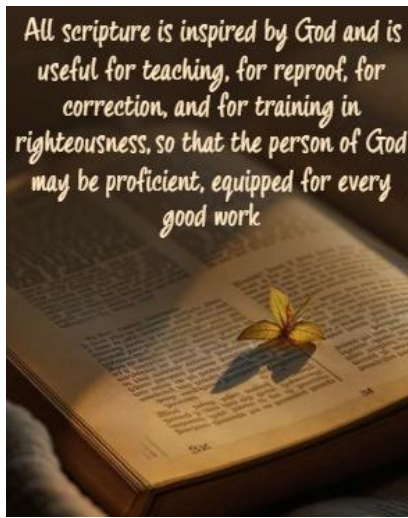




Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

September 13, 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

September 13, 2026

11:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE Toccata on "Hymn to Joy" Macchia

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Paul

INTROIT Wake Up, Church, Wake Up! Choplin

CALL TO WORSHIP Lucy Daller

Leader: We bow with the rolling rocks.

People: God is our strength and our salvation.

Leader: We sing with the roaring rivers.

People: God is our justice and our joy.

Leader: We will never stop telling God's story.

People: God is the hope of our ancestors.

Leader: With all that we have and all that we are, we say:

People: God is so good!

*OPENING HYMN # 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Lucy Daller

Spirit of mercy, we come to your fountain of forgiveness to begin again. You offer a fresh drink, a new life. Though we are often critical of others and of ourselves, help us to accept that we are accepted. Meet us here in ways that we can understand, that we may be filled with the life only you can offer. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Lucy Daller

***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

COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:7-14

Lucy Daller

ANTHEM

Hallelujah!

Cohen

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Rev. Paul

SERMON

Daily Dose of Christian Friendship

Rev. Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SERMON HYMN # 727 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Susan Keaney

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Joshua Kenst

(Please mention first names only)

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

Meditation on "Christe Sanctorum"

Trapp

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Lucy Daller

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN # 852 When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

* BRINGING CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Paul

*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

The Spirit of Joy

Smith

Sermon Notes

1. Professionals invest enormous effort staying informed in their careers. Yet many Christians attempt to navigate life spiritually undernourished.
2. The Bible is not merely something to study. It is God's primary way of forming disciples.
3. God's Word provides wisdom not simply information.
4. Scripture nourishes our soul and builds our relationship with Jesus.
5. Replace information overload with spiritual formation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO OUR ACOLYTE: Sydney Edwards

FLOWERS: The flowers are dedicated by Hal Burch in memory of his brother Jeff.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 9/13: We will elect 3 new members to the APNC on Sunday, September 13th following the late service. On Sunday, August 2nd the congregation elected Susan Keaney, Angel Stahl, Kathy Groll and Bill Soule as the APNC.

NEW ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM (ACS): The new ACS and intercom systems have been installed and will replace the current key-based access to NPC. These systems will be gradually implemented over the next few weeks and will be fully operational by September 1st. If you currently have a key for access, you'll need to complete an "Access Request and Agreement" form to obtain a key fob that will replace your key. This form is available in the church office and must be returned to the office so that the data can be added to the system. Between now and September 1st, we'll be debugging the system and loading the system database with individuals and groups who currently have keys to the church. We'll also input time frames for when doors will be unlocked and locked for facility user groups. Not everyone will require an access device (fob) to enter the church. If you primarily attend Sunday worship services and occasionally visit the church to drop off something, you don't

need to fill out an access form. The church doors will remain open for Sunday services and other church events.

9/11 WEEK OF SERVICE - HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IN WESTMORELAND COUNTY:

In recognition of the 2026 National 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance, Westmoreland Food Bank is kicking off the 9/11 Week of Service Food Drive, a county wide initiative honoring the spirit of service and unity that emerged in the wake of tragedy. This year, the event carries special significance as America celebrates its 250th anniversary, and we are reminded that the promise of this nation has always been fulfilled through the everyday acts of its citizens. As food insecurity continues to rise across Westmoreland County, the need for reliable food assistance has never been greater. To meet this growing need - and to mark America's 250th in a way that reflects our nation's founding ideals - we are being asked to host a food drive that also serves as a call for action that is rooted in two powerful American traditions: the post 9/11 resolve that turned grief into service and the 250th year legacy of neighbors helping neighbors. Please consider bringing in non-perishable food items and placing them in the donation box in the narthex. The most requested items are canned tuna, canned chicken, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meals (stew, ravioli) peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, and cereal. Please do not bring anything that is in glass jars or containers. All donated items must be non-perishable, have its original manufacturer's label, and be free from obvious defects. Thank you NPC for your generosity and for helping take care of our neighbors in need! It's a Newlonsburg thing!

