

THE GOOD NEWLONSBURG

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Explore Galatians 5:16, 22–25 and the powerful truth that joy isn't something we stumble into—it's something that grows as we live intentionally with Christ's Spirit.

So often, our lives are shaped by reactions—frustration, impatience, or disappointment when things don't go our way. But Jesus invites us into a different way of living. Instead of reacting, we can learn to respond through the Spirit. As we walk with Christ daily, His Spirit begins to reshape how we think, speak, and act.

God's Word reminds us that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, generosity, and self-control. This is the evidence of a life rooted in Jesus. Joy flows not from control or perfect circumstances, but from practicing Jesus' Way—choosing habits that lead to human flourishing and deeper connection with God and others.

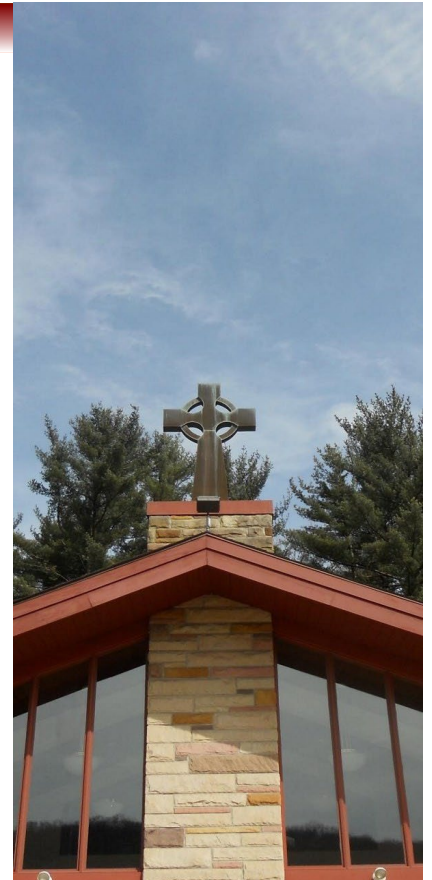
In a restless and divided world, many are searching for "something more." Scripture reminds us that true fulfillment is found not in power, success, or more achievement—but in a life transformed by Christ. Jesus' Spirit forms a new kind of community, one marked by love across differences and a shared commitment to care for one another.

The invitation is simple, but challenging: Where do you need to invite Christ's Spirit to reshape your reactions? What might it look like to embody joy in the moments that usually create tension?

Joy is not accidental—it is intentional living with Jesus.

Enjoy Jesus' presence in the present,

Pastor Curtis



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FAREWELL LETTER FROM PASTOR TRAVIS

Dear NPC family,

It is hard for me to imagine that our time together is coming to a close. We've been through a lot! When Karen and I first came to Murrysville, COVID was still raging; many churches, including this one, were not even meeting in person, taking a strong stand for the health of all by worshipping online. Things were still so bad that we even bought our house remotely, since travel was restricted. Slowly, but surely, the world became more recognizable, and it was a joy to see the various aspects of life in this congregation come out of hibernation. Education programs, pastoral care and visitations, Stephen Ministry, children's activities, youth group, leadership meetings, MINTEC, RAM, VBS, Pine Springs, and, of course, Sunday mornings returned to normal, though many of these had a remote option along with them; seeing one another on a screen has become a permanent fixture of daily life. Nobody enjoyed the pandemic, but it proved an important point: that the church is far greater than any particular gathering or way of doing things. It is truly a sacred community of believers, assembled by the power of the Holy Spirit around the God of Christ, and nothing, not even a world-altering public health crisis, can change that. Just like the apostle Paul used Greek language, Jewish synagogues, and Roman roads to spread the Gospel, so, too, can we use Zoom.

The past five and a half years have carried with them many blessings. In addition to the rhythms of weekly church living, I have enjoyed Wednesday morning classes, Advent dinners, several summer sermon series, Trunk-or-Treat, Christmas caroling, Advent and Lenten studies, Deacon Thanksgiving deliveries, All Saints, the Stephen Ministry Strawberry Festival, the Longest Night Service of Healing and Wholeness, pastoral visits, Pirates games, the Good News Cruise musical, Confirmation Sundays, and the countless other events that make up the fabric of this community. I cannot possibly tell you how much I have been honored and humbled by the trust you have placed in me to celebrate with you in your best moments, abide with you in your most difficult ones, and walk alongside you all the times in between.

