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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."

Easter says you can put
truth in a grave, but it
won't stay there

Clarence W Hall

"EASTER MEANS ... ?" ¹

by Pastor Kurt Herzberg

I went through a time when I wondered if Easter egg hunts were proper for a church to offer. At this point in my life I consider them a valuable tool to attract those that might need to hear the Gospel. So, here at New Creation Community Church, we will once again have an egg hunt and present the Gospel and our love to those that attend.

For some, Easter is absent of all but the secular meaning. I asked a third grader what Easter was about, and she only knew of the relation to the Easter Bunny, not Jesus. For many, Easter is a time to dye eggs, hide them, and send children in search of them. It's a time to recite the myth of the Easter bunny and allude to his continuing escapades. It's a time of giving candy, taking pictures, eating Peeps, and feasting around the family table. It's a day to mark the start of spring and celebrate the rejuvenation of nature and the greening of the grass. Such observances of Easter, if they go no further than this, are a faint and feeble shadow of the real meaning of Easter; they are as empty as a plastic egg, as hollow as a chocolate Easter bunny.

Easter is a Christian holiday, and Christian celebrations focus on the true meaning of Easter: the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Easter means that our greatest enemy, death, has been conquered. Easter means that our sins are forgiven and we are made right with God. Easter means that Christ is truly the King and Victor, seated "far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked" (Ephesians 1:21). The meaning of Easter is that Jesus is the Lord of new beginnings, new days, and new lives.

1 (Based on "What is the meaning of Easter?" Got Questions.org)

"Easter means" continued from p 1

Easter means that the incomprehensibly great power of God was on full display at the Garden Tomb where Christ lay. That same great power that raised Christ from the dead now works in us who believe (Ephesians 1:19). The meaning of Easter is that God can move mountains, split seas, restore life, and roll the stone away.

Easter means the poor in spirit will possess the kingdom of heaven, the mourners will be comforted, the meek will inherit the earth, the seekers of righteousness will be filled, the merciful will find mercy, and the pure in heart will see God (see Matthew 5:3–8). The meaning of Easter is that the promises of God come true in Christ.

Easter means that we can proclaim good news to the poor, freedom for the prisoners, and recovery of sight for the blind. We can set the oppressed free and announce the year of the Lord's favor (see Luke 4:18–19). The meaning of Easter is that the gospel—God's Emancipation Proclamation—is to be heralded far and wide. Good news is meant to share.

Easter means that love is stronger than death. Love "burns like a blazing fire, like a mighty flame. Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot sweep it away" (Song of Solomon 8:6–7). It was for love that God gave His only Son (John 3:16); it was for love that Christ died on the cross (John 15:13). It is for love that the risen Lord intercedes for His children (Romans 8:34). Easter is fraught with love. Easter means there is hope for us, after all. What does Easter mean to you?

Lent and Easter Season



As we approach the glory of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the messages of our Sunday services continue to focus on the "From the Ashes" series. Our Maundy Thursday worship will be April 6 & include a dinner at 6 pm, followed by the 7 o'clock service. We will also have a Good Friday service on April 7 at 7 pm.

Partnering with New Hope Ministries

New Hope ministries serves our neighbors in Dover. If you have not seen the new building, try to go and see it - it is a great facility with lots of room for those less fortunate to get necessities.



This month, New Creation is concentrating on toiletries - men and women's deodorant, dish soap, shaving cream, disposable razors, children's toothbrushes, toilet paper and paper towels, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, and diapers, wipes, and diaper cream.

Items should be placed in the basket next to Soul Talk Cafe which is to the right of the front doors. New Hope is NOT taking egg cartons until notified. Cardboard ones can be recycled.

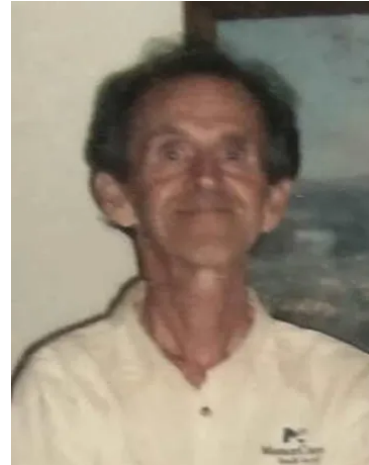
Questions can be directed to Bob or Emilie Burris (717-816-3768).

