

From the Desk of Pastor Katie

The subject of the email read “*Looking for some help or guidance...*” and I immediately thought to myself “*Uh Oh!*” Usually emails with this kind of subject line from addresses I do not recognize are scam related. Some of the emails I have received through the pastor’s email listed on our bulletin and website are actually downright comical. So, I took a deep breath and opened the email, not sure what to expect.

As I read I quickly realized that this was no scam, or if it was, it was a good one. The email offered far more information than I would expect from a scammer; there was information that would be easy to verify, and the sentences flowed logically with correct spelling and grammar (poor English is often an easy tell if the email is a hoax). By golly, this was a person in need of some tangible help, right here in our community! Jesus himself had come knocking on our door.

One of the main themes that presented itself in our strategic plan was a desire for Newtown U.M.C. to be more visible in our community and to position ourselves to be able to assist our neighbors in need. After several email exchanges, a few text exchanges, and a home visit the story from the email was verified. And, thanks to the generosity of all of YOU here at Newtown U.M.C. we were able to help a mom who hit a rough patch; she and her children were able to stay in their apartment, and receive some much-needed furniture after theirs was damaged with black mold caused by a leak in their storage unit. This was the Body of Christ at work!

We started opening the front doors of the church this summer on Sunday mornings. Generally, throughout the course of the week the doors remain closed. Church Street can be busy, and the front door is on the opposite end of the church from the offices where anyone would be able to hear someone coming in. But over the course of the summer the open doors have been a powerful reminder that Newtown U.M.C. needs to be about open doors – if not literally, then certainly metaphorically. Because we need to be on the lookout for Jesus who will walk (or email) in. Maybe as a person in need of help or a family whom we do not know. Maybe as someone in need of hospitality and a place to belong. Maybe as one of us whose pain or despair is carefully masked. In this, we are reminded of the ancient tradition in the Church of welcoming others as though they are Christ himself. Do we exercise caution? Of course. There are dangerous folk, but to keep the doors locked for fear – of danger, of newness, or of change – runs counter to what the Apostles eventually got around to doing in Jerusalem after hiding behind locked doors. Newtown U.M.C. is doing what the Church is called to do on not just on Sunday morning but every day: to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.

Please join us in this important work. **Pray** for the work and ministry of Newtown U.M.C., that we may follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all things. **Discover** your Spiritual Gifts by taking the Spirit Given Gifts inventory at www.spiritgivengifts.com or the assessment at <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/spiritual-gifts-online-assessment> or <http://survey.ministrymatters.com/SpiritualGifts> **Plug in** to an existing ministry area, or talk to the Ad Council if you have a new inspiration. And *prayerfully consider* how you might **Give** to help support the mission and ministry of Newtown UMC in 2018 and beyond.

Called to REACH, TEACH and LOVE,

+Pastor Katie



Plan to join us on **Sunday November 19th** for our annual **Church Conference**. This is a time to celebrate the ministry our congregation has shared together over the last year and set our eyes forward toward that which is yet to be. We will celebrate first in true Methodist fashion – with FOOD. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the sheet downstairs so we know how many to plan for and what side dish you are bringing.

Immediately following our 10:30 a.m. service we will have a Thanksgiving themed potluck meal. Turkey and drinks will be provided, please bring a Thanksgiving themed side dish or dessert to share.

Following the potluck, we will reconvene in the Sanctuary at 1:00 p.m. for our Church Conference with Rev. Paula Stewart presiding. Please plan to attend and make your faithful voice count!

*Please note, this is a change from years past. A **Church Conference** is different from a *Charge Conference*. A *Charge Conference* is limited to our administrative body and the supervising elder who convenes the meeting. A **Church Conference** is more inclusive and it gives every member of the congregation voice and vote on the important matters placed before the conference.



All Saints Day

All Saints Sunday is on **November 5th**. Please join us as we remember all the faithful saints who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past year.

Loyalty Sunday

Loyalty Sunday will take place on **Sunday November 19th** at our 10:30 a.m. service. Please bring your financial and spiritual gifts pledge cards to service that morning. There will be a special collection where you will be able to offer these gifts to God.



Spiritual Gifts

Our Spiritual Gifts series kicked off on October 22nd. Please take some time to discover your spiritual gifts if you have not done so before. If you have not been able to attend church to pick up your Spirit Given Gifts Inventory there are several online options you may take at home. The Body of Christ NEEDS YOU and your unique gifts. Your pastor recommends either:

Spirit Given Gifts: www.spiritgivengifts.com

UMC.org: <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/spiritual-gifts-online-assessment>

Or, <http://survey.ministrymatters.com/SpiritualGifts>

Spiritual Gifts Discussions

The Body of Christ, as Paul tells us, works together much like the human body. Each part is different, but integral to the healthy functioning of the whole. Therefore, as we learn about our spiritual gifts, let us not do so alone in a vacuum. Come join others to discuss, informally, what you are learning and discovering and what you think God might be calling you to.

