



The people of The United Methodist Church

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**Worship Hours:**

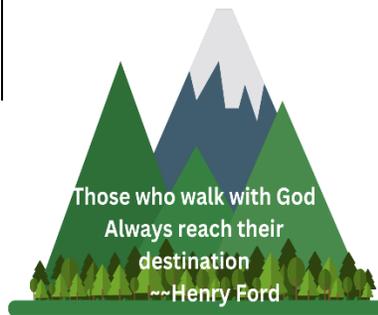
- Traditional Sunday, 8am
- Contemporary 10:30am

**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."



### WE'RE STILL MAKING HISTORY

Pastor Kurt Herzberg

Greetings church! I ran across this on the internet and thought I'd share it...our church history! I'm not sure when it was written. Maybe 10-15 years ago? 2022 is over and has added another year to our history. What will we do in 2023? What does making history look like? I hope you'll make future generations proud!

#### History of Otterbein EUB Church



67 N. Main Street

The history of the Otterbein Church, Dover, goes back to the early 1840's. Several miles northeast of Dover there were a number of United Brethren families who banded together for prayer and worship. Services were held in private homes and there was occasional preaching by ministers of the York Circuit. The interest ran high and in 1845, a Dover Circuit was formed by a number of York Circuit appointments and F. Flinchbaugh was assigned as pastor. In 1851 this group of United Brethren families erected their church in the Village of Dover at 67 N. Main Street. The structure was a 34' by 40' brick building. The United Brethren were the first to build a church house in this village; the Lutheran followed in 1899, and the Reformed Church in 1902. The church

was never strong and at times there was serious talk of abandoning their interest there. A series of renovations and building programs from 1953 through 1960 enlarged the building, including a basement and a new front and entrance. This sparked new life into the church, which is a reflection of new growth in the community of Dover. The parsonage was built in 1884.

Just what appointments constituted the original Dover Circuit after its severance from York Circuit, is not clear. The first statistical chart in the old minutes of the conference was inserted in 1847. At that point it was reported that there were sixteen appointments on Dover Circuit. Tobias Crider was the pastor. Among the appointments on Dover Circuit from time to time, in addition to the Dover Church, were Bethany, Liverpool (later called Manchester), Harmony Grove, Rohler's, Maytown, Salem, Weiglestown, Elcock's, Mt. Royal and numerous others.



In 1855 the conference took the Fishing creek (Salem) and Rohler's appointments from Dover Circuit and added others to form what was known as Lisburn Mission; the remaining appointment of Dover Circuit were added to York Circuit and the name "Dover Circuit" was discontinued. Here these churches remained until 1858 when they were detached from York Circuit and put to (Manchester) Circuit. In 1872 the conference boundary committee recommended that "Weigle's (Bethany) Church and Dover appointments, on Liverpool Circuit, be added to Harmony Grove and be called Dover Circuit." Since 1872 there has been a Dover Circuit among the changes of the conference until 1962 when the York Parish was created including Dover, Emigsville, Longstown and Maytown. Two ministers were assigned to the parish with one of them living in the parsonage at Emigsville and the other in the parsonage at Dover.

From 1965 to 1974 Otterbein was a student appointment. In 1974, Rev. Arthur Gladfelter was appointed as the first full time pastor.

When the Lutheran Church was built and a Union Sunday School was established there, Otterbein was left with occasional evening worship services. An evening Sunday school was tried but this was abandoned in 1913. There was no Sunday school at Otterbein until Rev. Jacob Zeppo was assigned there in October 1950. On February 4, 1951, a newly formed Sunday school and morning Worship was established with 25 persons in attendance. Church membership had dwindled to nine persons (in a year and a half, five of these nine were dead).

In 1946 the Evangelical Associate ((E.A. Jacob Albright) and Otterbein United Brethren in Christ merged to form the Evangelical United Brethren denomination, who then merged with the Methodists in 1968 and Otterbein became a United Methodist church. In 1964 the parish was discontinued and Dover-Maytown was made a charge and Emigsville-Longstown was made a charge.

In 1989 a larger, modern facility at 3005 Emig Mill Road, Dover, (across from Leib Elementary School) was consecrated. The previous church on 67 North Main Street is now the York Rescue Mission. The new building along with all their records was completely destroyed by an arson fire on January 2, 1995, and the current building, again expanded, was consecrated on March 10, 1996. The only item remaining from the original church is a pulpit Bible that was in the possession of the United Methodist Church Council, in Harrisburg at the time of the fire.