SUDZY SEPTEMBER: Once again NPC will be supporting the Westmoreland Food Bank by providing laundry detergent to our neighbors who attend the distribution at Mother of Sorrows on October 6th. We need to provide 220 containers. Please place it in the narthex and hallway. This is a generous request and Outreach says "THANK YOU".

HOSS'S LUNCH: Come enjoy a nice lunch immediately after the second service today (9/13/26) with a group of fellow NPC'ers at Hoss's Steak & Sea House. Attendees will be the first to find out where our next lunch location will be. Hope to see you there!



PUZZLES & PIZZA NIGHT: Calling all puzzlers age 9 to 90! Join us for some puzzling fun on Wednesday, 9/23/26 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Competition begins at 6:15pm sharp, so don't be late! Assemble your own team of 2-4 people or come solo and join some fellow puzzlers for a friendly jigsaw puzzle race. Each adult team will tackle a 500-piece puzzle and each youth team will complete a 300-piece puzzle. Pizza will be served! Bring a snack or dessert to share and invite your friends. Sign up through [the Realm app](#) or via the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



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, September 19 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, September 19. If you are interested, please contact Jon Moerdyk. (jonathan.moerdyk@gmail.com; 231-679-5861)

MURRYSVILLE CROP HUNGER WALK PLANS SET FOR OCTOBER 11: The 47th annual Church World Service Murrysville CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 11. Be sure to mark your calendars and save that date now! This year we're planning to again make use of the wonderful asset we have in the Westmoreland Heritage Trail. The route will continue to be an approximate total of 3.5 miles (5 kilometers) as it has been for many years. The estimated walk time will be about 1.5 hours. The Walk will begin and end at the Duff Park shelter at the park entrance off School Road South, with a water stop at the Walk midpoint near the Murrysville Community Center. Sign-in will begin at the shelter at 1:00 PM, with the Walk beginning at approximately 1:30 PM. As we did, beginning in 2020, those who prefer to walk "virtually", may do so as well. During the weeks to come, we'll be contacting all who have walked with our teams and who have contributed in recent years. We'll also be reaching out to invite new participants from our congregation and from the community. For more information, please contact Roger Schneider at rogerls@comcast.net or call during the day or evening at 412-613-8470. To join the NPC team or make a contribution, please use this QR code or go to: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/newlonsburg-presbyterian-church>

October 16-19 - THE BIG ONE: The BIG one is an amazing way to experience a retreat at Pine Springs Camp! Packaged like a student conference, the BIG one invites students in grades 6-12 for a retreat full of evangelism, fellowship, discipleship, worship and a whole lot of fun—Pine Springs Camp style. The weekend is packed with activities, games, entertainment, worship, teaching, friends and fun. This experience is great for individual campers and youth groups! Want to catch a glimpse of what the Big One is like? Make sure you plan to attend The BIG one in 2026! <https://www.pinesprings.org/the-big-one>

FALL WORK DAY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 14TH: Please come help clean up the grounds and keep our space beautiful from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Many hands make light work!

SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Women's Fall Breakfast**, Saturday 11/7/26 from 9:30am-11:30am

- **Advent Dinner** on Sunday, 12/6/26 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall
- **Christmas Caroling & Celebration** on **Sunday**, 12/20/26 at 3pm. It's worth scheduling your other holiday celebrations around this if you can!

MISSING A CORNHOLE BOARD? A Penn State/St Vincent's corn hole game board is in Common Ground. If you are the owner or know who loaned the game for Corn Dogs and Corn Hole event, please collect the game or let Susie Siegel know who to contact so it can be returned.

A NOTE FROM THE CROCHET GROUP- As most of you know Newlonsburg Church has a crochet group that meets every Tuesday September thru May. This group has been in existence since 1993. Thanks to the support of outreach, individual monetary and acrylic yarn donations we were able to help various organizations by giving them blankets and hats. Last year we donated 425 blankets and 85 hats. Just recently our blankets were featured in a story that appeared on WPXI news. This is a wonderful program that is part of the Pittsburgh Public School run by Carolyns Rychick. We have put a link on Newlonsburg Facebook page. if you would like more information. We would like to thank this congregation for your continued support in helping us provide this service to others. If you'd like to join us, donate ,or just come to see us work, please don't hesitate to contact Debbi Grimaldi.

