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**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.”



## DEFENDING DEMOCRACY

Pastor Kurt Herzberg

The situation in Ukraine is something most of the world's generations have not experienced... a sovereign, modern, and independent democratic nation being attacked militarily. It's alarming to me because this could be our own cities and towns under attack. We shouldn't be so arrogant to think it could never happen to us. We could argue the true motivations for support of the Ukraine, but one reason we support them is because they are a democracy like us. We Americans give great allegiance to our democratic form of government, some even thinking it's God's preferred form. Is it, really? What form of government does God want people to live under? What can we learn from the history of God's people?

God used Moses to lead the Israelites out of slavery and gave them a set of laws on Mount Sinai. These formed their government, a theocracy, under the God of Israel. A theocracy is government by divine guidance or by officials who are regarded as divinely guided. Basically, religion ran the government, and the laws were based on loyalty to God.

Interestingly at the time, many countries were theocracies. But the difference was Israel had no king. Allegiance was to God, not a king. There was no central government, but they did have tribes with leadership in the hands of local elders, priests, prophets, and during wars, judges.

How did it work? The book of Judges says not very well. No central government gave no central command for authority and military needs. They were vulnerable to attack, although the LORD did come to their rescue often. But, envy, competition, and violence among the tribes and towns was common. Corruption was also rampant. They got tired of it and demanded a line of Kings which we would call a monarchy. 1 Samuel 8:18 says **“And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”** The full passage says they would have problems associated with a king.

How did this form of government work out? Saul was the first king and went crazy. David was a man after God's own heart, but very flawed. His son Solomon was wise and wealthy but allowed other gods to affect the people eventually causing division in the kingdom. Kings got worse and worse, didn't listen to God's prophets, and the people became completely divided, and all were conquered by other countries as a result (keep this in mind for our own land!).

But in Athens Greece, people were creating a new form of government called democracy. Citizens voted for leaders, although the culture was not ideal for women, slaves, and the lower class, but still, a revolutionary idea at the time. This was not a form of government we see derived from God. Jesus was not democratic in how He ran His disciples.



So, why fight for democracy? It's an imperfect form of government. It causes financial class warfare. Money has great influence over politics. The government imposes its power and coercion over people (especially during COVID). We feel it's great that majority rules, but with our near 50/50 division, almost as many are shut out. Democracy is often unstable because democracy is hard. Many countries struggle with it. Russia is a democracy as well as Ukraine and the United States, and they all look very different. Why is the American version so revered?

The Bill of Rights for one thing. This is the Godly influence that separates us. Without it we are Russia. Even democracy must protect itself from tyranny. Good democracy has to protect the vulnerable. Leviticus 19 mentions many ways to do this that we have adopted... laws, justice for all, social care, loving the alien, and a fear of God.

The second good thing about democracy is that power comes from the bottom, not the top. Jesus was a servant leader. He did not use coercive power, privileges, or perks. He served and did what was best for others. Our democracy at least attempts to do the same. But it's imperfect.

I'm glad I live where I do. I'm glad we have the government we do. And those countries that have incorporated Godly rule in their democracy should be supported, such as the Ukraine. But true rule will always come from God, not democracy, and one day we will all know this is true in the Millennial Kingdom and the new heaven and earth. I call on the church to be the true government of this world.

## **HELPING HANDS**



**HELPING HANDS OF NCCC**

Well, it is that time of year. We are preparing to kick off our official 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **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.

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

# 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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:** Eppers, 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 Foe



**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 covered. 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:**

Takedown begins at 2:00 pm. Please do not start packing away your items before this time.

**Questions:**

Please email: [dfcb2016@yahoo.com](mailto:dfcb2016@yahoo.com)

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

### 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.



#### MARCH

3 Mary Geiselman  
3 Solomon Nero  
5 Karen Wallace  
9 Andrew Hufnagle  
12 Josie Kroft  
17 Jamie Mulhollen  
17 Mary Goodling  
18 Kaleb Mulhollen  
18 Aiden Mulhollen  
18 Pastor Kurt Herzberg  
20 Jim Smith  
20 Cameron Oliver  
21 Jean Ball  
24 Adah Durgin  
24 Ed Gleason  
29 Ron Shaffer



10 James & Debb Cobb  
11 Burton & Jennifer Pyle

### 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, [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 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](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## MEET OUR NEW DAYCARE DIRECTOR



Hello!

