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New Creation The United Methodist Church

Community Church
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Kurt Herzberg, Pastor

Worship Hours:

-Traditional Sunday, 8:00am
-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."

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SEEING GOD WORK

Pastor Kurt Herzberg

Through what lens do you see the world? For myself, I tend to see the world through the goodness and love of God. I find grace in the difficult things. Not everyone does. Maybe I have hope and faith to a fault because I tend not to concentrate on, or even fully appreciate the struggles themselves. I just see the good things around the struggles.

One might say our church family is going through a struggle now. The transition of pastors in the UMC can be an anxious time.... a struggle. I understand many are grieving, many are fearful of change, many feel uncertainty. As I continue my preparation to leave NCCC, I wonder how you see it? But I'll tell you what I've seen:

- To follow up with my article last month, I see church people mobilizing to take on new roles in preparation for my departure. Thank you to all who have signed up to lead! Let us pray for one another as we stretch ourselves in new ways.
- Men's Alliance, meeting Tuesday nights, had its biggest attendance since launch last week...16 men meeting to work out and encourage one another by focusing on scripture and its resultant bonding of those involved.
- I saw the largest attendance at our men's Tuesday morning breakfast, 12! Then I saw them sign and provide greeting cards for a variety of situations, and then many of them spend time visiting the homebound who can't get out to eat.
- I see discovery of faith and understanding in the lives of those who have recently joined the church, and who will soon join the church and get baptized in the next couple months.
- I see increased attendance recently in Sunday worship, the most on a *regular* Sunday since COVID!
- I see the many people who have completed their Safe Sanctuaries Training and clearances and are now utilizing that in service to the church.
- I see new volunteers for children's Sunday School and Jr church when we struggled less than a year ago.
- I see even more people transitioning from our GriefShare program to church attendance.
- I see new relationships being formed among members and between disciples and their Lord.
- I've seen the prayers of the church cause miraculous healing!
- I see new small groups forming and pulling in new people from our congregation and community.
- I see activity and enthusiasm in areas that I anticipated would have to come to an end with my departure, but the Spirit has moved others to take up leadership.

- I see leadership on our Finance Team making decisions to that will secure our future and even dreaming of bigger goals than those we are working on now.
- I see stirring of the Spirit and the results of that stirring being presented in the community of Christ, and that momentum bodes well for the future of NCCC, especially as we anticipate our 175th birthday of the building of our first church in 2026!

Human nature is to have fear and worry. But God redefines us saying “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” (2 Tim 1:7). We can exercise that because we live into it. We look for it. We anticipate it, train, and pursue and use biblical lenses to see it. Paul says in Philippians what still applies to us today, “⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:5-6) I’m trying to finish strong. NCCC will soon need to *begin* strong, and you’re starting to do that now. Don’t let off the gas. Work hard. Please the Lord. Receive the blessing! Thank you for all you do for the Kingdom of God!



VBS PLANNING HAS BEGUN!

Howdy there, partner! You ready for a grand ol’ time next summer, discovering the wonder of Jesus? If so, grab yer stirrups and lasso and hightail it out west to *Wonder Junction* where kids will marvel at Jesus and learn that we live for his glory.

IT’S ALL ABOUT JESUS AND THE CALL FOR KIDS TO LIVE FOR HIS GLORY.

As you may’ve guessed, *Wonder Junction* is an Old West themed VBS adventure that will teach kids about who Jesus is as they marvel at his birth, his childhood, his ministry, his death and resurrection, and his coming return. It’s all about Jesus and the call for kids to live for his glory.

VBS is June 23-27, 6-8pm. Watch for planning meetings and how you might participate through donations or hands-on work. Safe Sanctuaries training is required to volunteer.

See Sherry Chubb or Pastor Kurt with questions.

THE EASTER BUNNY IS COMING APRIL 9, 10AM-NOON

What a great opportunity for the church to communicate the resurrection story of Jesus to kids and families alike! To do so, we offer this event with an Easter egg hunt, crafts, free raffle for Easter baskets, and prizes, as well as a chance to get a picture with the Easter Bunny! You can help us with donations of:

- candy (2000 pcs. total)
- financial contributions for gifts/expenses
- and volunteering (about 10 persons needed.)

