

open hearts
open minds
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The people of The United Methodist Church

**New Creation
Community Church**
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Kurt Herzberg, Pastor

Worship Hours:

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

**Church Office Hours: by
Appointment**

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.”



February

MARRIAGE AND ETERNITY

Pastor Kurt Herzberg

In November of 2000, my wife and I were invited to a marriage conference in Pittsburgh that changed us. We had a great marriage. I didn't think I had anything to learn, but it was a good way to build relationship with other Christians, because we took the eight-hour journey in a van with a bunch of people we didn't know or know well. At the time, I had just started to pursue my faith, and surrounding myself with other believers was important to me. But God had unexpected blessing in store that continues today. That day my wife and I wept as we renewed our vows and recommitted ourselves to one another with Christ truly at the center. It changed us both and set us on a path of marriage ministry.

While I knew God was important in marriage... in fact our wedding was designed like a church service and we all had communion that day... I didn't really understand. It wasn't until I understood Jesus was my righteous motivation, that I pursued my very best as a husband and father. I saw the same commitment in my wife. We commemorated that renewal with our kids as we all signed a pledge to keep Jesus first in our marriage. That signed certificate still hangs on our wall today. That weekend, I learned that my marriage was bigger than me! It was a reflection of God and the church.

Given that Valentine's Day is around the corner, and we're in a series on prophecy, I offer you some instruction on the relationship of marriage and the Kingdom.

The imagery and symbolism of marriage is applied to Christ and the body of believers known as the church. The church is comprised of those who have trusted in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and have received eternal life. Christ, the Bridegroom, has sacrificially and lovingly chosen the church to be His bride. Just as there was a betrothal period in biblical times during which the bride and groom were separated until the wedding, so is the bride of Christ separate from her Bridegroom during the “church age”. Her responsibility during the betrothal period is to be faithful to Him. At the rapture, the church will be united with the Bridegroom and the official “wedding ceremony” will take place and with it the eternal union of Christ and His bride will come to fruition.

In the eternal matrimonial state, believers will have access to the heavenly city known as the New Jerusalem. Even the city will take on characteristics of marriage. In Revelation, the apostle John sees the city coming down from heaven.... “I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband” (Rev 21:2). “Beautifully dressed” means that the city will be gloriously radiant, and the inhabitants of the city, the redeemed of the Lord, will be holy and pure by wearing holiness and righteousness. The city is called the bride because it encompasses all who are the bride, the people of God's church.

As we're talking about in our sermon series, we will meet for the marriage supper after the rapture. We who are in Jesus Christ are the bride of Christ, and we wait with great anticipation for the day when we will be united with our Bridegroom. Until then, we

remain faithful to Him through our marriages. Part of my wife's and my faithfulness to God has been to host others at a "Weekend to Remember" event in Hershey. It was the same ministry we attended over twenty years ago, and it's still changing marriages today! It will be held February 11-13, 2022. The Cost is \$350, but I can get it half price for you. For those struggling financially, the church may be able to help you. See Pastor Kurt or Snooks if interested.

It's for all ages, and for all marriages strong or struggling. Happy Valentine's Day to you all!

<https://www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember/weekend-to-remember-invite-others-promotionaltoolkit-bogo/>

SIERRA LEONE UPDATE

Greetings from Solomon Brima, Bishop Bangura UMC, Motema, Sierre Leone
(Via our liaison Jo Marie Warner)

Christmas here is a lot different than in America. We do not exchange gifts with family. On Christmas day we all meet at the church and bring a gift to honor baby Jesus, just like the wisemen. Usually, it is homemade items. We use these to decorate the church until after New Year's. The day is spent at the church with prayers and singing. Families will bring bread and a light meal. The celebration lasts until evening. As you can see, the church is really the center of their family life. God's Blessing to All.