My name is Sherry Chubb, commonly known as Miss Sherry, and I am the Director here at New Creation Station. I have a degree in psychology and seven years experience as a teacher with ages ranging from birth to twelve years old. My calling to youth ministry and childcare started rather unexpectedly at that time but I have found that I love teaching children in all topics. My favorite part about working with children, in a Christian setting, is my ability to teach them about how much God loves us.

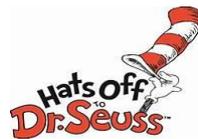
As a teacher I truly enjoy following the motto of Miss Frizzle from The Magic School Bus, "Take chances, make mistakes, get messy!". Without taking a chance we never move forward, without making mistakes we never learn, and with a hands on approach to learning it is always best to roll up your sleeves learning through experience, which can get kind of messy! Learning should be fun and something we do for our whole life!

As a person outside of being the director here, I am a boy mom! I have three boys at home who make each day an adventure! I am a wife to an amazing man who always focuses on the good in everyone around him! I am a lover of the arts and world cultures!

I look forward to serving this ministry for a long time to come and helping families and children meet their educational, spiritual, and social goals!

### NEW CREATION STATION DAYCARE UPDATE

Please continue praying for the Miss Sherry and the staff who continue to work hard growing our daycare. We have had explosive growth the last couple months. There are twenty-six students enrolled, several in the queue, and staff now at seven. We also have a few church members who have received the required clearances to participate in daycare when needed. The developing curriculum includes Christian nurturing as well general education. As we grow, diligent prayer is needed that God works all things together for our provisional state license to be made permanent in the Spring.



#### **Dr Seuss week Daily Themes**

**February 28<sup>th</sup>: Whoville hair/ Hat Day**

**Wear your hair in a crazy way, spray dye it, or wear your favorite or funniest hat!**

**March 1<sup>st</sup>: Miss Match Day**

**Mix your plaids, polka dots, sharks, and dinos! Wear a wacky outfit!**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Green Eggs and Ham Day/Oh the places you'll go!**

**Wear a shirt from your favorite vacation, dress for "work", or anything that has to do with travel or the future!**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Silly Sock Day**

**Wear socks without matches, socks with toe, wear one high and one low!**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>: Cat in the Hat Day**

**Feline Friends! Bring in a stuffed feline, wear your whiskers, or sport your favorite cat attire! Cat ears welcome!**

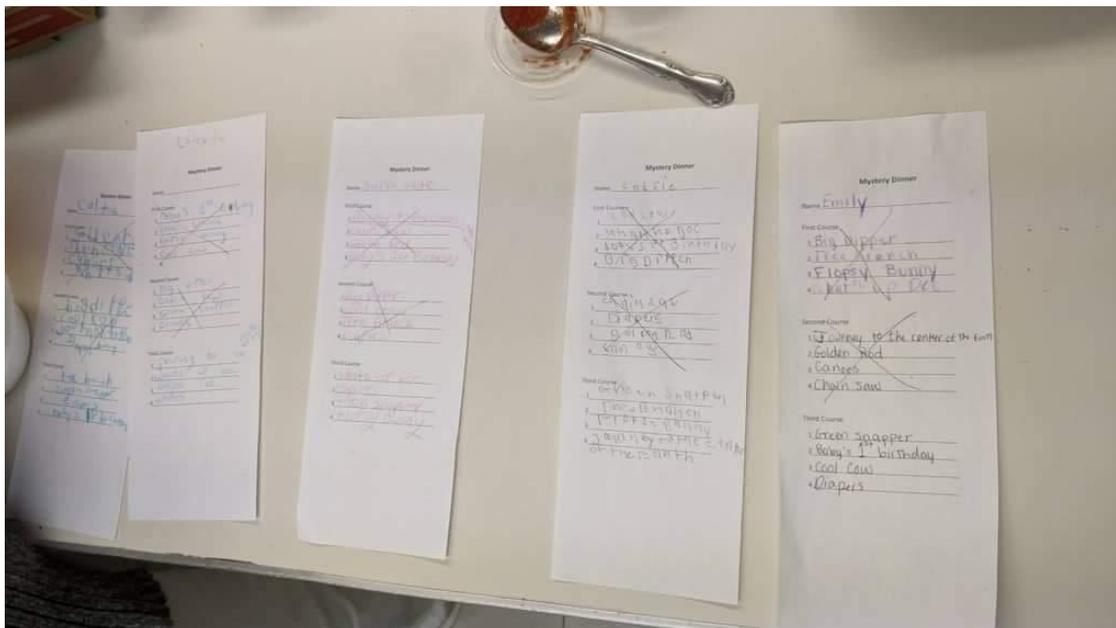
## FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Happy March!! How many of you are ready for spring? I know I am. I am tired of the cold and ready for the warm weather.

