



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, March 9th**
 - **7 PM:** Finance Meeting - Asbury Lounge
- **Tuesday, March 10th**
 - **8:30 AM:** Forgotten Harvest - St. Mary Cause of Our Joy
 - **11 AM:** Caring Connection Team Meeting - Asbury Lounge
 - **1 PM:** Lectio Divina - Asbury Lounge
 - **6 PM:** Music & Meditation - Wesley Music Room
 - Featuring Dave Crowder & Libby Noricks
 - **6:30 PM:** *Knowing Who We Are* Study - Swift Conference Room
- **Wednesday, March 11th**
 - **4 PM:** The Hangout - Lower Education 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, March 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, March 14th**
 - **9 AM - 11 AM:** Rummage Drop-Off - Annex
 - **11 AM - 2 PM:** Volunteers for Memorial Luncheon ([click here](#))
- **4th Sunday in Lent, March 15th (UMCOR Sunday)**
 - **10 AM:** In-person & Livestream Worship
 - Scripture: *Matthew 7:15-20*
 - **10 AM:** Children's Sunday School
 - **11:15 AM:** Sweet Spirit - Wesley Music Rm.
 - **11:30 AM:** Unpacked - Asbury Lounge
 - ⇒ Topic: Holy Communion

Read. Study. Pray.

Read. Study. Pray. offers a simple way to engage Sunday's scripture during the week. **Begin with Matthew 7:15-20.** 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.



What Exactly Happens in Holy Communion?

Dr. Frank Dunbar

Minister of Congregational Life

As we approach Easter Sunday, the day we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, and a day we celebrate that event with Holy Communion, it makes sense for us to look at what really happens in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Several Newburg attendees have recently asked for a class on Holy Communion and because I just love the topic, I am complying with your wishes!

As the only repeated sacrament in our lives - baptism being a “one and done event” - and as we see the sacraments as a means of God’s grace in the United Methodist Church, just how is that grace conveyed in Holy Communion?

What really happens when we partake of the Sacrament? How is Christ present to us? Does our belief differ from the Lutherans, Roman Catholics and Presbyterians? Are there different ways of celebrating, participating, and understanding Holy Communion? Why are different words used to describe the sacrament in different traditions (Eucharist, Lord’s Supper, or Holy Communion).

For the next three weeks, right after worship, we will meet in Asbury Lounge and explore Holy Communion as a part of our worship experience at Newburg while we also examine how other traditions view the sacrament as we seek to prepare ourselves for a better understanding on Easter Sunday. The discussion group will meet on March 15, 22 and 29, at 11:30 am, after worship, and will end at 12:30 pm. All materials will be provided! No homework! Join us if you can!

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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.*

Our Church and UMCOR

What is UMCOR?

The United Methodist Committee on Relief, known as UMCOR, is the global humanitarian relief arm of The UMC. Founded in 1940 in response to the suffering of World War II refugees, UMCOR has grown into one of the most trusted relief organizations in the world. Its mission is simple but profound: to provide relief, response, and assistance to those affected by conflict, disaster, and human need, regardless of race, religion, or political affiliation.

How UMCOR Helps

UMCOR's work spans the globe and covers a wide range of humanitarian needs. Through disaster relief and long-term recovery efforts, UMCOR responds to floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, fires, and other crises. UMCOR does the coordinating of resources and grants to help communities rebuild. Its migration and refugee programs offer care, guidance, and support to displaced people seeking safety and a new start. UMCOR also addresses food insecurity through agricultural training, works toward environmental sustainability, and maintains a network of supply depots stocked with relief kits ready to deploy at a moment's notice.

Over the years, Newburg UMC has answered that call alongside UMCOR in tangible ways, assembling and delivering flood buckets to neighbors in Midland, MI, sending a team during Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts, and gathering volunteers to serve after devastating flooding in Dearborn, MI. These are just a few of the many times our congregation has partnered with UMCOR to meet our neighbors in their moments of greatest need. That partnership continues today.

How Newburg UMC Is Connected

As part of The United Methodist Church's connectional system, Newburg UMC is directly linked to UMCOR's global ministry. Because the UMC funds UMCOR's administrative costs through apportionments, **100% of every designated gift to UMCOR goes directly to relief work**. When we give and serve, we participate in something far greater than ourselves.

UMCOR Sunday, March 15 at 10 AM

On **Sunday, March 15**, we will celebrate **UMCOR Sunday**. This is one of the UMC's special Sunday offerings and a dedicated opportunity to support this life-changing ministry. This is our congregation's chance to go the extra mile. A gift on March 15 helps sustain UMCOR's ability to respond quickly and compassionately wherever humanitarian need arises around the world.

We invite you to prayerfully consider giving that Sunday — through the offering plate or online. Together, as one connected church, we continue to answer Christ's call to serve the least, the last, and the lost.

