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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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MAY 2025

VICTORY IN TRANSITION. SHOW UP!

Pastor Kurt Herzberg

Good May, good Spring, good Easter season, good transitional and ministry season to you... yes, transitional and ministry season. I am more than ever aware that my time grows short as pastor of NCCC. I am excited for what the Lord has in store for your future. And I'm also reflective of my contribution to the long history of this church. It was late last summer that I mentioned in a sermon and congregational meeting that 2026 would be the 175th anniversary of the building of our first church and the first in the village of Dover. Many pastors and many members of this church have brought us to where we are today. The Saints of the past have left a legacy, and we too are building our legacy as active participants today. Building requires planning, materials, labor, money, hope, but generally it's about showing up, working hard, and simply being present in whatever place we are determined to be. As I depart, I encourage you all, as part of this church body, to be aware of the need of your presence. You must participate. A little over a half a year ago, some leaders were worried about closing. I never was. Wise adjustments are being made. And, God is good when we are obedient to serve Him and obedient to serving each other and our community. Keep doing that, and we'll always be fine. The key is to show up! Just show up! And, do so with regularity. I'm reminded of this from our recent Easter outreach.

I thank one of our newest members, Kathy Panutto, for leading our recent Easter Egg Hunt outreach for the first time. But it's much bigger than her contribution in leading. This year we had 14 immediate event volunteers and another 6 providing other hands-on help to give an estimated 40 hours of service, 50-60 kids and their parents/grandparents participating, \$175 dollars in cash donations, many others providing and additional \$453 of donated items, and budgeted expenditures of \$150. (Being blessed, we have items remaining for use next year and it provided immediate blessing in other areas this year!) I also consider many who were praying for our event.

My point is not how much it cost or the number of servants. It's to point out that it takes many people to do even a simple, 2-hour ministry event. It takes people "showing up", whatever showing up means for each person.

Every meeting, every worship service, every event, every bible study, every training time, every private meeting to encourage a fellow church member, every prayer, every tithe or offering, every acolyte and teacher, every person who proof reads the newsletter or bulletin, writes a report, pays a bill, counts money or takes the deposit to the bank, sweeps, cleans, takes a trash bag to the dumpster, and all the employee at daycare... every effort together is an incredible amount of time and energy we need to recognize as a miracle of God's Spirit in us. But, I'm telling you this because there is more to do... the helpers are always too few... the money always needs stretched or multiplied, more anointing in prayer is always needed. Again, it always requires showing up in many big and small ways. But, you must show up!

I humbly ask you to do the hard work, make the commitment to be less of you and more of the Lord, to be on fire for the Lord, to let your works show your faith, and do it all so that when you complete yet another pastoral transition, you will thrive. Do not think about "getting by" or "making it". Your vision needs to be about thriving! You need to think of revival! I hope to hear of your good works after I leave. I hope that in God's grace, you do not weep or feel hopeless or feel you are struggling. No, I speak victory into this church, that victory highlights this time of transition and ministry, a victory based on God's grace and His equipping of us to love one another and love others, but foundationally your acceptance to show up! You will celebrate 175 years of ministry in Dover! JUST SHOW UP MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS! SHOW UP AND BE BLESSED AND SERVE THE LORD!



VBS' theme this year is **Wonder Junction** and will be held for **5 nights, 6/23-6/27 from 6 to 8 pm**. The planning has begun and everyone is invited to participate. If you have not gone through Safe Sanctuaries, you can still be an assistant with a trained leader. Please contact Sherry Chubb or Pastor Kurt with questions. There will soon be more information available in the bulletin.

Throughout May and June, there will be work nights for VBS decorations. No matter your skill set, we can find the perfect job for you. Thank you!

WORSHIP LEADER NEEDED We are still in need of a Worship Leader. We are hoping for a pianist but a guitarist would be welcome. If you have suggestions, see SPRT Chairperson Jan Hufnagel or Pastor Kurt. We thank our current Praise Team members for their continued and faithful participation.

IT'S HERE To continue with our much-needed Spring Cleanout, the 20-yard dumpster stands ready for your "donations" until Friday, May 9th. The location was chosen for safety and security reasons, including camera surveillance. Daycare is temporarily parking in other spots. The church has one hand truck, and there is are a few other wheeled conveyances for temporary use.

For normal trash, like paper or plastics, continue to use our refuse and recycle bins in the back parking lot. If you need assistance, reach out to a Trustee and we will try to get you what you need to make your efforts successful. If you are able to lend a hand, please let us know your availability and we will connect you with a matching need. Thank you for helping take care of God's house.