Seeking to distinguish itself from five other churches in York County named Otterbein United Methodist, the congregation voted on October 25, 1999, to change the church's name to New Creation Community Church (a United Methodist congregation).

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Through the years, the attendance and membership continued to grow as it is today in the new facility. The Sunday School enrollments are 138 with an average attendance of 126. Church membership is 194 with an average of 206 in the two morning worship services.



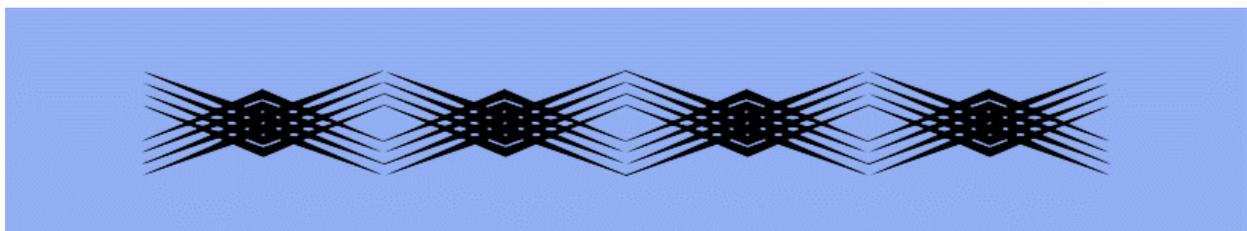
### **Griefshare Session begins 1/12/2023**

The Griefshare Ministry at New Creation has provided a loving support group to at least 15 people in 2022. A new 13-week session will be offered at New Creation beginning 1/12/2023 at 4 pm. If you think you or a loved one would benefit from a grief support group, please see [Griefshare.org](http://Griefshare.org) or contact Jan Hufnagle at 717 885-7487



## **Who Do I Ask?**

Need to know more details about things you see in the bulletin, newsletter, or have heard about from the grapevine? Check 'slack'! Most of the mission team leaders are available on the slack website, and you can also find requests for prayer or help, updates on events and schedule, even who to talk to about whatever's on your mind. It's easy to sign up. See Wade Smith for the registration link.



## Our Church Serves the Community



### The Giving Tree

New Creation participated in a Giving Tree this year, with a desire to help our local neighbors in need. Our tree in the lobby shed every one of its gift idea ornaments, and many people commented on how much fun it was to shop for families anonymously. The daycare staff and our youth group were a tremendous help in making the tags, fulfilling orders and delivering packages. Thank you to all of the members of the congregation for their generosity! Families on the receiving end were able to provide Christmas gifts to their children. When 2 or more groups in the church work together, it is amazing how much we accomplish!

### Daycare Numbers Rising

New Creation Station enrollment is now at 44 children, according to Director Sherry Chubb. This is considered "at capacity" within our staffing numbers & certifications, and is a great way to celebrate the intense work done by the staff and the board of directors to meet licensing requirements over many recent months.

Did you notice any unfamiliar little faces in the Christmas Eve nativity scene? Some of the actors were from families who bring their children to NCS. We're seeing more involvement of the daycare personnel in church events, community outreach, and in gracious sharing of the spaces of our building these days. They are a separate entity, but we all have the same goal of investing in local families.

### Showing God's Love

During December, the youth group devoted time and talents (including some they didn't know they had! 😊) to the Christmas dinner tables at LifePath Christian Ministries, formerly known as York Rescue Mission. With paper plates, paper towel rolls, jars, paint and much laughter, the kids made centerpieces that were delivered to delighted staff.



## Dance Your Heart Out



The busy dance floor



The York Area Down Syndrome Association (YADSA) held a dance here Friday, 1/6 for the older kids in their organization, complete with snacks and a skilled DJ. Church youth group members helped with greeting, set up, and resetting the sanctuary afterward, and naturally joined in with the dancing. Cassie Smith was the first one on the dance floor, but others soon joined until even the parents and helpers were indulging themselves. Wade Smith, speaking on behalf of the association, said YADSA has been looking for more activities for the older teens to enjoy, and when a dance was suggested, our flexible sanctuary seemed like the perfect place.

