

The Sower



 *Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church*
WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

July 12, 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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The Rev. Curtis L. Paul II, Pastor

VISITOR SIGN IN



THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

July 12, 2026

10:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE Sonata in F K.332 mvt. III Mozart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Lori Bass-Riley

CALL TO WORSHIP Wes Weir

Leader: The windows of heaven are open;

People: **Let us receive God's abundance.**

*OPENING HYMN # 413 Come Into God's Presence

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Wes Weir

Almighty God, in you there are no shortages and nothing lacking. We thank you for giving us nourishment from the flourishing fields of creation. Form and reform us by your word, that we may rejoice in your bounty and share your inheritance of abundance, all the days of our lives. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Wes Weir

***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 Rev. Curtis Paul

#188 (vs 1) Jesus Loves Me

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 25:19-24 Wes Weir

ANTHEM The Gift of Love Hopson

Kimberly Burch, solo

SCRIPTURE LESSON	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Rev. Lori Bass-Riley
SERMON	Knowing Where We Are	Rev. Lori Bass-Riley

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SERMON HYMN # 468 In My Life

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS (Please mention first names only)	Joshua Kenst
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts)

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE Joshua Kenst
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

Offertory Variations on “Veni Creator Spiritus” var. I Durufle

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication Wes Weir

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN # 546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

*** BRINGING CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Lori Bass-Riley

***CLOSING RESPONSE**

May the light of God shine on us today (repeat)
May it show us where to travel, lead us back if we should stray
May the light of God shine on us today and everyday

POSTLUDE	Declamation	Martin
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO OUR ACOLYTE: Joanna Weir

EMERGENCY PASTORAL COVERAGE: If you need emergency pastoral coverage in July, please call Rev. Ed Gray (pastor of 1st Presbyterian in Murrysville) @ 239-293-8094.

KIDS CST (CRAFT AND STORY TIME) WEDNESDAYS JUNE 10TH - AUGUST 12TH,

10 AM - 11 AM: Join Pastor Lori on Wednesday mornings to hear a story and make a corresponding simple craft! Perfect for our littlest ones and their caregivers!

FAMILY PARK MEET UPS -: Families are invited to join us for summer park meet-ups at three local parks! Come enjoy time together while kids play and families get to know one another in a relaxed and welcoming setting. Pastor Lori will provide snacks and drinks for everyone. We hope you'll join us for fun, fellowship, and community!

3rd Meet Up - Bear Hollow Park - August TBA

HELP WITH VBS- Vacation Bible School is less than a month away. We are looking for donations of : Winter Sports Equipment, Fake Snowballs, Sleds, Christmas Trees and snack size bags of goldfish, fruit snacks and veggie straws. You can put the items outside Pastor Lori's office or the office. Thank you

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE VBS JULY 20TH - 23RD,

6PM - 8PM: Registration is open! Gear up for our VBS with frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith. Guided daily by Ollie the Arctic Seal, we will learn to draw strength through powerful Biblical stories of courage and hope. Join us as we visit the winter Olympic games and embrace the truth that "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13 NRSV). For Kids

Age 3 through 5th Grade (Must be able to use the bathroom independently)

<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=ZmIxzWY5MmMtZjE4Ni00YWNLWFIOwYtYjQyZTAxMWZINWQz>



BOWLING NIGHT AT NESBIT LANES 7/30/26: Line them up and knock them down! Come to Nesbit Lanes on Thursday July 30, from 6PM-8PM for bowling and fellowship. This event is open to students entering grades 9-12, and the cost



of the event is \$18/Student. **Please click the link, or scan the QR Code to register by Wednesday, July 19th**

<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=NRkZjZiNzQtYzJjYi00MmZjLTlOTYtYjQ0OTAxNTQyMDBI>

OUR HAITIAN FRIENDS IN CHARLEROI NEED YOUR HELP! Do you have outgrown kids' clothing that you are looking to purge? Our Haitian friends in Charleroi are looking for children's summer clothing (children only, birth through age 18) and would be very grateful to have them. We will be collecting new and/or gently used clothing throughout July – please look for the collection boxes in the narthex and by the office. Our Haitian friends are also in need of feminine hygiene products (pads only please!) diapers and wipes. They can also be placed in the collection boxes with the children's clothing. We will deliver all to Charleroi (if you are interested in helping to deliver our collected items, please reach out to Susan Keaney (412.414.6881 or slkeaney@comcast.net) Many thanks to you all for your tremendous generosity for those in need. It truly is a Newlonsburg thing!