HELPING HANDS



HELPING HANDS OF NCCC

Well, it is that time of year. We are preparing to kick off our official 2nd year of Helping Hands. Our first date will be March 19, 2022. We need your help. If you know of anyone who needs help, please take a form and have them fill it out and return it to Chip Foeks. We have been trying to schedule 4 workdays a year, but if more Opportunities to serve our neighbors present themselves, we would. Like to lend a "Helping Hand." We are also seeking volunteers to join us in helping those. In the community that need our assistance. You don't need any Special skills, just a servant heart. We are trying to put together a site surveying team. This team would look at possible site and determine if we can help. They would also need to seek new clients through local organizations such as New Hope and Local Senior Centers. Please see Chip Foeks if you are interested in helping with sites.

VETERANS WELLNESS COURT DINNER

Once again, we had the honor of serving a special Christmas dinner to the Veterans Wellness Court. On January 8, 2022 we served approximately 80 guests including court administrators, veteran mentors, mentees, and their families. They celebrated the holiday, the retirement of Judge T, and the success of another year. It has been our honor and privilege to serve these men and Women after their service to our nation. They are thankful and appreciative of all that we do to make their event enjoyable for all. They are looking forward to doing their dinner here again next year. In a letter to the church, they thanked us for *"the outstanding Christmas meal and the superb handling, preparing and very friendly event for our group...The event was enjoyed by everyone."* So, thank you to all who helped with this event

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Are you aware that New Creation has a fundraising team?
Do you have an event you would like to share?
Would you like to be a part of a team for an upcoming event?
Here are some of our events for your consideration.

February 12, 2022 – Scrapbooking
February 26, 2022 – Chicken pot Pie Dinner
April 2, 2022 --Craft show
April 9, 2022 --Scrapbooking
April 2022 --Chicken BBQ (Final date to be determined)
May 28, 2022 --Yard Sale



How can you help, you ask?
Come join us on Slack and check put the sign-up sheets on the information desk.
We welcome all.

MISSION TRIP UPDATE

We are travelling again this year for our UM Army trip.

Where: Trucksville, PA

When: July 10-16

This mission trip is open to everyone who has completed 6th grade and would like to be a part of a wonderful adventure. This adventure is not just for youth,

adult at any stage in life are invited to join the mission. Your knowledge and experience will be put to good use serving God by serving the local community.

There is a \$ 75 dollar registration fee due at registration. There will be several meetings before we travel to prepare for the experience to come. This year we have an option for a second trip:

Where: Etters, PA (where we traveled last year)

When: July 17 – 23

This is a day trip camp. You would travel there every morning, serve in the community, worship, and then return home every night. There is a \$ 75 dollar registration fee due at registration. You would be included in the meeting scheduled for the other trip.

If interested, please see Chip or Cheryl Foeks.



New Testament Bible Study
Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine
and puts them into practice is like a wise man
who built his house on the rock.
Matthew 7:24
Join us Tuesday evenings, 6:30pm at the church. We are reading
and discussing the Bible beginning in Matthew. This class is for
those that know little and have read it little. We are using study
bibles with the New Living Translation which makes
comprehension easier. All are invited to come whenever they can.

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 or Jan Hufnagle, jhufnagle5300@comcast.net or text her at 717-885-7488.



FEBRUARY:

- 2 Deb Fullen
- 3 Rhoda Bahn
- 6 Daniel Jacob Pyle
- 6 Delores Herzberg
- 10 Kilie Smith
- 15 Dave Sigl
- 15 Mandy Oliver
- 19 Bev Rothrock
- 23 Ken Stoppard
- 27 Shannon Schmuck



- 15 Bill & Toni Parker

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Group – Meeting every other Sunday, 1pm, beginning February 13.

Men's Accountability Group - Meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Sister-to-Sister – Organizing a community of women for mutual prayer, encouragement, and support among sisters in Christ. Contact Lou Stevens at 717-332-1736.

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.

In-Home Study: Beginning February at the home of Em Burris, 8am, two Tuesday's a month. Studying 1 & 2 Peter.

Yinger's Pathfinders - led by Jeff Merkert, jmerkert@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 1:00 p.m.

Women in Community – Meets every other Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. We are continuing a 100-day devotional called "Less Hustle, More Jesus". Contact Jan Hufnagle @ jhufnagle5300@comcast.net or text her at 717-885-7488.

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Meets every Wednesday at 10 am in the Soul Talk Room. Please talk to Barb Gowland if you would enjoy this time of fellowship.