Obituary— Richard Brothers

September 3, 1942-March 27, 2023

Richard S. Brothers, Sr., 80, of York, passed away Monday, March 27, 2023, in York Hospital. He was the husband of Sheila (Gundy) Brothers, who he married 61 years ago on August 25, 1961. Richard was born September 3, 1942 in York and was the son of the late Charles, Jr., and Edna (Shue) Brothers.

He was a self-employed farmer for many years, and he also owned and operated a lawn and landscaping business in the York area. He was a member of the Williams Grove Historical Steam Engine Association, Inc. of Mechanicsburg and Early American Steam Society Steam-O-Rama in Windsor, PA. He collected and restored John Deere tractors for many years. He attended New Creation Community Church in Dover, PA.



In addition to his wife Sheila, Richard is survived by his sons, Michael Brothers and his wife, Sherry of Manchester; Richard Brothers, Jr and his wife Patti Collins; his daughter, Jodi Holtzman and her boyfriend, Lee Hunnell of York; two grandchildren, Jacob Brothers and Brooke Holtzman; two great grandchildren, Adelyn Brothers and Dominic Collins; and his brother Tom Brothers of Manchester.

Funeral services for Richard will begin at 11:00 AM, Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at Diehl Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 87 South Main Street, Mount Wolf. Viewing will be from 10:00 to 11:00, prior to the service, at the funeral home. Burial will be in Manchester Union Cemetery. Officiating at his service will be Pastor Kurt Herzberg. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider, Early American Steam Society, 1673 Manor Road, Windsor, PA 17366. To share memories of Richard, please visit diehlfuneralhome.com

Great Need on Short Notice:

Helping Hands currently has 3 job sites for April 22. We've been asked to build a ramp, repair and paint a shed as well as other outdoor surfaces, and repair and do some painting in a basement. If you are available and would like to give a helping hand, please let me know. I would really like to be able to help all three families. Everyone is invited to join us, including youth. We have breakfast and a devotion before we leave. There is food provided to make sandwiches, a snack and a fruit. Please let Chip or I (Cheryl Foeks) know if you are planning to join us that day. All skill levels are welcome.



Being a Disciple Part 4—Be Available by Ralph Brandt

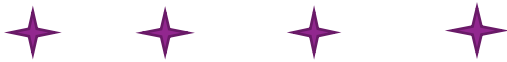
A disciple, a servant who makes a point of knowing scripture... in Part 4 of this series, Ralph reminds us that discipleship is not a "spectator sport;" we need to consider ourselves "on call," prepared to accept God's directives.

Being available—this is one of the attributes of a servant that many fail to meet. We have some awesome people at NCCC who are committed servants. But we could use at least twice that number, and in fact, I think we could use three times the number.

There are things that hold people back, such as feelings of inadequacy and lack of willingness to commit to a task. And yes, one should not be taking on something they cannot handle. But I have seen people over the years who stepped into positions in the church that they were sure they were not ready for and quickly grew, sometimes I am sure, with the help of the Holy Spirit. There is nothing wrong with asking for help if you know someone who can provide it. (cont. on p. 4)

As for making a commitment, that is an individual item. I love the one-word change in “The Battle Hymn of the Republic, “As He died to make men holy, let us [die] :live to make to make men free.” It is what people who commit their lives to serving others in the church, in emergency services, or whatever, do when they take on the challenge. They live to make men and women free. But in a sense, they have to die to self to do it, spending time in training and service.

One of the old songs of the Camp Meeting Church was, ‘Let me lose myself and find it, Lord, in Thee.’ Two sections of it have been in my prayer for years, asking God to make me a better light to those in this world. “May all self be slain; my friends see only thee,” and, “Lord, I would not stand alone when I come before thy throne. Let me bring at least one soul, oh Lord, to Thee.” This is praying for God to help you to better present him to the world, which should be one of the goals of every disciple.



Obituary— Shirley M. McCurdy

December 9, 1934 ~ March 7, 2023

Shirley Miller McCurdy, age 88, of Dover Township, Dover, died at 11:50 PM Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at her residence. She was the wife of the late John E. McCurdy.

Born December 9, 1934, in Freysville, a daughter of the late Richard and Helen (Bupp) Miller, she was a member of New Creation Community Church.

Mrs. McCurdy is survived by three daughters, Lisa Warren, and her husband Jeff, of Dover, Janice Pequinot, and her husband Larry, of East Berlin and Joan Lanouette, and her husband Albert, of Newark, Delaware; a son, Kenneth McCurdy, of Dover; 17 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Gene Miller, of Mount Wolf. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Stewart Miller, and a sister, Elaine Fisher.

