



# Newburgh United Methodist Church

## May 2022 Newsletter

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### *From the Pastor's Desk*

Before the pandemic stopped so much, Barbara and I planned a gee-whiz trip that included a cruise across the Atlantic and then around England and Ireland. I'm getting excited about the trip which will include opportunities to see things like Stonehenge, the Anne Frank house, some renowned art museums and some of the countries of my English and Irish ancestors.

Barb and I have never been on a trip like this with so many days at sea. We're not prone to sea sickness and trust that will continue, but it has caused me to reflect on my ancestors who made the crossing from Europe to America. Those voyages took a lot longer and were often dangerous. I've reflected on the Rev. John Wesley's voyage from England to Georgia where he was to serve as an Anglican missionary to the colonists. During that voyage a terrible storm broke out and many thought the ship might sink. While many were wailing in fright, Wesley noticed that the Moravian Christians on board continued to sing Psalms, pray and praise God calmly. Wesley knew they had something he did not, but he wanted. Of course, the history of our church tells us a few short years later he did have the spiritual deepening he craved and he launched a revival that not only changed England, but also eventually our church and community.

I plan to have as much fun as I can on our trip, but I am also looking forward to some spiritually deepening experiences. My prayer for you is that the month of May brings you much joy and fun and a deepening of your faith, too.

In Christ and in hope,

### **Help us update our church directory!**

Did you know that we have a church wide directory that gives you access to look up people's basic information, provide up to date financial statements, fill out registration forms, check in to events, and have access to the daily church calendar. You can find this directory at [mynumc.org](http://mynumc.org) at any time. If you need help creating a log in please email Ashley Thomas. We want to encourage everyone to log on and make sure your phone number, email, and address are correct.



Update  
Contact Info



## UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

**May 1:** Rev. Danny Barr, one of many pastors our church has sent forth and currently the pastor of neighboring Epworth United Methodist Church, will be our guest preacher and lead us in the Celebration of the Lord's Supper

**May 8:** Rev. Kaitlin Moore, currently serving as a pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Evansville and a former youth pastor here at NUMC, will be our guest preacher

**May 15:** Ange Humphrey, the host of ABC 25 Local Lifestyles and the pastor of Fresh Air Community of Faith in Evansville, will be our guest preacher.

**May 22:** Rev. Ange Humphrey will return as our guest preacher.

**May 29:** Rev. Kaitlin Moore will return as our guest preacher.

**June 5:** Pastor Mark returns to the pulpit for Pentecost Sunday. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper and the Confirmation of our 2022 Confirmation Class at the 11:00 AM service and consecrate the Lay Members of Annual Conference who will be participating in the Annual Conference Session in Marion at the 8:30 Service. Pastor Mark's sermon from Acts 2:1-11 will be The Mighty Wind of God.



### GRIEF RECOVERY SESSIONS

I would like to take this opportunity to give you a little bit of information about the Grief Counseling Sessions that are open to everyone. If you have lost a person in your life, and you cannot seem to get past their death, I welcome you. It doesn't matter if you lost that person last week, last year, or many years ago. If you need

to talk about it, join us. If you don't feel comfortable being in a group, call me, I will be glad to talk with you. The upcoming sessions are May 4th and May 18th at 1:00pm in Parish counselor's office room ML 34. Enter the building through door #2.

For private counseling sessions, please call for an appointment.

Joyce Cundiff  
Parish Counselor

#### Office Hours:

Wednesdays and Thursdays 9AM - 2PM  
Late afternoon appointments upon request  
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Email: [joyce@newburghumc.org](mailto:joyce@newburghumc.org)

The Southwest District of United Women in Faith will hold their Spring Gathering at Newburgh United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 30, 2022. The topic of the meeting is Climate and Creation Care. A lite breakfast and salad luncheon will be served. Registration begins at 9:00am and the meeting begins at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. If you plan to attend please contact Kaye Stoops. Her e-mail is [klstoops@me.com](mailto:klstoops@me.com) or phone 812-205-0404.



United  
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Every athlete loves to win! At MEGA Sports Camp, kids will discover how to become champions - both in sports and in their faith. They'll enjoy action-packed sports training sessions mixed with fun rallies where you'll introduce kids in your community to their true Champion - Jesus.