There's a paradoxical reality about church: we are challenged and charged with the life-altering vocation of interpreting universal truth into a constantly shifting cultural context. This means we are continuously needing to discern what it means to be a vital, faithful, biblically oriented fellowship here and now... and, by the way, the here-and-now is not the same today as it was yesterday and won't be the same tomorrow as it is today. The God whom we serve is eternal, but how people best come to know this God is deeply conditioned by variables such as time and place. This is why Tom Gillespie, the president of Princeton Theological Seminary when Karen and I were students there, said that the church is always one generation away from dying out – because it is up to the Christians of each era to best cultivate what has been passed in trust to them, and which they, in turn, will pass in trust to future believers. It is my conviction that Newlonsburg Presbyterian has everything it needs to fulfill this calling – a talented staff, dedicated members, outstanding programming, an excellent location, a great reputation, and an intense drive towards service, among other attributes. It will take all that NPC has to meet this moment, and sometimes it may seem that the demands are too much. No demands, though, are greater than the God who has both made this mission ours and equips us for it.

I am excited to take on the new position at the College of Wooster, and more than a little nervous about it, as well; I would appreciate your ongoing prayers as Karen and I make this change! Please know, though,

that NPC will never be far from my heart and mind, and I will always cherish this as a particularly meaningful part of my own faith journey.

Until we see each other again,

Travis

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR PASTOR CURTIS

Pastor Curtis will be away for Continuing Education from 6/28/26-7/5/26 at the Chautauqua Institute. He serves on the Board of the Presbyterian House at Chautauqua. He will hear and observe world-renowned scholars and preachers to enhance his own public speaking and preaching. He will also worship each day for spiritual renewal. The two continuing education topics are described below.

Icons and Instigators: Women Who Change the World

Across generations and geographies, women have sparked revolutions, reshaped norms, and reimagined the possible. Chautauqua Institution itself has amplified many of their voices over its 150-plus years. This week, we celebrate iconic changemakers and unsung trailblazers alike — women whose courage, vision, and defiance have rerouted history and continue to shape the future. What drives societal transformation, and what role have we seen women uniquely play in catalyzing it? How do we continue to empower and support girls, young women, and emergent women leaders, and demonstrate that their success is not zero-sum — meaning at the expense of their male counterparts — but rather clearly beneficial to all? For more info: <https://www.chq.org/things-to-do/events/weekly-themes/week-one-2026/>

Breaking the News: Charting a New Media Landscape

The way we produce and consume news is changing fast — shaped by established and emerging digital platforms, evolving audience consumption habits, and rapidly shifting business models. As trust in traditional media declines and misinformation rises, how do we ensure a healthy press — and an informed public? During a summer in which we celebrate the 150th birthday of our beloved community newspaper, The Chautauquan Daily, Chautauqua in this week brings together journalists, media entrepreneurs, and analysts to explore what's next for news: from independent outlets and nonprofit models to the role of AI and algorithms in shaping public discourse. Our conversation will dive into how the news is framed, who gets a platform, and how emerging storytellers are reshaping what journalism looks like. From TikTok newsrooms to longform investigations, it's a new media moment. <https://www.chq.org/things-to-do/events/weekly-themes/week-two-2026/>

RIVERHOUNDS GAME

NPC family and friends will gather at Highmark Stadium as the Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC take on the Sacramento Republic FC at 7:00 pm on Saturday, August 8th, 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 July 1st, 2026.

COME JOIN US FOR CORNDOGS AND CORNHOLE

On Sunday, June 14th, 2026, we will have a great opportunity to meet new people and enjoy a snack and refreshment following church. Please join us on the back patio after the 10:00 am service on June 14th for the new Corndogs and Cornhole event. We are asking for a goodwill offering of \$1 per corn dog (pay [via the Realm app](#) or on the day of the event). BYOLC-bring your own lawn chair.

Thank you to the following Hospitality team for hosting the event – Team 7 Hospitality Chairs: Susie Siegel and Susan Hois and Team members: Phil Hois, Stan & Sue Billings, Emily Bondi, Mindy Bramer, Abby Hostetler, Alma Johnson, Benjamin Kuntz, Rob Jessup, Gina LaPaglia, Kiersten Maryott, Dave & Calley Nero, Lois Nesbitt, Dale & Ginny Rygg, Ryan & Lauren Sloan, Alex & Amy Smith, Larry & Tammy Stoken, Emily Stoken, Janet Sturgil, Andrea Vernon, Nikki Weir and Jeff & Valery Wilson.

