



# 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 19th (Martin Luther King Day)**
  - o Main Office Closed
  - o **9:15 AM - 1:30 PM:** Youth and Young Adults MLK Service Day - Central UMC
  - o **7 PM:** Trustees - Asbury Lounge
- **Tuesday, Jan 20th**
  - o **11:30 AM - 1:30 PM:** Non-Food Pantry - Gutherie Hall
  - o **1 PM:** Lectio Divina - Asbury Lounge
  - o **7 PM:** Bookmarks - Swift
- **Wednesday, Jan 21st**
  - 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 22nd**
  - o **12:30 PM:** Unpacked Online ([class link](#))
  - o **6:30 PM:** Women Connecting Through Christ, Time of Connection - Asbury Lounge. Class starts at 7pm.
- **Sunday, Jan 25th**
  - o **10 AM:** In-person & Livestream Worship
  - o Scripture: *Matthew 5:21-26, 38-42*
  - o **10 AM:** Children's Sunday School
  - o **11:15 AM:** Unhanging the Greens
  - o **11:15 AM:** Sweet Spirit - Wesley Music Rm.
  - o **11:30 AM:** Unpacked - Asbury Lounge
  - o **6 PM:** Youth Group - Lower Ed. Wing
  - o Confirmation Class Begins, confirmands will meet during the Youth Group time.

### Read. Study. Pray.

*Read. Study. Pray.* offers a simple way to engage Sunday's scripture during the week. **Begin with Matthew 5:21-26, 38-42.** 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.



#### MLK DAY OF SERVICE

## Honoring Dr. King Through Service and "Good Trouble"

**Ali Belsky**

*Director of Youth Ministry, Young Adults and Communications*

This MLK Day, our **Newburg Student Ministry and Young Adults** joined forces with several other UMC congregations at Central UMC-Detroit to turn Dr. King's vision of the "Beloved Community" into action.

Together, we worked side-by-side to assemble **over 600 packed lunches** for our neighbors at NOAH at Central. It was a morning filled with energy, purpose, and the reminder that small acts of service contribute to a much larger movement of care in our city.

Beyond the service work, our students and young adults engaged in a deep reflection on Dr. King's enduring message. We specifically explored the concept of getting into "**Good Trouble**"—a phrase championed by the late John Lewis that echoes Rev. Dr. King's call for nonviolent resistance and standing up for justice even when it is uncomfortable.

We left Detroit feeling inspired to not only serve our friends at [NOAH at Central](#), but to continue asking how we can be voices for equity and peace in our own communities.

**Thank you to everyone who supported our youth and young adults in this mission!**

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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.

# 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.*

## General Commission on Religion and Race (GCORR)

### What it is

GCORR is a United Methodist Church agency that started in 1968 to focus on racism and inclusion in the church.

They exist so the church takes the subject of race seriously. It helps leaders and members look at how bias and exclusion show up in church life. It supports work toward justice and fairness.

### Core mission

- Promote fairness in church systems.
- Build skills for cross-cultural ministry.
- Lead honest conversations about race and faith.
- Offer tools, training, and resources.

This work is practical. It shapes how congregations interact with diverse communities. It changes how leaders make decisions about ministry and mission.

### Key focus areas

GCORR does not just talk about issues. It offers clear steps for growth. Resources include guides, workshops, and learning tools. This agency works to train church leaders and members with resources for healthy conversations about race. They take action by reviewing of policies to reduce barriers and provide support for developing diverse teams and inclusive ministry.

### Why it matters for our denomination

The United Methodist Church is global and diverse. GCORR helps our denomination reflect that diversity. It equips leaders to serve people from different cultures and backgrounds with respect and understanding. GCORR's work strengthens the church's witness. When we engage across cultures with honesty and care, we grow as followers of Jesus. The church becomes more welcoming for all.

