



 *Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church*
WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

February 8, 2026

Vision Statement

Be Christ's Hands, Feet, and Voice on Earth

Mission Statement

We are a Christ-centered community.
In joyful response to Christ's love, we worship God, nurture
disciples, accept all as God's children,
and reach out in love and service to further the Kingdom of God.

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VISITOR SIGN IN



THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CELEBRATION WITH CHILDREN
#188 (vs 1) Jesus Loves Me

Rev. Lori Bass-Riley

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 3:1-13 & John 3:14-21
Daller

Rev. Paul/Lucy

ANTHEM My Song Doth Bless the Lord

arr. Martin

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 23:1-28

Rev. Paul

SERMON How Can We Tell if We Are the Bad Guys?
Paul

Rev.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SERMON HYMN # 450 Be Thou My Vision

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Leader: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

People: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Webster

(Please mention first names only)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts)

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Rev.

Webster

Please continue to give to NPC by check or by texting "Newlonsburg" to 73256. Please visit www.newlonsburgchurch.org/give to give online or email giving@newlonsburgchurch.org with any questions.

Call for the Offering

Friday. Loaves and Fishes suggests 2 cans of regular soup and 1 can of chunky style soup per family. These will be immediately put to use in our Loaves and Fishes Emergency Food Pantry. Thanks for helping meet the needs of hungry families in our community during these extremely difficult times. It's a Newlonsburg thing! Our usual options are also available to make your contribution: by check, online at our website or by text. Give by check: Checks can be made out to "Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church" and mailed to 4600 Old William Penn Highway, Murrysville, PA 15668 or placed in the offering plate. Please include your envelope number and "hunger" on the memo line. Give online: <https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/-/form/give/now> or click the Give button on the website. You can select a specific fund or multiple funds when making your donation. Give by Text: Text NEWLONSBURG to 73256. You will receive a giving link and can then select a specific fund for your donation. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Roger Schneider - Outreach Ministry

CALLING ALL VALENTINE CARD MARKERS! Care of Members is looking for creative card-making volunteers of all ages to craft Valentines for members who are homebound, living alone in assisted living facilities, going through difficulties or loss, and for our super seniors. Please help us bless these members by making cards no larger than 5"x7" that will lay flat. You may want to include a bible verse or encouraging message. You can drop off cards in the box outside the church office before 12pm on Sunday, February 8th. You can also help us pack the cards after the second service on 2/8/26 (in the "yellow room" ...first room on the right as you enter the Education Wing from the Sanctuary).

VALENTINE'S DAY CLOTHING DRIVE: During the season of love, show some love to the Haitian community in Charleroi by donating any gently used winter clothing. We will take any coats, boots, scarves, gloves and hats. You can place your donations in one of the two boxes located in the narthex and by the office. Please bring all donations to the church by **February 15.** If you have any questions, please contact Joshua Kenst. Thank you!

MARDI GRAS MONDAY FUNDAY FOR GRADES K-8 2/16/26 9:30AM-2PM:

Join the masquerade! We will build masks, make pancakes, and have crazy games to learn all about the traditions around Mardi Gras! Your child should bring their own lunch. Snacks will be provided! Registration will close 2/13/26. Spaces are limited! \$25/child. Please contact Pastor Lori for any questions. Call/Text 412-737-1412

<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MTMOMzlkMjYtMDZiNi00NWZmLWE2ZGZGEtYjNiMTAxMzhiYzVi>



PARASKY FLUTE STUDIOS PRESENTS SARAH SHIN on Wednesday February 25th, internationally acclaimed flutist Sarah Shin will be giving a recital in our Sanctuary from 7pm - 8pm, along with NMA flute teacher Dan Parasky and NPC Organist Matt Klumpp. Admission is free and open to the public - don't miss your chance to hear this concert right here at our church!!

