



Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

June 15, 2025

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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The Rev. Curtis L. Paul II, Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Travis A. Webster, Associate Pastor

VISITOR SIGN IN



THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

June 15, 2025

10:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

All Nature Sings

Fedak

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Paul

CALL TO WORSHIP

Debbie Carlson

Leader: Not a day passes that we see the work of your fingers, the work of your wisdom, O God, and do not feel awe.

People: Sheep, birds, and fish, you made with detail and care

Leader: And then you made us: each formed from the earth.

People: Fragile and strong, wise, with so much to learn,

Leader: we can't help but sing your praises.

People: Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN

370 This Is My Father's World

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Debbie Carlson

Creator of everything that is and will be, we rejoice in the craftiness of your wisdom. She runs and plays, making all things new day after day. Our songs are filled with gratitude. You shape our hearts with the love of Jesus Christ, teaching us how to serve all who surround us, how to stand up and speak up against injustice and bigotry, how to flip the tables and wash the feet of those who have hurt us the most. Our songs are filled with gratitude. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us. Guide us and lead us in the truth, that we may have hope in the midst of chaos and conviction in the midst of uncertainty. May we one day join in the unending dance with you, Maker, Shaper, Weaver, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Let us take a moment for our silent confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Debbie Carlson

***GLORY TO GOD #582 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CELEBRATION WITH CHILDREN

#188 (vs 1) Jesus Loves Me

Joshua Kenst

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:23-24

Debbie Carlson

ANTHEM

The Old Rugged Cross
Men’s Choir

Bennard

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 18:15-19

Rev. Paul

SERMON

The Whole Point: Reconciliation

Rev. Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Robin Pokrzywinski

*SERMON HYMN

729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Paul

(Please mention first names only)

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Rev. Paul

Please continue to give to NPC by check or by texting 855-287-7898. The text should be the amount of your donation. Please visit the GIVE Section of the NPC website or email giving@newlonsburgchurch.org with any questions.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Bright Wings

Livingston

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

CARRYING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

742 We Will Walk with God

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Paul

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CLOSING RESPONSE

Flift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

SERMON NOTES**The Whole Point: Reconciliation**

1. Reconciliation is more important than worship. -Matthew 5:23-24
2. If you have been wronged, seek reconciliation. -Matthew 18:15-19
3. Rather risk upsetting a brother or sister than miss an opportunity to win him or her back.

Why All Christians Should Celebrate Juneteenth

Christians should celebrate Juneteenth because we worship the liberating God who is Jesus Christ.

Why should all Christians celebrate Juneteenth? For the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ lives to set people free as we read in Luke 4:16-30.

It was on June 19th, 1865 that General Granger led 2000 US troops to Texas to proclaim the end of slavery in the US and the enslaved people were now free.

Juneteenth celebrates that the United States enacted the Biblical principle that "all are created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27)."

Christians should celebrate Juneteenth in response to the Bible's main theme which is God setting people free! By the power of the Holy Spirit, the Bible was written by the oppressed for the oppressed.

Jesus lives to free us from sin and to transform society. Before we can be free from sin, we must recognize sin. The reason all Christians should celebrate Juneteenth is to recognize the national sin of slavery. As Abraham Lincoln called it, "America's original sin." The concept of original sin is that we are born into it. Before we are even aware of it, sin shapes our decisions and who we are. Jesus lives to free us from this bondage. Celebrating Juneteenth helps us recognize that American slavery caused deep social wounding and scarring that continues to this day. As Nehemiah reminds us, the only way to heal from a national sin is transparency through prayer.

<https://calvarychapel.com/posts/why-juneteenth-is-important-for-all-christians/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: Given by Robert Dippolito in dedication to living and deceased Christian fathers. May God bless all the fathers and strengthen their faith.

MEN, BOYS, FATHERS, TEENS : Happy Father's Day! Whether you were here for practice or not, come on up anyway and help us sing the hymn "The Old Rugged Cross" where *Anthem* is indicated. Come join the beautiful sound of singing men.

