



Newburgh United Methodist Church

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From the Pastor's Desk

As I begin my final month as Interim Lead Pastor, I reflect on the past months. They certainly have been challenging and eventful – filled with successes mixed with heartbreaks. I am thankful for your patience, understanding and support. Together we have weathered the storm and made real progress in renewing and rebuilding the church community we love. I am looking forward to the arrival of Rev. Holly Hardsaw as our new Lead Pastor and know you will give her your fullest measure of support and love.

This month will be full of activity. We will not be coasting. In fact, we will be accelerating. The late Rich Mullins' song Elijah keeps running through my mind, especially the lines in the chorus that go "But when I leave I want to go out like Elijah with a whirlwind to fuel my chariot of fire." If this biblical reference is unfamiliar to you I encourage you to read 2 Kings Chapter 2. My stepping back will not be quite as dramatic and I intend to remain an active part of our church, just not as Lead Pastor.

But here's what we have done and will be doing together in June.

June 5 was Pentecost Sunday. In addition to the drama of the birthday of the church as recorded in Acts 2:1-12, we celebrated the Confirmation of our 2022 Confirmation Class. I began a message series titled CREDO, focusing on the Apostles Creed with the sermon "I Believe in God" with the biblical text of Psalm 19.

On June 12 we will recognize our recent graduates and present scholarships made possible by faithful giving over the years to our endowment. We will also be presenting Bibles to 3rd and 4th graders. The second sermon in the CREDO series will be "I Believe in Jesus Christ" with the biblical text Matthew 16:13-16. Later that day, we will once again offer Vacation Bible School for children in our church and community with our Mega Sports Camp VBS.

The third sermon in the CREDO series will be "I Believe in the Holy Spirit" from Ezekiel 37:1-10b and John 14:15-17

I'll wrap up the CREDO series on June 26 with the message "I Believe in the Church" from 1 Peter 2:9-10.

See you in worship!
In Christ and in hope,

GOOD NEWS ON THE LOCAL MISSION FIELD

From Kaye Stoops, NUMC United Women in Faith President

This morning (June 6) awesome God events were happening in our gymnasium with the beginning of the Newburgh United Women in Faith Summer Student Food Program. Today 36 families with a total of 98 children were blessed with food from our church. The invitations to participate in our program were sent to families of free/reduced lunch students at Newburgh, Sharon, Castle, and Yankeetown Elementary Schools as well as Castle North and South Middle Schools. Parents were issued a weekly lunch ticket and asked how many children were in their family and which schools they attended. If families indicated they had preschoolers or high school students, these children were also included for food.



United
Women
in Faith

Our total start up food expenditures for Week 1 were \$3,280.92. Our start up expenditures in 2019 (pre-COVID) were \$2,985.72, a difference of \$295.20 more. I'm bringing this to your attention due to the upward costs of food and the need to procure continued/additional funding. I'm also in search of additional funding through local service organizations and grants. Therefore, if any of you can help with grant ideas or service clubs to contact, let me know.

Our Summer Student Food Program has a mushrooming effect upon our Food Pantry and Clothes Closet ministries. Today, both ministries reported new participants as a result of exposure and awareness from our program. The Food Pantry is always open to non-perishable food donations and personal care items to keep their shelves stocked. We have started up a list of some popular items to give ideas:

June 5-11 your favorite snack

June 12-18 kid food; like Chef Boyardee products

June 19-25 cereal

June 26-July 2 peanut butter and jelly

*these are just suggestions from our Missions Team, any donations will be greatly appreciated!

BUT THERE'S A PRESSING NEED ON OUR LOCAL MISSION FIELD

Our church has provided assistance to people within our church family and beyond in Warrick County through our Assistance Fund for many years. With the end of the pandemic-related moratoriums on evictions, utility disconnections and supplemental public nutrition benefits, we have seen an increase in the number of people needing emergency assistance and the amount of their needs to the point that our designated Emergency Fund is now empty.

We have a system and process in place to be wise stewards of these funds and to do our best not to encourage dependency, but we can reasonably anticipate that these needs will continue and, in fact, increase. If you feel led, you may donate through the Sunday offering, online, or mail a check to the church office designating the Assistance Fund. A simple step that can make a huge difference!

Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God.