KIDS MUSICAL AT NEWLONSBURG Rehearsals begin on Sundays March 1. Performance May 3 We are so excited to invite your child to be part of our upcoming kids musical, the Good News Cruise! This experience is designed to be joyful, encouraging, and beginner-friendly for children Kindergarten through 8th Grade. No prior theatre, singing, or performance experience is needed—whether this is your child's very first musical or they've been on stage before, they are welcome here. Our goal is to create a safe, supportive environment where kids can learn, grow in confidence, make new friends, and have fun while sharing their gifts with our congregation. This musical will be presented as part of the 11am worship service on May 3, with a required tech rehearsal on May 2, and weekly rehearsals taking place weekly after the 11am service starting March 1. Deadline for sign ups is February 8. Members, Amy Smith, Stephanie Babich Mihleder, and Pastor Lori will be leading this ministry! Amy, Steph, and Pastor Lori all have a youth background as well as a musical theatre background. We are so excited to grow together!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNmBJdnerfR9DxS3R66yPawfp1qTBZyVIXbCHKTawdKKhvtQ/viewform?usp=header>



MISSION TRIP WITH GOOD WORKS: Hello everyone! Please scan the QR Code to access a google survey with the slide show and additional information about the mission trip opportunity with Good Works in Athens, OH. When you have

looked over the information, please take a moment to respond to the survey.
Thank you!



FUTURE EVENTS: Save the dates for these other events so you don't miss out on the fun.

- **Puzzles & Pizza Night** on Wednesday, 2/25/26 @ 6pm
- **Hoss's Lunch** on Sunday, 3/8/26 after the 11am service
- **Export Moose Fish Fry** on Friday, 3/20/26 at 5:30pm
- **Easter Brunch Potluck** on Sunday, 4/5/26 between services
- **River City Brass Band "Les Mis N'At"** on Saturday, 4/11/26 at 7:30pm at The Palace Theatre (preceded by dinner at 5:30pm location TBD)
- **Senior Celebration** on Sunday, 4/26/26 after the 11am service



CHILD WORSHIP LEADERSHIP! We want our children to know that they are an important part of our community! We love that our children can begin developing leadership skills at an early age! We are looking for child acolytes (people who light the worship candles) and liturgists (people who read in worship)! Acolytes should be at least 4 and liturgists need to be very good readers and be willing to practice previous to their participation. Sign them up for a date that works for you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AEA82CA2F8CF8-59246032-children>

"O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD; FOR HIS STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER" **Psalm 136:** Thankful Thoughts. Please consider sharing one or many (there is no limit) of your favorite things (big or small, specific or general) about Newlonsburg (from chocolate sprinkle donuts during the early service to the Cantata). Where have you seen and felt God's presence? You can

sign your name or submit anonymously (these will be shared in a section of the website and a physical display at NPC. What about NPC makes you feel blessed? Your “thankful thoughts” can be returned with your stewardship commitment card or dropped in a box in the Narthex.

CALLING ALL STITCHING ENTHUSIASTS! Do you like to do cross stitch? If you do, we'd like to ask you to join us in a long standing Newlonsburg tradition – making personalized bookmarks for our 2026 confirmands. All materials and instructions will be provided to you – it's easy, it's fun and our finished products are a meaningful reminder to our confirmation class how much God loves them. If you are interested in helping out by stitching one (or more!) bookmarks, please reach out to Susan Keaney (slkeaney@comcast.net or 412.414.6881) Many, many thanks!

EMERGENCY MEALS AVAILABLE: If you or someone in our church family is facing a short-term challenge that makes it hard to prepare meals, we'd love to help. Emergency meals are available for anyone in need. Please reach out to Pastor Travis, Pastor Curtis, or Carol Byers (412-841-5508) to let us know how we can support you.

A FRIENDLY NOTE REGARDING DONATIONS: For any donations that are being sent in through your financial institutions, please instruct them to put YOUR name somewhere on the donation paperwork. Many checks have been sent without that information and in that case we do not know who to give the credit to. Thanks as always for your financial support.

