



**New Creation  
Community 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 must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God."  
Dietrich Bonhoeffer,  
pastor, anti Nazi activist

AN INVITATION FOR RENEWAL!

Pastor Kurt Herzberg

The start of the calendar year is often a time for new beginnings, but the beginning of the school year seems to be an important place for new beginnings also. I remember well the excitement of the start of each school year! This time of year is also a fitting place for us all to begin anew in ministry.

I want to encourage you to think of places that might contain a place of renewal for you! As I do my own pastoral planning along with other leadership, I also consider for you, as well as myself, what new beginnings God has planned for you. Where might you be able to do something new? Where might you be able to step into renewal in servanthood? Let me offer some practical places to consider. Certainly, some places you've already heard of or considered, and perhaps some not.



First, Upwards Football is a major way we witness to the community with the potential to get kids or grandkids involved, or meet the families, help with coaching or the food stand, or even help set up or tear down, along with other areas. See Chip Foeks if you can help.

Have you updated your clearances or retaken the Safe-Sanctuaries training online recently? This is required to work with children and vulnerable adults. If you would heed the call to help with Junior Church, VBS, or be a roamer, this might be a place of new beginnings. Carol Sydor can help you with that process. You can help be a part of our testimony that NCCC is a safe place for our community!

## An Invitation for Renewal cont.

How about being a greeter or usher? I spoke to a person who recently visited a church for the first time, and he felt so loved and impressed with the greeters that welcomed him and gave direction to facilitate a good worship experience. Please don't discount the impact of helping with a planned approach to receive every guest that walks thru the door. What a gift a smile or hello can be. Greeters are essential to Christian hospitality, encouragement, and first impressions. See Jan Hufnagle for this ministry.

As I write this, the stock market is plummeting due to bad economic news again. Thanks be to God, our work as a church is to bring good news! However, our ministry of good news demands we meet the expenses of maintaining our physical presence to be a place of God in our community. Your donations help support our staff and pay for utilities, ministry programs, along with many other expenses. When was the last time you increased your giving? Maybe now is a good time to tithe directly to the church from an investment instrument and save on taxes. Maybe use our Vanco giving app and set-up automatic weekly giving so you give more consistently! Have you included the church in your will?

We always need servants in ministry. We are a church that really does an incredible amount of work with few people. Let's be a powerful force together! You will absolutely find renewed relationship with God if you found a new place to be engaged with the work of the church through a committee or serving at an event like the upcoming car show. Maybe you have a nice voice and would like to sing a solo? We also need teachers and helpers for Jr. Church, which is a program of utmost importance. Maybe lead a new bible study? I have the desire to start a personal finance study. Are you the person that could help? You will be blessed anywhere you volunteer if you do it for the Lord. He is faithful in responding to your love!

Have you been inattentive in the Word? Commit to a Sunday school class or bible study. Do you have a subject that's important to you? Let's see if it fits our mission, and let me help you start that class!

Join our team for outreach. We will be going to the National Night Out August 6<sup>th</sup> in Dover. It's a great way to be the face of the church and introduce our ministry. See Wade Smith. We will have other opportunities to be in the community in the future.

Maybe you like hands-on things. You can help with gardening on the church property. Join our next Helping Hands work day in September. Or, prepare for our UM Army trip next summer. See Cheryl Foeks.

Maybe socializing is important? Join a group or start a group and make new friends this year. It's true of many of us that we see people every week at church and don't know their names! Maybe for the first time you might really grasp the importance of greeting time at church and introduce yourself to a new person! Help build the community. Or maybe have lunch with some people at church. Start a social group?

Each of us is on our own spiritual journey. New opportunities lie before the person willing to serve God resulting in a renewed heart of faith. I see it happen to people all the time, and it's awesome! Is this the season of renewal for you? I'm excited for what you might do! We're still in the season of Pentecost, so catch the fire of renewal through the Spirit! Keep the fire of God new in your life!



## Mission in Review

Psalms 23:4 "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me"  
God at Work: Fearless

In today's world, there is so much hatred and just plain evil, that being fearless sounds impossible. Being fearless isn't being without fear, but it's about having the courage to face those fears regardless of the circumstances. That's where having faith comes in.

Believing that no matter what, God is with us and that we can do all things through him.

Being fearless looks different for everyone. It could be a parent sending their child to school for the first time. Someone may be going for a job interview or starting a new adventure such as college or marriage. It can also be going away for a week not knowing what to expect. These all take courage, and by doing them we become fearless.



This was the theme for this year's mission trip. Being fearless is about letting go and trusting God, being open to hear God, and trusting him. Then comes the real hard part: the resilience to continue on no matter what others say, and the power of love he gives to us all, and finally the commitment to follow where God leads. These sound like really hard steps, but we do them every day.

This year was a growing and changing year for our mission team. We had new members who weren't quite sure what to expect, and others who were facing new positions that came with their own new challenges. Still some of us were excited to see old friends and meet new ones. Mission is kind of like a large family reunion-- you just don't know who all is coming until you get there.