PRIMARY ELECTION OUTREACH

We are again a polling location for the state's Primary Election on Tuesday, May 20. Volunteers are needed to man our concession table during voting hours, 7am till 8pm. Donations of hand-held baked goods, like muffins, cookies, brownies, are also needed. Set up is Monday May 19 at 6pm. Contact Cheryl Foeks for questions and your availability. And please, don't forget to vote.



from Cheryl Foeks

This year the yard sale will be on Saturday, May 24 from 8am-1pm. There are multiple parts to be managed for this fundraiser: selling spaces with a table provided for each, NCCC's own table to be priced and manned, refreshments to make and sell, and of course set-up and clean-up both outside and inside. Volunteer opportunities are all around!

Prior to the sale: Spaces are still available for \$15 each. Donations are being accepted for the church's own table.

Thursday-Friday, May 22-23: We will be pricing and staging donated items for our own table starting at 6pm each night. This will make it easier for whoever covers the sanctuary.

Saturday May 24: Individual space set-up begins at 6am.. The food stand will open around 7am if possible. We will be selling breakfast sandwiches, hotdogs, sweet sausages, snacks and baked goods, along with an assortment of drinks.

Volunteers are needed everywhere. There is a sign-up sheet on the information stand in the lobby. Please reach out to myself or Chip for details or questions.

We have been holding a yard sale on Memorial Day weekend for over 15 years. Some years have been great, others not so good; we have only canceled twice due to rain. The proceeds from the yard sale are divided between Upwards and the domestic mission trip.

GOD'S HOUSE

Margie Manley

Our New Creation community is blessed to have this building and property to work from, to serve God and help to meet the needs of the people around us locally and globally as we spread the news of the gospel. Our congregation is a busy one. With activities going on most days or evenings of the week, and a full time daycare besides, we take advantage of the gift that God has led us to acquire.

John Ramstad has been at the helm of our Trustees committee for several years, working with his team to keep abreast of the many maintenance and repair problems, correct inspection issues, and answer emergency calls of any kind. We have been fortunate to have John's leadership, knowledge, and contacts in these areas as he served, and will miss him greatly as he moves to join his wife in Florida. However, he has taken great care to provide resources and instruction to the person who follows in his footsteps, Dalton Senft, who has hit the ground running.

Beyond John and Dalton, our trustees include JoMarie Warner, Joe Sydor, Ralph Brandt, Kathleen Durgin, Andy Green, Teresa King (returning to full John's remaining term) and myself, Margie Manley (conference representative). I have learned so much about everything from fire codes to commercial oven hoods to burn bans to roof replacement costs... 😊

As you have no doubt noticed, our long overdue building cleanout is underway. The trustees have coordinated efforts between church and daycare to rent a dumpster for the back parking lot for a 2-week period. Members of the congregation have pitched in to begin the sorting of storage areas in the attic, closets, and various corners, counters, and "I don't know what to do with this stuff" piles. We are having to reset our brains from sentimentality to reality, and for some, it's a hard shift, but oh, so needed. The finished product is going to be worthy of presenting for God's glory!

There are other practical items being attended to by the trustees, as well. Repairs and touch-ups on the parsonage are being made, as the transition between pastors is happening. Most are minor, and we are working to accommodate the Herzburgs' moving schedule.

It was brought to the trustees' attention that there was not enough lighting under the portico at the front door, which is a safety concern at night. They found breakers that had been switched off in the electrical box—an easy fix for part of the problem. There were burned-out light bulbs that were not efficient, but we had a stash of them on hand, so it was decided to use up what we had before changing the fixtures out. Next step plan may be to install self-standing solar dusk-to-dawn lights in the front of the church to cover dark areas.

If you have a regular need to use the copier, you have probably been given an individualized code for your usage. As black & white and especially color ink gets more expensive, we are trying to survey our printing needs. If you haven't gotten a code but use the copier regularly for church business or functions, please see Ralph Brandt.

Ralph is also our tech wizard bar none! You have seen--well, heard-- him in the "crow's nest" above the sanctuary during worship, running the lights and sound and mics. There are some who are stepping up occasionally to learn his craft during services, but more are needed. It's not a one-person job, and for every job there should be substitutes and learners in training. He also handles everything computer and internet in the building.

As always, if you are aware of items to add to the trustees' to-do list, please contact one of us. On the other hand, if you approve of the way something was attended to, let us know! It's always nice to get a smile. To God be the glory.



Summer Bible Study: Luke in the Land *by Kristi McLelland*

Everyone is invited to a 7-session Bible study on the book of Luke. We will be walking with Jesus in His First-Century World by watching and then discussing study videos together. The videos are rich with scenes of the holy land where Jesus lived and ministered. The only homework will be reading through the assigned sections of the book of Luke. This study will be held in **Soul Talk** at **9 am-10:30 am** on **7 Fridays** during the summer. The dates are listed below with the chapters for that week. If you can only come to some of these sessions, that is just fine. Maybe this is something that would help you know Jesus better? Please pray about it and contact Jan Hufnagle if you are interested.