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### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/4 Andrew Green	1/13 Cassie Smith	1/25 Brian Warner
1/6 Wanda Feight	1/13 Kyley Mulholland	1/25 Joanne Schmuck
1/8 Nancy Gilbert	1/16 Pat Yinger	1/29 Catie Wallace
1/10 Joey Wallace (Air Force)		1/30 Donna Small

## Summer Mission Trip 2023

We (NCCC Mission team) are inviting everyone to come and join us as we combine our skills, talents and resources with other churches to do God's work. We will spend the week working together to do a variety of work ranging from home repair to community clean up, and even building steps or ramps for those who can neither

afford to, nor physically do it themselves. We will worship, learn from one another, share through fellowship and build relationships with each other and the community where we serve. We will be doing all this while growing our relationship with God.



We are planning on partnering with UM ARMY once again this year. UM Army stands for United Methodist Action Reach-out Mission by Youth. This is a God-led, volunteer, youth-focused organization. All participants stay in a local church who is hosting them. Everyone is divided into teams, with whom you will spend most of your week. These teams are the people that you will sleep, eat, work and fellowship together with. Bonds of friendships are made that will last well past the end of camp.

There are several weeks available; that being said, we have been asked to join the teams going to Trucksville, PA, in Luzerne County, during the week of **July 9-July 15**, due to the size and experience of our team. However, we are late registering, so that may not be possible. In that case, here are the dates available for our second choice: Wethersfield, CT, July 16-22 or West Chelmsford, MA, July 23 -29. There is a \$75.00 deposit (per person) due at registration.



I (Cheryl Foeks) need to have us registered by January 15, 2023, as a team. If you are interested in going, please let me know by emailing [Cfoeks@gmail.com](mailto:Cfoeks@gmail.com). Let me know what your second choice would be in case it becomes necessary for us to choose one. Individual registrations must be completed by Feb 28th.

We would like to have as many as are led to join us. If you are unable to travel with us, please pray for our team, the participants and the communities we will serve.

## Ralph Brandt Discipleship Study

\*\* New Creation is fortunate to be the home church of Ralph Brandt, a wise and passionate scholar and author. Recently, he has been digging into the concept of discipleship, an often-misunderstood term. He has broken it down into multiple parts so we can ponder and absorb the scriptural references in our own walks with God.

### Being a Disciple Part 1 – A Disciple

During his time on earth, Jesus talked about being a disciple, and some people assume that this term refers to the 12 chosen men who followed him everywhere during his years of ministry. In fact, there's a kids' song that states, "There were twelve disciples Jesus called to help Him." and goes on to provide a rhyming way to name the 12, and to assure us that "Jesus called us, too." (The Youtube video is simple but beautiful.) But since He ascended, many disciples have been called to carry his message. As we draw closer to Jesus today, it seems more than relevant to consider the question, "How to be a disciple."

Naturally, our best reference source is the Scriptures. The word 'disciple' appears 9 times in Matthew and Luke, once in John – when on the cross he uses the term 3 times to direct “the disciple whom he loved” (John) to consider himself as Mary’s son, saying, “Behold thy mother”--and there are none in Mark.

There are three verses that deal with discipleship in Luke 14 alone, and all discuss who cannot be a disciple.

- Luke 14:26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.
- Luke 14:27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.
- Luke 14:33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

Let’s look at these verses in the positive. If we will “take up our cross and follow Him,” we are His disciple. Though the phrasing is slightly different, all three point to that kind of action.

So, what is “taking up our cross?” It may be hard to picture as we do not use crosses in our justice system today, but as the word ‘disciple’ indicates, the phrase refers to becoming disciplined in our habits, decisions, and purpose. Over the next couple of months, I will be presenting some of those things.



I can’t help but reflect on the refrain of a beloved hymn that mentions the call of Christ then asks a question:

“Take up thy cross and follow me,  
I hear the blessed Savior call.  
How can I make a lesser sacrifice  
When Jesus paid it all?”

That question is for each of us to answer.

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## Christmas Dinner 2022

14 years ago, the idea that New Creation Community Church would serve a free Christmas dinner to anyone who wanted to join us was declared ‘radical.’ How would we pull this off? How many people would even show up? How many people from our church would give up chunks of their time leading up to Christmas, and also their family Christmas Day celebrations to pitch in and serve strangers? So many concerns, “But God” (as the scriptures say repeatedly) kept providing answers, and supplies, and volunteers, and excitement, and laughter.