2025 DONATION STATEMENTS: The donation statements for 2025 will be sent out this month (January 2026). You also can view and print your statement in REALM at any time. Please call Ginny Rygg (412.491.7937) or Lindsey Berk (412.559.7862) if you have any questions. Thanks as always for your support.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE: If you forgot to make your 2026 commitment, there is still time. Thank you to the 100 families and individuals that have made their 2026 commitment. You can (1) return a commitment card by mail, with your offering, or to the church office, (2) Email: You can email your commitment to giving@newlonsburgchurch.org, or (3) Online: www.newlonsburgchurch.org/give. Thank you for your continued support and faithfulness.

JOIN REALM: NPC continues to roll out Realm as a new church management system. This system provides better donation tracking and accounting programs while giving NPC expanded management capabilities and resources for events, volunteer scheduling, small groups, etc., (and it is a cost savings to NPC!) **Realm**

Logins : Everyone should have received an email invitation from Realm to join Realm. You can use the link in the email to sign into the system and create a password. This will give you access to your profile's basic information and your giving information. If you did not receive an email (perhaps it went to spam, your email wasn't in the church system, etc.), you can request a Realm login <https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/Account/Start>

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please have all articles for the bulletin to the church office no later than Wednesday at noon.

ADDRESS CHANGE: Hello NPC, Just a quick note to let y'all know Celine and I have moved. I have recently started a new position at a church near Harrisburg, PA. Our new address is: 536 Lewisberry Road, New Cumberland, PA 17070
Peace, Catharine Weiss

JOYS

- Lane Paul (Curtis Lane Paul III) celebrated his 14th birthday on 1/28.
- Kate Montgomery celebrates that we had over 90 people worship via Zoom, over 200 on Facebook, and over 200 on You Tube during the snow day on 1/25/26. Thanks to all who made the online service possible.
- Kate Montgomery celebrates that the FR wrestling team made states for the 2nd consecutive year.
- Will Montgomery made the Dean's list.

CONCERNS

- Continued prayers for Bill Blank having severe back pain and Linda Blank as she continues therapy and rehab.
- Jennifer and Scott March ask for prayers for their son Ben and his family in Utah with ongoing tough medical diagnoses & upcoming treatments.

CONDOLENCES

- Ed Kyser joined the church triumphant on January 30th. Please keep his wife, Nancy, and the family in your prayers.
- Alek Siegel mourns the loss of his housemate who passed away peacefully at the hospital this week.
- Please keep Rhonda Johnston's family in prayer. Her father, Joseph Gesner, joined the church triumphant on Wednesday, January 28th.

THANK YOU

- Tia would like to thank the congregation for bringing her water. Your kindness means a lot to her and your continued support is appreciated as this an ongoing issue! Please put water in the Food Pantry.

PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FROM OUR EXTENDED CHURCH

FAMILY SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Curtis Alberts, Haven Boyd, Jeremy Boyd, Brittany Brock Lopez, Mauro Lopez, Tracy Dover, Matt Frantz, Josh Hockenberry, Jared Ingersoll, Adam Kessel, Lara Lewis, Evah McGinley, Samantha McGregor, Corey Miller, Ethan Moody, Danny Musgrove, Porter Parker, Ruby Paul, Timothy Spirnock, Jacob Stoken, Ben Whitlow, and Ryan Whitlow.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR: Beth Tyson, Andrew Smith, Bob Schwab, Andrea Seeley, Katie (Ehrlich) Morgan, Patrick Hesson, Samantha McGregor, Billy Landisch, Ann Shannon, Joseph McGinn, Wil Rissler, and Rob Behr

