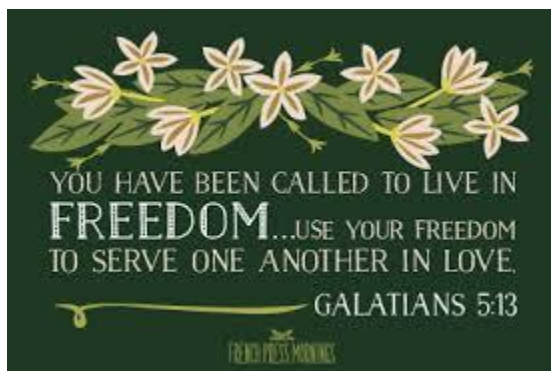




 *Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church*  
WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

September 21, 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.

**4600 Old William Penn Highway**

**Murrysville, PA 15668**

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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

September 21, 2025

11:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

## GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

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| PRELUDE | Prelude on "Spiritus vitae" | Salyards |
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Paul

THE INTROIT                      God Is Awesome  
Sunday School Singers and Sunday School Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Jeff Goff

Leader: Remember, O people, the needs of the poor and the suffering of the downtrodden, and hold to account all who are in high positions,

**People:** for God our Savior desires everyone to know the truth that they are loved.

Leader: God will raise the poor from the dust and make them sit with princes.

**People:** So let us offer supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings for everyone,

Leader: for the Lord is high above all nations, yet nothing is below God's notice.

**People:** There is one God; and in Christ Jesus one mediator between God and humankind, who gave himself a ransom for all. Praise the Lord!

\*OPENING HYMN # 628 Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Jeff Goff

**Great God, maker and reconciler of the earth and all that dwells here, champion of the poor, who humbles the proud, draw all people into new unity with you. May we know to whom we belong and act faithfully to care for what you have entrusted to us. Help us all, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name. Amen.**

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

**\*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

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

**Leader:** Friends, let us join together in this liturgy for our Bible distribution. Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

**Children:** We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds. Thank you. We will read and study the Bible together.

**Congregation:** We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.

**All:** The Word of God is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path. Thanks be to God.

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| SCRIPTURE LESSON | Galatians 5:13-16                              | Jeff Goff      |
| ANTHEM           | God Is Changing the World<br>Rowan Burch, solo | Hayes, Beckitt |
| SCRIPTURE LESSON | 1 Corinthians 10:23-33                         | Rev. Paul      |
| SERMON           | How to Live Well with Technology               | Rev. Paul      |

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\*SERMON HYMN      # 322 We Are One in Christ Jesus

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 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](mailto:giving@newlonsburgchurch.org) with any questions.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Gavotta

arr. Woods

Kloe Jarosz, flute, Jill Oster, piano

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

## **CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*CLOSING HYMN      # 838 Standing on the Promises

\*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

Voice of Praise

Lorenz

### **SERMON NOTES**

1. All things are lawful, but not all things are beneficial. -1 Corinthians 10:23
2. Don't use your freedom for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another! -Galatians 5:13

3. Give no offense...just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, so that they maybe saved.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**STARTING TOMORROW!** You're invited to join Healthy Seminarians-Healthy Church's Joy Scavenger Hunt! From Sept. 22–30, we're encouraging you to "hunt" for small, everyday moments of joy in your own life as we move through our annual Fall Fundraiser, "Cultivating Joy." Download your Cultivating Joy game board online (using the provided link) or pick up a paper copy today! By participating, you'll not only be celebrating joy; you will also have the opportunity to support HSHC's mission of tending to the wellbeing of seminarians, clergy, and communities of faith. Plus, by joining in, you will be entered into a **drawing for a surprise gift (you do not have to donate in order to play)**. If you choose to contribute, you will receive an additional entry into the drawing. To learn more and/or to donate go to: [bit.ly/CultivatingJoyFallFundraiser2025](http://bit.ly/CultivatingJoyFallFundraiser2025)

**INTERESTED IN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP?** So many in our church family are grieving lost loved ones. Care of Members is exploring the possibility of offering a GriefShare support group if members would be interested. This 13-week support group program includes a weekly video featuring respected experts on grief-related topics and helpful stories from people who have experienced loss. This is followed by a discussion by group members about what was presented in the video and what is going on in their lives. If you think you could benefit from a GriefShare support group, please email [lauren.babich@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.babich@gmail.com) or call the church office (724-327-0061) to let them know. Note: if you emailed the [careofmembers@newlonsburgchurch.org](mailto:careofmembers@newlonsburgchurch.org) with your interest, that address has been deactivated, so please resend your email to Lauren Babich.

