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**Kurt Herzberg, Pastor**

**Worship Hours:**

-Traditional Sunday, 8am  
-Contemporary 10:30am

**Church Office Hours: by  
Appointment**

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**Mission:** Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Vision:** To be a memorial to the community that God is mighty.

**Strategy:** Promoting "Community Groups" that are "Connecting Church to Home."



**DO YOU KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR?**

Pastor Kurt Herzberg

The title seems like a silly question... we live in Dover! But, do we really? Maybe, so and maybe not.

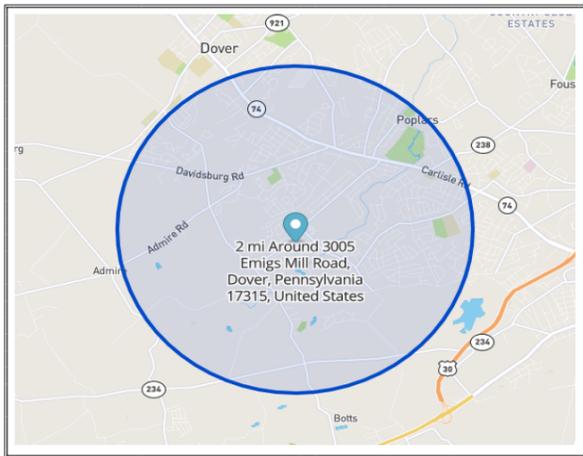
As pastor, I am constantly working with different people and groups, within the church, who want to reveal the power of God to the Dover community! Many of your brothers and sisters of New Creation are giving sacrificially and considering how we tweak every area of church ministry to reach out to the community and build relationship for the sake of the Gospel. Here are some of the things we've talked about the last couple weeks as we try to do better ministry and grow our church.

One night at a SEND Core leadership meeting we studied the story of "The Good Samaritan" and identified who the true neighbor was. Then we studied the demographics of our community within a two-mile radius to see who *our* true neighbor is! Did you know the average family earns \$84K/year, average age is 42 with kids/families, about half blue collar and white collar, education skews toward high school education, and almost completely Caucasian? Knowing this, does it change the way we should do ministry? Are we engaging our neighbors accordingly? We discussed the areas we aren't ministering to the demographics of our community.

In another group this week we looked at the story of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit fell upon disciples and began speaking in tongues, and people from every nation heard the Gospel message in their own native tongue. Note, it was the disciples who had to speak the language of the community so they would understand the new Gospel message. It wasn't the recipients of the Word who had to understand the new church language of Christianity. Is our church speaking the language of the people who live in Dover? Our group talked about what that language might be to introduce them to Jesus.

Just ten years ago, a people in the mountains of Mindanao in the Philippines, had never heard the name of Jesus. When nobody else cared to, missionaries provided critical new goods and knowledge for this remote community. In the end, this aviation mission learned the culture and spoke the language (literally and figuratively) of love to create disciples of Jesus. Now they no longer sing to ancient pagan spirits, but rather sing of Jesus. That's incredible!

In a culture that is increasingly not Christian, or even anti-Christian, New Creation Community Church needs to understand our community and figure out how to translate the message of Jesus in a way that moves our neighbors to God. It begins with participation in ministry. I challenge you to



(cont.) think about how you are personally gifted or what insight you might have to help our church to understand the neighborhood, or that you decide what level of commitment you are willing to make for the sake of the Kingdom of God. In spite of smaller attendance and tithing, the level of ministry to our community has increased! The new Christen year begins this month. Will you consider anew your membership vows with a new determination to promote the will of God. Will you faithfully

participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness? Matthew 28, <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. See the pastor or another church leader to see how you can be a blessing!

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** We are trying to confirm we have enough help for the Christmas day meal this year. We estimate we need 30 people. Will you please sign up in the lobby and put down the estimated times you are available? If we determine we don't have enough help, we'll have to scale back considerably with no dine-in option. Servers will be required to use a mask and gloves during service. Thank you.