Please drop off candy by Sunday, April 13. Also, sign-up to help! We may need an easter bunny, too!! See Pastor or Kathy Panutto if interested.



PREPARE TO WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR

In Alabama stands a small, white, traditional church that has historically been used by Methodist congregations. Because of the configuration of our house, it is thought that the front room may have once been used to provide lodging for traveling Methodist preachers.

In early America, it was the practice of many families to dedicate the front room of their houses for this purpose. This special area would have typically been furnished a bit better than the rest of the home and would have had a separate door to the outside so that the visiting preacher could access the room without entering the main living area.

The preachers who ministered in this fashion were typically known as “circuit riders” because they were assigned certain geographic territories or “circuits” where they would systematically visit rural communities by horseback for the purpose of preaching and performing other rites of the church.

But, the concept of a traveling preacher was very effective in early America. While some standing accommodations might have existed, for sure they depended on the hospitality of locals for food and shelter. So, the danger involved in riding on horseback through untamed lands in order to reach the lost with the gospel attracted only the most courageous and committed ministers. One of these was Peter



Cartwright, a circuit rider and evangelist credited with helping ignite the 2nd Great Awakening baptizing 12000 people. John Wesley preached over 40,000 sermons. Francis Asbury was the most prolific circuit rider traveling about 300,000 miles on horseback over 45 years. Incredible!

You may ask “Why do we United Methodists have pastors that move so often?” Because pastors are modern day circuit

riders, but today we call it the “itinerant appointment system”.

One thing hasn’t changed. It’s still the role of the pastor to go to churches in service the local people, and it’s still important for churches to show hospitality and care for their “circuit riding” pastors.

Though we do not yet know who our new pastor will be, let’s be proactive and start preparing now. Please participate by:

1. Opening your heart to decide that you are going to love your new pastor.
2. Begin to pray daily for our new pastor and family, even as you continue to pray for Pastor Kurt and his family.
3. Lay the groundwork for a healthy, vital relationship by welcoming the pastor in genuine, thoughtful ways. Start thinking about how we can do this.
4. Consider joining our Transitional Team to work with the new pastor during the first year. We need one or two more members on this team who just have a heart to help. Contact Jan Hufnagle at 717-885-7488 if you are interested.

PRAISE TEAM SPOTLIGHT

Margie Manley

The praise team at our church is probably not what most people would expect to see “up front” the first time they visit the 10:30 New Creation worship service. No choir robes. An enthusiastic young drummer backing up an otherwise not-so-young set of voices and musicians. On a good day we have 8 voices. No director or keyboardist in sight—but the pastor does jump in on guitar for numbers before the children’s message!

We know we’re not a perfect choir, but we sing to God’s glory, in our joy. We practice Thursday evenings, and it is the best evening of our week, often. We work, but there is a fair amount of joking and camaraderie going on as well. We are a close-knit bunch—but not so close knit that we wouldn’t welcome more singers and musicians! If you play guitar or keyboards, or find yourself humming “Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!” while you’re going through your week, check us out! As the most recent member to join, I can attest that this group is made up of very gentle coaches! Stop in any Thursday evening at 6 pm or see any team member Sunday morning for information.

By the way, if you happen to play guitar or keyboard AND have a knack for organization or administration, we really need a musical director, which is a paid position. Talk to Deb Fullen or Pastor Kurt for details.

WORSHIP LEADER NEEDED

We suffered a loss losing our last leader, and now our guitarist suffers from health issues. We thank our remaining band members, but now we are seeking a new person to lead our worship music, preferably a pianist, but guitar is welcome. If you have suggestions, see Jan Hufnagel, SPRT Chair, or Pastor Kurt Herzberg



MAY 10TH APPRECIATION DINNER

New Creation Community Church will show their appreciation for Pastor Kurt Herzberg, Snooks, and attending members of his family with a potluck supper on Saturday, May 10th at 5 pm. We will share our stories and testimonies of how we have been blessed by this family over the past 7 years; of how they have lived in to our church’s core values and mission. We will also share other memories of the church family that reflect our core values (the special things that define who we are). Please start thinking about what you want to share, both words and food. Sign-up sheet will be on the Hospitality Desk.