Learn more about UMCOR by visiting umcorumc.org

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](#)).
- **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 Marshal Montgomery ([email](#)) as soon as possible.
- **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!
- **Spring Rummage Sale Volunteers:** Save The Dates: April 25th-May 2. ([Contact Betsy E.](#))

Upcoming Committee Meeting Dates:

March 9 - Finance (No meeting in April)

March 16 - Trustees

March 23 - Church Council

Volunteer Opportunities

Church Sanctuary Cleaning Help Needed | Friday, March 13 at 3:30pm

- With the *Lighting and Sound project* currently underway, our Sanctuary needs a little extra attention! We're looking for volunteers to help our custodian with an interim cleaning of the Sanctuary and Narthex before a funeral service scheduled for Saturday morning at 11am. If you can spare a couple of hours on Friday, March 13 at 3:30pm, please reach out to Judy Cash ([email](#)) or Sandy Fillion ([email](#)). Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Help needed for Lamb family & friends luncheon | Saturday, March 14

- If you are able to assist with set-up, serving, or clean-up for the Lamb family & friends luncheon on Saturday, March 14, please contact Ayesha Browning ([email](#)) or Sandi Fillion ([email](#)). We are also grateful for donations of desserts, such as cookies, cakes, brownies, or lemon bars. Please bring into the kitchen before 11am on Saturday.
- 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.](#))

Upcoming Events



March 20th - 6:30 PM

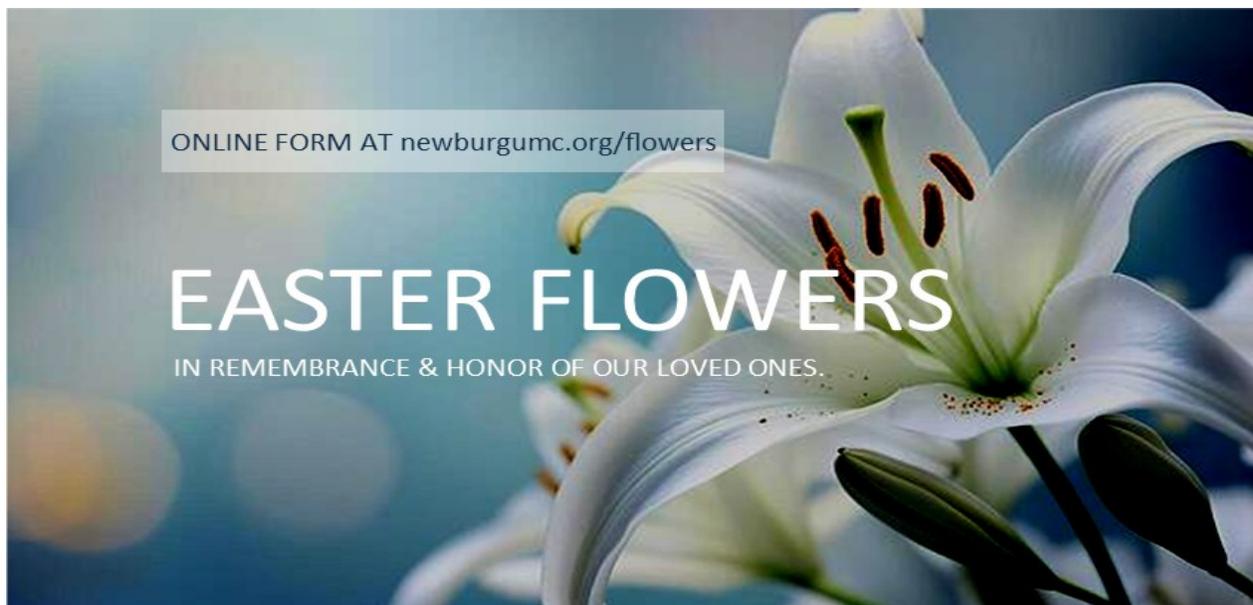
Easter Egg Hunt

It's almost time for our Family Fun Easter Egg Hunt! Join us Friday, March 20th, at 6:30 PM for a fun-filled evening!

Here's everything you need to know:

- ⇒ Enter through the Gutherie entrance (inside event)
- ⇒ Bring your own basket (or we'll have bags available if you need one!)
- ⇒ Doors open at 6:30 PM

Want to help make this event extra special? You can participate in the fun by donating candy for our little egg hunters! Donations will be accepted now through March 15th. This is a FREE event for the whole family, come ready to hunt! We can't wait to celebrate with you. See you there! For more information or questions about this event, contact our Children's and Family Ministry Coordinator, Jamie Baxter at jamie@newburgumc.org.



The Easter flower display for our sanctuary will be an arrangement of plants that will enhance our worship area through the Easter season! If you would like to contribute toward the cost of our Easter floral display, your donation of \$15 "In Loving Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" a loved one, due by April 1, will be included in the Easter bulletin. Make your donation today, at newburgumc.org/flowers!

Upcoming Events



Palm Sunday

March 29th, 10 am Worship
Easter Cantata
online or in-person

Maundy Thursday

April 2nd at 7 PM
Location
St. Matthew's UMC
30900 Six Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48152

Good Friday

April 3rd at 7 PM

Prayer Labyrinth

Open from 10 AM - 8:30 PM
April 3rd, Good Friday



MATTHEW 28:6
HE IS NOT HERE, FOR HE HAS
RISEN, AS HE SAID. COME, SEE
THE PLACE WHERE HE LAY.

easter

10AM WORSHIP
IN PERSON OR ONLINE

CELEBRATE THE
RISEN KING

DEATH HAS BEEN CONQUERED

