



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**

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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."



**THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR!**

Pastor Kurt Herzberg

I was during some work this morning and happened see the date.... It's December 1! Did this year go as fast for you as it did for me? A couple holidays that signal the end of the year are Thanksgiving which we just celebrated and Christmas which will soon be upon us. So, in the spirit of both holidays, I give thanks for the many who have participated in the ministries of our church as we remember that our motivation is our Savior Jesus, who broke into this world, and our lives, 2000 years ago. For every ministry we do, for every event, every small group, and every service, I give thanks that we do so cooperatively as a church family. We accomplish great things because we can do more together than apart.

I hope that you can look back on this year of church ministry and recall a place where you participated and were blessed, but more importantly a place where you blessed someone else... a church family member or a person in the community. We have built some relationships with our community families this year and building relationships is foundational to building the Kingdom of God, but closer to home it feeds the vitality and ongoing presence of NCCC in our community.

Please pray sincerely how you might participate this coming year. Pick a place to be blessed... more involved. Heed the call to participate when requested. Put your name on a sign-up sheet (We have a lot of sign-up sheets!), or commit to increasing your tithing or perhaps be more consistent to give each week. God has provided NCCC to be a means of grace for you to grow closer to him. I pray for each person to experience a closer walk with your Father in Heaven. Amen! Have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

**SIERRA LEONE INITIATIVE**

On September 12, 2006, Bishop Middleton, of the Central Pennsylvania Conference and Bishop Humber of the Sierra Leone Annual Conference, West Africa, formally signed the dual conference approved contract beginning the work of the Sierra Leone Initiative.

Sierra Leone's infrastructure was destroyed by a ten-year long civil war which also devastated many of the churches. As a result of this war, congregations find it difficult to support pastors and their families.

As part of the Susquehanna Conference the Sierra Leone Initiative (SLI) provides a unique opportunity for Susquehanna Conference churches to keep pastors in full-time ministry in Sierra Leone when otherwise churches could not afford the salary and be devoted to making disciples of Jesus.

Any church or group can commit to providing \$1,200 annually for a commitment term of 10 years. \$1,000 supplies the pastoral support and \$200 offsets the disbursement of these funds and helps pay for the delegates to travel once a year to the respective countries. SLI partners with the General Board of Global Ministries to ensure full accountability and quick delivery of all funds.

As a member of the SLI, we support our partner church Bishop Bangura UMC in

Motema Town in Kono District. The new pastor is Rev. Sahr Karku. The church is in the northern part of the country and rather remote. We have had several people from our church visit as recently as just a couple years ago. Talk to JoMarie Warner, our Sierra Leone Coordinator, if you have questions. She is in constant contact with the church. We are blessed to most recently provide funds to renovate their church.

VIM-guided tours from Susquehanna Conference visit Sierra Leone one to two times each year if you are interested. Periodically, two individuals from Sierra Leone visit the Susquehanna Conference.



Please pray for the initiative's work with pastors and congregations in Sierra Leone.

**THANKS TO THE MANY PEOPLE WHO CAME OUT ON NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> TO DECORATE THE SANCTUARY FOR CHRISTMAS. IT'S ALWAYS AN EXCITING ACTIVITY AND A VISUAL BLESSING TO THE CONGREGATION.**



**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.*



**Confirmation Class** will be meeting during the Sunday School hour every other Sunday beginning December 5.

See Pastor Kurt if you have questions.

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

**Confirmation  
Class**



## **SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES**

**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 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. Please talk to Barb Gowland if you would enjoy this time of fellowship.

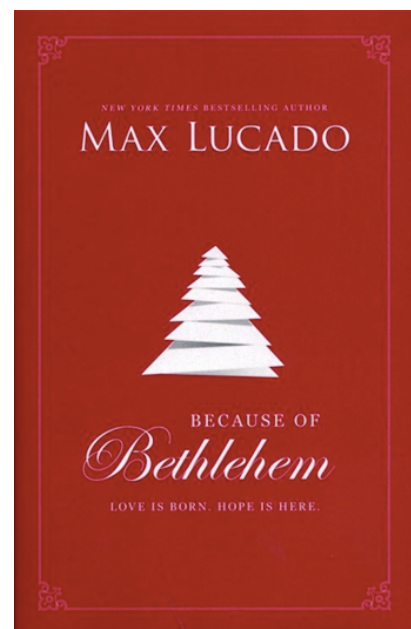
**New Testament Study** – Our group meets to read and discuss scripture every Tuesday @ 6:30pm. Just bring your bible as we work thru the Book of Matthew.