Come to as many or as few of the following sessions as you might find helpful:

Sundays November 5 & 12 at 8:00 AM at Luckman's Coffee on Eight Mile

Mondays November 6 & 13 at 7:00 PM at Main Street Café in Newtown

Tuesday November 7 at 2:00 PM and Tue November 14 at 10:00 AM at Newtown U.M.C.



Stephen Ministry

Did you know we have a tiny but mighty Stephen's Ministry here at Newtown U.M.C.? What is Stephen Ministry, you ask? Well, Stephen Ministers are laypeople – Christian men and women – trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment.

Although anyone can be a Stephen Minister, people with the spirit given gifts of **Assisting, Mercy, Service, Encouragement, Faith, Teaching and Mentoring** might want to give prayerful consideration to becoming a Stephen Minister.

If you are interested in learning more, consider attending an introductory workshop to Stephen Ministry with Pastor Katie on **Saturday November 11** from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Epiphany United Methodist Church.

If interested please call the office or email pastor.numc@zoomtown.com so we can register the correct number of people.



*Hanging
of the Greens*

SAVE THE DATE

For this year's hanging of the greens. We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday December 2nd. Keep an eye on the bulletin for more information.

Baptism and New Members

We will be hosting a baptism and reception of new members on Sunday November 26th. If you are not traveling that weekend, please plan on being in church. If you have transferred your membership, please see Pastor Katie if you would like to take part in this event.

IPM NEEDS WINTER CLOTHES

Winter and the holidays are fast approaching. During this time, IPM experiences a peek in the need for mens and school aged-winter clothing. Coats, hats, gloves, mittens and even boots can be dropped off at the Newtown Choice Food Pantry, 3509 Debolt Road 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and the Amelia Food Pantry at 1075 Ohio Pike from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Your donation will indeed wrap many children in warmth.



Pastor's Office

The pastor's office needs a make-over and updated furniture to better fit the office space. Can you help by giving towards a project fund of \$700 to complete this project? Mark your donation as "Pastor's Office" and place in the offering or mail it to the church office. Thank you for your extravagant generosity!

Missions Project

As autumn has begun, it is not too early to think about our fall mission's project. In November, we will be assisting IPM with the food necessary to fill their Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Please help us to support this mission by donating non-perishable food items used for a typical Thanksgiving meal. These are items such as canned sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, corn or boxed potatoes, stuffing, dessert or biscuit mixes and jar or dry package gravy. We hope to provide as much food as possible.

We will be accepting these items beginning October 19th through November 12th. If you don't have time to shop you can still help by making a monetary donation. Kindly drop your donation marked "IPM Thanksgiving Baskets" in the offering plate on Sunday or stop by the church office.



Thank you so much, for all you do.
Missions Team

Acknowledgements

The congregation of the Newtown United Methodist Church would like to thank the families below for sponsoring the **CHIMES** and the Sunday Bulletins. Information about becoming a sponsor can be found on the church message board section of this issue of the **CHIMES**.

CHIMES

JANUARY	MARILYN & ROBIN BEATTY
FEBRUARY	DOROTHY LARSSON
MARCH	TOM ZIMMERMAN
APRIL	JON & BARB FRANCE
MAY	CATHY MARTHIS
JUNE	CHUCK & NANCY LINGO
JULY	RICHARD SMITH
AUGUST	RAY AND CAROLE GIBSON
SEPTEMBER	
OCTOBER	
NOVEMBER	PAUL & KEARNY NEAGLE
DECEMBER	TERRY NIPPERT

In Memory of Catherine and Edward Nippert

SUNDAY BULLETINS

JANUARY	MARILYN & ROBIN BEATTY
FEBRUARY	DORI PORTER
MARCH	DOROTHY LARSSON
APRIL	TOM ZIMMERMAN
MAY	JON & BARB FRANCE
JUNE	CATHY MARTHIS
JULY	CHUCK & NANCY LINGO
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Pastoral Needs

If you have a need for Pastoral services, please contact Pastor Katie by calling the Church office at 513-561-6678 or email Pastor Katie at pastor.numc@zoomtown.com

If you have an urgent need after office hours, contact Pastor Katie at home at (513) 843-5520.

CHURCH MESSAGE BOARD

- ❖ If you would like to sponsor the **Chimes** please place a donation of \$49.00 (checks payable to the church) in an envelope marked **Chimes**.
- ❖ If you would like to sponsor the **Sunday Bulletin**, the cost is \$30 per month. Please place your donation (checks payable to the church) in the offering plate marked **Sunday Bulletin**.