



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, Feb 9th**
 - **7 PM:** Finance - Asbury Lounge
- **Tuesday, Feb 10th**
 - **8:30 AM:** Forgotten Harvest - St. Mary Cause of Our Joy
 - **1 PM:** Lectio Divina - Asbury Lounge
- **Wednesday, Feb 11th**
 - **4 PM:** The Hangout - Lower Ed. Wing
 - **6 PM:** Cantabile Bells - Wesley Music Room
 - **7:10 PM:** Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Wesley Music Room
 - **8:15 PM:** Sunday Worship Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- **Thursday, Feb 12th**
 - **12:30 PM:** Unpacked Online ([class link](#))
 - **6:30 PM:** Women Connecting Through Christ, Time of Connection - Asbury Lounge. Class starts at 7 pm.
- **Saturday, Feb 14th**
 - **9 AM:** Rummage Drop Off - Annex
- **Sunday, Feb 15th**
 - **9 AM:** Blood Drive - Guthrie Hall
 - **10 AM:** In-person & Livestream Worship
 - Scripture: *Matthew 6:25-34*
 - **10 AM:** Children's Sunday School
 - **11:15 AM:** Sweet Spirit - Wesley Music Rm.
 - **11:30 AM:** Unpacked - No Class
 - **6 PM:** Youth Group - Lower Ed. Wing
 - * Confirmation during Youth Group

Read. Study. Pray.

Read. Study. Pray. offers a simple way to engage Sunday's scripture during the week. **Begin with Matthew 6:25-34.** 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.



When the Church is the Church: A Witness to God's Work Through God's People

Pastor Chad Parmalee

Lead Pastor

In late January, I received a call from a friend of a family in need. A family member had been in treatment for cancer and as a result of the treatments was unable to eat solid food for more than two years. The immediate request was for the liquid meal supplements that were no longer being covered by insurance. I didn't have all the details, but felt compelled to ask you, the Newburg Community for help. And because we didn't know exactly how to help, I asked you to make contributions as you felt moved to the Discretionary Fund that would allow us to hold the funds until we could determine the details and the best way to help.

In the days following the request, I learned more about the family and their needs. I didn't know how much we would be able to help, as I had to wait to see how you all responded. I also still didn't really know exactly what the family needed. So, I waited while the contributions and information came to me. I have to admit I did not anticipate what would unfold.

The family had chosen to pay medical bills and buy liquid meal replacements over paying their mortgage. They were two months behind, coming up on three. What happened was nothing short of God working directly in this situation. Your generosity made it possible for us to make two mortgage payments, exactly what the family needed. When they showed up to receive your gift, they told me they were able to pay the third month on time and that Newburg's gift would make them current with the bank. An added blessing came in the news that the patient was able to begin eating soft foods the weekend prior to them receiving the help you provided.

When called upon to be present for people in need, Newburg UMC is the Church. Thank you for affirming my faith and the faith of those we helped. I pray retelling this story affirms your faith a bit too.

Pastor Chad

THE NEWBURG WEEKLY
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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.*

This week, we invite you to take part in a Michigan Annual Conference Lunch and Learn on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 12:15 PM online.

The session will highlight Michigan Conference Advocacy Day at the State Capitol in Lansing on March 18, 2026. Advocacy Day is one way United Methodists across the state work together to speak with a shared voice on issues that affect our neighbors.

The focus for Advocacy Day 2026 is hunger in Michigan and the need to sustain essential services during the state's revenue shortfall. One in six adult Michiganders struggles with food security, according to the 2023 census. Food prices rose 3.6 percent in 2025, while wages have not kept pace.

Events like this show the strength of our connectional church. Local congregations do not act alone. We join together across the conference to learn, to serve, and to advocate for the common good.

Learn. Do good. Find common ground.

Click here to register: [Lunch and Learn Webinar](#)

Upcoming Committee Meeting Dates:

Feb. 16th, 7 PM - Trustees
Feb 23rd, 7 PM - Church Council

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.

