

open hearts
open minds
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The people of The United Methodist Church

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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."

THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

**growing me
will grow
the church**

Come And Grow With Me

August



BEING "FED"? (John 4:34)

Pastor Kurt Herzberg

I ran across two interesting comments this week that have some relationship:

"I was not being fed." (in reference to changing church attendance)

"God's calling for you as a husband was not to marry the woman you love, but to love the woman you married." (men's courageous bible study discussion)

I mention them both because they have a common theme surrounding them: love and commitment. In our bible study this week, we considered that loving commitment is not about feelings, but response. Jesus didn't "feel" like going to the cross, but He was "obedient" to the joy that lie beyond it. He didn't do it for Himself, but us.

We tend to see things through the lens of how we benefit, not how we might bless someone or something else. It's our sinful nature. We want to be fed instead of feeding others. In marriage, many times we stop investing in our spouse, and separation happens. The same happens at churches, and so we decline.

I remember many years ago when I said "I'm not being fed." I was a lay person attending a church. I considered leaving but ended up deciding that investing in my spiritual life, which included diving into church leadership and ministry, was the proper commitment, not leaving. After several years of growing service, the ultimate result was I became a pastor. The more immediate result was the church grew in numbers and in discipleship. I fed myself through a new commitment to serving God through my local church. I also got to do it with my wife, kids, and church family. It was an exciting time!

So, what exactly does "I'm not being fed" mean when a person says this in reference to church?

Perhaps they don't feel like the teaching is deep or inspiring enough, or the programs lack, or the church is not hospitable. They need more. They want to be fed. On one level, those reasons have validity: preaching matters, programming matters, excellence in music and other parts of the service matter.

But I would argue that this entire line of reasoning could also be off base. When you say "I'm not being fed," you're making your departure someone else's fault, someone else's responsibility. "Being fed" might be considered passive, which means you don't take ownership or responsibility. You make yourself a victim. But, did you do anything to effect change? Most would never live this way in their life, but rather take control and fix it. I'm afraid that being "fed" really speaks to our selfishness or our abandonment of responsibility. Our definition of "being fed" is too often not biblical. (continued)

If you want to know what “being fed spiritually” really means, read John 4. Jesus actually tells his disciples what his “food” is, and likewise what ours is. And it has nothing to do with good sermons or children’s programs. He throws out the “I’m just not being fed” excuse. **“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.”** (John 4:34)

Jesus’ spiritual food wasn’t to sit passively and receive but to be active, roll up his sleeves, and finish the work God sent him to do. According to Jesus, being spiritually fed isn’t about sitting and hearing but by getting up and doing. If Jesus is our perfect example and you’re not being fed, instead of putting the responsibility on others, get up and start serving in meaningful ways in your church! You’ll discover that spiritual nourishment for yourself and others comes through serving, not sitting. I say that from experience, I’m not just ‘preaching’! The investment is worth it!

I heard a good way to express this... church is not a cruise ship where you expect to be entertained and served. If you don’t get this or that, if the service is bad, if the entertainment is not entertaining enough, you go find another cruise ship.

The better metaphor is to approach church like a battleship. When you walk on board, the expectation isn’t to sit but to serve. You realize you are part of a greater mission, and your mindset is to find a way to contribute however you can. If you complain on a battleship, it’s not because the food is bad or because there’s no entertainment. A valid complaint on a battleship would be that there’s no meaningful way for you to serve and be a vital part of the mission.

If you’re not “being fed” at church, contemplate if you are doing the will of the one who delivered you there. He calls people to serve, and you are here for a reason: to be obedient and committed to your church family and mission field, and then to find the joy that lies beyond it!

Thank you for the way you serve God through New Creation Community Church!



MISSION TRIP 2022

On July 10th 4 adults and 6 youth left for our first sleep away mission trip since 2019. We traveled to Trucksville, PA north of Wilkesboro. There was a total of 44 participants from 6 different churches. Once there we were divided into our work teams. Chip was a color group leader for the 2 older teams. Which means he was responsible for getting them the supplies that they needed to complete their sites. Both Sam and Nate were team leaders. Sam was with an older team, whereas Nate was with a younger team. Cheryl was in the kitchen as she was the cook for the week.