**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.

**Advent Study** – Max Lucado's "Because of Bethlehem". Weekly discussion via phone Tuesday mornings 12/7, 14, 21. See Jan Hufnagle for information.



**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**

November is gone, but I hope you remembered all the things you have to be thankful for over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Did you visit us for our Trunk-or-Treat Fall Fest? It was great! Thank you to all the people who helped, donated, participated, and visited. I do believe that the majority of the participants ran out of candy by the end of the evening! We provided 200 hot dogs and about 200 s'mores for roasting over our three campfires. Next year we will have to plan for more people, because God definitely exceeded my expectations. We think we had between 300 and 400 participants from the community. Smyser farm provided the hayride and pumpkins. Please consider supporting their fall fest business next year, and thank them for their part in our event!

December 4 we are holding our bowling party. All are invited to join our youth and spend time together as a church family. Be on the lookout for more youth events and youth studies in the future. See Mr. Shawn and let me know what night/nights of the week best suits you to meet for youth group Bible study. Any and all suggestions are greatly appreciated.

December 11th is movie night with Mr. Chip. This will be a fun night for everyone involved! We will be having a live nativity for all who enter our parking lot with the reading of the Christmas story. Doors open at 5:30 and the movies start at 6:30pm. The movies being shown are Charlie Brown's Christmas and Polar Express. Please be in prayer that all who attend will grasp and understand the real meaning of Christmas. We want to thank all those who have signed up to be a part of the live Nativity.

Plans are in the works for the kids to be a part of the 7pm Christmas Eve service. Any and all suggestions/ideas are appreciated. There are some plans in the works, but we could use a few more ideas. Thank you in advance in your help. It is very much appreciated.

Until next month, may you all have a happy and safe Christmas and New Years. May you all get what you want for Christmas. May you enjoy the time spending with your family. And never forget, may you understand the real meaning of Christmas which is Christ our Lord coming to the earth as a baby. May God bless you all.

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

## **GREETINGS FROM BISHOP BANGURA UMC, SIERRA LEONE, AFRICA**

JoMarie Warner, Sierra Leone Coordinator

Each month I am going to try and keep us connected by writing about some of the activities that are happening at our sister church in Sierra Leone.

In November 2021 they had 2 celebrations. The first was in honor of Tennyson Brima, father of Solomon, who is a vital part of the church there and a good friend. One year and 40 days after Tennyson's death they held a 2-day celebration. On Saturday night they hold a wake, it goes through the night. On Sunday, the family and sympathizers attend the church service, there are prayers for Tennyson. The family serves food on both days at the church. Finally, as the day ends, the family alone gathers for a meeting. For Thanksgiving, the women of the church join other women from around the village and other local churches to give thanks for another year. They sing and food is served also. It is a fund raiser as well. Finally, this past Sunday 11/28/21, they lifted up prayers for my granddaughter Cameron who had surgery this week. I feel very blessed to be a part of this community.

### **FALL CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW**

Submitted by Deb Copp Burger

What a blessing it has been to be able to participate in making the Craft/Vendor show such a success, and what a success it was. Thanks to each and every one that volunteered their time. We had a total of 19 in-person volunteers clearing rooms, setting tables up, prepping food, cooking food, taking tables down, putting rooms together again and of course, all of the numerous volunteers who were giving prayers, spreading the word about the show, and getting shoppers in.



There was a total of 45 spaces paid for, utilizing 34 different crafters/vendors, displaying their items they offered for sale. We had approximately 350 people that attended, looking, shopping and some even getting a bite to eat throughout the day. No food was left behind, as we sold out of soup, hot dogs and walking tacos.

Again, kudos and thank you to everyone for showing the community what it means to work together, to help support and share God's love through our church ministries and missions. It was such a success, and we received so many compliments, we have decided to have another one on April 2, 2022, using both indoor and outdoor spaces. Stay tuned for details of the upcoming show.

God Bless each and every one of you.

### **OUR GROWING CHURCH**

November was a busy month for baptisms and new members. It consisted of two services which were both well attended and uplifting.