"TEACHING OF JESUS" YARD SIGNS: Available for Purchase Political signs soon will be sprouting up like wild flowers. Let's take this opportunity to also display simple messages of love and hope. Yard signs reflecting teachings of Jesus Christ that were displayed in front of the church last fall are once again available for purchase at cost (\$13 per sign). If you are interested in obtaining one of these signs, please contact the church office at 724.327.0061 or look for the table in the narthex display between services.

DAILY DOSE: Welcome to your Daily Dose of spiritual friendship. Each day in the Realm App or in your email box (whatever your preference) you will receive daily encouraging, challenging voices of Christianity to deepen your friendship with Jesus Christ and Christ's Church. You will need to go to the App or Realm Connect to opt-in yourself or email office@newlonsburgchurch.org to be added to the Daily Dose messages.

RIVERHOUNDS GAME: NPC family and friends will gather at Highmark Stadium as the Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC take on the Sacramento Republic FC at 7:00pm on Saturday, August 8, 2026. Tickets are \$31/person. We will be purchasing group tickets, so if you are interested, please contact Lindsay Lippman (tlpitt25@comcast.net), sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or [via the Realm-app](#) no

later than today, July 5, 2026 (deadline extension). Please sign up today if you want to join us.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The Nominating Committee at NPC has begun our search for members to join our already committed Elders, Deacons, Pre-school Board and other roles at NPC.



One of our first priorities is also to establish the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to begin the process of filling this position. If you have an interest in learning more about the duties on any of these jobs at NPC, or perhaps in joining other members in serving the church please call one of the members of the Nominating Committee.

They are: Shauna Frantz, Matt Hand, Susan Hois, Rob Jessup and Angel Stahl.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: A new member class will be held in August. The two sessions for this class will be on 8/2 and 8/9 from 11:30 - 1:00 PM in the Gathering Place. Light refreshments will be provided. The class will also be held virtually via Zoom. Please reach out to Kate Montgomery, Rachel Oates, or one of the pastors if you are interested to learn more. Hope to see you then!

YOUTH GROUP MOVIE NIGHT 8/15/16: On **Saturday, August 15th @6:30PM**



the Youth Group (**Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers**) will meet at Cinemark Monroeville (600 Mall Cir Dr, Monroeville, PA 15146) to see *Spider-Man: Brand New Day*. **Participants can be picked up from the theater by 9:45PM.** Please **register by Friday, July 17th**. This event is open to students in Middle School and High School. Parents, please note that this movie is rated PG-13. **If more than 40 people register, we can book a private screening!**

SAVE THE DATE:

Hoss's Lunch on Sunday, 9/13/26 after the 11am service

Puzzles & Pizza Night on Wednesday, 9/23/26 @ 6pm in Fellowship Hall

A FRIENDLY REMINDER FOR HUNGER OFFERINGS: Please put your name on the envelope when donating towards Hunger. The Hunger envelopes do not have your individual envelope number and we do not know who is giving unless you give us your name / envelope number. If you have given towards hunger and do not see contributions on your giving statement, please call Ginny Rygg (412)-491-7937. Thanks for your help with this and as always, thanks for your support.

SHOW SUPPORT FOR HAITIAN REFUGEES: There are multiple ways we can demonstrate our support for our Haitian friends in Charleroi. One of the ways is to contact our elected officials to institute systemic change in our country’s current approach. If you are interested in this, please refer to the Matthew 25 page on the NPC website or use this link <https://www.newlonsburgchurch.org/matthew-25-at-newlonsburg>

EMPLOYER MATCHING: Many companies offer matching gift programs to encourage employees to contribute to charitable organizations. Ask your employer if your gifts to NPC are eligible for matching. If your employer does not match gifts to religious organizations, consider matching your contributions to these other organizations. Groups receiving support from NPC: <https://www.newlonsburgchurch.org/groups-receiving-support-from-npc>

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS: Many employers offer the option to make charitable contributions through payroll deductions. This could be a way to make pre-tax contributions to NPC. If your employer allows payroll deductions for the United Way, Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church can be designated for United Way contributions. Please contact giving@newlonsburgchurch.org if you have any questions.