**Meal Delivery— Cheryl Foeks/Sue Heindel—717-764-9009/717-308-2704**

**Funeral Meals – Sue Heindel – 717-308-2704**

**Transportation—Ken Stoppard—717-292-4167**

**Health Ministry—Wendy Hawse—717-792-9314**

**Food Pantry—Joanne Schmuck—717-873-7262**

**Hospitality/Assimilation of New Members—**

**Jan Hufnagle —717-292-6563**

**Event Coordinator – Deb Copp Burger – 717-887-8085**

**Visitation Ministry - Shannon Schmuck – 717-668-6080**

**Kitchen Coordinator - Michael Krall – 717-793-7322**

**New Hope - Em & Bob Burris - 717-308-7959**

## ***Small Group Opportunities***

*Still interested in a small group but can't find one that meets your schedule and needs? Please contact Pastor Kurt, [kherzberg@susumc.org](mailto:kherzberg@susumc.org) or Jan Hufnagle, [jhufnagle5300@comcast.net](mailto:jhufnagle5300@comcast.net) or text her at 717-885-7488.*



## ***Small Groups***

**Yinger's Pathfinders** - led by Jeff Merkert, [jmerkertl@comcast.net](mailto:jmerkertl@comcast.net) are an adult class. Currently studying the book "The Thirty Minute Bible". They meet in the room by the rear entrance on Sunday Mornings at 9:15 a.m.

**Chronic Pain and Illness Group** -Meets on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

**Women in Community** – Meets every other Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. October the subject will be a 100-day devotional called "Less Hustle, More Jesus". Contact Jan Hufnagle @ [jhufnagle5300@comcast.net](mailto:jhufnagle5300@comcast.net) or text her at 717-885-7488.

**Men's Accountability Group** - Meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

**Men's 33 Bible Study** - Meets first Friday of the month. See Shawn Kanode for details.

**Divorce Care** – The current online session of Divorce Care is finishing December 6.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Meets every Wednesday at 10 am in the Soul Talk Room.

**New Testament Study** – Now forming. Talk to the pastor. We are anticipating a Tuesday evening schedule.

**Griefshare** – Ministry to grieving persons is a real need. We are currently looking for a person to help support this potential ministry. See the Pastor.

**Confirmation Class** is being organized currently for your youth who is ready to join the church.

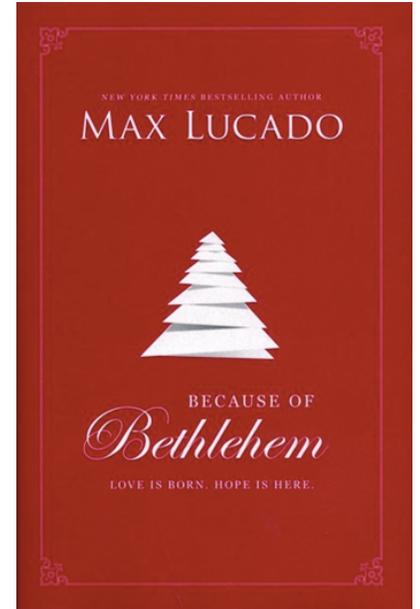
Sign-up can be found on the hospitality desk in the church lobby. We anticipate meeting during the Sunday School time each Sunday.

Examine and come to own your faith in a deeper way.

**Confirmation**  
Class



**ADVENT STUDY:** Being offered using the book “Because of Bethlehem” by Max Lucado. All women in the community are invited to share in a weekly morning discussion of this book, which will be by phone conference, on 3 Tuesday mornings: 12/7, 12/14 and 12/21. We can also have an evening discussion group if there is interest. The book is currently available for \$6 by contacting Jan Hufnagle at 717-885-7488 by 11/20/21. Let’s do this, to prepare our hearts for Christmas!



## **FAMILY AND CHILDREN’S MINISTRY HAPPENINGS**

Hey guys! I can't believe another month has flown right on by. Are you guys enjoying the color change on the trees? Are you enjoying the nice warm days? Or would you rather it be cold? Me personally I am very much enjoying the nice warm fall days. Although the nice crisp cold mornings are good also. It looks like the days are going to start to get a little bit colder.