MEN'S BASKETBALL MINISTRY: Looking for a great way to stay active while growing in faith and fellowship? Join our **Men's Basketball Ministry** every **Tuesday and Thursday evening** from **9:00–11:00 PM** in the **Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church ARC Gym**. Each evening begins by sharing our joys and concerns, followed by a time of prayer before we hit the court. It's a wonderful opportunity to build friendships, encourage one another in Christ, and enjoy the gift of exercise through basketball. A **suggested donation of \$8 per night** helps support this ministry, but any amount that is financially feasible is appreciated. No one is turned away due to financial circumstances. Whether you're a seasoned player or just looking for fellowship and fitness, we'd love to have you join us! Contact Michael Lancaster mikelancastertech@gmail.com

LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS YOUR HELP: Loaves & Fishes is looking for a volunteer to shelve food monthly. Please call Judy Radcliff if you are interested, 724-787-3745.

OUR HAITIAN FRIENDS IN CHARLEROI NEED YOUR HELP! Our Haitian friends are in need of feminine hygiene products (pads only please!) diapers and wipes. Please place them in the collection boxes. 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.

HELP US PUT NAMES TO FACES IN OUR CHURCH PHOTO COLLECTION: The office team is purchasing photo albums to give our NPC photos a home. We need your help to put names to faces and help us determine the years the photos were taken. If you are able to help, please reach out to Jenn or Rachel at office@newlonsburgchurch.org or 724-327-0061.

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. 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.

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>

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS: Using a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a great way for people meeting certain requirements with an IRA and a need to withdraw funds to meet a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), to contribute to NPC.

DONATIONS SENT FROM FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS: If you are having any donations sent directly from your financial institution, please let them know that they should put your name somewhere on the documentation that is sent with the

check made out to Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church. If they do not add your name we have no way of knowing who the donation is from. Thanks as always for your generosity and support! For more information, please contact giving@newlonsburgchurch.org

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 July 2026:

	Common Good	Special Gifts/ Reserve Accounts
Giving for Month	\$35,094	\$5,540
Year to Date Giving	\$380,885	\$58,336
Year to Date Spending Budget	\$411,173	
Year to Date Spending Actual	\$396,116	\$114,943

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 September 13	8:30 AM	Worship - Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday September 14	4:00 PM- 5:00 PM	Music Academy- Rooms 102/103
	4:45 - 8:00 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 September 15	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
	2:30 - 9:00 PM	Music Academy - Choir Room
	3:00 - 5:00 PM	YG - Arc/206
	3:30 PM- 7:30 PM	Music Academy - 202/203
	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Music Academy – 102/103
	4:45 - 8:00 PM	Music Academy - 201
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Session - Gathering Place
	7:30 - 9:30 PM	NA - Common Ground
Wednesday September 16	8:30 AM	Women's Breakfast
	11:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Music Academy - 208
	1:30 - 3:30 PM	Music Academy - Choir Room
	2:30 - 4:00 PM	RAM (HS) - Arc/206
	3:30 - 9:30 PM	Music Academy - 101
	3:30 - 7:30 PM	Music Academy - 202/203
	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Music Academy - 102/103
	4:45 - 8:00 PM	Music Academy - 201
Thursday September 17	2:30 - 9:30 PM	Music Academy - 201
	2:30 - 9:00 PM	Music Academy - 208
	3:00 - 4:30 PM	RAM (MS) - Arc/206
	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Music Academy - 102/103
	4:30 - 7:00 PM	MINTEC - Arc/Common Ground
	4:45 - 8:00 PM	Music Academy - 101
	5:30 - 6:15 PM	Beginning Bells - Choir Room
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal
	6:15 - 7:15 PM	Bell Choir
	7:30 - 8:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday September 18	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Music Academy - 102/103
Saturday September 19	9:45 - 11:45AM	OA - Gathering Place
	11-1:00 PM	AA – Common Ground
Sunday September 20	8:30 AM	Worship - Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary

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, Greeters, '28

Elizabeth Montgomery, Deacon, 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