BIRTHDAY GIFTS TO NPC ENDOWMENT

In Newlonsburg tradition, you can mark your birthday by donating \$1 for each year to the Legacy Endowment—a way to celebrate Jesus in your life. Legacy Endowment contributions provide a means to share perpetual gifts that provide long-term support of NPC's ministry. Annual distributions from the Fund are allocated by Session to further NPC's mission. Happy Birthday! For more information, please contact giving@newlonsburgchurch.org. Online Giving Form: <https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/give> (select Legacy /Birthday Fund Accumulation)

RAISERIGHT TO BENEFIT CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES AT NPC

The RaiseRight (formerly Script) gift card rebate program is up and running at NPC to benefit children and youth ministries. Members participate by buying gift cards, and NPC receives rebates. When you purchase gift cards (retail, gas, travel, groceries, etc. from over 750 retailers) using the program, you receive the face value of the gift card, and Newlonsburg receives a rebate of 2.5% to 14%. For example, if you purchase a \$100 gift card through the program (note: you also pay a small transaction fee), you receive the \$100 gift card, and NPC receives \$7. For additional details and lists of retailers, please visit www.raiseright.com. Currently, NPC is limiting this program to electronic gift cards. To sign up for the program or to get additional information, please email giving@newlonsburgchurch.org.

EMERGENCY PASTORAL COVERAGE

If you need emergency pastoral coverage in July, please call Rev. Ed Gray at 239-293-8094.



HONOR YOUR DAD ON FATHER'S DAY – BLANKET SUNDAY IS JUNE 21ST

NPC Blanket Sunday will be celebrated as usual this year on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21st. Why not honor both your earthly father and heavenly Father by giving your dad a Church World Service blanket in his name to the victim of a disaster? Your gift of \$5 per blanket can make a real difference in the life of a disaster victim this year.

Watch for a beautiful young Outreach assistant to be on hand after each service on Sunday, June 14th and Sunday, June 21st. A generous selection of custom NPC gift greeting cards will be there for you to make your choice. You can then send or give that card to your dad, along with a BIG hug! The card tells him that a blanket has been given in his name to comfort a victim of a disaster. Outreach will see to it that not only does a blanket from Church World Service get to a suffering brother or sister, but that person will also experience the hope, warmth, and comfort of knowing that other people care. Honor your father – it's a Newlonsburg thing!



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 “**Blanket**” 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.

HUNGER OFFERING ON JUNE 7TH TO SUPPORT LOCAL FOOD BANKS

Our Hunger Offering on Sunday, June 7th will be used to provide some relief to those in need in Westmoreland County communities. Your offerings will be shared jointly with the Trafford/Level Green Christian Food Bank and the Food Pantry at the United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington.

The Trafford/Level Green Christian Food Bank was started in 1985 with the help of area churches. The need became obvious when Westinghouse laid off a large number of workers in the area, and the unemployment situation is now severe. Through the years, the food bank has continued to grow, moving from local church to church until finally moving to its new home in the old library on Cavitt Avenue. The food bank now serves an average of 53 families each month and also handles emergency needs. The numbers served continue to grow. Food is distributed on the third Thursday of every month from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

The United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington serves as a location for the monthly Westmoreland Food Bank distributions, which are made there on the 1st Saturday after the 1st Thursday. They also serve as an emergency food pantry. In the past, 100% of children in the New Ken-Arnold School District had received the federal breakfast and lunch program at the school. Please be generous - this is a multi-racial community struggling with many issues.

Please support those in need in our local area through this important offering.

Many thanks from Outreach.

JULY 5TH HUNGER OFFERING FOR MURRYSVILLE MEALS-ON-WHEELS

For our Sunday, July 5th Hunger Offering, 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 in teams of a driver and delivery person on one of the three area routes.

Since its inception in 1972 as a service of Lutheran Services in the Pittsburgh area, Murrysville Meals-On-Wheels has been dedicated to providing local homebound residents with nutritious meals and more. Four days a week, fifty-two weeks a year, teams of cooks gather at 8:30 AM in the kitchen at the First Presbyterian Church of Murrysville Laird Hall to prepare the homebound meals with care. Then, at 10:30 AM, the delivery teams take over, visiting the recipients' homes.