Did you come to our Fall fest on October 30<sup>th</sup>? It was so much fun! We estimate we had about 350 show up. We roasted s’mores and hotdogs over fires, had trunk-or-treat, as well as pumpkin decorating and a hayride! We thank Smyer’s Farms for coming down and giving those in attendance a hayride. They are having a huge fall fest which ended on October 31. You can visit their website at [smyersfarms.com](http://smyersfarms.com). Please consider supporting them next year. It’s lots of fun! We also want to thank all the volunteers who help set up and tear down for this event, those who gave out candy, and those that helped during the event. All of you are a huge blessing. God really blessed us all!

Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> we are planning on having a youth/all-church bowling party. There is a sign-up sheet in the atrium for all to sign up. Please sign up so we can call the bowling alley and reserve the appropriate number of lanes that we need. We hope that you all can join us for this event. This will be a good chance for the church members to get together and hang out with the youth. Also, it is a good opportunity for the youth to get together and reconnect with their friends. Stay tuned for more details about the time that we are planning on being there.

We’re having a Family Christmas movie night at church with Mr. Chip! On December 11 we will be playing “A Charlie Brown Christmas” followed by our main movie “Polar Express”. We will be supplying snacks and drink. Bring your blankets and pillows if you want to really chill out! Doors open at 6pm, movies at 6:30pm.

November 7<sup>th</sup> marks the date to have all the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes back to the church. National collection week is November 15<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>. We would like them by November 7<sup>th</sup> so we get them delivered on time. Our goal is 100 shoe boxes. As of right now they're only are a few left. Thank you so much for all who participated in this mission. Whether or not we are able to fill all 100 shoe boxes or not this year is okay. We have already exceeded our goal from last year. We filled 50 boxes last year. So, with only having a few boxes left of our hundred that we put together is still pretty incredible. We are so blessed to have you all a part of this mission.

Until next month Remember You are important, you are loved, and you matter so much to us and to God. Talk to you all next month, God bless.

Shawn Kanode, Director of Children and Family Ministries  
717-900-7978

## Chronic Pain and Illness Group

The Chronic Pain & Illness Group will be meeting on Thursday evenings at New Creation Community Church, they will start at 6:00 p.m. and finish at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. For further information or questions, please call Michael Krall at 717-793-7322.



- 11/04 Cheryl Foeks
- 11/07 Steve Feight
- 11/09 Doris Emig
- 11/10 Steve Hufnagle
- 11/12 Nathan McGlynn
- 11/13 Toni Parker
- 11/15 Rick Millar
- 11/16 Jerry Rohrbaugh
- 11/17 Darlene Stoppard



- 11/07 Ed & Deb Fullen
- 11/09 Denny & Bev Rothrock
- 11/12 Shannon & Joanne Schmuck
- 11/16 Todd & Karen Smith
- 11/30 The late Bob Merkert & Nadean Merkert

**FOOD PANTRY:** The food pantry is full. Thank you so much for the donations, they will go for the wonderful purpose of feeding the needy.



**Needed:** Individuals to help with visitations are needed. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Shannon or Joanne Schmuck. Their email is :

[LPKAPP@aol.com](mailto:LPKAPP@aol.com) or phone at 717-668-6080



## Sewing

Do you need some mending done, perhaps a hem sewn? If so contact

Sue Heindel at

717-308-2704. Sue is an accomplished sewer and is looking for some part time work. So, give her a call and have your sewing done for you.

# COMING EVENTS

## COMING IN NOVEMBER:

**NEW MEMBER SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** On Sunday, 11/21/2021, you are invited to a welcoming luncheon immediately after the 10:30am service. Please come share some soup and cake and conversation as we greet our newest members and catch up with old friends. All are invited.



## **CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW:**



**NEW HOPE MINISTRIES:** We will, for November, be collecting for New Hope Ministries the following items: Shower Soap (bar or gel) and Laundry Detergent, toilet paper and tissues.