We joined people from 6 different churches across 4 different states. We completed 19 sites in 5 days. The sites included staining a deck and a ramp, painting at a women's shelter and a fence on a farm. They built raised garden beds for special needs adults, and weeded and planted flowers just to make someone smile. Others built a bridge from an old wagon, so people could experience God's wonder in a different way. These aren't all the jobs they did; I just can't remember the rest.

However, we weren't the only ones who faced fears this week. The clients that we helped had their own fears. They didn't know what to expect, or who was coming into their lives. Many just needed a helping hand and a friendly face showing God's love. They were fearless in allowing strangers into their lives.



The youth showed what it meant to be fearless every day, they met each of the criteria with grace and wonder. I pray that they continue to be fearless, and face the many challenges that are yet to come in their lives with the same courage, grace and love they showed on the mission trip. The Holy Scripture tells us not to fear 365 times. Isn't that a coincidence—there's also 365 days in a year! Hmm...We can remind ourselves that we are meant to love

our neighbors every single day, and we can share God's love.

Submitted by Cheryl Foeks



Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

## Encourage One Another-Opportunities at New Creation

We have many opportunities to encourage each other at New Creation. We pray for each other, worship together, serve together and “do” life together. I would like to focus on a few opportunities open to women in the church, and women in the community.

Women In Community (WIC) is a study and support group of 6-8 women who meet at a home of a group member for a time of prayer, study and socializing. We will start meeting again on 9/9/24. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month from 6:30 to 8 pm. Location to be determined. We will be starting a “No Homework” Bible study “Living Victoriously in Difficult Times” authored by Kay Arthur, Bob and Diane Vereen.



Morning Glory is a study and support group of 6-8 women who meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 9 am to 10:30 am, beginning 9/3/24. We will start a Bible study entitled “Having a Real Relationship with God”, authored by Kay Arthur. This is also a “No Homework” study. We will meet at the home of a group member.

Please contact Jan Hufnagle at [jhufnagle5300@comcast.net](mailto:jhufnagle5300@comcast.net) , or in person, if you or someone you know would like to join us for one of these groups. If you are interested in starting or

joining a brand new group please see Pastor Kurt or Jan. New groups under the “umbrella” of New Creation Community Church are something we hope for, but should be approved by our Pastor.

Another excellent opportunity to build friendships (and maybe learn new hobbies) occurs almost every Saturday from 11 am to 7 pm. At this time a couple of beautiful souls, Barb and Teresa, get together to share life and create artwork. They have extended an invitation to anyone who wants to join them to socialize and/or work on arts or crafts for part of the day. Please see Jan at church if you need an introduction to these ladies. Submitted by Jan Hufnagle

## Upcoming Events and Activities

It has been said many times that this church is a busy place. We are coming into one of the busiest parts of the year for New Creation. Here is what is happening for the next couple months so we can all mark our calendars:

### August-

2 & 3 – Upward evaluations -6-8 on Friday & 9-12 on Saturday

If anyone is available to help us run the kids through, that would be great.

6 – National Night Out at the Dover Fire hall—5:30-8:30

24- Never Die Car Show – Have a cool car? Bring it--or just com  
and enjoy the day.

September- I know it sounds far away, but it will be here before we know it.

7 – First Upwards Game - We could always use help in the  
concession stand, refereeing, setting up and  
cleaning up, every Saturday for the next 8 weeks

14 – Scrapbooking -n- More 9am -9pm

28 – Helping Hands work day (more information to come)

### October-

5 – Fundraiser – concession stand for the Buddy Walk.  
(help will be needed)

16 & 18 - Making Apple Dumplings

17 & 19 Picking up orders of Soup and Apple Dumplings

(There will be a sign up sheet for those willing to make Soup and Apple  
Dumplings as well as for signing up for your orders to take home.)

Submitted by Cheryl Foeks



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# 2024 NEVER DIE

**CAR SHOW AND BLESSING, August 24, 11a-3p**

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**CHURCH FAMILY:** In support of our fundraiser, we are looking for cash donations, donations of car care products, small packs of microfiber towels, and of course we need help. See Pastor Kurt or Chip Foeks.

We've got over 100 accounts on [Slack](#) now! Woohoo! I can't say that's 100+ congregation members, as I know some of us have multiple accounts for one person (and if you're one of those, please come and explain that to me? I'm dying to know what I'm missing out on! LOL) But in the meantime, I'm wondering about those who haven't checked it out. [Slack](#) is so neatly organized into categories by the mission teams and concerns of the church, as well as general spots for reminders of dates, requests for help, and seek prayers/post answers to those prayers. I know we get a lot of stuff in our worship services and in our newsletter—but I know that newsletter editor & she's got a mind like a sieve! She means well, though. If you are ready to give [Slack](#) a try, see Wade Smith, and he'll help you set up a free account, and walk you through the ins and outs of the system. Let me know what you think of it!

