elementary – a small way to show our appreciation.

Want to do more? Check out our Amazon Wish List for extra items to brighten their day. Every donation helps – thank you for blessing our local teachers!

THE NEWBURG WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL SUBMISSION REVIEWED EVERY THURSDAY



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Fundraisers & Mission Collections

Donation drop-offs are located outside the main office.

- **Forgotten Harvest:** August 10th from 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM at St. Mary Cause of Our Joy.
- **Non-Food Pantry:** Help restock essential supplies such as toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, and tissues. Your donations make a direct impact.
- **Rummage Sale Drop-Off:** August 8th from 10 AM - Noon, you can drop-off items with our team located outside by the Annex.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Rummage Sale ([Sign up here](#))
- Youth Leader ([Contact Ali B.](#))
- Tech Team ([Contact Marshall M.](#))
- Coffee Hour/Third Thursday (([Sign Up to help set up Coffee hour](#)))
- Welcome Team ([Contact Donna M.](#))
- Non-Food Pantry ([Contact Donna M.](#))
- Funeral Lunches ([Contact Ayesha B.](#))

Upcoming committee meeting dates:

How about having these meetings uploaded to your Google Calendar? [Click here.](#)

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A vibrant, cartoon-style poster for a community picnic. The background is a light cream color with a red and white checkered pattern at the top corners, where strings of yellow lights are hanging. The text 'NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH' is written in a curved path above the main title, with a small icon of crossed tools. The main title 'COMMUNITY PICNIC' is in large, bold, distressed letters, with 'COMMUNITY' in blue and 'PICNIC' in red. To the left, a wooden signpost reads 'BBQ Party'. Below the title, a yellow banner says 'SEPTEMBER 13TH' and a red banner below it says 'FOOD . FUN . TOGETHER'. The bottom of the poster features illustrations of a picnic table with food (sandwiches, apples, cups), a large burger, sausages, and condiment bottles, and a picnic basket. At the bottom, three circular icons are used to provide event details: a calendar for the date, a house for the location, and a group of people for the welcome message.

NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

COMMUNITY PICNIC

BBQ Party

SEPTEMBER 13TH

FOOD . FUN . TOGETHER

**SUNDAY
SEPT 13**

36500 ANN ARBOR TRAIL,
LIVONIA, MI 48150

**EVERYONE
WELCOME!**

Upcoming Third Thursday

What is Third Thursday?

Grab some friends or family and head out for dinner on your own time this Third Thursday! **Simply dine at this month's restaurant Buddy's Pizza (Livonia)**, and a portion of the proceeds comes back to support Newburg UMC's ministry. Good food, good company, and a great way to give back, all in one night out.

RSVP at groupraise.com/events/327660

Livonia!

Eat to support

Newburg United Methodist Church



♥ 20% Donated Back

📅 Thursday, August 20th / 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

🎫 Promo Code: GIVEBACK

groupraise.com/events/327660

Buddy's Pizza

33605 Plymouth Rd., Livonia

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