

Newburgh United Methodist Church

January 2020 Newsletter



Game Night! *January 26th: 5-7pm*

Join us Sunday, January 26th from 5-7pm for Game Night! Pizza will be served; all you need to bring is your desire for some friendly competition with family and friends. We will have standard and life size games set up in the Life Center and throughout the downstairs. There will be games for all ages. Do you have a favorite game from home you want to teach everyone? Bring it and let us share in your joy!

You won't want to miss this opportunity to spend some time connecting with and having fun with your church family!

Registration will be available on the Sunday morning Connect Card or by emailing Pastor Suzanne (Suzanne@newburghumc.org)





“THIS IS A DAY OF NEW BEGINNINGS”

“This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that’s gone.” And so goes hymn #383 in our United Methodist Hymnal. It is a great song for the beginning of the year but, honestly, it is a great song to start with every single day.

As the sun rises each morning, it is yet another opportunity for each of us to live this day better than the one before. I admit that I often pray: “Dear God, today make me a better, husband, father, brother friend and pastor than I was yesterday. I believe in new beginnings. This is the premise and foundation of the church. We believe in a forgiving God who calls us to a **NEW LIFE** in Jesus Christ.

This is our God who put a rainbow in the sky to the **NEW BEGINNING** of humankind after the great flood.

This is our God who raised up leaders of **NEW BEGINNINGS** throughout the book of Judges.

This our God who called Mary and Joseph to **NEW BEGINNINGS** as parents, who called Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to **NEW BEGINNINGS** out of their homelands, out of their comfort out of slavery.

As we flip the page of our calendars from 2019 to 2020, it can be looked upon as only one day to the next with little or no expectation of change. OR, we can look at, not only the new year, **BUT EACH NEW DAY** with great expectation of what God is going to reveal to us, to call us, to speak to us, to challenge us or to comfort us with God’s presence in our daily lives.

My hope and prayer is that you will have a day and a year of **NEW BEGINNINGS** with God who loves you so much that he sent the renewal and forgiveness of Godself to us through his son, Jesus.

As the song concludes: “Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new. In faith we’ll gather round the table, to taste and share what love can do. **THIS IS A DAY OF NEW BEGINNINGS; OUR GOD IS MAKING ALL THINGS NEW.**”

May you have a **NEW BEGINNING** today.

- Pastor Craig



January Sermons Preview

January 5: EPIPHANY SUNDAY (the celebration of the LIGHT of the star of Bethlehem), Holy Communion.

“When they saw the star....”. Matthew 2:9-15

January 12: THE BAPTISM OF JESUS, REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM. “More Than Water”. Matthew 3:11-16

On this Sunday we will celebrate our own baptism as we are offered the opportunity to be reaffirmed with water during each of our three worship services.

January 19: COMMISSIONING OF LEADERS. “All You Need”. 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

This Sunday we will be commissioning all of our leaders for 2020. These women and men will be guiding the ministries of the church. At 12:30, these same persons will be coming together for a time of orientation and getting acquainted to better facilitate their communication and networking together for the betterment of the work of God through Newburgh United Methodist Church.

January 26: Guest Pastor, Rev. Mark Dicken

Here's More
Information!



REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM JANUARY 12 AT ALL THREE WORSHIP SERVICES

At the beginning of each new year, Pastor Craig offers a time to be reaffirmed in our baptism or to be baptized for the first time. At the conclusion of each worship service, all those interested in REMEMBERING YOUR BAPTISM will be invited forward to be “anointed” with the sprinkling of

water. It is a way to commit and re-commit ourselves to the significance of our baptism vows.

In addition, anyone who has NEVER BEEN BAPTIZED, may also be baptized this Sunday. As Pastor Craig approaches you with water, you will need to answer two questions:

Do you desire to be baptized in the Christian faith?

Do you profess Jesus Christ as your Savior?