PEANUT BUTTER COLLECTION FOR LENT

District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Gary Weaver

6,075 jars of Peanut Butter – that's all we need!

I am still convinced - very few of us will have the opportunity to make significant change on a global or even large level. Yet, we can all make an impact in the world in which we live.

And I am adding that the impact that may be needed can be as simple as one jar at a time.

The River Valley District (former Harrisburg/York) will be having a fun peanut butter collection during the Lenten season and will be blessing any local food bank/giveaway your church chooses.

Our area goal is 6,075 jars!

Peanut butter is one of the most frequently requested items by food banks because it is kid-friendly, shelf-stable, and protein-rich. We know that peanut butter is a tasty, versatile, and nutrient-dense food. A 2-tablespoon serving provides 200 calories, 16 grams of fat, 7 grams each of protein and carbohydrates, and 1.5 grams of fiber.

We need to be aware that peanuts are the most common food allergens among adults, so you may have a few folks who want to substitute peanut butter with – sunflower butter, coconut butter etc. – all good

NOTE TO NCCC: Bring your donation in! We will donate it to some organization or keep for the our food pantry after Easter.

Fun Fact: The earliest references to peanut butter can be traced to Aztec and Inca civilizations, who ground roasted peanuts into a paste.

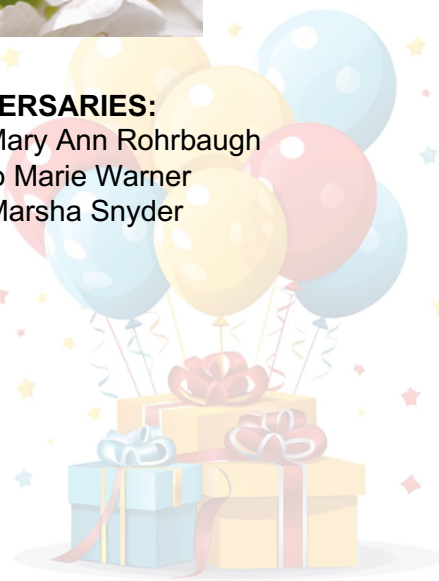


BIRTHDAYS:

- 4 Marsha Snyder
- 5 Olivia Harper
- 9 Jo Marie Warner
- 9 Sophia Deitz
- 10 Emilie Burris
- 12 Liam Green
- 14 Joe Wallace
- 15 Kayleigh McGlynn
- 16 Wade Smith
- 24 Margie Manley

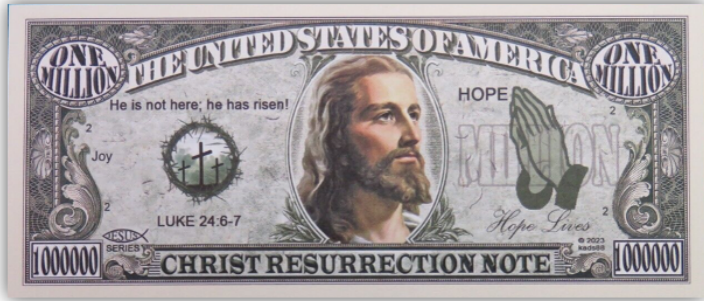
ANNIVERSARIES:

- 10 Jerry & Mary Ann Rohrbaugh
- 18 Dick & Jo Marie Warner
- 16 Scott & Marsha Snyder



FINANCE UPDATE:

Last September, the church body gathered together to hear an analysis of our financial situation and prepare to manage the following realized concern...after several years of hovering around the break-even point between income and expenditures, leadership anticipated 2024 would hit us hard, and we ended with a \$23K deficit. But, on the blessed side, we thank the Holy Spirit for inspiring increased giving after that meeting date that allowed positive cashflow the remainder of 2024!