As each year’s Christmas holiday came, it became more and more part of our tradition to host this warm and social event. New friends were enfolded into our family. People who started as strangers became volunteers. And each annual event provided new stories that would be forever connected to our tradition.

This year at the Christmas dinner a gentleman asked me why we didn't have a spot designated for donations. "We do," I stated. I pointed out the replica of our church in the lobby and mentioned that he was more than welcome to place his donation there. He then asked who supplied all the food for this wonderful dinner if donations weren't collected. I told him that all the food and desserts were donated by members of the congregation. There were a few things that we did purchase, mainly because it was on short notice, or we needed specific items.



I explained we are not a large or wealthy church, but we are a congregation rich in Love and Service. We know that through serving the community, we are sharing God's love for all His children. As one group returned from delivering dinners, they said that one family was very excited to see them and thanked them many times. We have delivered to this home for many years, and they respond this way each time. They represent an important way that sharing dinner becomes a community mission.

We are estimating that we served between 375 & 400 meals this year: approx. 225 to-go meals through delivery, drive-thru and those who asked after dining, as well as 140 sit-down meals with many going up for seconds.

I want to thank everyone who helped make this dinner a wonderful success: approx. 40 people who helped in the kitchen, the dining room, and with deliveries, the more than 30 people who donated the food for us to serve, 5 ladies who baked desserts, Weis markets for the wonderful cake, and the 10 or more who came in to help prep food for the dinner. I also want to thank all those who prayed for this event. All in all, over 18 hours of planning, prepping, serving, and clean-up were devoted to the event, but it was time well spent in fellowship and in service of our Lord and Savior.



As usual, many people felt the need to donate. This year \$903 dollars were donated and this money will be used to help the ministries and missions of New Creation.

As a footnote: all the extra food (and there wasn't much!) was donated to "New Life for Girls".

--submitted by Cheryl Foeks





*Celebrating Our Connection Through Prayer*

"With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ." - 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

<p><b>January 1 - 7, 2023</b></p> <p>Carlisle UMC, Carlisle          South Montrose Community Church, Montrose          Slocum UMC, Wapwallopen          Palestine UMC, Morrisdale          Shopes UMC, Hummelstown          Ebenezer UMC, Liberty          Paxtonville UMC, Paxtonville          * Tombodu UMC, Tombodu - Sierra Leone          Abrahamsville UMC, Damascus          East End UMC, Altoona          CrossWords UMC, Mount Wolf          Camp Penn Camp &amp; Retreat Center,          Waynesboro</p>	<p><b>January 8 – 14</b></p> <p>Moscow UMC, Moscow          Kitchens UMC, Millville          Mount Zion UMC, Olanta          Druck Valley UMC, Hellam          Spring Mills Faith UMC, Spring Mills          Emmanuel UMC, Enola          Little Cove UMC, Mercersburg          Lemasters UMC, Lemasters          Brush Valley UMC, Madisonburg          Niles Valley UMC, Wellsboro</p>
<p><b>January 15 – 21</b></p> <p>Pleasant Gap UMC, Pleasant Gap          Newburg UMC, Newburg          First UMC, Old Forge          Trinity UMC, Danville          * Baoma UMC, Baoma - Sierra Leone          Brookfield UMC, Westfield          Barts-Centenary UMC, Littlestown          Spring Run UMC, Spring Run          Cortez UMC, Jefferson Township          Grace UMC, Hummelstown          West Burlington UMC, Troy          Greene Hills Camp/Retreat Center &amp; RV Park,          Alexandria</p>	<p><b>January 22-28</b></p> <p>McKendree UMC, Airville          Grace UMC, Philipsburg          West Fairview UMC, Enola          Asbury UMC, Scranton          Warfordsburg UMC, Warfordsburg          Reedsville UMC, Reedsville          Trinity UMC, Northumberland          Christ UMC, Yoe          Dorranceton UMC, Kingston          First UMC, Williamsport</p>



January						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8	9 Women in Community 6:30-8	10 Revelations women's group-9 am Men's Accountability group 6:30	11	12 Youth Group 6-8 Griefshare 4- 5:30 pm	13	14
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**Deadline for February Love Letter is January 27. Please submit your information to Margie Manley @ quiltgrand133@gmail.com**