# PERSPECTIVE OF THE YOUTH

by Mariah Linn

o( ^ Ⅲ ^ )↪ Hehehe... it's August. Meaning back to school shopping, BBQs, family trips, last minute vacations, and lots of water to drink. So for the topic of mental health we're gonna talk about how it was Men's Mental Health Month in June (but no one talks about it cause of what that month is also about 🙏 ) **Men's Mental Health Month** is observed throughout the month of June each year. During this time, various organizations, mental health advocates, and communities come together to raise awareness and support men's mental health initiatives. It serves as an opportunity to shed light on the mental health struggles faced by men, dismantle deeply ingrained societal stigmas, and encourage open conversations about men's mental well-being. If you'd like to show your support, consider participating in events, raising awareness, and being there for the men in your life year-round. July is actually... I don't think there's a mental month for July, but it's important all year round. July was also a month of mission trip and summer camp, both of which can be great for mental health! My last year as a minor for both summer camp and mission trip will be next year.

Now for August...well, that's the month kids go back to school, and I have one thing to say about that. **YOUTH ARE THE NOW-- NOT JUST THE FUTURE.** If you 🙏 want the youth to be spiritually fed, we need you as a church to help. Volunteer to help the youth group, help it grow. We need volunteers and youth, not just me and my siblings.

## Happy Anniversaries!

8/2 Rex & Loretta Cable  
8/10 Don & Tammy Schalk  
8/16 Bob & Em Burris  
8/17 Wade & Ann Smith  
8/17 Walt & Adah Durgin

## Happy Birthday!

8/01 Jennings Herzberg  
8/8 Mike Krall  
8/11 Barb Gowland  
8/11 Katie Pyle  
8/21 Ann Smith  
8/25 Adah Durgin  
8/26 Gracelyn Herzberg  
8/27 Debbie Cobb  
8/31 Loretta Cable



“In a word, live together in the forgiveness of your sins, for without it no human fellowship, least of all a marriage, can survive. Don't insist on your rights, don't blame each other, don't judge or condemn each other, don't find fault with each other, but accept each other as you are, and forgive each other every day from the bottom of your hearts...”

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, [Letters and Papers from Prison](#)

# 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 Augs 11-17

Pine Street Williamsport UMC, Wmsport  
Galow UMC, Masorie—Sierra Leone  
Gettysburg UMC, Gettysburg  
St Johns Hegins UMC, Hegins  
Martha UMC, Port Matilda  
Lawvers UMC, McClure  
Dalton UMC, Dalton  
McKee UMC, East Freedom  
Wrightsville Hope UMC, Wrightsville  
Franklin Forks UMC, Montrose  
Yarnell UMC, Bellefonte  
Green Hills Camp & RV Park, Alexandria

## Churches for August 18-24

Lake Ariel UMC, Lake Ariel  
Crever Memorial Petersburg UMC,  
Petersburg  
Grace UMC, Centre Hall  
Barry Salem UMC, Ashland  
Cito UMC, McConnellsburg  
Benton UMC, Benton  
Noxen UMC, Noxen  
Ebenezer Berwick UMC, Berwick  
Balls Mills UMC, Cogan Station  
Mount Asbury Camp & Retreat Center,  
Newville

## Churches for August 25-31

First McClure UMC, McClure  
Albert Margai Memorial UMC, Gbambatoke  
Sierra Leone  
Geyers UMC, Middletown  
Wyoming UMC, Wyoming  
Jaggard First UMC, Altoona  
St Pauls State College UMC, St Pauls  
St Peters Riverside UMC, Riverside  
Spruce Creek UMC, Spruce Creek  
Ulster UMC, Ulster  
Mt Hope Newville UMC, Newville  
Wesley Forest Camp & Retreat Center,  
Weikert



Dear Father,

Thank you for the reminder that people are invaluable and that showing love and compassion to them is more important than rules. Help me to “be Jesus” to those I meet each day. In faith I ask.



## AUGUST

| Sunday | Monday                              | Tuesday  | Wednesday                                    | Thursday                         | Friday | Saturday              |
|--------|-------------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|
|        |                                     |  |  | 1<br>Praise Team 6               | 2      | 3                     |
| 4      | 5 Not Alone luncheon noon at Lyndon | 6 Men's Accountability group 6:30<br>NT group 6:30<br>Daycare Board<br>National Night Out at Dover Borough Fire Hall on E. Canal 5:30-8:30 | 7 SEND Core 7 pm                             | 8 Praise Team 6 pm<br>Trustees 7 | 9      | 10                    |
| 11     | 12 Finance 7                        | 13 Men's Accountability group 6:30<br>NT group 6:30  | 14   | 15 Praise Team 6 pm              | 16     | 17                    |
| 18     | 19                                  | 20 Men's Accountability group 6:30<br>NT group 6:30 pm   | 21 SEND Extended 7 pm<br>Youth Leaders? 6 pm | 22 Praise Team 6                 | 23     | 24 Never Die Car Show |
| 25     | 26                                  | 27 Men's Accountability Group 6:30<br>NT Group 6:30  | 28   | 29                               | 30     | 31                    |



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Deadline for September newsletter is Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Please send your articles or information to Margie at [Quiltgrand133@gmail.com](mailto:Quiltgrand133@gmail.com). Thank you!