If the answer is “yes” to both questions, then you will be asked for your full name and Pastor Craig will baptize you. You will leave your name and contact information on the card provided, and Pastor Craig will follow up with you the following week.

This is indeed a meaningful worship service and a tangible way to be reminded of our faithful commitment to serve God and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our world.

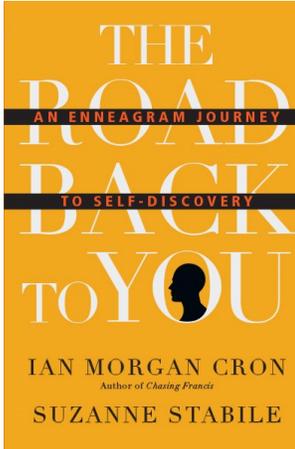
LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE TEAM ORIENTATION JANUARY 19TH 12:30 – 2:00PM

Pastor Craig is inviting all committee/team leaders and all committee/team members (ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE NEW IN 2020) to attend a leadership orientation that will include a meal, a time of welcome and setting the vision for 2020 and time for each individual committee to come together to be oriented as to that committee’s specific task. This is a very important time for us to come together before any of our committees have their first meeting of the new year. Please come prepared to deepen our understanding as to the structure and ministries of our United Methodist Church. If you have any questions about the various committees/teams and want to get involved, please contact the church office and we will help!

The Road Back to You – An Enneagram Journey

A 4 week study beginning January 13th

Monday nights from 6:00 - 7:30 pm



What is the Enneagram? *The Enneagram teaches that there are nine different personality types. Each type or number has a specific way of seeing the world and an underlying motivation that influences how one, in that type, thinks, feels and behaves.*

Here are the nine different types:

1 - The Perfectionist, 2 - The Helper, 3 - The Performer, 4 - The Romantic, 5 - The Investigator, 6 - The Loyalist, 7 - The Enthusiast, 8 - The Challenger, 9 - The Peacemaker

How is this helpful? *As we learn to understand ourselves we can better understand how to maximize the best parts and minimize the troubling parts. It helps us in our relationship with others as we learn to understand them as well. You will start to ask questions like; what type is my spouse or is my child really this type? You can come and do the study with others, do it with a friend or spouse or adult children.*

This will be a fun time of discussion and discovery as we dive into the types.

You can order the book from Amazon ahead of time. There is also a study guide which we will be using but you only need order that if you would also like to use that.

Please sign up by January 5th by contacting Pastor Lind Duke (linda@newburghumc.org or 812-677-0286) or on the Sunday morning Connect Card.

**Childcare provided, please request at time of registration. Pastor Suzanne will have planned activities each session for your children.*

As I think about what the New Year brings, I always think of a fresh start. There have been times when there were so many unhappy moments, that I just couldn't wait until the calendar ran out of pages and I was able to put up a brand new one and say good-bye to all of the "stuff" from the previous year. This year I looked at one of those things that would have brought my spirit down, as a good thing! My water heater went out last month; unfortunately the old one leaked on all of the surrounding walls, including my bedroom closet and utility room walls. I have been fortunate to have my son and his family living with me for a few months, and he used to be a carpenter so he was able to switch out the water heater and repair the walls. The best thing about the situation was that everything in my walk-in closet had to come out and I had to go through every single item to get rid of stuff in order to put things back into my newly renovated closet. This may be a more than just me thing I don't know, but it is very hard for a lot of us to purge closets. Today I feel so freed just by the knowledge that I don't have to clean that closet out, I am ready to celebrate the holidays and welcome the new year.

My question to you is what fills you with dread that needs to be cleaned out? Is it a physical place or is it a mental thing nagging you? If it is a closet in your mind, try cleaning it out by purging everything into a journal. Get it all out so it isn't nagging you anymore. Is un-forgiveness being held in your heart against someone; then ask God to help you forgive what needs to be forgiven and feel the love of God flow through you.