## Upcoming Committee Meeting Dates:

Jan 19th, 7PM - Trustees Meeting

Jan 25th, 7 PM - Church Council

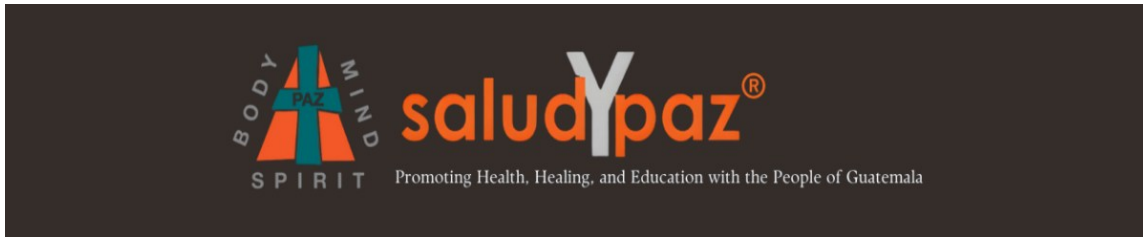
Feb. 2nd, 6:30 PM - Staff Parish

## 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.](#))



## 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**

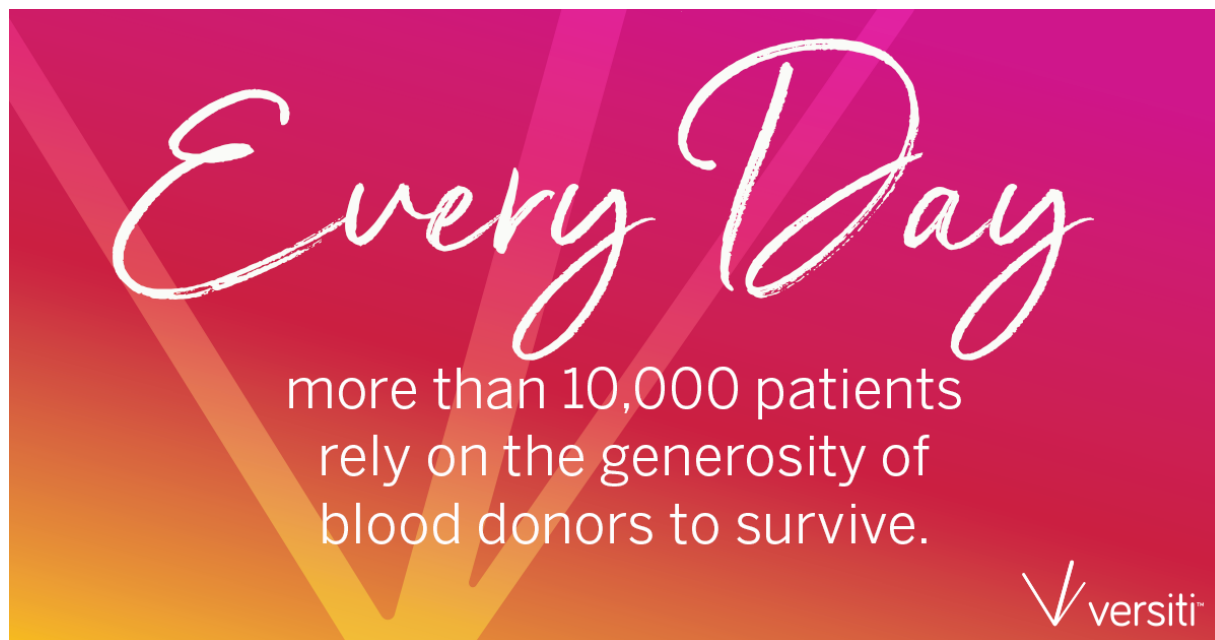
Interested or have questions  
Contact Rev. Gasaway  
[rodney@newburgumc.org](mailto:rodney@newburgumc.org)



### 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](mailto:rodney@newburgumc.org) or register online click here; [Georgia Mission Trip](#) or go to <https://www.newburgumc.org/missionandoutreach>.

## 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.](#))