



 Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church
WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

September 6, 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 6, 2026

10:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE Sheep May Safely Graze Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Paul

CALL TO WORSHIP Lynn Comstock

Leader: A new song awaits us;
People: God's Spirit is coming.
Leader: We can hear the music; we're ready to move!
People: God's praise will be on our lips!
Leader: Neighbors from far and wide will pour out from their doorways.
People: God's joy will be alive in the streets;
Leader: friends and strangers will gather.
People: All will rejoice;
Leader: together, we will breathe a deep sigh of peace
People: as we turn our hearts toward the justice of the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN # 187 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Lynn Comstock

God of goodness, when we gather, we are with you. Bind us together in your promise, that our dark nights will soon be over, and the brightness of day will be near. The hour has come. Salvation is here. Let us be your light. Let us be your love. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Lynn Comstock

***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		Joshua Kenst
#188 (vs 1) Jesus Loves Me		
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Ezekiel 34: 11-16	Lynn Comstock
ANTHEM	The Servant Song Heidi Scriven, solo	Gillard
SCRIPTURE LESSON	John 10:1–4, 14–16	Linda Gossar-Loesch
SERMON	The Shepherd and His Flock	Linda Gossar-Loesch

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*SERMON HYMN	# 527 Eat this Bread	
MOMENT FOR MISSION		Mary Bode-Knead
SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS (Please mention first names only)		Joshua Kenst
CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION		Rev. Paul
Words of Invitation		
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving The Lord’s Prayer Pg. 35 (Debts)		
Words of Institution		
Communion of the People		
Prayer after the meal		

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	
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*Doxology	
*Prayer of Dedication	Lynn Comstock

CARRYING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN # 543 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

* BRINGING CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

Linda Gossar-Loesch

*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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: Presented by Debbi and Mike Grimaldi who are thankful for their son Matthew's successful heart surgery 1 year ago.

WE WELCOME YOUR MUSICAL TALENTS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10: The 8:30 am Praise Team and the 11 am Sanctuary Choir are ready to welcome your participation as rehearsals begin this Fall. Also, the Beginning Bells and the Bell Choir are ready to ring their way into your heart Thursday evenings.

Please join us. For more info contact Matt Klumpp and Bettie Jarosz Beginning Bells, (Choir Room @ 5:30 pm). Praise Team, (FH @ 6 pm). Bell Choir (Choir Room @ 6:15 pm). Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room @ 7:30 pm).

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.

HUNGER OFFERING FOR THE NEW KENSINGTON KNEAD COMMUNITY CAFÉ: Our Hunger Offering this morning will be taken in support of the important work of the Knead Community Café (KCC). The café was established in February 2017 as a non-profit charitable organization and it is staffed almost entirely by volunteers. It is the first Pay-What-You-Can / Pay-It-Forward cafe in Western Pennsylvania. They are dedicated to creating a warm and welcoming environment where everyone can enjoy a great meal, regardless of their ability to pay. Their two-fold mission is driven by their faith and their desire to positively impact their community. The first goal is to provide hunger relief for those in need. By offering delicious and healthy food options regardless of one's means, they partner with individuals where they are. The second goal is to strengthen the bonds of community by creating a safe and beautiful space, where all are invited to engage with one another. (It should be noted that NPC will be sponsoring a dinner on Thursday, September 17 when 8-10 of our members will assist in serving. This will provide a first-hand experience of this special mission.) Since its inception, the Knead Community Café has become a community hub in the downtown New Kensington area, which has seen significant redevelopment, attracting many new businesses in the last five years. Our Hunger Offering this morning will help to provide additional resources in support of their important community work. 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, Murrysburg, 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 - Outreach Ministry Thanks, Roger

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".

FALL FUSION TWEENER RETREAT 9/12-9/13: Fall Fusion is Pine Spring Camp's fall retreat for campers who are in 4th - 6th grade! Our desire is to continue to provide an amazing environment where campers can grow in their faith and have a "vital encounter with Jesus Christ." Cost is \$95/child or \$85/child when coming in groups of 10. **Price includes food, lodging and camp activities. Please contact Pastor Lori (text 412-737-1412) if you are interested in attending with us as a group or you can register individually by using the QR code.

KICK OFF SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13 10:AM: Sunday School Returns on September 13th! All children and youth classes (besides confirmation) will begin in their classrooms and then after meeting their teachers, they will go to the ARC for a party! Pick up will be in the ARC.

HOSS'S LUNCH: Come enjoy a nice lunch immediately after the second service with a group of fellow NPC'ers on Sunday, 9/13/26 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.

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!

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)

3rd GRADE BIBLE DISTRIBUTION/PRESENTATION 9/27/26 sign up before 9/6: We will present our 3rd Graders (and any older elementary students who do not have one) a student Bible with

interesting articles and activities incorporated throughout the Bible. These will be presented at both the 8:30 and 11:00 Service. Please sign your child up by 9/6 so we can have our church enter your child's name with calligraphy.

<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=ZmRmYzRmM2ItMmMzMzNC00YjY3LWlwZTYtYjQ4MzAwMDAxMDI1>



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>

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 DISTRUBTIONS: 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 6	8:30 AM	Worship – Patio
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday September 7	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	Matthew 25 - Gathering Place
Tuesday September 8	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
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	Security Managment - Gathering Place
	6:30 - 9:00 PM	Stewardship & Finance - Gathering Place,
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Outreach - 205
	7:30 - 9:30 PM	NA - Common Ground
Wednesday September 9	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 10	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
	4:45 - 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 Reahearsal
Friday September 11	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Music Academy - 102/103
	9:00 AM - 2:00PM	Quileters - Fellowship Hall
Saturday September 12	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 September 13	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