He paid our debt!

always actively pursuing good stewardship of your money. We are doing our work to make disciples of Jesus Christ through ministry inside and outside the church. Yes, we are very much blessed in so many ways! Are you? Then, consider thinking of the church and God's work via your blessing! Get a raise? Maybe you can put a few extra dollars into the offering. Get a big tax refund? Maybe 10% of that could make its way into our coffers. Of course, we know that it is a difficult economy for some, so we appreciate how people have risen up. Speaking of rising up, Easter Sunday approaches, and Jesus rose up for the sake of us all. Let us pray we all will find ways to rise up in ministry for the sake of our church community also! Let us be committed together to offer our best stewardship of the treasure God has entrusted us to us as a church community. Thank you again for all you do to support our ministry!

If you ever have any questions about anything financial, feel free to talk to any members of the team. For 2025 you have elected Marty Green, Jen Pyle, Cheryl Foeks, Daryl Gemmill, Wanda Feight, and Em Burris.

PS: Quick financial tip: If you have an RMD you must take from a financial instrument, you may be able to designate part or all of it as a TAX-FREE withdrawal by giving it to the church! Check with your financial planner to see if this is true for you.

CONGRATULATIONS SHERRY!

Sherry Chubb came into the midst of New Creation Community Church via New Creation Station. When the daycare ministry was in a do or die situation, she had the courage to step up and say "I can help", and she did. She later became our Family and Children's Ministry Coordinator. All this as she and her family grew in relationship with the church.

We congratulate Sherry on her continued spiritual growth and desire to pursue God in new ways. As of April 7th, she has retired from her Family and Children's Ministry Coordinator position at NCCC, and will be introduced as new Director of Christian Education at Shepardstown UMC in Mechanicsburg. She has recently completed her training as a lay leader in the UMC and has a calling to pastoral ministry. She will continue to act as Daycare Director. Pray for her and give thanks that we have, and are, able to be part of her discipleship journey. We wish you the best Sherry!



COMING EVENTS/GROUPS

GRIEFSHARE:

Our current 13-week Griefshare series ends on April 3, 2025. The program will reconvene in the fall of 2025 at New Creation. Please see griefshare.org for locations of other group meetings in our area or for excellent support resources for you to use as you and your loved ones deal with grief. Please contact Jan Hufnagle for assistance at any time.



"NOT ALONE" LUNCHEON:

Every first Monday of the month, those who have participated in Griefshare are invited to meet for lunch at noon. We call ourselves "Not Alone". This is an informal way to stay in touch and share your experiences. We will be meeting on 4/7/25 at LYNDON DINER. If you are interested in joining us please contact Jan Hufnagle.

WOMEN IN COMMUNITY

WIC (Women in Community) completed our study "Living Victoriously in Difficult Times". We will be looking at the book of Jonah next, and then selecting other books of the bible to study for our next several meetings. WIC meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 pm, until the end of May. We will reconvene in September. We meet at members' homes. Text or call Jan Hufnagle at 717-885-7488 with questions. Please consider joining us.

MORNING GLORY

Morning Glory is a group of women meeting the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9 am, until the end of May. We will reconvene in Sept. We are currently studying the parable of the 2 sons, with the book "The Prodigal God" by Tim Keller. We meet at a member's home. Text or call Jan Hufnagle with questions.

NEW SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

If you are interested in a short term, summertime bible study on Luke, please contact Jan Hufnagle at 717-885-7488. We could possibly meet twice a month in June, July and August. We will decide a meeting time based on people's preferences. Everyone is invited!

COME SATURDAY MORNING...

The Beautiful Women's Saturday morning group is realizing the strength of sisterhood as we grow together in relationship with God and learn that each of us has a tendency to take on more responsibility than we can handle by ourselves when the seasons change! It's amazing what a little tea & pancakes will do to give us perspective, as well as hugs & laughter & prayer. Need your batteries recharged? We meet every other Saturday morning at Margie Manley's house from 9 -11. Join us! Bring the kids to play w/ ours. We have a book & a seat waiting for you!

Call Margie Manley at 717-818-2921

UPCOMING EVENTS!

