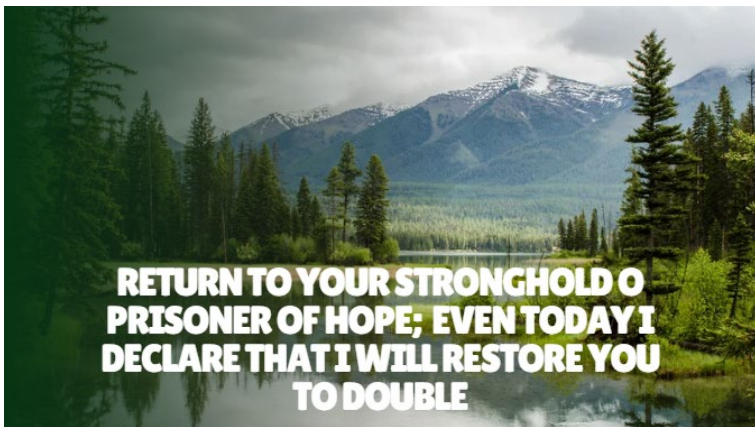




Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

July 5, 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

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

VISITOR SIGN IN



THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

July 5, 2026

10:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

America - Traditional
America the Beautiful - Ward
Roger Schneider, Euphonium

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Debbie Carlson

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is here;

People: **Let us humble ourselves.**

*OPENING HYMN # 337 My Country 'Tis of Thee

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Debbie Carlson

Gracious and merciful God, you bear our burdens and break the chains that bind us. Save us from the sin that we often fail to recognize. Show us your path of love and justice, that we might follow, for your way is perfect, now and forevermore. 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

Rev. Lori Bass-Riley

#188 (vs 1) Jesus Loves Me

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 11:25-30

Debbie Carlson

ANTHEM

Eternal Father Strong to Save

Dykes

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rev. Liddy Barlow

SERMON

Something's Gotta Change

Rev. Liddy Barlow

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SERMON HYMN

340 This Is My Song

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Joshua Kenst

(Please mention first names only)

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving The Lord's Prayer Pg. 35 (Debts)

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

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

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

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

Amazing Grace

Traditional

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

338 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

* BRINGING CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Liddy Barlow

*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

*Special Thanks to Roger Schneider for sharing his talents on the Euphonium this morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to the Rev. Liddy Barlow, who is preaching today. The Rev. Liddy Barlow is a creative and passionate servant of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church in all its complicated diversity. She works to bring Christians of all traditions together to make visible our true unity as the Body of Christ. In April 2014, Rev. Barlow became the first woman to be installed as Executive Minister of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania. She reports to the Council of Bishops and Judicatory Executives, who represent 29 Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox church bodies throughout greater Pittsburgh. As Executive Minister, Rev. Barlow sets a vision for Christian Associates and manages all of the organization's projects and relationships. Rev. Barlow is a key organizer of public worship services and events, such as interfaith services after the earthquake in Turkey, the outbreak of war in Ukraine, and standing against bigotry after the demonstrations in Charlottesville, VA. She edits Christian Associates' publications, including *The Call* newsletter, *The Word in Our Voices* series of sermon collections, and worship resources produced in partnership with community organizations. In the aftermath of the anti-Semitic massacre at Tree of Life Synagogue on October 27, 2018, Rev. Barlow offered a clear voice of compassion and hope, representing the Christian community at numerous interfaith and civic events. With partners of many faith traditions, notably the Center for Loving Kindness and Civic Engagement at the Jewish Community Center, she convened interfaith spiritual leaders from 9 world religions and 24 Christian denominations for the ["We Have to Talk"](#) initiative, which continues to promote collegiality and healing. Through Christian Associates' ministry of connectedness, Rev. Barlow holds a variety of leadership roles in local organizations, serving as chair of the Allegheny County Emergency Food & Shelter Board and board member for the Foundation of HOPE. She formerly served as chair of the City of Pittsburgh's Commission on Human Relations, secretary of the Western PA Regional VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters), steering team member for All for All, and board member at Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute. She has been active in the International Association of Women Ministers since 2007, and served as Program Chair for the 2019 Centennial Assembly. In 2015, she traveled to Israel and Palestine in the inaugural journey of Interfaith Partners for Peace. Rev. Barlow frequently preaches and speaks at churches and community organizations throughout our region. Her publications include a chapter in the 2022 book *Explore: Vocational Discovery in Ministry*, columns in [The Christian Century](#) and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, and a [sermon](#) featured in a Sojourners project. On June 24, 2019, Rev. Barlow received an Antoinette Brown Award for trailblazing leadership in the United Church of Christ. She was recognized as "40 Under 40" leader by Pittsburgh Magazine. She received a Circle of Courage award from BCC Ministries, a Dialogue

Award from the Turkish Cultural Center, and the Volunteer Mitzvah Award from the Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh. The Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh recognized her as one of the “Righteous Among the Neighbors.” Rev. Barlow is ordained in the United Church of Christ, and currently serves as Moderator of the Penn West Conference and as a board member for the new Keystone Conference. She served on national United Church of Christ task forces that re-visioned the Manual on Ministry and wrote the Manual on Local Church. She served six years as chair of the Pittsburgh Association Committee on Ministry. Rev. Barlow grew up in Keene, New Hampshire and attended Mount Holyoke College. After teaching sixth grade in Rocky Mount, North Carolina with the Teach for America program, she earned a Master of Divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological School. Prior to her ministry at Christian Associates, Rev. Barlow served congregations in downtown Pittsburgh and North Huntingdon. She lives in Pittsburgh with her husband Gregory, a robotics entrepreneur, and their two children.