When the week started, we only had 6 sites scheduled. But God took care of us. By the weeks end, we worked at 23 sites. Our projects varied as usual. Teams scraped and painted a deck, built a set of stairs for a disabled couple, and cleaned a creek bed so the water would flow better. They helped prepare a retreat for veterans who needed it, and built furniture for a women's shelter. They delivered food to a homeless shelter for women and built furniture for a shelter for abused women. These were just a few of the sites they completed.

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The best part of the mission trip is to see the youth and others grow in Christ. Here are a few testimonials from the youth who went.

Tressa S: My favorite moment by far from the amazing week we experienced in Trucksville was the site my group worked on Thursday. Mr. Rick made a prayer bench for his wife out of the tree that fell on one of their trails. A week after he made the bench, he fell out of a tree stand and broke his back and became paralyzed. My group put mulch around the bench and pulled weeds around it. After we finished, Rick was able to come out in his motorized chair and see the bench with Susie. Ted and Christie made a cross beside the bench out of the same tree the bench was made out of. Seeing both of their reactions, I just knew God was with us and them. I knew he sent me there to bless them with the gifts he gave me and my team.

Chelsea W: My favorite time of the year is summer and that's not just because it's summer but it's because of our mission trip week. UM Army is the most beautiful organization I could ever be a part of. This year's theme was connected and the connections I have made this year will last me forever. Everyone at this camp and all our clients remind me of the good in this world. Even though we all come into this camp expecting nothing in return for helping, the clients we help, gift me more than they could imagine. This year one of our projects for my group was building furniture for a women's shelter. The women in these homes are so incredibly strong for having the courage to leave their lives to have a new, better beginning. Knowing I was able to provide just a little bit of my help makes all difference. This is my second time attending UM ARMY and I cannot express how thankful I am to be given the opportunity to help all these amazing people and grow closer to God. I thank everyone who pushed me to get involved with UM ARMY because it has given me so much more than I could ever ask for.

Mariah: At the mission trip the one thing I picked up on was everyone's willingness to work together at the site where all but one team went too. No one argued and we all encouraged each other which I thought was amazing.

This was an amazing week, and we saw God in everything they did. I was amazed and so proud of our team. God blessed us with a week of good weather, and an abundance of people to help.



UPWARDS FLAG FOOTBALL

All children deserve opportunities to be active, learn and have fun! New Creation Community Church shares in providing this opportunity with 2800 other churches using the power of sports to develop basic football skills while discovering the love of Jesus. This is an important way to reach out to our Dover community. Many families have wonderful memories of participating in this program! Help is always needed to make this a successful ministry. Coaches, referees, and people to help in the food stand are greatly needed! Please see Chip Foeks if you can help. Please let people know about the program please. Also, would you set aside a Saturday to come to a game? Meet the families and be a witness to them! Practice begins 8/8, games begin 9/5, K-6th grade. \$75, scholarships available. www.play.upward.org

MEMORIAL SERVICES AT NEW CREATION

People often turn to the church for support in times of grief. At New Creation, we offer support by serving a light luncheon for the family and friends who have lost a loved one. This is a tangible way we show our love and sympathy. Our standard menu includes sandwiches, macaroni salad, chips, cake and beverages. We have 4 or 5 people committed to helping with this. We need more volunteers to help with serving since our schedules all vary and we cannot help every time. We need 2 or 3 people to serve each time. Men and women are invited to join this team to help with serving at memorial services when your schedule allows. Contact Jan Hufnagle at 717-885-7488 if you are willing to serve with us in this way. Thank you all for the many ways you already support each other.

FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Please take time in prayer, welcome, and practical support of Sherry Chubb as she begins her new job as Family & Children's Ministry Coordinator. Congratulations Sherry!

The end of summer is approaching quickly! I hope everyone reading this was able to do something fun for vacation! But change is coming! It's about time to go back to school. On August 21, we will recognize the students and teachers returning to school during the 10:30am worship service. Bring your backpacks as a symbol of the upcoming school year as we bless them and you! It also means football season, so support our Upwards Sports program!

Confirmation class will be coming to a close in the coming months. Please be praying for the students and also for other new members that will be joining the church soon.

We will soon be planning the restart of our youth group. If you have youth, I encourage you to have them join us. Also, any suggestions for activities is appreciated. We anticipate having new leaders, so be in prayer for them that God would inspire them to be great mentors for the youth.

We once again are growing the number of children we have in services. Teachers, nursery workers, roamers, and others are needed to make our program create young disciples of Jesus!