- **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](#)).
- **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.](#))

Upcoming Events



A little love
CAN SAVE A LIFE

Newburg Blood Drive | February 15 | 9 AM—1:30 PM

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!](#)

AUGUSTA GEORGIA MISSION TRIP

MARCH 1-5, 2026
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LED BY REV. GASAWAY

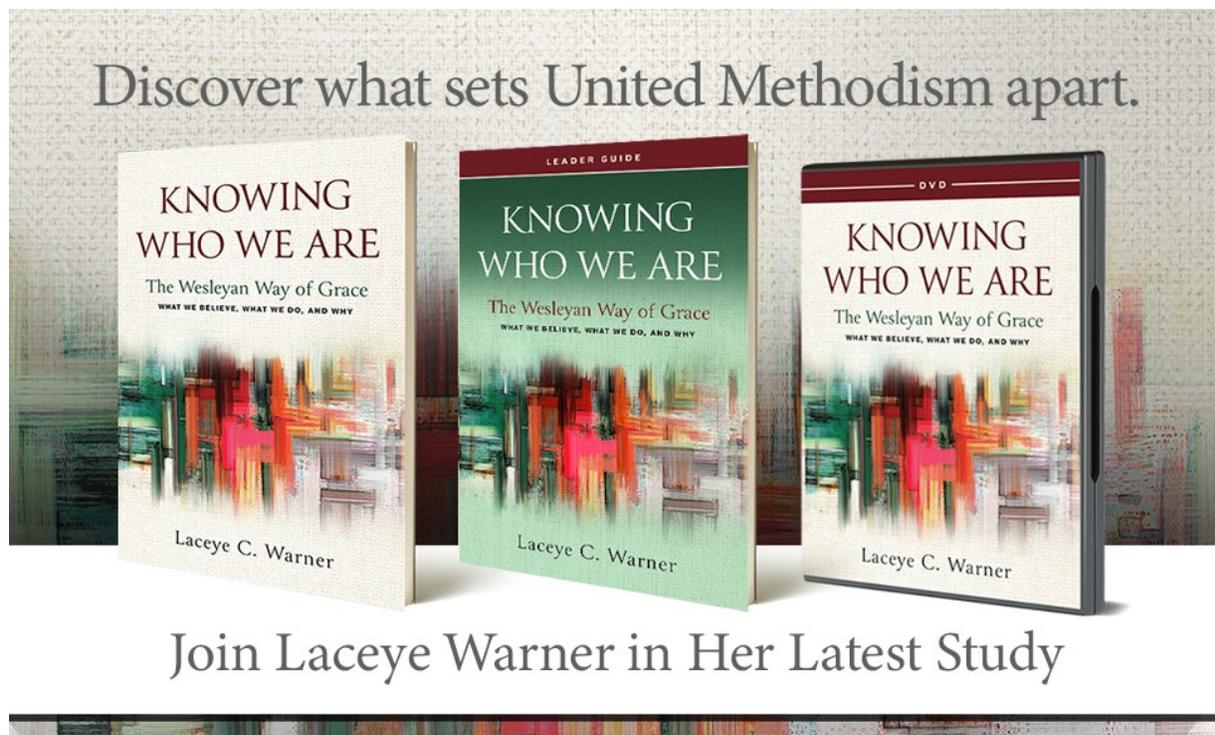
Interested or have questions
Contact Rev. Gasaway
rodney@newburgumc.org



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

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CLOTHING DRIVE



**Give a Little,
Help a Lot**

**Support Rosedale
Elementary**

Rosedale Elementary has a stock of mittens, gloves and hats but they are in need of donations of clothes.

Donation Request:

- New underwear for boys and girls (sizes 4 -10).
- Gently worn or new Elastic pants/sweatpants (preferably in blue, black or grey). They could use a lot in sizes 4, 5, 6, 7 for boys/girls/unisex and girls/unisex in sizes 8-14.

**8-23
FEB**

Drop-off donations in the black bin outside
of the main office.

Questions? Email our Children's Ministry Coordinator Jamie Baxter,
jamie@newburgumc.org