IT'S BLANKET SUNDAY - HOLD ONTO THIS - - - Hope and a \$5 blanket. When war or riots have torn your world apart, and your immediate need is for a warm place to hide, a Church World Service blanket is something to hold onto, along with hope for a safer tomorrow. When your world has been washed away by floods, or torn apart by howling winds, and a fallen wall is your only protection - hope, and a blanket are things to hold onto. They will provide comfort from the disaster. Like God's love, hope never dies and with your help, a blanket will also offer relief from the storms of life. For just \$5 you'll receive an NPC card to give to your Dad or another special person. Your gift will help Outreach provide comfort and warmth, along with hope, to sisters and brothers in need around the block, across the state, or across the world. Today, when you give the gift of a blanket in your father's name, you will honor both your Dad and your heavenly Father - and THAT's a Newlonsburg thing. Our usual options are available to make your contribution: by check, online 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. Please include your envelope number and "blanket" on the memo line. **Give online:** <https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/-/form/give/now> 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.

PIRATES GAME: NPC family and friends will gather in some shady seats at PNC Park as the Pittsburgh Pirates take on the Texas Rangers at 4:05pm on Saturday, June 21, 2025. It's free ball cap night at the park, too! Tickets are \$42/each and include a \$5 loaded value for food/beverages/merchandise. Group tickets have already been purchased, but if you are interested, please contact Stephanie Makosey (stephmakosey@gmail.com) to see if additional tickets can be purchased.

PLEASE HELP BLESS A PINE SPRINGS COUNSELOR! We are excited to announce that we will be continuing NPC's tradition of sponsoring a Pine Springs Camp summer staff person! This summer, we will be sponsoring a second year counselor, Micah Davis. Micah's family lives in the Dominican Republic as missionaries and he just finished his freshman year at Calvin University. As Micah's sponsor, we have committed to bless him with prayers, encouragement, and gifts throughout the summer. **Between now and Sunday, June 22nd**, we will be collecting notes and cards expressing our prayers and support. Micah likes chocolate, crackers, dried fruit and we could use (1) Olive Garden gift card as that is his favorite restaurant. He also likes hats :). Also please note he is gluten -free. If we get enough donations, we would love to be able to bless Micah with TWO care packages this summer. Please put items in the box labelled "Pine Springs Counselor" by the office. Most importantly, please pray for Micah and all the Pine Springs summer staff as they carry out the camp's ministry. Thank you for helping us to bless the socks off Micah!

FOOD COLLECTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We need volunteers to fill one-hour or two-hour shifts in collecting food at the Murrysville glass recycling event on Saturday, June 28 near the Municipality building. The collection is done outside from those donating food to our Loaves and Fishes food pantry. This is a low-stress, low-physical activity that greatly benefits Loaves and Fishes and those with food insecurity. It's easy to do by yourself or make it a family outing. The only requirement is to have a car to put the food into so that it can be taken to Loaves and Fishes later that day or on Sunday. Volunteer slots are from 9:00 am - 2 pm on Saturday, June 28. If you are interested, please contact Jon Moerdyk. (jonathan.moerdyk@gmail.com; 231-679-5861)

THE CONGREGATION is invited to a Celebration of Life service for Paul and Jennifer Boget, who passed away in December, 2024 and April, 2025 respectively. The service will be on June 28 at 1:30 in the sanctuary. They were long-time active members of NPC. Paul served as an elder and loved trains and Jennifer was an amazing watercolor artist. Light refreshments will be served following the service in Fellowship Hall.

COMMON DISCIPLESHIP: LIVING OUT OUR FAITH IN DAILY LIFE:

Join us for HSHC's 4th annual Summer Series – a 4-week journey (June 29, July 6, 13, 20) into how everyday actions like how we eat, spend our money, and use our time reflect our faith. Registration opens June 2nd!

Register for weekly videos/podcasts, reflection questions, articles, activities, and conversations. To learn more, please follow this link:

bit.ly/HSHC_SummerSeries_2025

Let's grow in faith and community — one common act at a time!

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN: Come to church on 6/29/25 and stay for lemonade and cookies on the lawn after the 10am service. Meet new people or catch up with old friends. No need to sign up.

SUNDAY SUNDAES: All worshipers are invited to join us for a delicious addition to your Sunday morning on Sundae Sunday, 8/9/25, following the 10:00 worship service. We will be serving ice cream, yummy toppings, and fellowship on the front patio. Come enjoy a sweet treat and catch up with your fellow Newlonsburgers. No need to sign up.