We are part of the plan to raise kids to love Jesus today and for a life time. Will you invest in their spiritual life? Talk to Jan Hufnagle, Sherry Chubb, or Pastor Kurt if you will invest in our children.

The car show and chicken BBQ is coming up August 27, 11-3. A feature of this show is a Kids Power Wheels Show. Do you know kids that can participate? Invite them to come with their battery-operated cars. They will have a chance to win a trophy, get a goody bag, and participate in the parade around the lot. We will also have a bounce house, and Touch-a-Truck with a truck for S&H Express and a fire truck from the Dover Fire Co.

Please pray for our family and children's ministries. Continue watching Mr. Shawn's "Driving Word" series each week! Our success comes through your diligent prayer!



CAR SHOW/CHICKEN BBQ

Please be promoting this event and plan to attend! We would really like to emphasize the kids aspect this year. If you know families with kids, ask them to bring their Power Wheels cars! S&H Express trucking and the Dover Fire Company will have trucks on site so kids can "Touch-a-Truck", and we'll have other children's activities (bounce house and pending items) and goody bags for those who bring a Power Wheels car, wagon, or other ride-on. Church, let's make this a great event! Please take flyers and hang them up where ever you can or for whomever you can give them to, share the Facebook event, and also consider how you might volunteer your time!

We can also use cash donations for more kid's goody bags and new items for a silent auction. Please stay tuned! Thank you!

New Creation Community Church presents the 2022...

"NEVER DIE" CAR SHOW

August 27, 2022, 11am-3pm
3005 Emig Mill Rd.
Dover, PA 17315

Touch-a Truck * Kid's Inflatable
Chicken BBQ * Door Prizes * Silent
Auction * DJ * 20 People's Choice
Trophies * Kids Power Wheels Show!

Car Registration Fee	\$10
Show	11am-3pm
Registration	10:30am-1pm
Awards	2:30pm



BBQ Meals \$10
Prepay \$9
Call 717-764-0252

Includes: 1/2 Chicken, baked potato, applesauce, roll, water. Deserts available for purchase.

Hey! Don't forget the kids! **Free Power Wheel Show with Parade at 1pm.** Trophies, gift bags, and activities for the kids. Any modified kids ride-ons are welcome for display... wagons, little-tikes, etc. Charge those batteries, eat, and enjoy!



“COMMUNITY GROUPS”

Most of our small groups at NCCC are open to the community, and we actually offer them as a way for people to connect with Christians for support and spiritual growth and increased understanding of Jesus. Please consider sharing your life with others by joining a group and inviting others in your



life to join a small group soon. The pastor currently has sign-up sheets for couple's studies and we will organize soon for the fall.

Women, we will have at least two choices beginning in September 2022, maybe more.

- Secret sisters please remember to pray regularly for your sister and to send a note or a card as often as you are able. We will have a December get together to reveal who your sister was in 2022.
- Monday night Women in Community group will restart 8/29 at 6:30 pm. We will finish Romans study and select our next study soon. All women in the community are invited. Contact Jan at 7178857488 if interested.
- A Revelations study group for women will begin 9/20/22 and meet every other Tuesday at 9 am. A study guide will be selected soon. All women in the community are invited, we limit our group size to keep it personal and we will start a 2nd group if needed. Contact Jan at 7178857488

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Do you think Sunday School for children is an essential ministry? New Creation has a well-established and valuable adult Sunday School class and we praise God for that. We are hoping to renew our commitment to the provision of a welcoming and valuable Sunday School for children and youth from 9:15 to 10:15 on Sundays. Currently we have only 1 adult committed to providing this ministry.

Please pray for the children and youth in the community and in our church. Please offer suggestions and help if God nudges you towards helping more with kids. We need to hear from you. Contact new Director of Family and Children's Ministry Sherry Chubb with your ideas and offers to help. Thank you.





AUGUST

- 8 Michael Krall
- 11 Kaitlyn Pyle
- 12 Shirley Krall
- 16 Jim Cobb
- 21 Ann Smith
- 21 Bill Burger
- 23 Kathleen Durgin
- 23 Ron Mummert
- 26 Ed Fullen
- 27 Deb Cobb
- 31 Loretta Cable



- 2 Rex & Loretta Cable
- 10 Don & Tammy Schalk
- 16 Bob & Em Burris
- 17 Wade & Ann Smith
- 17 Walt and Adah Durgin



SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Group – Meeting every other Sunday, 1pm, May 8 & 22.