**COMING IN DECEMBER:**

**FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT:** Join us December 4 for a fun evening of bowling. Sign up in the church foyer so we get the right number of lanes!



**CHURCH CONFERENCE:** December 5, 2pm. We welcome York District Superintendent Rev. Cathy Boileau who will lead us in caring for the upcoming 2022 calendar year.

**MOVIE NIGHT:** December 11, doors open 6pm, movies begin 6:30pm. We will be playing “A Charlie Brown Christmas” followed by our main movie “Polar Express”. Snacks and drink supplied.



**Birthday and Anniversary Information Needed**

Have you noticed the listing of birthdays and anniversaries in our monthly newsletter (p4)? It is a joy to celebrate these special events with each other and to take the time to thank God for each other, for the blessing of another year! If you want your birthday and/or anniversary to be acknowledged, please let us know by placing this information in the basket on the information counter at church. If you prefer, please call or text Jan Hufnagle at 717-885-7488 with your information, including your name, an updated address and the month and day of your birthday and/or anniversary.

**NEW CREATION STATION DAYCARE**

Greetings, New Creation. First and foremost, I would like to thank the congregation for welcoming our new daycare staff as you have come into contact with them. They are working very hard to not only reestablish a business, but most importantly, reconstitute a ministry. As a team, board and staff, our goal is to operate openly; in full compliance with the state and respectful of other ministries within the building. There are, and will be, growing pains as we seek to find balance. We ask for your patience as we go through inspections and try to implement processes for compliance. If you have any questions on the operations, if there are concerns, please reach out to us. We do not operate in a vacuum.

We need your prayers and assistance to make this successful. Keyholders, please utilize the bell to enter the building. During daycare hours, when entering the building, a mask must be worn. Please utilize the sign-in sheet at the front door. As tempting and as cute as they are, we ask that you not interact with the children. These requests are made in accordance with licensing regulations. Again, thank you for your support of this ministry.

David Nero  
NCS Board Chairperson

**HELPING HANDS OF NEW CREATION**

Three months ago, we started working on the home for Jessica. She is a single mother of 2 grown autistic children who both still live with her. Due to circumstance beyond her control, she became homeless and moved into a room at a motel. This was not the best circumstances, so she purchased a mobile home site unseen. The mobile home needed to be gutted. She was able to do some of the repairs but needed assistance for a large majority of the work.



We were able to replace the floor and the ceiling in one area to prevent animals from coming in. We then demolished a wall and rebuilt a wall dividing the room into 2 separate rooms.

We also replaced the skirting around the bottom of the mobile home. We are still planning on doing more work at her house in the spring. We will need to build a railing and stabilize the front deck and help build a small deck on the back. The family is very appreciative of all the work we have done and all that will be doing in the future.



At Shauna’s house she needed us to do a lot of work outside due to her landlord’s request. We replaced the roof and the sides, basically rebuilding her storage shed from the ground up. We power washed the outside of her mobile home and her back deck. Both the front and side stairs needed replaced, and the front sidewalk needed reset and expanded. We also removed a large pile of debris from her fire pit. She is also a single mom with a teenage daughter. She also needs us to return in the spring and put lattice around all the deck. Shauna and her daughter were very grateful for all the work that we did for them.



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**FORGIVENESS**

Ralph Brandt

Do you have someone who makes the hair stand up on your neck every time you think about them? Do those thoughts drive your actions? Do you want to be free? The most likely thing here is you have not forgiven that person, yourself or God. You say, forgive me, forgive God. Charlie, or whomever, did that to me.

Least you think I have made it, there are still a couple that cause me some angst at times.

My wife and I did counselling. The two most liberating things we dealt with were forgiveness and addressing ungodly beliefs. The latter are beliefs we have about ourselves that are not in line with what God says about us in His word. I will probably write about that someday.

Why is forgiveness so important? If we do not forgive; we are stuck to that person. They may have gone on their way with no damage, but we are still carrying the load. I maintain that unforgiveness is one of the sins that Paul talks about when he says, “the sin that does so easily beset us.” How many marathon runners will try the 26.2 miles with a twenty-pound backpack?