2022 Mega Sports Camp VBS  
June 12th-16th  
6:00pm-8:30pm  
Grades PK- 5th

Themes will include: Art/Drama, Cheer, Baseball, Soccer, Football, Basketball  
Registration will begin soon.

Contact Lisa Vaughan for more information or to volunteer.

This is a huge opportunity to get new families into our church, but we will need a lot of help from you!

Here are areas you can volunteer:

- Registration
- Decorating
- Arts/Drama Coach
- Cheer Coach
- Baseball Coach
- Soccer Coach
- Football Coach
- Basketball Coach
- Mascot
- Snack Coordinator
- Huddle Leader (Lead small groups to activities)
- Supply Coordinator



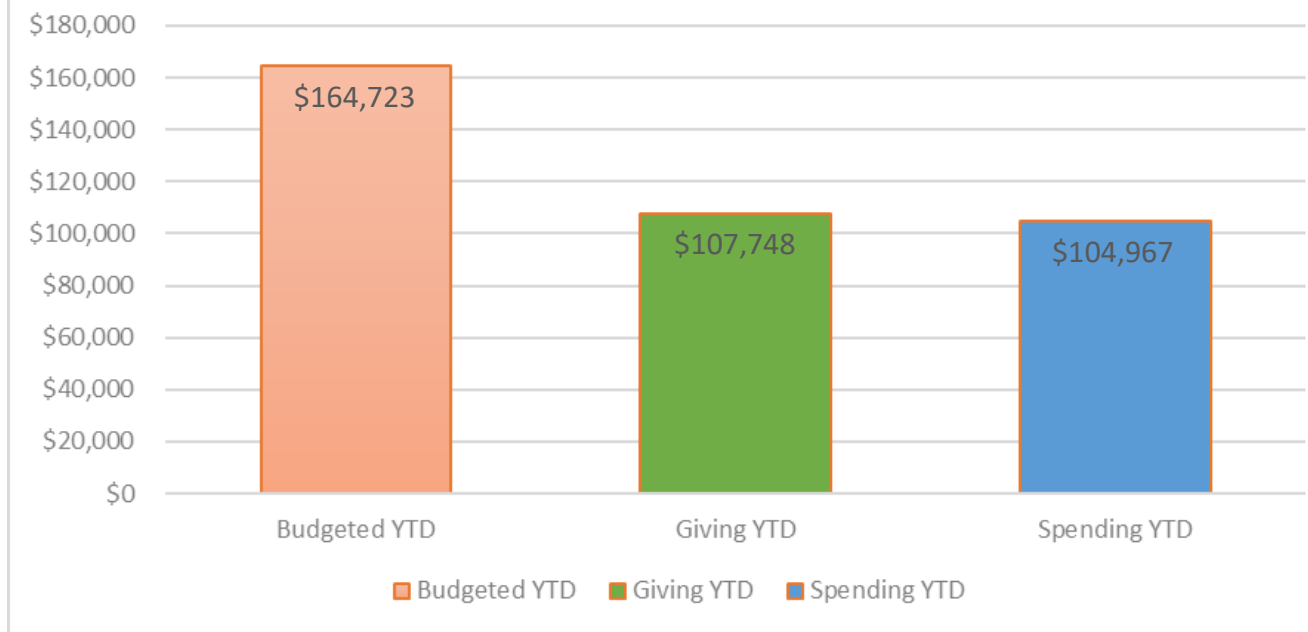
#### CAN YOU FIX THIS?

For years this sign graced our front yard. Then one day it was found broken and on the ground. Are you able to repair and refresh it so we can replace it? A similar sign is at Castle Elementary School. Please contact the church office if you would like more information.

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

We have a plaque recognizing NUMC members who have served in our military, but it appears to be out of date. If you are a member and served, please let us know which branch and what years. If you do not know if your service is already recognized in this way, the plaque is on the wall across from the church offices.

## 2022 Year to Date Finance Report (January - March)



As the graph indicates, giving is less than we had hoped for; still, we are grateful to be able to manage the resources we have been given. NUMC has remained faithful in paying its tithe to the church conference. We are very close to retiring the mortgage debt and are looking forward to sharing that good news as soon as it is accomplished. The trustees are working to refresh the parsonage to prepare for the arrival of our new pastor in July and keep up with the immediate maintenance and increasing utility costs of our church. Whether you give online, through our mobile app, through ACH, or on Sunday morning; your giving has helped to maintain and further the many ministries of Newburgh United Methodist Church.