Men’s Accountability Group - Meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Currently studying “Courageous” study.

Sister-to-Sister – A community of women providing mutual prayer, encouragement, support, and acts of kindness among sisters in Christ. Contact Lou Stevens at 717-332-1736.

Griefshare – Beginning another session September 1. See Jan Hufnagel or Pastor Kurt with questions. For extensive information, go to <https://www.griefshare.org>

Yinger’s Pathfinders - led by Jeff Merkert, 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.

Womens’ Book Study – Mondays at 9am thru mid-July. “Calm My Anxious Heart”. Contact Jan Hufnagle.

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

New Testament Study – We are taking a summer break! We will be meeting again in September 2022.



There's a Small Group
for **You!**



Christian Life & Witness Course

(CLWC) - No registration required.

Everyone invited!

Whether you're comfortable sharing the Gospel or new to sharing your faith, this free, three-hour class will equip you with practical ways to tell others about Jesus Christ and strengthen your own relationship with Him. People in your city need to hear about Jesus Christ, and this time-tested course will equip you with boldness to clearly communicate

the Good News.

This 3-hour training will help equip you to confidently share God's love with others—and deepen their own faith in Christ.

Attendance at one CLWC class is required to serve as a prayer team member (must be 14 years old or older to be on prayer team). English and bilingual prayer team members needed. We are praying for 1000 Prayer Team members! *

- **Thursday: August 11 (6-9pm)** at Church of the Open Door, EAST York Campus, 4075 E. Market St., York, PA 17402
- **Saturday: August 20 (9am-12pm)** at Church of the Open Door, WEST York Campus, 8 Carlisle Ct., York, PA 17408

Night of Worship & Prayer

Tuesday, August 16th at 6:30PM at Genesis Church

Join us—along with your family and friends—to pray for the God Loves You Tour and the city of York. Worship led by Freddy Washington, worship director at Times Square Church in New York City.

Main Event: God Loves You Tour

Sunday, September 25th at 4pm (recommend arriving at 3pm; pre-event music at 3:30pm)

York State Fairgrounds Grandstand Stage

* **SPANISH translation available. Bring mobile phone and earbuds to access.**

York's God Loves You Tour will give the lost an opportunity to know Jesus and encourage believers in their faith.

This FREE evening will feature music by the Newsboys, Marcos Witt, and Dennis Agajanian, and a message from Franklin Graham.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE ON A TEAM AS NEW CREATION COMMUNITY CHURCH?
Speak to Margie Manley if you are interested in participating!**

NEW CREATION STATION DAYCARE UPDATE

New Creation Station Child Care

We are pleased to be able to inform the church that DHS and the state of Pennsylvania have agreed to a settlement for our licensing case. The terms of the agreement are operational, and are practices already instituted by the staff. The center will now be operating under a provisional license for the next two years. We do not anticipate any complications as we were inspected last week and did not receive any citations. Though it has been said often, it cannot be expressed enough... most immediately, thanks to Sherry Chubb and her diligent staff for implementing the necessary changes at the center. But also, thanks to the daycare board, the prayers of the church, and God's blessing! Praise be to God who redeems what is broken and gives new life!



Currently we have about 30 students enrolled with 12 staff members. The students have been working on learning about the Fruits of the Spirit and will have a banquet on the 26th of August to celebrate with their families. You are invited if you would like to help and meet the children and families, or simply observe! Your support is always appreciated.

Please never forget to pray for the ministry of New Creation Station Daycare, the families and children, director and staff, the board, and the blessing of all who are impacted!



Consider that many churches are in transition. July 1st, pastors are left or began new appointments at many churches in the Susquehanna Conference. Please pray for All Congregations and Pastors going through a time of transition.

Churches for the week of July 31 - August 6

Mount Zion UMC, Harding
St. Luke's UMC, Shade Gap
Milan UMC, Milan
***Mount Olivet UMC, Mechanicsburg**
Gandorhun UMC, Gandorhun - Sierra Leone
Lemasters UMC, Lemasters

For the weeks of August 7 - 13 and August 14 - 20

All of our churches in our conference ... Our Conference Camp Sites ...
All of our Sierra Leone Partner Churches ... Our Bishops ...
Our Global Church.



Deadline for September Love Letter is August 28. Please submit your information to Pastor Kurt @ kherzberg@susumc.org.