THIS WEEK AT NPC

Sunday February 8	8:30 AM	Worship – Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday February 9	2 – 9:30 PM	208 - Sanctuary
	3:30 PM- 8:00 PM	Music Academy- Room 101
	4:00 PM- 6:30 PM	Music Academy- Room 102/103
	4:30 – 7:30 PM	Music Academy – Rooms 202/203
	5:00 PM- 8:30 PM	Music Academy- Room 201
	7:30 PM- 8:30 PM	Music Academy- Sanctuary
	6:30 – 8:30 PM	Boy Scouts – Rooms 104, 106, ARC
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Deacons - Gathering Place
Tuesday February 10	8:30 – 9:30 AM	Men’s Breakfast – Dicks Diner
	11:00 AM	Leadership Programming
	1:00 - 3:00	Crochet Group - Gathering Place
	1:15 PM	Leadership Meeting – Offsite
	2:00 – 3:30 PM	Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	3:00 - 4:45 PM	RAM - Arc
	2:30 PM- 3:30 PM	Music Academy- 208
	3:00 PM	Music Academy – Rooms 101, 102, 103, 201, Nursery
	3:30 PM- 7:30 PM	Music Academy- 202/203
	5:00 - 6:00 PM	Security Management Meeting - Gathering Place
	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Stewardship & Finance - Gathering Place
	7:00 – 9:00 PM	Outreach - 205
Wednesday February 11	8:30 AM	Women’s Breakfast
	10:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Book Study - Gathering Place
	3:00 PM	Music Academy – Rooms 101- 103, 201, 208, Nursery
Thursday February 12	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Music Academy
	1:00 - 2:00 PM	Lent in Plain Sight - Virtual
	3:00 - 4:45 PM	Ram - Arc
	5:30 - 6:15 PM	Beginning Bells - Choir Room
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall
	6:15 - 7:15 PM	Bell Choir - Choir Room
	7:30 -8:30 PM	Choir Practice - Choir Room
	8:30 PM-9:30 PM	Music Academy- Sanctuary
Friday February 13	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Music Academy - 101/102
Saturday February 14	8:30- 9:30 AM	Newlonsburg Music Academy – 205
	8:30 - 10:30 AM	Men’s Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
	9:45 - 11:45AM	OA - Gathering Place
	11-1:00 PM	AA – Common Ground
Sunday February 15	8:30 AM	Worship - Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary

NEWLONSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Matt Klumpp, Music Director & Organist

Bettie Jarosz, Choir & Bell Director

The Rev. Lori Bass-Riley, Director of Children and Family Ministries

Joshua Kenst, Youth Director
Jennifer Wagner, Office Manager
Rachel Oates, Interim Office Manager
Leanne Salava, Treasurer

BOARD OF DEACONS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Natalie Bollinger, Childcare, '27

Emily Bondi, Ushers, '26

Debbie Carlson, Baptism Books and Newborn Roses/Affirmation Liaison, '26

Kathy Groll, Flowers/Reminder Cards, '25

Tyler Hanchey, At-Large, '26

Matthew Hand, Coffee and Doughnuts/Vice Moderator, '26

Bruce Hanington, Counters, '27

Lois Nesbitt, HOPE/COM Liaison, '25

Lori Novak, Secretary, '27

Jim Scriven, Moderator/Liaison to Nominating Committee, '25

Larry Stoken, Correspondence Cards, '25

ELDERS OF SESSION BY MINISTRY

Affirmation

Amanda Neely, Chair '26

Janice Rewald, '26

Care of Members

Lindsay Lippman, Chair '26

Kelly Hand, '28

Equipping

Kevin Tomer, Chair, '28

Julie Gebrosky, '28'

Finance

Susan Long, Chair, '28

Lindsey Berk, '27

Human Resources

Jan Hill, Chair, '26

Debbie Andrachek, '28

New Member Evangelism

Kate Montgomery, Chair, '27

Rachel Oates, '28

Outreach

Susan Keaney, Chair, '26

Heather Rusiewicz, '28

Property

Robin Pokrzywinski, Chair, '27

Michael Rhoades, '26

Communications

Angel Stahl, Chair '27

Clerk of Session

Susan Keaney

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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