Thank you for your faithful giving!



## MISSION TEAM

Happy spring everyone. I wanted to say welcome to the Missions Team to Sara Mayes. We are welcoming new members all the time, so let the church office know if you are interested. At this time, Faith Promise pledges total \$14,720. If you haven't had the opportunity to turn in your pledge card, you still can. We do have some funds left over from last year, but we do have expenses and commitments for this year. Don't forget our food pantry is always accepting donations, as well as our clothing bank. Thank you to those dedicated individuals that work both areas each Monday to serve those in our community. The Missions Team can't say thank you enough to all of you for your support. Have a blessed Spring.

Intro to Pickleball Clinic  
Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm  
FREE to the public

Email [angie@newburghumc.org](mailto:angie@newburghumc.org) to register or for more details.



Put me in, Coach! I'm ready to play!  
Co-Ed Adult Softball League starts at the end of May.  
Gather your team and sign up now.  
If you don't have a team – that's okay! We will help you find one.  
Come out and make a new friend!  
Everyone aged 16+ is welcome to play!  
Dust off your glove and cleats and email Angie today.

Sand Volleyball Court available soon!  
We will be doing some spring cleaning and hope to get some players out there to enjoy the sun and sand. If you're interested in Open Court or want to book the court for a family outing, please let me know.



### **OUR NEW PASTOR IS COMING!**

We are pleased and excited to announce that the Rev. Holly Hardsaw has been appointed as the Lead Pastor of our church effective July 1. Rev. Hardsaw is an ordained Elder in the Indiana Conference and has served churches in Indianapolis, Bloomington, Harrodsburg, Speedway, New Castle and Cambridge City.

We look forward to welcoming her to Newburgh UMC.



### **A note from our new Pastor Holly!**

#### **A bit of my history.**

*I grew up in southern Indiana in a general store—Longbottom and Hardsaw—in the big town of Central Indiana—population 50 if you count the dogs and cats. Central is located eight miles south of Corydon off SR 135 and is five miles north of the Ohio River. I went to Bethel UMC in Central, Indiana. However, it was a few years, Bethel EUB (Evangelical United Brethren) before we became The United Methodist Church*

I went to Corydon Central High School. Degrees from Ball State University and Christian Theological Seminary. And have Teaching Certifications from Ball State University and IUPUI. I have experience in the business world and as an educator in MSD of Lawrence Township (teaching students with emotional and behavioral disabilities, English in an alternative evening program, and at a residential treatment center while in seminary.)

I'm an ordained elder. I began serving as staff associate at Castleton UMC in August 1996 when I began seminary. I've served appointments at Castleton UMC, Indianapolis; First UMC, Bloomington; and Harrodsburg UMC; Horizons of Faith UMC in Indianapolis; Speedway UMC; First UMC of New Castle, and interim at First UMC of Cambridge City and the East District!

I love people and watching people grow in faith and living out their calls as followers of Christ. I have a great passion for outreach and including all people in ministry. And I have a heart for those who are unchurched or de-churched. During my time in Indianapolis, especially as a lay person, I spent time with Fletcher Place Community Center (FPCC) and Brightwood Community Center for over two decades as a volunteer; additionally, I was the Youth Coordinator for the Summer Program and Tutoring Program at FPCC for over seven years. I have also served other non-profit community organizations and have done several mission trips.

One of my great privileges was serving as a volunteer chaplain for both Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and the Speedway Police Department. Sadly, I had the distinction of being the first female chaplain to serve IMPD. And another is doing Kairos Ministry at Rockville Correctional Facility in Rockville, Indiana.

I love dogs—especially my big guy Leo Oliver Hardsaw. (He goes by Leo.) His biological mom was a Border Collie and his biological dad was a Great Pyrenees.

I love playing in the dirt and hanging out with my great nephews. Photography when I can find the time. I fell in love with Indiana University Women's Basketball during my time in Monroe County. I definitely enjoy the Indianapolis 500 and an annual visit with friends on Lake Charlevoix in Michigan.



Join us Sunday mornings at  
8:30am or 11am in the Sanctuary.  
Live on Facebook at 8:30am.  
Watch the replay on YouTube.



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