We welcome two Grandchildren of Pastor Kurt and Snooks into the family of God, Olivia Dawn Harper, daughter of Jared and Laura Harper, and Jennings Leroy Herzberg, son of Adam and Kalee Herzberg. To remember the event, each child received a salt shaker filled with shells representing their baptisms and their future to be the salt of the earth. We also had two adult baptisms! Please welcome David Crays and Scott Snyder who confessed their faith in Jesus Christ through water baptism, and also acted upon their desire to become a part of the New Creation Community Church family.

Besides and David and Scott, we also had joining the church as full members: Marsha Snyder, wife of Scott; Michelle McKinsey and her mother Audrey Goodling; Danny and Lou Stevens; and Michelle Dietz. Following the reception of new members, the church enjoyed a fellowship meal. Please give thanks for them, and to them, for loving us. Also remember to fulfill your role to nurture and encourage each of them in their discipleship! If you haven't met them yet, please introduce yourself to them the next time you see them!



L-R: Adam & Kalee Herzberg, Jennings; Pastor Kurt; Laura & Jared Harper, Olivia; Marsha & Scott Snyder, Dan & Lou Stevens. L-R bottom: Audrey Goodling, Michelle McKinsey; David Crays; Michell Dietz.

**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 1:00pm. All are welcome. For further information or questions, please call Michael Krall at 717-793-7322.



DECEMBER:

- 4 Dick Warner
- 8 Vivian Cesky
- 9 Jean Mummert
- 14 Tammy Schalk
- 19 Ralph Brandt
- 20 Rex Cable
- 23 Mel Green
- 24 Ashley Wallace
- 27 Breanna Smith
- 30 Wendy Hawse
- 31 Marty Green



George & Deb Lackrone

**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**

### **DECEMBER:**

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



**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, 5pm. We welcome York District Superintendent Rev. Cathy Boileau who will lead us in caring for the upcoming business of the 2022 calendar year.

**MOVIE NIGHT:** December 11, doors open 5:30pm with a live nativity and reading of the Christmas story as well as a small craft for the children. Then our movies begin at 6:30pm. We will be playing "A Charlie Brown Christmas" followed by our main movie "Polar Express". Special snacks and drink supplied!



**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:** 7pm contemporary, 10pm traditional.

### **Birthday and Anniversary Information Needed**

Have you noticed the listing of birthdays and anniversaries in our monthly newsletter? 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.





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

### December 5 - 11

New Albany UMC, New Albany  
Weyant UMC, Osterburg  
Gethsemane UMC, Morrisdale  
Scotland UMC, Scotland  
Lawver's UMC, Mc Clure  
Mount Zion UMC, Steelton  
Point Bethel UMC, Hughesville  
Sterling UMC, Sterling  
Concord UMC, Concord  
Mont Alto UMC, Mont Alto

### December 12 - 18

Clintondale UMC, Mill Hall  
The Beacon: A UMC, Hughesville  
\*Walnut Grove UMC, Newport  
*\*Rogers Memorial UMC, Bo - Sierra Leone*  
Stone UMC, Berwick  
Trinity UMC, Woodward  
Hemlock Grove UMC, Greentown  
Llyswen UMC, Altoona  
Asbury UMC, York  
Maple Grove UMC, Hunlock Creek  
McAlisterville UMC, McAlisterville  
*Greene Hills Camp & Retreat Center, Alexandria*

### December 19 - 25

Braman UMC, Equinunk  
Asbury UMC, Altoona  
Bethel Hill UMC, Sweet Valley  
Centennial UMC, Trout Run  
Community UMC, New Cumberland  
Calvary UMC, Fayetteville  
East Salem UMC, Thompsontown  
Jackson Center UMC, Millerton  
Mount Holly Springs UMC, Mount Holly Springs  
Mount Nebo UMC, Delta

### December 26 - January 1, 2022

Maple Springs UMC, Linden  
\*Bethany UMC, Marysville  
*\*Warner Memorial UMC, Mano - Sierra Leone*  
Pine Mill UMC, Equinunk  
First UMC, Shickshinny  
Grace UMC, Mifflintown  
Congress Hill UMC, Frenchville  
Equinunk UMC, Equinunk  
Kitchens UMC, Millville  
Mapleton Trinity UMC, Mapleton Depot  
Christ UMC, Yoe  
*Mount Asbury Camp & Retreat Center, Newville*  
Rohrsburg UMC, Orangeville  
Pleasant Valley UMC, Howard  
*Camp Penn Camp & Retreat Center, Waynesboro*



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