The Trustees would like to thank everyone so far for their help with the Fixer to Fabulous Parsonage Edition! It was almost 30 years in the making and picture updates will be coming soon. We have had help trimming trees, cleaning up landscaping, power washing, and general cleaning. We are still accepting donations for the funding of all the updates which have included painting the entire house,

updating plumbing and flooring, and general maintenance. If you are still willing to donate, simply drop your contribution in the offering or at the church office and notate trustee in the memo line.

Welcome Reception for Pastor Holly

The SPRC is going to host a special commissioning service and reception to welcome Pastor Holly to Newburgh UMC. The reception will be in between the services in the Fellowship Hall. The commissioning will take place during each morning service Sunday July 10th. Please mark your calendar for this important date. We will continue to update you with more information as the date draws closer.

Congratulations to our 2022 graduates! All of our graduates received money from the NUMC Scholarship funds we had available for them.

Renee Bargeloh
Gabby Hall
Caden McKinney
Caleb Beaven
Connor Beaven



We have added a few Volleyball and Pickleball open gym hours for the summer!

Recreational Open Gym Volleyball: Tuesdays @ 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Open Gym Pickleball: Wednesdays @ 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Open Gym Pickleball: Thursdays @ 9am – 11am

Open Gym Pickleball: Thursdays @ 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Competitive Open Gym Volleyball: Fridays @ 6:30pm – 8:30pm

**If you would like more information please contact Recreation Ministry Director, Angie Barr*



We are planning a Volleyball Hat Tournament in July. Players will sign up as individuals and all names will be placed in a hat to be drawn for teams! We are still ironing out details so please be on the lookout for more information soon. If you would like to get your name in the hat now, please contact Angie Barr.

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.



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 session is Wednesday June 22nd at 1:00 pm in Parish counselor's office room ML 34. Enter the building through door #2. That door will be unlocked at 12:45 pm. For private counseling sessions, please call for an appointment.

Joyce Cundiff
Parish Counselor

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Wednesdays and Thursdays 9AM - 2PM
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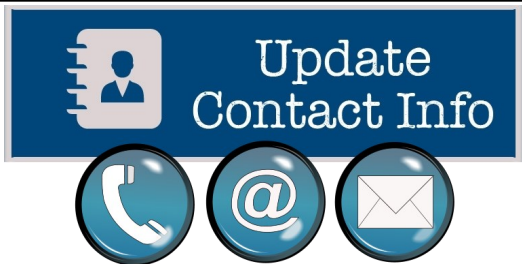
Mess Fest is returning to NUMC this summer! This is a fun event for our youth and we encourage them to invite friends. Mess Fest will be held on June 26th. More details and volunteer opportunities will be provided soon. You don't want to miss out... Lisa has some more fun and more mess planned!



We are also in the beginning stages of planning a Church and Community Back to School BBQ in August. We will be collecting school supplies and backpacks while coming together as a community during a night of great food, games, bounce houses, and more! Be on the lookout for more information soon.

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 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.



SUPPORT SCOUTING IN OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Our church has chartered Scouts BSA Troop 352 for many years as a part of our total ministry to children, youth and their parents. Since 1993, 123 Troop 352 Scouts have earned the Eagle Scout badge, the highest rank in Scouting. In addition to earning badges demonstrating their skills, those who seek to become Eagle Scouts are required to lead a significant service project demonstrating their leadership and benefitting their church or community. One of Troop 352's Life Scouts (the second highest rank) is asking for our participation in his Eagle service project. Here's his request:

Hello my name is Max Chapman, and I am currently a Life Scout with Troop 352, working towards my Eagle Scout rank. I am doing my project for the Warrick County Humane Society. They have a great need for organization, so I will be building them 8 shelving units, 4 benches for their new meet and greet area and organizing a big donation drive. I want the Humane Society to have all the supplies they need to provide a safe and clean home for all the animals.

Following is a list of needed supplies for the shelter:

- Dog treats and long-lasting chews (no rawhide please)
- Dry puppy food (with NO CORN please).
- Dye free dry cat and kitten food
- Clumping cat litter
- Pill Pockets
- Plain canned pumpkin
- New leashes, collars, and harnesses for dogs (sizes medium and large)
- New breakaway type cat collars
- Bath towels (used are fine)
- HE Laundry Detergent
- Fabuloso
- Paper towels
- Trash bags
- Postage stamps
- Copy paper
- Peel & Stick #10 envelopes
- Tabbed manilla file folders
- White Out correction tape

Thank you in advance for your donation towards Warrick County Humane Society!

Collection boxes for our donations will be in our building shortly.



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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