New Testament Study – Our group meets to read and discuss scripture every Tuesday @ 6:30pm. Just bring your bible as we work thru the Book of Matthew.

SECRET SISTER MINISTRY

Calling all ladies ages 18-100+! In these days we can all use some encouragement. Just knowing someone is praying for us can make a difference. If you would like to give as well as receive encouragement, we are restarting “Secret Sisters Ministry”. If you would like to take part in this ministry, please sign up in the atrium no later than January 30th. For more information on what Secret Sister Ministry is, contact Lou Stevens at 717-332-1736 via call or text message.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY BEGINS FEBRUARY 2022

Please consider joining a new Bible Study on 1 Peter and 2 Peter. We will meet at 8 a.m. 2 Tuesdays a month for 4 months. We will meet at the Burris home in Dover. No book to buy, just bring your Bible and any commentary you like. We will start with introduction to these writings and 1Peter chapter 1. All women are welcome. Our purpose is to grow stronger through scripture, prayer and Christian friendship. Please contact Jan Hufnagle at 717-885-7488 if interested.

WOMEN IN COMMUNITY GROUP

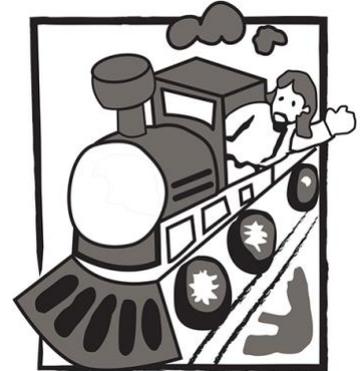
Woman In Community small group invites all woman to join us in mid-February for a new study of the book of Romans. We meet two times a month, every other Monday, at 6:30 or 7 pm. Currently meeting via Zoom, but we may switch to in person at each other’s homes in the spring. Please contact Jan Hufnagle at 717-885-7488 if interested.

WHAT (OR HOW) DO YOU CARE?

God has blessed us with His love, His son, His mercy...and each other! I am so thankful for all of the wonderful and generous people at New Creation. This has been my church home for 40 years, praise God! I look forward to continuing to serve God by your side. I am very excited to hear your testimonies and to meeting the new people God sends our way. If you want to explore new ways to serve and nurture our church family through our “Care” Ministries, please contact me soon. There are endless ways to serve God by loving each other. Let’s talk. My cell number is 717-885-7488. With hope and joy, Jan Hufnagle.

NEW CREATION STATION UPDATE

As with all things in life, the main constant is change. This past month we expressed our thanks and gratitude to Tina Cothran. After working diligently to get the daycare re-opened, she made the tough decision to move on. Before leaving on January 14th, she worked to ensure her successor would be in a position to succeed. We congratulate Sherry Chubb, our new Director. She was hired by Tina, which gives us the advantage of promoting from within. We currently have six staff members with three more going through the hiring process. We are ministering to 16 children currently. Our baby room opened January 31st. We are grateful to the continued support of leadership in the congregation. We move forward continuing to be mindful of the space being used and the needs of our church family.



FAMILY AND CHILDREN’S MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Happy February. Can you believe it's February already? How is your year going so far? I started a new job in January. It's going really well so far. My hours are about the same. I get up a little bit earlier than I am used to, but I get home earlier so I could spend some time with the family. I am still available in the evening and weekends. If anybody needs anything please feel free to get in touch with me. If you have any ideas on upcoming events that you think the kids and the youth would like to participate in/enjoy, I invite any and all ideas and suggestions.

February 5th at 5:00 p.m. is our mystery dinner for the youth. We will be eating dinner together and also discussing what to expect for the youth group meetings. Gatherings are every other Sunday, 1-2pm beginning February 13. That will give you some time to get some lunch and return to the church at 1:00.

February 13th, directly after church, we'll be holding a 2022 VBS organizational meeting. Lunch will be provided. We will be discussing this year's theme and activities. All who would like to be a part of VBS please consider attending this meeting. There will be a sign-up sheet in the atrium to sign up for this meeting so we have enough food for everyone. We are planning a great VBS theme and a special guest. Please consider attending this meeting.