**SEEKING MINTEC SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:** We are looking for a few more folks to serve as MINTEC Sunday School teachers on a rotating basis for the coming year. The lessons and other materials will be provided; all we ask is that you have current child-protection clearances on file with the church office. If you are willing to be part of this fulfilling, long-time ministry, or would like to know more, please contact Travis, either by phone in the church office (724-327-0061) or email ([travis.webster@comcast.net](mailto:travis.webster@comcast.net)). Thank you!

**SHOE DONATIONS:** The FR Cross Country team is collecting shoes to financially benefit our Loaves and Fishes Emergency Food Pantry. Any type and size of new or used shoes can be donated in the box by the office from September 7-28th.

**BACK TO SCHOOL MEANS MORE LAUNDRY:** Please help up provide laundry detergent to the Westmoreland County distribution at Mother of Sorrows in October. This is our 10th year to add this high-cost item to the monthly food given out to local families in need of support. Place the detergent in the narthex. We need 200, so please be generous. (You always are!!) BLESSINGS!  
Outreach Ministry

**JOSHUA NEEDS YOUR MASON JARS:** Dear friends and families of Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, I am collecting old jars to use as a craft for Sunday School on October 5. If you have any gently used mason jars from jam or jelly, please place them in the box on the table located left of the office, labeled “jar collection” by Friday, September 26. Thank you so much for your investment in the spiritual enlightenment of our young people!

**WOMEN IN THE WOODS RETREAT:** Women in the Woods (October 3 and 4, 2025) is a retreat designed to be physically and spiritually refreshing for women of all ages. The teaching will be incredible, and the retreat will be packed with great singing, fun, laughter and fellowship. Come by yourself, bring a group or a friend and enjoy the teachings of Kelly Miskis as we learn to rest – she will show us how to take what we study about God (Mind) and allow it to shape us and settle into us (Heart) and live into this knowledge and faith (Body.) The retreat will be held at Pine Springs Camp and runs from Friday to Saturday evening with a special dinner celebration. Find details and register at

<https://www.pinesprings.org/women-in-the-woods>.

**THE NPC CROP HUNGER WALK TEAM NEEDS YOU!** This year’s Church World Service Murrysville CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 12. Our NPC team is now signing up walkers – AND requesting donations. We’ll again be walking in person this year on the Westmoreland Heritage Trail. For those who will not be able to be with us on Walk day, we’re encouraging folks to join us virtually – as all of us did back in the first Covid years. Your help with our CROP website and social media fund-raising will be greatly appreciated. It’s easy to join our team – OR to contribute to a team member or to the team in general. To join the NPC team or make a contribution, please use this QR code or go to:



<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/newlonsburg-presbyterian-church> Just scroll down below the initial “End Hunger” Walk goal graphic to the blue rectangular button that reads “Join the Team.” There is another larger blue button in the middle of this main page, as well. Although online will be our primary method, in-person registration will be available at the beginning of the Walk on October 12. Secure donations may also be made on this same webpage. Just use the orange buttons that read “Donate Now”. The Westmoreland Heritage Trail route will continue to be an approximate total of 3.5 miles (5 kilometers). The estimated walk is 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 Murrys ville Community Center. Sign-in will begin at the shelter at 1:00 PM, with the Walk beginning at approximately 1:30 PM. For more information, please contact Roger Schneider at rogerls@comcast.net or during the day or evening at 412-613-8470.

**CHILI, SOUP & BREAD COOK-OFF:** We’re adding an extra twist to our Chili Cook-off this year! Bring your favorite chili, soup, or bread dish (or enter a dish in every category!) and prove that you are top chef at Newlonsburg! We’ll have a judge’s choice winner and a people’s choice winner in each of the three categories. If you aren’t a chef, bring your appetite! You can enjoy lunch and vote on your favorite dishes. Cook-off will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 service on Sunday, September 28th. Sign-up sheet coming soon!