The point is, start your new year with a clean mind, soul and closet. Don't let the junk in your closet, mind or soul keep you from having a really blessed and happy new year!

Blessings,
Joyce Cundiff
Parish Counselor

No appointment necessary during office hours but are available
Call or text for appointment
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Office Hours
Tuesday 11am - 2pm
Thursday 9am - 2pm

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Kids in Worship: Thank you & Invitation

For just around one year, kids (K-5th) have joined us on the first Sunday of the month in worship. It has been wonderful. Kids have been spotted welcoming guests, passing out bulletins, responding to the message through drawing, participating in prayer and holy communion, and even helping to teach adults through the children's moment every now and then.

Thank you parents for understanding the power of worshipping together as a family of faith. Thank you adults without children or with grown children for welcoming our children to worship freely in our worship spaces. Thank you kids for joining us in worship. Our church would not be the same without you.

We would like to extend an invitation for kids to continue to be involved in worship in special ways on the first Sunday of the month. Throughout the coming year you might see different opportunities for kids to engage in worship, this might mean a special prayer station, special items on tables or in pews, special things to take home to continue faith conversations with your kids throughout the week, and even special opportunities for your kids to join Pastor Craig as a special helper on Sunday mornings.

I'm excited to continue in 2020 as we seek to nurture an environment where kids come to KNOW God's story, GROW in friendship with Jesus and one another, and GO to serve through the power of the Holy Spirit. If you have ideas of opportunities your family would like to participate in to KNOW, GROW, and GO in 2020 and beyond please don't hesitate to share those ideas with us!

Remember...you are loved. Pastor Suzanne

What's Happening in Sunday Mornings Small Groups?

Preschool (Preschool) @ 9:45am and 11:15am

Theme: Beach Party!

Memory Verse: With God, all things are possible. -Matthew 19:26

Key Question: Who can do anything?

Bottom Line: Jesus can do anything.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Elementary (K-5th)

Theme: The Big Quiz: See What You Know!

Memory Verse: The Lord gives wisdom. Knowledge and understanding come from his mouth.

-Proverbs 2:6 NiRV

Life App: Knowledge: Learning something new so you can be better at whatever you do.

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

SAVE THE DATE

Church Camp!

Mini Camp (K-2nd Grade): June 19-21

Elementary Camp (3rd grade -5th grade): June 21-26

**Both camps are held at Camp Rivervale in Mitchell, IN.
For more information about church camp head
to impact2818.org or contact Pastor Suzanne
(suzanne@newburghumc.org).*

Breakfast Club for Youth (6th - 12th grade):

Join us Sunday mornings 9:45am-10:45am downstairs in the large youth room with small group time for High School and Middle School.

January Theme: Influencer

Whether it's Instagram, YouTube, TV or movies, we are constantly surrounded by "influencers." But in reality, we are all influencers because we all influence others in some way; whether we mean to or not. We are already influencers, but the question is, "What kind of influencers will we be?" In this 4-week series, we'll learn from a few key influencers in the Bible about what real influencers are like.



Summer Mission Trip Information Meeting for High School Students, College Students and interested adults on Sunday, January 5 at 11:00 am in the Large Youth room downstairs.

We will be having a mission experience to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky May 31st - June 6th. Please come and find out what it's all about! Attendance at this meeting does not commit you to the trip, it is to share information about the date, place, cost and fundraising opportunities. This will be an intergenerational mission trip with the intent for adults to share their skills and talents while teaching and working alongside youth and young adults. Please contact Pastor Linda Duke (linda@newburghumc.org) for more information if you cannot attend the meeting.

Mark your calendars for:

Navigating our Digital World: a workshop for parents

January 11 - 9:00 - 11:30 am

It's the new normal to live in a digitally connected world, and yet parents often find themselves asking questions like:

"Why do my kids constantly check their phones?"

"How can I help my family actually be together when we're in the same room?"

"How can I supervise what my kids are saying and sharing?"