Our Confirmation Class took a field trip to Escape Games Live in York. We had a fantastic time working together and solving the puzzles in order to get out of the room. We made it out under the one-hour deadline at 55:50 minutes. I loved seeing everyone work together in solving the puzzles. Our purpose was team and relationship building, and I think we moved closer to that goal as we finished with a meal at MOD Pizza. It was such a great night. Thank you to the parents who made this event a priority!

Don't forget to watch our junior church lessons on New Creation Community Churches Facebook page and YouTube channel. Also, as a reminder, you can watch our programs on Comcast channel 16 at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. every Sunday. Please be in prayer for these lessons and the people's whose lives might be changed. We may never know how many lives are being touched by these programs.

Until next month may you all stay safe, may you all stay warm, may the Lord give you another fantastic month. We look forward to seeing what God is doing and will do throughout the year. Have a great month and God bless.

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



Saturday, April 2, 2022

8am-2pm

- Location:** 3005 Emig mill Rd, Dover, PA 17315
- Eligibility:** If we already have someone selling the same items NCCC reserves the right to refuse a crafter application. Applications can be requested at the email below.
- Craft Spaces:** IN-DOOR SPACES ARE FULL! You **MUST** keep your display within the space you rent. Do not spill over into the next person's space or into the walkway this includes your chairs. Friday set up will be available from 6-8pm.
- Displays:** All crafters must provide their own displays; we will supply one table per vendor. All crafters are responsible for assembling and managing their exhibits. All tables must be cover. Your registration fee is non-refundable unless the event is cancelled.
- Outside Vendors:** You are required to supply your own canopy, chairs and table. Electric is not available. Rain or shine.
- Entry Fee:** \$25 INCLUDES a approx. 10 feet wide by 6 feet deep space
\$40 Includes 2 spaces
\$20 for outside space (approx.12'x12')
Application and payments must be received by March 16, 2022. We accept cash, check, and PayPal. There will be a \$25 charge for all returned checks.
- Set-Up:** Setup begins at 6:00 am.

Tear-Down: Teardown begins at 2:00 pm. Please do not start packing away your items before this time.

Questions: Please email: dfcb2016@yahoo.com

Vendors who disregard these rules will not be accepted back next year.

LAY LEADERSHIP 2022

SEND-Core Team

Administrative Chair/Convener	Wade Smith
Pastor	Kurt Herzberg
Outreach/Missions Chairperson	Chip Foeks
Care Team	Jan Hufnagle
Worship/Spiritual Life Team Chairperson	-
Family and Children's Ministry Chairpersons	Shawn Kanode
Lay Leader	Wade Smith
Representative to Annual Conference	Jerry Rohrbaugh
Member at Large	Sandy Shermeyer

SEND Extended Administrative Team

Extended Team Chair/Convener	Wade Smith
Trustees President	John Ramstad
Chair of SPRT	Ralph Brandt
Finance Chairperson	Marty Green
Lay Leadership/Nominations Chairperson	Pastor Kurt Herzberg

LAY LEADERSHIP / NOMINATIONS TEAM

Chair	Pastor Kurt Herzberg
Class of 2022	Jo Marie Warner, -
Class of 2023	Katie Miller, Michelle Dietz
Class of 2024	Skyler Morris, Marge Manley

FINANCE TEAM

Chair	Marty Green
Treasure	Jennifer Pyle
Pastor	Kurt Herzberg
Financial Secretary	Barb Gowland
Liaison to Daycare for Finance	Ann Smith
Trustees Representative	John Ramstad
Staff Parish Chair	Ralph Brandt
Members-at-large	2022 – Em Burris
	2023 – Wanda Feight
	2024 – Daryl Gemmil

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS TEAM – SPRT

Chair	Ralph Brandt
Class of 2022	Mariah Linn, Sheena Green, -
Class of 2023	Cory Higgins, Nate Cunningham, Jerry Rohrbaugh
Class of 2024	Ralph Brandt, David Crays, Michelle Deitz
Lay Leader	Wade Smith
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Jerry Rohrbaugh
Alternate	-