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 homes 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. For more information about Murrysville Meals-On-Wheels and to learn more about volunteer opportunities, please see their website at: www.murrysville-mow.org.



Please give generously to the July 6th Hunger Offering, which will help provide necessary additional funds for this vital local program to recipients in our local area.

Our usual options are available to make your contribution: by check, online at our website, or by text.

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A LIFETIME OF SERVICE: RESIDENT SHARON SCIMIO HONORED FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE

At 92, Sharon Sharp Scimio keeps finding ways to put more life into her days and adding quality to the lives of her neighbors at Redstone Murrysville and around the world. Never one to pass up an opportunity to learn during a Bible study, a PBS Great Conversations episode, or another of Redstone's many lifestyle programs, her unflagging volunteerism, even in the face of a personal injury, earned Sharon recognition as a Melvin Jones Fellow by the Bushy Run Lions Club. The award was created in 1973 by Lions Clubs International to recognize exceptional commitment to humanitarian service rather than specific, short-term achievements. It is presented to both Lions and non-Lions who embody the spirit of the founder, Melvin Jones. Fellows receive a special lapel pin, a personalized plaque, and a congratulatory letter. Individual clubs also make a \$1,000 donation to Lions Club International Foundation to continue the organization's health and environmental initiatives locally and globally. The club is particularly proud that Sharon was the first woman Bushy Run honored in this way.



Sharon's honor, presented during the local club's annual Charter celebration in March, came as a surprise to the nonagenarian, who isn't a club member, but nonetheless has supported the Lions since she became involved after meeting her future husband Leonard Scimio when he moved to Redstone. Leonard was a dedicated club member and Sharon not only helped acclimate him to Redstone but also helped him continue the club's philanthropic endeavors within his new community. Following the death of their respective spouses, the pair wed to continue enjoying one another's company as traveling companions. When Leonard passed in 2021, Sharon vowed to remain involved with the Lions Club to honor his legacy and support the work she values. Lions Clubs are known for their ongoing collections of eyeglasses and broom sales to benefit organizations who help the visually impaired. The Bushy Run chapter also conducts a semi-annual barbecued chicken dinner fund-raiser among others. During their 12-year marriage and in the years since Leonard's passing, Sharon has served as the drop-off spot for used spectacles and hearing aids and the go-to person for ordering a new broom or chicken takeout, proudly remembering that Leonard was always "on coleslaw duty." Even after her fall, Sharon remained undeterred, relying on club treasurer Mark Close to help fulfill her orders that very day. But the task was simple given Sharon's superb organizational skills, and the support of her friends. A committed recycler, Sharon, over the years has spearheaded collections of newsprint, aluminum cans for Scouting, and most recently plastic bags, the latter of which will help the Bushy Run Lions reach the poundage goal needed to produce a park bench from recycled materials. That bench will



be donated to Redstone Murrysville and memorialize Leonard on its plaque. Sharon is humbled by the club's recognition. "It's quite an honor to be chosen and I greatly appreciate it. The Lions are wonderful people and they do great things." Club members say the same about Sharon – a wonderful person who does great things!

GUEST PREACHER REV. LIDDY BARLOW EXECUTIVE MINISTER OF CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATE OF SOUTHWEST PA – 7/5/26

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 a "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.



GUEST PREACHER RALPH LOWE, ASSOCIATE MINISTER FOR CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT & JUSTICE MINISTRIES – 7/19/26

Ralph is the primary presbytery staff liaison for the North Branch and [West Branch](#) of the Pittsburgh Presbytery, as well as the [Administrative Commission for Transformation](#), [Amos 5:24 Ministry Team](#), [Anti-Racism Transformation Team](#), [Freedom Rising Pilot Project](#), [Peacemaking Ministry Team](#), [Hunger Fund Ministry Team](#), [National Black Presbyterian Caucus Pittsburgh Chapter](#), [Great Commission](#), [Matthew 25 On the Move Ministry Team](#), and the [Self-Development of People Ministry Team](#).



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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MINISTRY NEWS

Wonders and Wisdom: June 20th & June 27th at 10:00 am-11:00 am

Join us for Wonders and Wisdom, a special experience for young children and caregivers exploring where scripture and science meet! Together, we'll discover topics like metamorphosis and being born again, God's creation of the universe, and the science of the cosmos through hands-on learning and wonder-filled conversations. This unique program is taught by Joan Batson, a well-known enrichment teacher in local preschools and homeschool groups. Sign up for one or both experiences!