I hear, “it is hard to forgive.” Yes, it is. But I point to two things, “with God all things are possible” (Mat\_19:26) and “forgive us... as we forgive.” (Mat\_6:12) Forgiveness is possible and it is not optional. I have sat with people who have had unspeakable hurts. But I have seen that when they start to walk toward forgiveness, they have freedom. If they stay on that path, the freedom is there. They are no longer carrying the backpack. Even if they falter a little, it is no longer there. I have seen it take years for complete forgiveness, but the healing starts quickly.

(cont.) I said, forgive the one who offended. What if they are dead or unreachable? Do it between you and God. If it helps, talk with some brother or sister. Pick someone who will pray for you and forget the details. I joke that when someone uses me that way, I become a priest. Nothing comes out of the “confessional” with a couple exceptions, abuse and plans to commit crimes. I also said forgive yourself and God. Two of the worst things are to be angry and unforgiving of yourself or God. I have seen people hold a grudge against themselves because of a mistake they made. They beat themselves up, daily sapping their own strength. I have also seen them blame God and in effect estrange themselves from His strength. If we look at it, most of us have asked. “God, why did you let this happen?” There is nothing wrong with saying, “God, I have blamed you for this, I repent.” That goes a long way.

Any step toward forgiveness is a step toward freedom and a step toward a closer relationship with God.

## ***CIRCLE OF PRAYER CHURCHES FOR THE SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE***

### **November 7 - 13**

Emanuel UMC, Loganville  
Faith Chapel UMC, Howard  
Middle Ridge UMC, Wellsboro  
\*Shepherdstown UMC, Mechanicsburg  
*\*Grace UMC, Freetown - Sierra Leone*  
Union Dale UMC, Union Dale  
Westfield UMC, Westfield  
Zion UMC, Middleburg  
Uriah UMC, Gardners  
Lakemont UMC, Altoona  
McElhattan UMC, McElhattan

### **November 14 - 20**

\*Young’s UMC, Mechanicsburg  
*\*Largo UMC, Kassinima - Sierra Leone*  
St. Paul’s UMC, Penns Creek  
Wesley Chapel UMC, Lewistown  
Shawville UMC, Shawville  
Salem Gulden’s UMC, Gettysburg  
Kingsley UMC, Kingsley  
Wesley Chapel UMC, Breezewood  
Wallis Run UMC, Trout Run  
Fairdale Community UMC, Montrose  
West Milton UMC, West Milton  
*Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Windsor, NY*



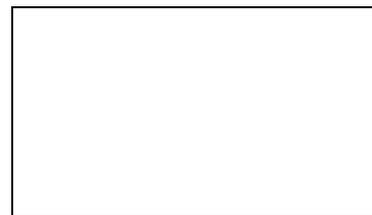
### **November 21 - 27**

Athens UMC, Athens  
15th Street UMC, Huntingdon  
Beach Lake UMC, Beach Lake  
St. Paul UMC, Chambersburg  
Barry Salem UMC, Ashland  
Fairbrook UMC, PA Furnace  
Catawissa Avenue UMC, Sunbury  
Hillsgrove UMC, Hillsgrove  
\*Calvary UMC, York  
*\*Valunya UMC, Monghere - Sierra Leone*  
Canoe Creek Union UMC, Canoe Creek

### **November 28 - December 4**

Orangeville UMC, Orangeville  
First UMC, Three Springs  
Zion UMC, East Prospect  
Charlton UMC, Harrisburg  
Forty Fort UMC, Forty Fort  
Covington UMC, Covington  
Crever Memorial UMC, Petersburg  
Dallas UMC, Dallas  
Rohrsburg UMC, Orangeville  
Pleasant Valley UMC, Howard  
*Camp Penn Camp & Retreat Center, Waynesboro*

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**Deadline for December Love Letter is November 28. Please submit your information to Pastor Kurt @ [kherzberg@susumc.org](mailto:kherzberg@susumc.org).**