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.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY Thank you to all those who give in gratitude for what God has given to us. As of the end of Mayl 2026:

	Common Good	Special Gifts/ Reserve Accounts
Giving for Month	\$43,850	\$6,981
Year to Date Giving	\$287,568	\$41,373
Year to Date Spending Budget	\$293,482	
Year to Date Spending Actual	\$289,463	\$78,282

Common Good giving includes offerings, short-term investment interest, and facility usage fees. Special gifts are Reserve Account gifts such as Haiti Kids

support, Hunger Offerings, Youth Fund-Raising, Legacy Endowment Fund Gifts, Memorial Gifts, Capital Campaigns, and others.

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.

THIS WEEK AT NPC

Sunday July 12	8:30 AM	Worship – Patio
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday July 13	5:00 PM- 8:30 PM	Music Academy- Room 201
	6:30 – 8:30 PM	Boy Scouts – Rooms 104, 106, ARC
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Deacons - Gathering Place
Tuesday July 14	8:30 – 9:30 AM	Men's Breakfast – Dicks Diner
	11:00 AM	Leadership Programming
	1:15 PM	Leadership Meeting – Offsite
	12:00 - 4:00 PM	Music Academy – 102/103
	1:00 - 9:30 PM	Music Academy - 208
	2:30 - 9:00 PM	Music Academy - 101
	3:30 PM- 7:30 PM	Music Academy - 202/203
	5:00 - 8:30 PM	Music Academy - 201
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	Security Management Team - Gathering Place
	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Stewardship & Finance - Gathering Place
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Outreach - 205
	7:30 - 9:30 PM	NA - Common Ground
Wednesday July 15	8:30 AM	Women's Breakfast
	10:00 - 11:00 AM	Kids Craft & Storytime - Gathering Place
	10:00 AM - 6:30 PM	Music Academy - 101
	11:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Music Academy - 208
	12:00 - 4:00 PM	Music Academy - 102/103
	3:30 - 7:30 PM	Music Academy - 202/203, Nursery
	5:00 - 8:00 PM	Music Academy - 201
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Stephen Ministry - Gathering Place
Thursday July 16	11:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Music Academy - 201
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	No Praise Team Rehearsal
	7:30 -8:30 PM	No Choir Rehearsal
Friday July 17	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Quilters - Fellowship Hall
Saturday July 18	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 July 19	8:30 AM	Worship - Patio
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Boy Scouts - Common Ground/Gathering Place

NEWLONSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Rev. Curtis Lane Paul II, Pastor

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

Lindsey Berk & Ginny Rygg, Financial Secretaries

BOARD OF DEACONS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Natalie Bollinger, Childcare, '27

Emily Bondi, Ushers, '26

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

Lynn Comstock, Correspondence Cards, '28

Tyler Hanchey, Coffee and Doughnuts, '26

Matthew Hand, Moderator/Liaison to Nominating Committee, '26

Bruce Hanington, Counters/Vice Moderator, '27

Abby Kemerer, Greeters, '28

Alyssa Kemerer, Deacon-Elect, Greeters, '28

Elizabeth Montgomery, Deacon-Elect, Childcare, '27

Lori Novak, Secretary, '27

Linda Palmer, HOPE Coordinator, '28

Doug Riethmuller, Flowers/COM Liaison, '28

ELDERS OF SESSION BY MINISTRY

Affirmation

Amanda Neely, Chair '26

Janice Rehwald, '26

Care of Members

Lindsay Lippman, Chair, '26

Kelley Hand, '28

Equipping

Kevin Tomer, Chair, '28

Julie Gebrosky, '27

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