June 13 - Read Luke 1-3

June 27 - Read Luke 4-7

July 11 - Read Luke 8-10

July 25 - Read Luke 11-13

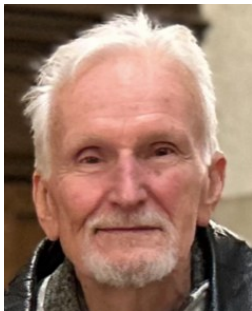
August 8 - Read Luke 14-17

August 15 - Read Luke 18-20

August 22 - Read Luke 21-24

COME SATURDAY MORNING...

The Beautiful Women's Saturday morning group will continue over the summer. Join us every other Saturday morning at Margie Manley's house from 9-11. Bring the kids to play with ours. We have a book & a seat waiting for you! Call Margie Manley at 717-818-2921.



William O. "Bill" Brillhart, Jr. was surrounded by his loving wife and family in his Dover home as he passed peacefully to be with Lord on the evening of Friday, 4/11/25.

A carpenter at his core, Bill is preceded in death by his parents William O. Brillhart Sr., Sarah J. Brillhart (Hagerman); brother, Terry Brillhart; his sister, Karen Yocum; and is survived by his wife of 69 years, Barbara A. Brillhart; his three daughters, Deb Gross, Jill Bair, and Stephanie Singer; his five grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and one sister.

Bill married in 1955, started a family and later settled in Dover in 1969. He retired from Caterpillar in 1996 and enjoyed many great family gatherings, outdoor activities, using his excellent carpentry skills and clever mind, he created countless fond memories for his friends, kids, grandkids, and great grandkids.

Through the years Bill could be relied on to build, fix, or find a solution for anything with his nimble hands and sharp mind. Of the many things he built, the most wonderful creation he ever produced was his family. That family will continue to keep his memory alive and cherish the wisdom and love he bestowed upon them while doing their best to pass it on.

Bill's Celebration of Life Tribute Service will be held 10:30 AM, Saturday, May 3, 2025 at Heffner Funeral Chapel & Crematory, Inc., 1551 Kenneth Road, York, with Pastor Kurt Herzberg officiating the service. There will be a visitation from 9:30-10:30 AM at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers or cards, please make a donation to Habitat for Humanity in Bill's name at www.habitat.org

PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE

On **Saturday, May 10th** we will break bread together with the Herzberg family during a **potluck dinner at 5 pm**. We are hoping that many can join in as we celebrate the years with Pastor Kurt and his family. Please sign up at the hospitality desk, or call Jan Hufnagle by 5/4/25 so we can be well prepared for this event.



Pastor Kurt will preach his last sermon at New Creation on 6/15/25. He also has some vacation time in May. If any of us want to say thank you or to show them our appreciation, we may want to take the opportunity to do so every chance we get. Please don't wait until the last minute.

During this transition time, **if anyone has a situation come up where they need help from the church leadership and Pastor Kurt is unavailable, please feel free to contact Jan Hufnagle at 717-885-7488**. She is the Staff Parish Committee Chairperson and willing to help when she can or direct you to other leadership members who can be of assistance.

This transition process is so much easier when we offer each other lots of love and support and mercy and grace. As of this date, we have not yet been notified who our next pastor will be. You will all be informed as soon as we are contacted. The appointment process continues into June, which means we really need to turn this over to God and thank Him for whoever and whatever comes next for New Creation Community Church.

Wow, what an amazing craft show! We had about fifty super-talented crafters and vendors, and the whole atmosphere was buzzing with creativity and good vibes. It was so awesome to see everyone having such a great time! The positive feedback we got was incredible, really showing us how much people loved it.



Guess what? We're already gearing up for the next one on November 29th! We've already got 14 vendor tables booked and paid for – that's a great sign things are going to be even bigger and better. It's clear our craft show is becoming a really popular area event.

It's more than just a place to buy cool stuff though, right? It's a chance for our community to connect, share our passions, and just hang out. It really shows what we can achieve when we all work together – a perfect example of how we're living out our church's mission!

A massive thank you to Willow – her delivery of food and drinks were a HUGE hit! Her hard work made all the difference. And of course, a massive thank you to everyone who helped out with food, drinks, supplies, and especially your prayers. Your generosity meant the world to us.

The best part? We made \$2400 profit! That money will go straight towards supporting our church's amazing ministry and missions. God Bless everyone!

Deb Copp and all volunteers of NCCC

The Miracle of the Butterfly

Kathy Pannuto

Our family gets caterpillars each year to grow into butterflies. The kits provide larvae in a sandlike substance. In just a few days, fuzzy caterpillars start to come out and move around the cup, eating the sandy food. Just like *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, they double-to-triple in size. It only takes a short 2 weeks until they crawl to the lid of the cup and start their transformation into their chrysalises.