We have a lot going on in March. March 26<sup>th</sup> we will have our spaghetti dinner fundraiser. Dinners are \$7 a piece, which include spaghetti, salad, roll and drink. The youth will be serving you the plates. Please help support the youth group raising money for our fun activities. Signup sheet is in the atrium of the church. We strongly encourage you to support our youth ministry.

Below you will find pictures from our mystery supper. The kids had a blast figuring out what they were eating next. There were some that ate ice cream with a knife. It was a good time. We thank all those who helped in running this event. Your help was very much appreciated. April 2nd the youth will be participating in the crafting vendor show.

Coming up April 9th we plan on having an Easter egg hunt. We will be partnering up with the daycare. There will be more activities to come in April I, stay tuned. Until next month have a great month and God bless.



# GENERAL CONFERENCE POSTPONED UNTIL 2024

Citing long wait times for visas, 2022 General Conference (delayed from 2020) organizers announced that The United Methodist Church's top lawmaking assembly — long postponed by pandemic — must wait until 2024.

A backlog of visa processing for international delegates coming to Minneapolis has made it impossible to have a reasonable threshold of delegate presence and participation. The backlog is reported to be 800 days. The decision to postpone reflects the hope that 2024 will afford greater opportunity for global travel and better health and safety of delegates and attendees. Electronic means of gathering are not an option for some areas of the world.

This marks the third delay of what many have expected to be a pivotal global gathering. After decades of intensifying debate and defiance of church bans on same-sex weddings and “self-avowed practicing” gay clergy, the coming General Conference faces multiple proposals for denominational separation.

The most endorsed of these is the “Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation”, which if adopted, would allow churches to leave with church property and \$25 million in United Methodist funds to form a new denomination that reflects the current theological standing of the UMC.

The dominant new denomination, the Global Methodist Church, which has been organizing for impending separation, had plans to launch in conjunction with 2022 General Conference. However, the new denomination's Transitional Leadership Team announced plans to move the launch date up to May 1.



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

### **February 27- March 5**

Lamar UMC, Lamar  
Winterstown UMC, Felton  
Hope Eternal UMC, Newport  
Pleasant Mount UMC, Pleasant Mount  
Ulysses UMC, Ulysses  
Zion Stone UMC, Halifax  
Mount Nittany UMC, State College

### **March 6 - 12**

\*Fishing Creek Salem UMC, Etters  
\*J. Hal Smith UMC, Jaiama - Sierra Leone  
Salem Community Church, Hamlin  
Neidig Memorial UMC, Oberlin  
Duboistown UMC, South Williamsport  
Stewart Memorial UMC, Old Forge  
Simpson Temple United Parish, Altoona  
Otterbein UMC, Fayetteville  
Spring Valley UMC, West Decatur  
Shamokin Dam UMC, Shamokin Dam  
Wolfsburg UMC, Bedford  
Mount Asbury Camp & Retreat Center, Newvill

### **March 20-26**

LaAnna UMC, Cresco  
Spring Run UMC, Spring Run  
Valley UMC, Muncy Valley  
Hetlerville UMC, Nescopeck  
ST. Mary's UMC, Newville  
Upper Strasburg UMC< Upper Strasburg  
Snow Shoe UMC, Snow Shoe  
Gouldsboro UMC, Gouldsboro  
\*Beavertown UMC, Beavertown  
\*Albert Margai Memorial UMC, Gbambatoke- Sierra Leone  
Mt, Pisgah Trinity UMC, York  
Wesley Forest Camp & Retreat Center, Weikert

### **March 27 – April 2**

Bower Memorial UMC, Berwick  
Asbury UMC, Harrisonville  
First UMC, Blossburg  
Bethany UMC, Bethany  
Chambers Hill UMC, Harrisburg  
Fairmont UMC, York  
Centre UMC, Osceola Mills  
Laurel Grove UMC, Spring Run  
Strawbridge Kedron UMC, Hughesville  
Oakville UMC, Shippensburg



**Deadline for April Love Letter is March 26. Please submit your information to Pastor Kurt @ [kherzberg@susumc.org](mailto:kherzberg@susumc.org).**