THANK YOU TO OUR DEACON COMMUNION SERVERS: Debbie Carlson and Lynn Comstock.

FLOWERS: Given by Susan Keaney in gratitude for God’s many blessings!

EMERGENCY PASTORAL COVERAGE: If you need emergency pastoral coverage in July, please call Rev. Ed Gray @ 239-293-8094.

HUNGER OFFERING TODAY FOR MURRYSVILLE MEALS-ON-WHEELS: For our Hunger Offering this Sunday, we’re continuing our support for Murrysville Meals-On-Wheels. This program currently serves about 50 clients in the Murrysville/Export area by providing one hot and one cold meal four days every week – on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. A dedicated team of over 200 volunteers performs regular tasks such as purchasing and cooking food, as well as working on a team of a driver and delivery person on one of the three area routes. The mission of Murrysville Meals-On-Wheels is to provide a complete, nutritious hot lunch plus a cold supper to people who find it difficult to prepare meals for themselves because of poor health, disabilities, or lack of kitchen skills. This helps individuals remain in their own home and be independent for as long as possible. It is important to note that Murrysville Meals-On-Wheels is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All of the funds needed to run the program are derived entirely from client contributions, and donations from individuals, organizations and businesses. Murrysville Meals-On-Wheels receives NO government grants or tax-based funds. Please give generously. Our usual options are 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. Roger Schneider, NPC Outreach

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 Loris's office or the office. Thank you

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.

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.

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! 2nd Meet Up - Penn Trafford Municipal Park; Saturday, July 11 from 10am-12am at the playground, 3rd Meet Up - Bear Hollow Park - August TBA

PLEASE HELP BLESS TWO PINE SPRINGS COUNSELORS! UPDATE AND DEADLINE

EXTENDED. We are excited to announce that we will be continuing NPC's tradition of sponsoring a Pine Springs Camp summer staff person! In fact, this summer we are sponsoring two different counselors! The first is Paulo Mercado - coming all the way from Aguascalientes, Mexico. The second is IsaBella Gaebel, who will be a Cornerstone Counselor for the summer. We have received additional information on both of them to help us to continue to bless them with prayers and contribute gifts to their boxes. **Between now and Sunday, July 12th**, we will be collecting notes and cards expressing our prayers and support. Below are ideas to donate to each of their boxes. The boxes are located outside of the church office. Paulo's favorite color: blue; likes Takis tortilla chips and any other kind of chips; protein shakes – flavors chocolate and vanilla; gift cards -preferred to Chili's restaurant; drinks any kind of coffee. He also wears hats. Please keep his family back in Mexico in prayer. IsaBella's favorite colors: purple and green; likes Almond Joy candy bars; popcorn; any pies; root beer and Gatorade drinks; and gift cards – preferred Chick-Fil-A. Likes the clean and cozy scent lotion; wears hats and also drinks coffee. Asking prayers for patience and guidance during her time at Pine Springs this summer. Most importantly, please keep Paulo, IsaBella, and the entire Pine Springs staff in your prayers as they serve and lead campers this summer. Thank you for helping us to bless them!

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=ZmlxZWY5MmMtZjE4Ni00YWNLWFOWYtYjQyZTAxMWZINWQz>

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=NWRkZjZiNzQtYzJyYi00MmZjLTBlOTYtYjQ0OTAxNTQyMDBl>

NEW MEMBER CLASS: A new member class will be held in August. The two sessions for this class will be on 8/9 and 8/16 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!



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.



YOUTH GROUP MOVIE NIGHT 8/16/16: On **Sunday, August 16th @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>

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 May 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 5	8:30 AM	Worship – Patio
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday July 6	5:00 PM- 8:30 PM	Music Academy- Room 201
	6:30 – 8:30 PM	Boy Scouts – Rooms 104, 106, ARC
Tuesday July 7	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Matthew 25 - Gathering Place
	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
	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
	7:30 - 9:30 PM	NA - Common Ground
Wednesday July 8	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
Thursday July 9	11:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Music Academy - 201
	2:30 - 9:00 PM	Music Academy - 208
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	No Praise Team Rehearsal
	7:30 -8:30 PM	No Choir Reahearsal
Friday July 10	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Quilters - Fellowship Hall
Saturday July 11	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 12	8:30 AM	Worship - 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

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

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Janice Rehwald, '26

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Lindsey Berk, '27

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Debbie Andrachek, '28

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Rachel Oates, '28

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Michael Rhoades, '26

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Angel Stahl, Chair, '27

Clerk of Session

Susan Keaney