Each day, the kids look for something to happen. Sometimes there is a fear that the butterflies will not make the transformation. Let's face it, caterpillars look a little creepy, not much like the final result. All the legs crawling and those buggy eyes. However, to see the final beauty is only God's miracle, small but mighty.

Then it happens; first we see movement of each chrysalis, and finally a beautiful butterfly. The scripture that comes to mind as I watch the kids' excitement is 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come, the old has gone, the new is here."

When the butterflies hatch, we place cut up oranges and strawberries into the reusable mesh house along with a sponge of water. In a couple more days when the weather is perfect, we release the butterflies in our yard. We have had them return and land on us when we are outside throughout the summer months. A super cool experience.

MAUNDAY THURSDAY



EASTER EGG HUNT



EASTER SUNDAY





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

May 4-10

Jonestown UMC, Orangeville
Immanuel Glen Rock UMC, Glen Rock
Gouldsboro UMC, Gouldsboro
First Hershey UMC, Hershey
* Moyiba UMC, Kissy Brook - Sierra Leone
Monroeton UMC, Monroeton
McConnellstown UMC, McConnellstown
Jenningsville UMC, Jenningsville
Trinity Philipsburg UMC, Philipsburg
Dorranceton UMC, Kingston
Damascus Manor UMC, Damascus
Wesley Forest Camp & Retreat Center, Weikert

May 11-17

Orbisonia UMC, Orbisonia
Zion York UMC, York
Mifflinville UMC, Mifflinville
Grace Lemoyne UMC, Lemoyne
Lake Como UMC, Lake Como
Spring Hill UMC, Wyalusing
Mt Zion Dillsburg UMC, Dillsburg
Pleasant Gap UMC, Pleasant Gap
*Lake Street UMC, Woodland
*Milton Margai Memorial UMC, Goderich - Sierra Leone

For the weeks of May 18 - 24 and May 25 - 31

There are no specific "Circle of Prayer Churches" for these weeks.

Instead for these weeks pray for:

All of our churches in our Conference ...

Our Conference Camp Centers ...

All of our Sierra Leone Partner Churches ...

Our Bishop ...

All of our United Methodist Brothers & Sisters around the World.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 NAT'L DAY OF PRAYER Praise Team 6pm	2 VBS mtg 6pm	3 VBS Decorations mtg Time TBD
4 Sermon Series: A Journey to Pentecost Prayer Meeting 6pm	5 Griefshare "Not Alone Lunch" Noon	6 Men's Breakfast 8am Men's Alliance 6:30pm	7 Praise Team 6pm	8 Trustees 7pm	9	10 Pastoral Appreciation dinner 5pm
11 MOTHER'S DAY Sermon Series: A Journey to Pentecost Prayer Meeting 6pm	12 WIC 6:30pm	13 <i>Pastor Kurt - Vacation</i> Men's Breakfast 8am Daycare Board 6pm Men's Alliance 6:30pm	14	15 Praise Team 6pm	16	17
18 <i>Pastor Kurt - Vacation</i> Sermon Series: A Journey to Pentecost (Jeff Merkert leading service) Prayer Meeting 6pm	19 Finance 7pm	20 PA PRIMARY Morning Glory breakfast 8am Men's Breakfast 8am Men's Alliance 6:30pm	21	22 Praise Team 6pm Yard Sale Preparation 6pm	23 Yard Sale Preparation 6pm	24 Yard Sale 8am
25 <i>Pastor Kurt - Vacation</i> Sermon Series: A Journey to Pentecost (Shannon Schmuck leading service) Prayer Meeting 6pm	26 MEMORIAL DAY	27 Men's Breakfast 8am Men's Alliance 6:30pm	28 SEND Extended 7pm	29 Susquehanna Annual Praise Team 6pm	30 Conference	31

MAY Birthdays and Anniversaries

5/4 John Kroft

5/9 John Myers

5/14 Tori Foeks Wood

5/16 Evelyn Green

Happy Anniversary, Chip & Cheryl Foeks 5/5

5/16 Michelle Dietz

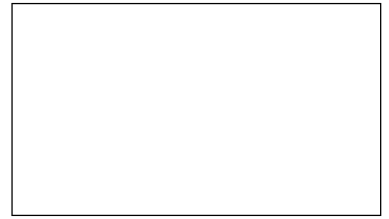
5/23 Renay Sigel

5/24 Gary Moore

5/26 Terry Dietz

Did we miss your special day? Let us know so we can include you next year.

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Deadline for June Love Letter is Tuesday morning, May 27.

Please submit your information to Kathleen Durgin, kdurgin2005@comcast.net.