A graveside service was held Friday, March 10, 2023, at Suburban Memorial Gardens, with The Rev. Kurt Herzberg officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to New Creation Community Church, 3005 Emig Mill Road, Dover, PA 17315.



Children’s and Family Ministries

Youth group meets every Thursday, 6 pm-8 pm, except when there is a congregational worship service, as in Maundy Thursday, April 6.

- We celebrated Sweet 16 birthday in March for Mariah!
 - Upcoming events—
 - Soon to be announced: Fundraising in the month of May! We are hoping to host a spaghetti dinner to pay for summer events for the youth.
 - We will be joining the volunteers who are working with kids during VBS the week of June 12th.
 - The youth will be leading/presenting a Youth Takeover Service June 18th during the 10:30 service. More details soon.

- **Junior Church** meets every Sunday morning after the kids' message during church service.
 - Gage celebrated his birthday, and the church youth made him cards during Junior Church.
 - Recently a junior church member also had an amazing birthday gift: a home from Habitat for Humanity!
 - This program teaches the basics of worship, with songs, scripture, and an interactive lesson.
- **Youth Sunday School** meets at 9:30 every Sunday, between the 2 offered church services at NCCC.
 - We're looking for volunteers to teach Sunday School in a monthly rotation. If you are interested, please let Pastor Kurt or Sherry Chubb know.
- **VBS** is on the horizon, and will be here very soon—June 12th – 16th.
 - Volunteers appreciated. Planning meetings will be after the 10:30 church service, on the 3rd Sunday of April and May, with a final meeting on June 11th
 - We are looking for individuals willing to dress up and play parts in our final festival day of VBS on the 16th! Please see Sherry Chubb for more details.



Have a Safe and Blessed Day! Sherry Chubb, Director of New creation Station
717-764-2900

Spring Craft and Vendor Show: Supporting Local Small Businesses and Building Community

March 25th started out dreary, cool and rainy, but that did not stop any of the New Creation volunteers from assisting in making it beautiful. Before the Spring Craft and Vendor Show opened to visitors, outside vendors began setting up in the windy, wet weather, but as it was soon clear that some who reserved inside spots were not able to attend, we moved the outside people into the unoccupied spots, putting great big smiles on their faces and in their hearts.

Approximately 34 crafters/vendors set up to show the beautiful creations and items they had for sale. From those 34, 21 spaces for the November 25th show have already been reserved and paid for.



The success of this event can be seen in the way it brings people together to help each other while also supporting our church missions and ministries. Special thanks to the Girl Scout troop volunteers, who helped and also provided everyone an opportunity to get some Girl Scout cookies.

Thanks to all the people who made donations of food, soda, supplies, and time. Because of them, the only expense we acquired from this event is the Pay Pal charges from utilizing the app for craft/vendor payments, leaving us with a profit of approximately \$2000 for NCCC ministries and outreach.

Thanks, everyone!

With God's Blessings, the NCCC volunteers.

Submitted by Deb Copp-Burger

Sierra Leone Part 2

If you've ever flown, it's likely that you remember your first ride on an airplane, whether you were a child or an adult. Maybe you had a beach getaway in Florida, or a ski trip in Canada. Maybe what comes to mind is the shoeless stroll through the airport security checkpoint, or the view out the window of the plane, or the nervous wait for your luggage to appear on the carousel.

Press "pause" before you pull out the trip photos, and put yourself in Brian Warner's shoes: 12 years ago he booked his 1st flight ever—for a 14-hour journey over the Atlantic Ocean covering 4500 miles to a place where the main form of transportation is a bike, the temperatures often reach 100 degrees, and cooking is commonly done over a fire.

"Culture shock" doesn't begin to describe the experience.

On that first trip in 2011, he was the single representative of NCCC, heading for our sister church, Bishop Bangora United Methodist Church in Motema, Sierra Leone. He was traveling with a group from UM churches in Central PA led by Pastor Jeff Fisher and Steve Harmon, who had worked with Arms Around Africa. They were experienced missionaries to Africa, and to the country of Sierra Leone in particular. They work to strengthen the ties between the churches in our conference and the ones we are connected to there.

People who felt led to join an excursion as Brian was, were urged to attend monthly meetings to reduce the shell shock, become savvy in safe travel, and understand what they could accomplish as face-to-face liaisons between congregations striving to live according to God's Word and love our neighbors.