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Craft and Storytime: Wednesdays, June 10th-August 12th at 10:00 am-11:00 am

Join us each Wednesday from 10:00 am-11:00 am for a special Craft & Story time for children and caregivers! Each week, Pastor Lori will share a story and lead the children in a coordinating craft activity in the church Gathering Space. Come enjoy a fun morning of stories, creativity, and fellowship together!

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!

- 1st Meet Up - Murrysville Community Park; Wednesday, June 17th from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at the playground next to the splash pad
- 2nd Meet Up - Penn Trafford Municipal Park; Saturday, July 11th from 10:00 am-12:00 pm at the playground
- 3rd Meet Up - Bear Hollow Park - August TBA

Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS: July 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd at 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

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.)



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Be A Part of the Snowball Mountain Team!

Join our ministry team for Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS! We're looking for volunteers - both youth and adults - to help prepare for this exciting week by creating and hanging Winter Olympics-themed decorations and organizing materials for our stations. During VBS week, we also need kids' counselors to guide groups from station to station, station heads to guide activities, and song leaders to teach the dances and music. Come be part of an amazing week of faith, fun, and fellowship!

FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR

Transitions

The theme of transitions has been on my mind often during the past few days. Part of that is due to it being the theme for the Lock-In, which is occurring the day after I write this, and last month, as you read it. Life is full of transitions, and there is never a final landing point or end to them. Sometimes there isn't a warning that it is about to happen, and sometimes there is.

Some of our young people are preparing for significant transitions this year as they go from one grade to the next, to a new school, college, the workforce, or some other new adventure. I imagine that you, too, have had a considerable number of transitions in your life. How many of those did you see coming? Were any of them a surprise? Did you have challenges navigating them? I'm certain you might answer "yes" to most, if not all, of these questions. Perhaps you have some fond and not-so-fond memories as you think about them.

Transitions are one of life's greatest teachers. They are the places where we grow, learn about who we are, and occasionally catch a glimpse of what God is doing in our lives and who God is molding us into. Revelation 21:5 says, "See, I am making all things new." I think that's what transitions are. They are the mini revelations or how God makes Himself and His plans known in our lives. Those plans are revealed in the newness of each phase or chapter we enter into, assuring us of Jesus' promise in Matthew 28:20, "I am with you always, to the end of the age." Be aware of the ways that God reveals Himself in your life as you transition.



Prayer: May we receive Your revelation in each new transition. Amen.

YOUTH EVENTS

June 13th - Escape Room at 60 Minute Missions

Are you good at puzzles? Test your skills at 60 Minute Missions Escape Room on Saturday, June 13th! Join Joshua for an escape room challenge followed by games at the church. We will meet at 60 Minute Missions (4574 William Penn Hwy) at 12:30 PM; children can be picked up from NPC at 3:30 PM. The cost is \$30/person and is open to students entering grades 6-8. Spots are limited; please click the link or scan the QR Code to register by Sunday, June 7th:



<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=OGI1ZTlmNDMtNDAxMi00N2VjLWFkMmUtYjQ0OTAxNDNiZTYy>

June 14th - Corn Dogs and Corn Hole

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June 15th - 19th - Newlonsburg Music Academy Jazz Camp

Newlonsburg Music Academy will be hosting our inaugural Jazz Camp from June 15th to 19th here at NPC. Open to all students in grades 7-12, and led by guest instructor Pierce Cook, Pittsburgh bassist and conductor for the Three Rivers Youth Orchestra Symphonette. Details and registration here: <https://www.newlonsburgmusic.com/jazz-camp>.

June 18th - Hiking at Linn Run State Park

Do you like long walks through the woods, scenic views, and opportunities to take epic selfies with your friends? Then you should bring your friends and come hiking on Thursday, June 18th, as we explore and hike the trails of Linn Run State Park. We will meet at the church by 10:00 a.m., and return by 4:00 p.m. Please bring a packed lunch. This event is open to students entering grades 9-12. Please click the link or scan the QR Code to register by Sunday, June 14th:



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June 24th - Painters Needed!