Thanks in advance to our Hospitality Team coordinating these summer events: Chrissy & Eric Hanchey and Mindy Markovich (Chairs) and Team Members: Ken & Tara Bird, Bill & Linda Blank, James & Erin Carlisle, John & Nancy Daller, Sean Daller, Alice Doult, Don Green, Kathy Groll, Tyler Hanchey, Bruce Hanington, Lauren Jessup, Barb Jewell, Doug Jones, Karen Kase, Kim Miskevics, Gail O'Toole, Alan & Kristin Petrazzi, Anderson Patrazzi, Avery Petrazzi, Kara Patrazzi, Mary Ann Roberts, JoAnn Rosenberger, Sherry Shadrach, Curtis & Sharon Southlea, Alan & Terri Thornburg and Janice Troup.

DONATION STATEMENTS: Donation statements for giving for this year through April, 2025 will be sent out (emailed or sent through USPS) in May. If you have any questions regarding your statement, please contact Ginny Rygg at ryggvj@gmail.com or 412-491-7937. Additionally, if you log into our new system REALM, you will be able to see your giving at any time. HOWEVER, please be aware that there can be a delay in what you see posted to your account if you are giving on a Sunday and not online. All of the donations need to be entered and questions answered before the entries get posted and that could be a week or 2 after Sunday's collections. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your specific donation always feel free to contact Ginny Rygg or Lindsey Berk. As always, thank you for your ongoing generosity!

FINANCIAL SUMMARY: Thank you to all those who give in gratitude for what God has given to us. As of the end of April 2025:

	<u>Common Good+</u>	<u>Special Gifts *</u>
<u>Giving for Month</u>	<u>\$ 53,562</u>	<u>\$ 6,342</u>
<u>Year to Date Giving</u>	<u>\$231,246</u>	<u>\$ 35,907</u>
<u>Year to Date Spending Budget</u>	<u>\$ 222,760</u>	<u>Not Applicable</u>

<u>Year to Date Spending</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>\$ 207,984</u>	<u>\$ 44,808</u>

Values above reflect accounting adjustments since March.

+ Common Good giving includes offerings (\$211,785), short term investment interest and facility usage.

*Special gifts include Haiti Kids support, Hunger Offerings, Youth Fund-Raising, Legacy Endowment Fund Gifts, Reserve Account giving, Memorial Gifts, and others.

JOIN REALM: NPC is rolling 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.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED SO OUR FACILITY CONTINUES TO ENABLE CHRIST'S WORK.

The Property Ministry has identified three near-term projects that need to be undertaken for safety concerns and/or to continue the usability and welcomeness of our facility.

Parking Lot: Property has evaluated repairs to get a few more years out of the current surface, but repairs would be extensive and costly. Based on the most effective use of our gifts, the contractor will repair the large holes and install a new 2-inch asphalt layer over the entire lot, with new line striping. We hope to receive enough gifts or commitments before July 25th so that we can take advantage of lower-than-expected paving quotes and do work this summer while the lot is less used.

Common Ground HVAC System: This work is a follow up to the successful 2023 water infiltration/wall project. As users of Common Ground know, the original duct work, installed in the 1970s, is in the floor and these ducts have collapsed resulting in a nonfunctional HVAC. This project will include new ductwork in the ceiling.

NPC Sign: A recent storm destroyed our NPC sign and surrounding stone. Thankfully no one was hurt. Right now, we have no road signage informing drivers we are here.

These three project costs are estimated to total \$127,000. Please consider a gift this summer to maintain our building and grounds so they can continue to be a resource to further the Kingdom of God. Gifts and commitments are requested by July 25, 2025. Thanks to the generosity of the congregation and its donations of funds, talent, and time, we can continue to maintain the church as a welcoming facility in good repair.

To donate now please send a check with "2025 Capital Improvements" on memo line to church, place in the offering basket, or donate online at <https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/give/property>

If a current gift is not feasible, your commitment will allow Property to plan the

work. Commitments can be emailed to giving@newlonsburgchurch.org or made online at <https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/AddPledge/property>

Help LivingStones Help Their Neighbors!

As part of Outreach's commitment to helping those in need in our local or global community, we are asking for your help in supporting LivingStones (www.livingstonespgh.com) in June and July. LivingStones is a 501(c)(3) organization that was started here in Pittsburgh to help seniors and others who are food insecure, lonely and/or need assistance with basic needs. Their mission is to invite neighbors to the table, striving to holistically uplift them through meals, programs and services that meet their needs and exemplifying the love of Christ. They currently have a significant need for hygiene products for their clients and Outreach is asking for your help to meet this need. We will be collecting various hygiene products in June and July (donation boxes will be in the Narthex and by the office.) All products are welcome and more details can be found in their wish list at the following link:

[https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/owner-view/29CG7ZDE3H4QF?ref=gr_universal_landing_ggr;!!AQegZw!bpHm1pDKn4lO7jMbvv0YsppzUDVYuSbMHfjF0wgEIBByKMxrlqWvod0GV3SFsSnCol2tZjJW5f68ffY2fy0dCw\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/owner-view/29CG7ZDE3H4QF?ref=gr_universal_landing_ggr;!!AQegZw!bpHm1pDKn4lO7jMbvv0YsppzUDVYuSbMHfjF0wgEIBByKMxrlqWvod0GV3SFsSnCol2tZjJW5f68ffY2fy0dCw$)

Please reach out to Susan Keaney (slkeaney@comcast.net or 412.414.6881) with any questions or if you wish to support this tremendous ministry in other ways.

Thank you Newlonsburg as always for your overwhelming support, caring and generosity.....it's a Newlonsburg thing!



Live it Out **VACATION** **BIBLE SCHOOL**

JULY 15TH, 16TH AND 17TH

6:00 - 8:00 PM

**FOR CHILDREN 3 YEARS OLD
THROUGH**

ENTERING 5TH GRADE

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JULY: 7TH

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US:

724-327-0061

REGISTER ONLINE:

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/3K9NVUPT](https://tinyurl.com/3k9nvupt)



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At Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church we strive to best meet the needs of our families and further the kingdom of God. Please take a moment and share your honest thoughts on children and youth programs; this will help guide us on the best use of time, talents and resources. We value your honest responses, even if your family is not interested in NPC programs. Thanks very much for your time and consideration.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SURVEY
SCAN HERE



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THIS WEEK AT NPC

Sunday June 15	8:30 AM	Worship – Arc Patio
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday June 16	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
Tuesday June 17	8:30 – 9:30 AM	Men’s Breakfast – Dicks Diner
	11:00 AM	Leadership Programming
	1:15 PM	Leadership Meeting – Offsite
	2:00 – 3:30 PM	Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	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
	7:00 - 8:30	Session - Gathering Place
	7 – 9:00 PM	NA – Common Ground
Wednesday June 18	8:30 AM	Women’s Breakfast
	3:00 PM	Music Academy – Rooms 101- 103, 201, 208, Nursery
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Stephen Ministry - Gathering Place
Thursday June 19	10-8 PM	Music Academy
	8:30 PM-9:30 PM	Music Academy- Sanctuary
Friday June 20	4-6:30PM	Music Academy -Rooms 102/103
Saturday June 21	8:30- 9:30 AM	Newlonsburg Music Academy – 205
	11-1:00 PM	AA – Common Ground
Sunday June 22	8:30 AM	Worship - Arc Patio
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary

NEWLONSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Rev. Curtis Lane Paul II, Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Travis A. Webster, Associate Pastor
Matt Klumpp, Music Director & Organist
Bettie Jarosz, Choir & Bell Director
Breana Howard, Youth Director
Joshua Kenst, Christian Education Associate
Jennifer Wagner, Office Manager
Rachel Oates, Interim Office Manager
Leanne Salava, Treasurer

BOARD OF DEACONS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Emily Bondi, Ushers, '26
Debbie Carlson, Baptism Books and Newborn Roses/Affirmation Liaison, '26
Natalie Bollinger, Childcare, '27
Kathy Groll, Flowers/Reminder Cards, '25
Bruce Hanington, Counters, '27
Tyler Hanchey, At-Large, '26
Matthew Hand, Coffee and Doughnuts/Vice Moderator '26
Lois Nesbitt, HOPE/COM Liaison, '25
Jim Scriven, Moderator/Liaison to Nominating Committee, '25
Larry Stoken, Correspondence Cards, '25
Lori Novak, Secretary, '27

ELDERS OF SESSION BY MINISTRY

Affirmation

Kate Moerdyk, Chair, '25
Amanda Neely, '26

Care of Members

Lauren Babich, Chair, '25
Lindsay Lippman, '26

Equipping

Beth Ehrlich, Chair, '25

Finance

Ken Bird, Chair, '25
Lindsey Berk, '27

Human Resources

Jan Hill, Chair, '26

New Member Evangelism

Kate Montgomery, Chair, '27
Rachel Oates, '25

Outreach

Susan Keaney, Chair, '25

Property

Robin Pokrzywinski, Chair, '27
Michael Rhoades, '26

Communications

Rhonda Johnston, Chair, '26
Angel Stahl, '27

Clerk of Session

Susan Keaney