Once the group got to Sierra Leone, people split off to visit their own sister church's communities as planned. A driver, Edison, was familiar with Brian's destination, and the 2 men hit it off immediately as he took Brian from the city of Freetown down to the village of Motema. Edison gave him the nickname "chief," & it stuck!



At the beginning of his stay in Motema, Brian got a lot of stares from the 'locals,' being the first white person who'd ever visited the village. However, he had expected that, and Edison's outgoing personality helped start conversations with his hosts.

Brian speaks enthusiastically about the friendships that sprang from his Sierra Leone treks, including Daisy, who once spoke to our own congregation in Dover & made shirts of stunning

African design. On a later trip, she made hats and shirts for our 4 representatives, including Brian, Don Schalk, Randy Ball, and Pam Loss.

Solomon, who has become a long distance member of the Warner family, has been a close friend to Brian since his first trip over. He hopes to be a pastor someday, and hopefully can come here for a visit.

Edison started as Brian's driver, and then became his friend. He helped Brian negotiate purchases at the local markets, and even got him a birthday gift—a Sierra Leone scarf that is now a treasured possession. He was well known in the market, and got a striking wall cloth with a design of a family cooking over a spit for Brian when he saw him admiring it. Brian missed his friend on one trip, as Edison was in school, and sadly, Edison passed away this past New Year's. Their friendship was a core piece of the bridge-building between 2 churches.

Based on Brian's observations from his early trips, our congregation provided approximately



300 pairs of reading glasses for him and his NCCC partners to take over. Brian worked with Agnes, an optometrist from Freetown, who set up a working office in the church one day to examine eyes and distribute glasses with the best fit to their vision. Brian says the line of people waiting patiently was long and steady. "At one point, I looked up and there was a small dump truck full of people who had heard of the event even outside of Motema, and came looking for help. Some of the Motema people said maybe we shouldn't include them, because they were known to be Muslims, but we said of course we should help them! It's what Jesus would want!" Two officers joined the line for help. A few cataract cases were sent to Freetown for surgery. Most people who received glasses grabbed their Bibles. One old woman had been "reading" God's word by listening, until she got glasses.

Before Brian took the 1st step onto that plane, our 2 congregations did pray for each other—in general "Lord, you know their needs," terms. Now, we can visualize what their needs are, and send things like solar flush toilets, the pastor's salary, and materials for providing a durable roof, windows, a floor over the dirt, and a door with a sturdy lock. We cheerfully give in Jesus' name, knowing we make a difference. On their part, they keep the communication going with Brian and Jo Marie, asking how they can pray for us, what our needs are, and share our joys. We are truly blessed—on both sides of the ocean!

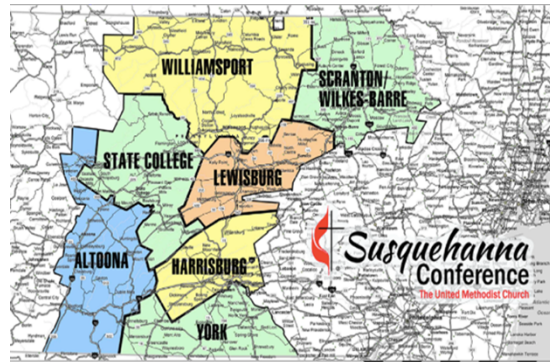
CONFERENCE NEWS

Be in prayer for our Susquehanna Annual Conference being held in Williamsport May 17th -20th. Jerry Rohrbaugh and Pastor Kurt are our representatives to Annual Conference.

Among the work to be done, plans are being made for the transition of some congregations and pastors to officially disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church.

With that, Bishops Cynthia Moore-Koikoi & Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball have prayed and discerned God's will for doing new ministry into the future. So, they are excited to announce that we will begin a new model of supervision for pastors and for churches. Through these transitions, they believe that God is pointing us in some new ways of being an Annual Conference, Districts, and local churches. Therefore, plans are being made to balance the work of the District Superintendents.

Beginning July 1, there will be five Conference Superintendents to provide supervisory care and oversight to seven districts. The District map will remain the same as shown, but five supervisory areas will be made to cover the seven districts. The five Conference Superintendents will be: Paul Amara, Brenda Leigey, Judy Walker, Joleen Willis, and Gary Weaver.