NEW CREATION COMMUNITY CHURCH
3005 EMIG MILL RD., DOVER, PA
WORSHIP SUNDAYS 8AM & 10:30AM

SPRING CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW INDOOR/OUTDOOR SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 8AM-2PM	EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 19, 2025 10AM-NOON
scrapbook MORE APRIL 12, 9AM-9PM \$25 - 2 meals, table All types of crafters welcome!	MAY 24, 8AM-2PM VENDOR SPACES \$15 YARD SALE CALL 717.764.0252 TO RESERVE A SPACE
VBS JUNE 23-26, 6-8PM WONDER JUNCTION	New Creation Station Daycare Enrolling Now! 717-764-2900

MORE EVENT INFO @ www.newcreationforyou.com, 717.764.0252



Circle of Prayer

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

APRIL 6-1

Standing Stone UMC, Wysox
*Evangelical Middletown UMC, Middletown
**Price Memorial UMC, Freetown - Sierra Leone*
Greenwood Altoona UMC, Altoona
Embury Scranton UMC, Scranton
St Johns Elimsport UMC, Allenwood
Lewisberry UMC, Lewisberry
Hope Eternal UMC, Newport
Milesburg UMC, Milesburg
Stevens Chapel UMC, Breezewood
Forty Fort UMC, Forty Fort
Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Windsor, NY

APRIL 13-19

First Shickshinny UMC, Shickshinny
Moosic UMC, Moosic
Mapleton Trinity UMC, Mapleton Depot
Salona UMC, Mill Hall
Calvary Waymart UMC, Waymart
Otterbein Emigsville UMC, Emigsville
Doylesburg UMC, Doylesburg
Larryville UMC, Larryville
Reward UMC, Millerstown
Mill Creek UMC, Mill Creek

APRIL 20-26

Fishburn UMC, Hershey
Congress Hill UMC, Frenchville
Trout Run UMC, Trout Run
Central Honesdale UMC, Honesdale
New Creation Community UMC, Dover
**Bishop Bangura Memorial UMC, Motema - Sierra Leone*
First Catawissa UMC, Catawissa
Mackeyville UMC, Mackeyville
Maple Grove UMC, Hunlock Creek
Kerr Addition UMC, Clearfield
Salem Community Church, Hamlin
Camp Penn Camp & Retreat Center, Waynesboro

APRIL 27-MAY 3

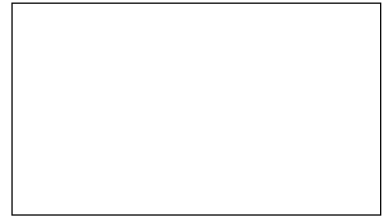
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The Pathway UMC, Towanda
Middlesex UMC, Carlisle
Clarks Green UMC, Clarks Green
Newton Hamilton UMC, Mt. Union
Otterbein Boiling Springs UMC, Carlisle
Mooresburg UMC, Mooresburg
Faith Hallam UMC, Hallam
Hopewell UMC, Hopewell
Evans Falls UMC, Monroe Town

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	.	1 Morning Glory, 9am	2	3 Griefshare 3:30-5pm Praise Band 6pm	4	5
6 Sermon Series: Against All Odds Swreis: "Led Like a Lamb to the Slaughter" -Prayer Meeting 6pm	7 Griefshare "Not Alone Lunch", Lyndon Diner Noon SPRT 6:30pm	8 Daycare Board, 6pm Men's Alliance 6:30pm	9 SEND Core, 7pm	10 Praise Team 6pm Trustees, 7pm	11	12 Scrapbooking-N-More 8am-8pm
13 Sermon Series: Against All Odds Series: "He Entered Triumphantly" -Prayer Meeting 6pm	14 WIC 6:30pm	15 Morning Glory, 9am Men's Alliance, 6:30pm	16	17 Maundy Thursday, 6pm	18 Good Friday Svc, 7pm	19 Easter Egg Hunt, 10am- Noon
20 Sunrise Svc 6:30am Sermon Series: Against All Odds Series: "He Arose From the Grave" -Prayer Meeting 6pm	21 Finance 7pm	22 Men's Alliance, 6:30pm	23 SEND Extended, 7pm	24 Praise Team 6pm	25	26 Craft Show, 8am-2pm
27 -Prayer Meeting 6pm	28 WIC 6:30pm	29 Men's Alliance, 6:30pm	30	31 Praise Team 6pm		

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May Newsletter deadline is April 21. Please submit information to Kathleen Durgin.