TRUSTEES

President/Chair	John Ramstad
Vice President	-
Class of 2022	Don Shaulk, Mike Krall, -
Class of 2023	Jo Marie Warner, John Ramstad, Steve Sexton
Class of 2024	Andy Green, Bill Miller, Scott Snyder

CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIPNursery Coordinator
Jr. Church CoordinatorShawn Kanode
Em Burris
Shawn Kanode**DAY CARE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**NCS Director
Class of 2022
Class of 2023
Class of 2024
Treasure
PastorDave Nero
Cheryl Foeks, -
Karen Ramstad, -
Dave Nero, Michelle Deitz
Ann Smith
Kurt Herzberg**ADULT DISCIPLESHIP**Small Groups
Prayer Ministry
Purpose Drive Life
PLACE-
Jan Hufnagle
Ralph Brandt
Dave Nero
Ralph Brandt**CARE TEAM**Knee Mail
Meal Ministry
Funeral Meals
Visitation
Transportation
Health Ministry
Food PantryJan Hufnagle
-
Cheryl Foeks
-
Shannon Schmuck
Ken Stoppard
Wendy Hawes
Joanne Schmuck**OUTREACH/MISSIONS**Youth Missions
Bible Adventure Coordinator
Sierra Leone
Upwards
New Hope Ministries
Timeless Music MinistryChip Foeks
Chip & Cheryl Foeks
-
Jo Marie Warner
Chip Foeks
Bob & Em Burris
Ron Meckley**WORSHIP/SPIRITUAL LIFE TEAM**Worship Leader 8:00 a.m.
Worship Leader 10:30 a.m.
Ushers
Acolytes
Refreshments (church service functions)
Greeters (Alternate functions)
Hospitality/Assimilation
Sound/Media
Sound System
Alter Guild
Communion Steward
Membership Secretary
Lay Servant-
Marsha Snyder
(Marsha Snyder)
-
Daryl Gemmill
Audrey Goodling, Michael Krall
Jan Hufnagle
Jan Hufnagle
John Ramstad, Nathan Cunningham, Skyler Morris,
Ralph Brandt, Ben Henry, Scott Snyder
John Ramstad
Daryl Gemmill
Cheryl Bauer
Em Burris
Jeff Merkert, Shannon Schmuck, Wade Smith, Dave Nero**TECHNOLOGY TEAM**Computer Ministry/Network/Internet
WebsiteJohn Ramstad, Ralph Brandt
Nate Cunningham**KITCHEN TEAM**Kitchen Coordinator
Events CoordinatorMichael Krall
Deb Copp Burger



CIRCLE *of* PRAYER

Praying for our churches in the Susquehanna Conference our Sierra Leone Partner Churches and our Conference Camp/Retreat Centers.

February 6 - 12

West Fairview UMC, Enola
Woolrich Community UMC, Woolrich
Shiloh UMC, Woodland
United Church of Nelson, Nelson
Moosic UMC, Moosic
*Bakers UMC, McClure
**Albert Margai Memorial UMC, Gbambatoke - Sierra Leone*
Greenmount UMC, Glen Rock
Center Moreland UMC, Center Moreland
North Orwell Union Church, North Orwell
Liberty UMC, Lock Haven
Camp Penn Camp & Retreat Center, Waynesboro

February 13 - 19

Calvary UMC, Bellwood
Brick UMC, Duryea
*Trinity UMC, Jersey Shore
**Boajibu UMC, Boajibu - Sierra Leone*
Carlisle UMC, Carlisle
First UMC, Mercersburg
Faith UMC, Selinsgrove
Amberson UMC, Spring Run

Faxon-Kenmar UMC, Williamsport
Farrandsville UMC, Farrandsville
Saginaw Community UMC, Mount Wolf

February 20 - 26

*Maple Lake UMC, Spring Brook Township
**St. Matthews UMC, Magburaka - Sierra Leone*
Mount Carmel UMC, Three Springs
Park Forest Village UMC, State College
Lime Ridge UMC, Bloomsburg
Canton Ecumenical UMC, Canton
East Ararat UMC, East Ararat
McKendree UMC, Airville
Dellville UMC, Duncannon
Trans Run UMC, Bedford
Trinity UMC, New Columbia
Greene Hills Camp & Retreat Center, Alexandria

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