Attention High Schoolers, we have a church in need of a fresh coat of paint. Come volunteer for a few hours, and enjoy some fellowship on Wednesday, June 24th, **from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**. We'll spend the time painting, enjoying lunch together, and finishing up with some games in the ARC. More hands make light work, and to make this an enjoyable experience, we need at least 5 students. Lunch will be provided. Please click the link or scan the QR Code to register by Sunday, June 21st:



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July 13th - 16th - Trekkers

NPC's Trekkers Program is scheduled for July 13th-16th for rising 6th through 8th graders. The theme for Trekkers is *embracing creation*. During Trekkers, participants will have the opportunity to visit the biblically accurate botanical garden of Rodef Shalom Congregation, help with some gardening and other projects at the church, volunteer at the Penn Hills Community Garden, and end with some fun at Idlewild and Soak Zone. The price for Trekkers is \$40. Spots are limited, so sign up soon! Please scan the QR Code to register by Wednesday, July 1st:



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July 23rd - Bowling Night at Nesbit Lanes

Line them up and knock them down! Come to Nesbit Lanes on Thursday, July 23rd, from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM 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:



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August 6th - Movie Night at Cinemark Monroeville Mall

It's a *marvel* we haven't done this sooner! On Thursday, August 6th, we will gather at the Cinemark Theater in the Monroeville Mall to watch *Spider-Man: Brand New Day*. This event is open to students in grades 6-12. Time is TBD. The price is \$15/student. Registration will be available soon.

August ? - Volunteering with Westmorland Food Bank

Come spend some time volunteering at the Westmorland Food Bank. More details and a date to come.

REALM CONNECT APP

Getting Started with Realm and the Realm Connect App

Realm is Newlonsburg's online portal to access a member directory, view and register for events, communicate with other members, give online and view giving records, schedule volunteer roles, share documents and messages for group activities, and receive news and announcements from NPC.

Realm Connect is accessible in both web and app versions. Once you establish a username and password, the login will work for either platform.

Each member is a user in the system and uses an individual email address for the login. You cannot have the same email for login purposes as another member.

Members with emails in the system will periodically receive Realm invitations via email. To request a Realm Connect Account:

<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/Account/Start>



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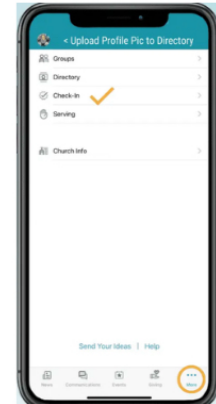
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Information about access and features for Newlonsburg's Realm Connect App

Realm Connect Features

Directory

The searchable online directory contains all the information in the print directory plus you can call or message anyone with one click. Members can directly add and edit their email, phone numbers, addresses, and profile pictures.

Communications

Email, call, or text with one click from the directory. Have a discussion with a small group. The communications portal enables you to send photos and messages to one or a large group of members.

Events

You can view, register, and receive reminders for upcoming NPC events. You can also use mobile check in to sign into worship and other events.



Newsfeed

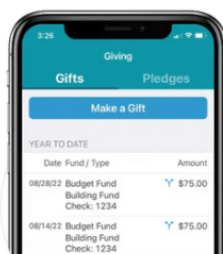
You can receive news, announcements, and notifications to always get the most up to date NPC information.

Volunteering

Learn about volunteer positions, get reminders about when you are scheduled to volunteer, and access your volunteer group's schedule.

Giving

Make a one-time gift to any NPC fund (common good fund, hunger offering, etc) or set up recurring donations. You can also view past gifts and print a copy of your current giving statement. For any questions about setting up online giving, please contact: giving@newlonsburgchurch.org.



Frequently asked Questions

Is my information secure?

Yes. Information is encrypted. For online gifts, Realm's payment processor complies with the highest level of security standards.

Do I have to download the app to participate in NPC events?

No. Realm is a tool to make staying connected and getting involved in activities/events easier. There will continue to be ways to access all aspects of NPC without Realm.

What if I forgot my password?

If you have a Realm account, but forgot your password, you can visit the main login page and request to reset the password:



How do I know when there is new information in the app?

You can turn on notifications to receive new updates from NPC and NPC members.

Can I give online without a Realm login?

Yes. You can make one-time gifts to any fund online without needing to log in. A login is only necessary for recurring gifts.

For additional questions, please contact: realm@newlonsburgchurch.org

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The Good Newlonsburg: June/July 2026

We are a Christ-centered community. In joyful response to Christ's love, we worship God, nurture disciples, accept all God's Children, and reach out in love and service to further the Kingdom of God.



The Good Newlonsburg:

A newsletter for the congregation and friends of NPC

Article Deadline for the August issue:

July 9th, 2026

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