As you recall, York District Superintendent Rev. Cathy Boileau is retiring this year. The York district will now be divided between two supervisors by geographic division, but that division of coverage is yet to be determined. We do know that our new Superintendent will be one of the following: Joleen Willis will cover churches within the Altoona District and portions of the York District. Gary Weaver will cover the churches within most of the Harrisburg District as well as portions of the York District. We will wait and see who has our area. Our local York District Office will be closed no later than July 1, 2023.

Let us remember that God is faithful in keeping His promise in righteous new things! Again, be in prayer for these changes, for the transition of churches and pastors out of the Conference, and the normal appointment of pastors.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/2 George McKinney

4/2 Chelsea Cleaver

4/4 Marsha Snyder

4/4 Kelly Smith (Manley)

4/9 Darlene Sterner

4/9 Sophia Dietz

4/9 Jo Marie Warner

4/10 Emilie Burris

4/12 Liam Green

4/14 Joseph Wallace

4/15 Kayleigh McGlynn

4/16 Wade Smith

4/24 Margie Manley





CIRCLE *of* PRAYER

For this cycle of Circle of Prayer we will be praying for our churches in the Susquehanna Conference our Sierra Leone Partner Churches and our Conference Camp/Retreat Centers.

Churches for April 2-8

*Pleasant Valley UMC, Woodland
*Milton Margai Memorial UMC,
Goderich - Sierra Leone
Windfall UMC, Granville Summit
Fourth UMC, York
Caldwell UMC, Lock Haven
Mount Zion UMC, Richfield
Central UMC, Honesdale
Hope UMC, Mechanicsburg
Flemington UMC, Flemington
Good Shepherd UMC, Tyrone
Duboistown UMC, South Williamsport

Churches for April 9-15

Otterbein UMC, Carlisle
Cito UMC, McConnellsburg
Maple Grove UMC, Hunlock Creek
St. Paul's UMC, Berwick
Mount Victory UMC, Gardners
Community UMC, New Cumberland
Laporte UMC, Laporte
Luzerne UMC, Luzerne
Calvary UMC, Bellwood
Bethlehem Stonepile UMC, Red Lion
Mount Asbury Camp & Retreat Center,
Newville

Churches for April 16-22

Matamoras UMC, Port Royal
Trout Run UMC, Trout Run
12th Street UMC, Huntindon
Factoryville UMC, Factoryville
Monroeton UMC, Monroeton
Rock UMC, West Decatur
Pine Summit UMC, Millville
First UMC, Marion
*Makump Bana UMC,
Makump Bana - Sierra Leone
Mount Rock UMC, Newville
Wesley Chapel UMC, Breezewood

Churches for April 23-29

Valley UMC, Muncy Valley
Grace UMC, Centre Hall
Bethany UMC, Dover
*Kercher Memorial UMC, Kercher
Memorial - Sierra Leone
Mount Joy UMC, Clearfield
Wesley UMC, Bloomsburg
Middlesex UMC, Carlisle
Chestnut Grove UMC, Dillsburg
Albright UMC, Loganton
Warrensville UMC, Williamsport
Wyoming UMC, Wyoming

April						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			3/29	30	31	4/1 Easter Egg Hunt 10 am -noon
2	3 Understanding Abuse Bible Study 5-6 pm	4 Men's Accountability group 6:30 Daycare Board 6 pm	5	6 Maundy Thursday dinner 6 and service 7	7 Good Friday service 7 pm	8
9 Easter Sunday Sunrise service at 6:30 am Regular service to follow	10 Women in Community 6:30-8 Understanding Abuse Bible Study 5-6 pm	11 women's spring book study- 9 am Men's Accountability group 6:30 Daycare Board 6 pm 12 SEND extended 7		13 Youth Group 6-8 Griefshare 4-5:30 pm Choir 7:30 Trustees 7	14	15
16	17 Understanding Abuse Bible Study 5-6 pm Finance 7	18 Men's Accountability group 6:30 SPRT 7 pm	19	20 Youth Group 6-8 Griefshare 4-5:30 Choir 7:30	21	22
23	24 Women in Community 6:30-8 Understanding Abuse Bible Study 5-6 pm	25 Revelations women's group 9 am Men's Accountability Group 6:30	26 SEND Core 7 pm	27 Youth Group 6-8 Griefshare 4-5:30 Choir 7:30	28	29
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Deadline for April newsletter is Tuesday, March 28th. Please send your articles or information to Margie at Quiltgrand133@gmail.com. Thank you!