*Thanks in advance to our Cook-off Hospitality Chairs (Lauren Babich & Kimberly Burch) and Team Members: Tom and Mary Ann Austin, Buck Babich, Craig and Natalie Bollinger, Hal Burch, Lynn Comstock, Jim and Diane Delbridge, Greg and Caroline Franko, Sylvia Henriquez, Cindy Hopper, Mark and Gale Lieber, Dean and Sue Matanin, Andrew and Jordan McBurney, Matt and Megan Nicely, Keith Paulson, Jim and Heidi Scriven, and Kevin and Nicole Tomer.*

**WOMEN'S FALL BREAKFAST:** Come enjoy a morning of food, fellowship and spiritual refreshment at our Women's Fall Breakfast on Saturday, October 25th at 9:30am-11:30am. We will welcome speaker, Lori Bass-Riley, our new Director of Children and Family Ministries. Ages 13+ welcome. Bring a friend or two! You can sign up on the church sign-up boards or through Realm.

*Thanks in advance to our Women's Fall Breakfast Chairs (Linda Gossar-Loesch & Diane Sciallo) and Team Members: Kim Anderson, Debbie Andrachek, Don & Darlene Blansett, Brian Boyd, Lori Brickner, Dreama Delmar, Bob Dippolito, Alex & Julie Gebrosky, Rhonda Johnston, John Kaye, David & Michelle Lint, Todd & Lindsay Lippman, Kaitlyn Lippman, Mark Loesch, Michael & Connie Lowe, Chris & Sybil Marshall, Abbygayle Marshall, Darlene Matta, Michelle McAllister, Jon & Kate Moerdyk, David & Lynne O'Connor, Joe & Jessica Phillips, Walter & Joelle Pitts, John & Leanne Salava, Hope Schilling, Frank Sciallo.*

**PUZZLES & PIZZA NIGHT:** Calling all puzzlers age 9 to 90! Join us for some puzzling fun on Wednesday, 10/29/25 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 online through our Fellowship Event Sign-up Form.

**FALL WORK PARTY (CLEAN UP DAY):** will take place November 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 8AM? All are welcome to come and help!

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

- Hoss's Lunch on Sunday, 11/9/25 after the 11am service
- Advent Dinner on Sunday, 12/7/25 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall
- Christmas Caroling & Celebration on **SATURDAY** (yes, Saturday), 12/20/25 at 3pm. It's worth scheduling your other holiday celebrations around this if you can!



**DONATION STATEMENTS WILL BE SENT OUT FOR GIVING FROM JANUARY THROUGH AUGUST, 2025:** They will be either emailed or sent out via USPS for those not using email. If you have any questions please contact Ginny Rygg (412-491-7937) or Lindsey Berk (412-559-7862). You can also check your giving through REALM. As always, thanks for your continued generosity.

**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>

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

| <u>August Giving</u> | <u>Giving YTD</u> | <u>YTD Spending</u> | <u>YTD Budget</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| <u>\$49,293</u>      | <u>\$404,365</u>  | <u>\$415,781</u>    | <u>\$444,293</u>  |

Common Good giving includes offerings, short term investment interest and facility usage.

**OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE:** Please continue to give to NPC by check or text "Newlonsburg" to 73256. Please visit [www.newlonsburgchurch.org/give](http://www.newlonsburgchurch.org/give) to give online or email npcgiving@gmail.com with any questions.

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

## **PARKING LOT COMPLETION & NEXT STEPS FOR 2025 PROPERTY**

**IMPROVEMENTS** : The parking lot is done and paid for! It looks fantastic. Session and the Leadership Team offer their sincerest appreciation and heartfelt thanks for your generous support of the 2025 Property Improvements Projects. Your gifts have played a pivotal role in ensuring our ministry and mission continue to grow and flourish. Special thanks go to the Property Ministry for their thoughtful design and dedicated oversight of this timely project. With this major improvement complete, we continue looking forward: we still need donations by September 30th to move ahead with our next exciting projects—the new church sign and the replacement of the Common Ground HVAC system.

**How Your Gift Makes a Difference** The new sign will make our church more visible and welcoming to newcomers, guests, and longtime members alike—helping all find their way to worship, fellowship, and support. Replacing the HVAC system will ensure comfortable and safe gathering spaces year-round for all our ministries, programs, and community events, making NPC a true resource for everyone who enters our doors. **We need approximately \$25,000 to reach our goal. Every gift, no matter the amount, brings us closer to making these improvements a reality.** Your support is crucial in ensuring NPC continues to be a welcoming, vibrant hub for faith and community. Please prayerfully consider a gift to help us undertake these two essential projects.