"How (and when) can I gracefully take off the media training wheels?"

While we might know that we are living in a digital world, *navigating* that world is a whole different challenge.

If you find yourself wanting more information, ideas, and action steps for engaging with digital media as a parent, then we hope you'll consider coming to the workshop: Navigating our Digital World. Drawing from the best research on media and youth, as well as conversations with parents like you, this workshop series offers new ideas for your most pressing tech-related dilemmas. Invite all your parenting friends; we would love to hear current situations and real life testimonies on what school age students are navigating themselves.

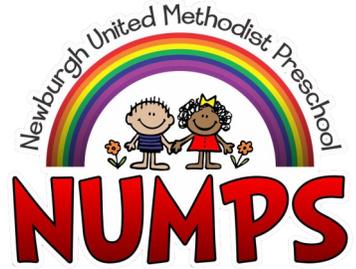
Parents with kids of ANY age are welcome, but we'll be focusing on common questions and ideas for parenting school-aged children and teenagers.

**Childcare will be provided, please request by emailing Linda before workshop.*

NEWBURGH UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL

NUMPS will be back in session on Thursday, January 2nd to begin 2020! The children will be sharing their favorite show and tell items on Thursday and Friday, along with playing in shaving cream! Such a fun way to start the new year! And it makes everything smell good!

The new year also brings registration for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year beginning in August! We look forward to seeing, **Current Newburgh United Methodist Church members register on Monday, January 6th beginning at 8 a.m. All families who currently have a child in the Young 2's & 3's, Older 3's and or Pre-K NUMPS program begin registering on Tuesday, January 7th at 8 a.m. On Wednesday, January 8th, Past NUMPS families will be registering and on Thursday, January 9th we will open registration to New families from the community!** All registrations will take place in the Fellowship Hall at 8 a.m.



Weather Reschedule Dates: If school is cancelled for weather reasons on Monday, January 6th, ALL registration days will be pushed back one day.

If you have questions please contact Sandy or Laura in the NUMPS office. We can provide information for all Preschool classes and the Young 2's and 3's class. Tours available so you can see our kids in action! We are available each day from 8:30-3:00, by phone at 812-853-6261 or by email at numpsdirector@gmail.com.

If the weather cooperates, we will be out of school on January 20th for a Snow Make Up Day/Martin Luther King Day, unless we have been out for snow. All the classes will be having their class pictures taken on the 21st and 22nd, by Lvonne Bennett Photography. Parents will receive order forms early in the month via your student's school bag. The Pre-K will be competing in the Winter Olympics on Friday, the 24th in the gym. We will have "teams from" Germany, USA, Canada, Italy and Japan! Looking forward to a fun day of competitive spirit!

As always, we are thankful and grateful for your continued encouragement and support of this church ministry. Our community's children continue to be blessed!

Blessings,
Sandy Minasian, NUMPS Director



* Pictures from 2019 Pre-K Winter Olympics

NUMC Recreation Ministry has lots to offer!

If you want a place to just be yourself – wherever you are on the road to fitness – come check us out!

If you want a place where we encourage everyone and friendships are made – come check us out!

Please join us – and invite a friend - all are welcome!

Pilates Wednesday 5:30pm

Pickleball Wednesday 6:30pm

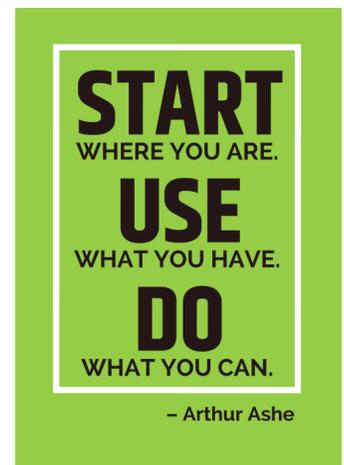
Zumba Thursday 4pm

Pickleball Thursday 6:30pm

Open Gym Volleyball Friday 6:30pm

Open Gym Basketball Saturday 9:00am

Email Angie Barr (angie@newburghumc.org) with questions or suggestions.