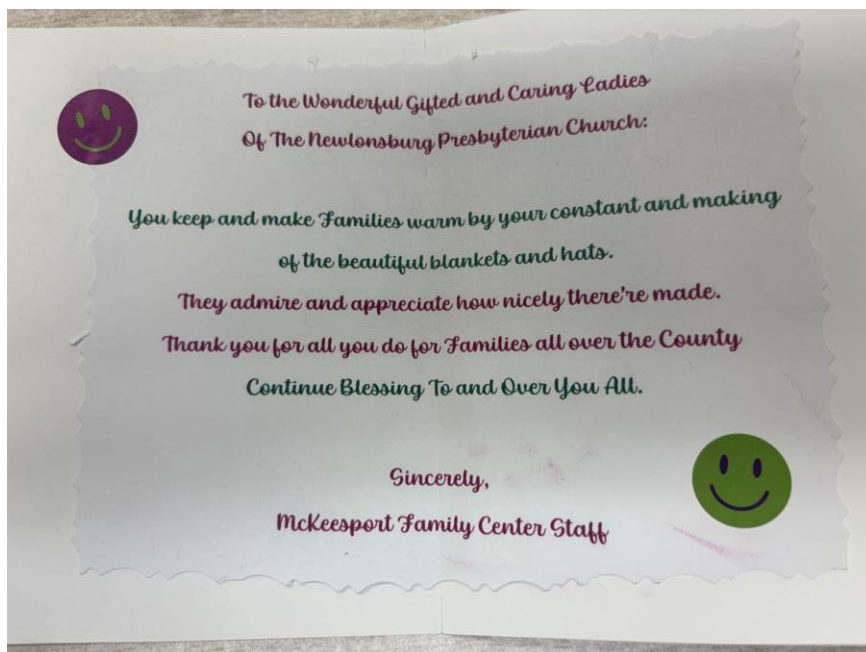
### **How to Donate**

- Send a check with “2025 Capital Improvements” on the memo line to the church office
- Place your donation in the offering basket
- Or donate online at <https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/give/property>

Every contribution matters! If you have any questions about giving, please contact the church office. Thank you again for your steadfast generosity and for being an essential part of our shared ministry.

The Newlonsburg Crochet Group would like to thank the congregation for their continued support. With your help and the help of others, we have been able to provide 251 blankets and 70 hats to various organizations just this year. Here is a note we received from The McKeesport Family Center. Once again, thank you!

If you have any questions on how you can help this ministry continue, please don't hesitate to speak to Debbi Grimaldi.



**Hey parents and guardians!**  
**I want to hear from you about what**  
**school activities your children**  
**participate in. Please scan the QR and**  
**respond the Google survey.**

**Thank you!**  
**Peace and blessings,**  
**Joshua**



# Hey High Schoolers!

I'm planning on starting a new program just for you! Please scan the QR Code and respond to the Survey Monkey by Sunday Sept. 7. I look forward to meeting with you and hearing your ideas about this new opportunity!

Blessings,  
Joshua



PINE SPRINGS PRESENTS

# THE BIG ONE

OCTOBER 17-19

Scan to register



## **THIS WEEK AT NPC**

|                       |                     |                                                      |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday Sept. 21       | 8:30 AM             | Worship – Arc Patio                                  |
|                       | 11:00 AM            | Worship - Sanctuary                                  |
| Monday September 22   | 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 September 23  | 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                               |
|                       | 7 – 9:00 PM         | NA – Common Ground                                   |
| Wednesday Sept. 24    | 8:30 AM             | Women’s Breakfast                                    |
|                       | 10:15 AM - 12:15 PM | Along the Way Church History Class - Gathering Place |
|                       | 3:00 PM             | Music Academy – Rooms 101- 103, 201, 208, Nursery    |
| Thursday September 25 | 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM  | Music Academy                                        |
|                       | 3:00 - 4:45 PM      | Ram - Arc                                            |
|                       | 5:30 - 6:15 PM      | Beginning Bells - Choir Room                         |
|                       | 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 September 26   | 4:00 - 5:30 PM      | Music Academy - 101/102                              |
| Saturday September 27 | 8:30- 9:30 AM       | Newlonsburg Music Academy – 205                      |
|                       | 8:30 - 10:30 AM     | Men’s Breakfast - Fellowship Hall                    |
|                       | 11-1:00 PM          | AA – Common Ground                                   |
| Sunday September 28   | 8:30 AM             | Worship - Fellowship Hall                            |
|                       | 11:00 AM            | Worship - Sanctuary                                  |
|                       | 12:00 PM            | Chili Cookoff - Fellowship Hall                      |

# **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**

## **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