MISSION TEAM

Blessings as we enter the year 2020. The Mission Team members have had a busy, but fruitful, 2019 and we would like to recap what all of you provided to this church. When Faith Promise pledges were made last February, \$28,650 was pledged. The team met and had to prioritize where the monies would best be served. Wesley Closet and Food Pantry, Mission Guatemala Pharmacy and Clinic, United Methodist Youth Home, UMCOR, Special Needs Group, Teach Beyond and other special requests. At our December meeting, we were pleasantly surprised that \$31,033.00 was actually raised and we began looking at local agencies we could provide extra funds at the beginning of the year.

The food pantry has seen an increase of 13% of clients this past year. The idea was formed to start Stock the Pantry to provide items needed for additional variety and to cut costs. With the help of all of you, and our NUMPS families, we are providing more choices for families and allowing money to be spent for other needed items. God will provide!

We are busy planning for Faith Promise Sunday, which will be February 2, 2020. Your pledges are made; with what you feel is appropriate. Your prayers to God for his guidance make your pledge only known to you and Him. No names are placed on the pledge cards and no one is standing counting to see who does or doesn't place a card in a basket. What the team raises is what we set our budget from for the year. This year the Special Needs Group of young adults and youth will be our featured presenter. We are excited for all of you to learn more about this one of a kind program that our church has to offer in the community. We also plan to remind everyone of our commitment to Mission Guatemala and their pharmacy program. Our church, at this time, is the sole supporter of the pharmacy program. Other churches have adopted the Laboratory and other programs, but NUMC provides the funding for medication for thousands of individuals that could not receive good health otherwise. We are not sending a team this upcoming year, but look forward to 2021. To help with individual expenses, we are looking into scholarship programs and a couple fundraisers, hoping others will join and experience a life changing mission trip.

So, as you can see, 2019 was a busy year for this small group. We welcome anyone with a passion to serve others, while having fun, to join us. Hope your Christmas was merry and bright and we are looking forward to the New Year of making changes better for many families.

January Stock the Pantry items:

- January 5 – 11: dish soap, liquid bath soap, body lotion
- January 12 – 18: oil, sugar, flour, salt, pepper
- January 19 – 25: cereal
- January 26 – February 1: pancake mix, syrup

A huge thank you to our NUMC church family, as well as Cub Scout Pack 369, Boy Scout Troop 352, Family Video and Hucks, for your help with the Thanksgiving Basket mission project this year. With your donations of food and money, we were able to reach our goal to provide baskets for 100 families served by our Wesley Clothes Closet and Food Pantry. We also appreciate all of the volunteers (young and young at heart) that helped assemble the baskets and make what always seems like a monumental task go so quickly and smoothly. Most of all, we thank you for the love and support you have shown to others in our community by being the hands and feet of Jesus. Your generosity knows no bounds!

God bless you this holiday season!

- The Adventurers Sunday School Class

NUMW Chill Out Chili Dinner Carry Out! Sunday, January 12th 9:15 am-12:45 pm Fellowship Hall
Due to inclement weather in November, the chili dinner was postponed. We are now pleased to offer three kinds of delicious hot chili, homemade corn muffins and dessert for **carry out** only. Pick up your chili after worship services and relax knowing your family's meal is covered! If you had already purchased a ticket last fall:

- Use it for this event
- Ask for a refund if not able to attend
- Choose to donate that cost of ticket to NUMW

Tickets are available at the door for \$5/person or \$20 for a family of 4 or more. All proceeds from this event will assist with NUMW operating funds.

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Office is opened:

Monday: 8am - 12noon
Tuesday - Thursday: 8am - 4pm
Friday: 8am - 12noon

You can reach any staff by email and we will get back at our earliest availability.

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