

Newburgh United Methodist Church

October 2021 Newsletter

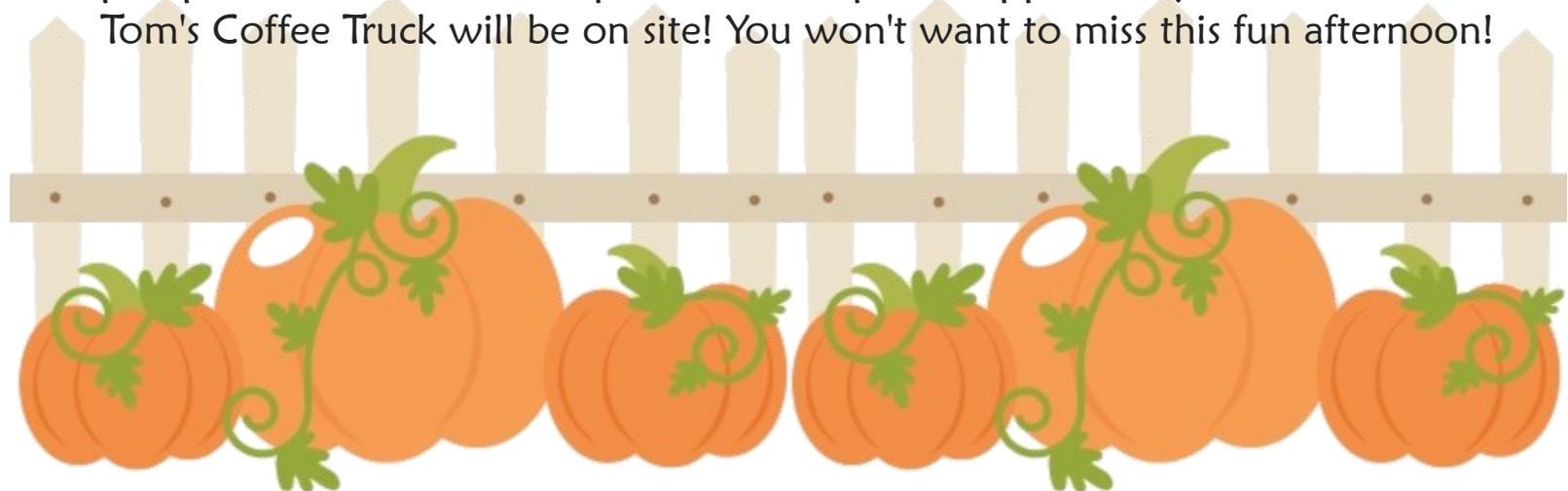
CELEBRATION OF STEWARDSHIP BEGINS WITH EXCITEMENT! \$50,000 OFFERED TOWARD PAYING OFF BUILDING DEBT STEP UP TO STEP OUT OF DEBT

Our Celebration of Stewardship, which is our annual journey of giving and recommitment, is beginning October 10 with a theme that is paralleled in the worship series: RECONNECTING. We have a member of the congregation, who chooses to be anonymous, who has provided the catalyst, the spark to kick things off.

\$50,000 is being given to pay off our building debt if the congregation can give the remaining \$75,000 to pay the whole thing off. (The balance is \$125,000). What a remarkable gift and exciting challenge before us to meet. With a goal of paying the debt by December 31, 2021, you are invited to step up in order for NUMC to step out of debt. Please consider an additional gift before year end if you are able. Thanks to a generous donor and your help, we are so close to getting the church's debt paid in full! Together, we can do it!

Pumpkin Patch Day

Sunday October 24th from 3-5pm come join us in the patch. Pumpkins will be available for purchase. Supplies will be available to carve and paint pumpkins. There will be a space for a fall photo opportunity. Also, Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck will be on site! You won't want to miss this fun afternoon!



Pumpkin Patch Delivery Day is Monday October 4th at 4:00 pm.

We need as many people (and wheelbarrows) as possible to help us take the pumpkins off the truck and place them in the yard for display. The more hands we have the faster we can get done. Sign up through the Pumpkin Patch page on the Newburgh UMC website or contact Linda, or just show up because we won't turn you away!!

Pumpkin Patch Volunteers Needed!

You can sign up at any time to work more shifts at the Pumpkin Patch! It'll be a fun place to work! All money raised goes to help out with events for children and youth (which includes Boy Scouts). Get signed up soon and often! All are welcome to help.

OCTOBER WORSHIP SERIES

*The theme for the October worship series is **RECONNECTING**.*

OCTOBER 3 "RECONNECTING: With the World Through the Sacrament of Holy Communion"

World Wide Communion Sunday.

OCTOBER 10 "RECONNECTING: With The Vine"

He is the vine and we are the branches. John 15

OCTOBER 17 "RECONNECTING: With Personal Faith"

The reinstatement of Peter. John 21

OCTOBER 24 "RECONNECTING: With Our Sight"

Healing of Blind Bartimaeus. Mark 10

OCTOBER 31 "RECONNECTING: By Removing Masks of Inauthenticity"

Jesus is anointed. John 12, Matthew 26, Mark 14, and Luke 7

NOVEMBER 7 "Christ Sacrifice – Once and For ALL!"

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY! We celebrate on this Sunday all the lives that have gone on before us to the church eternal. Hebrews 9:24-28.

NOVEMBER 14 "Tough Times – Don't Be Deceived" Mark 13

NOVEMBER 21 "Lest We Forget" John 18:33-37ff

ADVENT BEGINS NOVEMBER 28

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 7TH

On Sunday November 7th we will celebrate the lives of all those who have gone on before us to the church eternal. There are at least 3 ways for you to take an active part.

1. Attend the worship service
2. Send in a Photo of your loved one who died this past year so we may share the name and photo that morning.
3. For everyone, as you remember your loved ones from any point in your life who have died, you may bring a photo or an item of remembrance and we will have some designated tables and easels for you to display them.

The last item connects us to our Hispanic brothers and sisters who celebrate all of their loved ones who have died on this day called: Dia de los Muertos (the day of the dead). This allows all of us to get into touch with the reality of death BUT, also the promise of life eternal. All families who have lost a loved one this past year (and who have shared it with the church) will receive a special letter of invitation from Pastor Craig to serve as a reminder. Please plan to make this Sunday a priority.



Sunday October 10th and November 14th join us for Messy Church from 4-5:30pm. Messy church is for all those who admit they are messy and aren't afraid to get a little messy. Messy church is a place for all people short and tall, big and small. During Messy Church you'll have the opportunity to participate in stations which will invite you to think about themes around the Bible Story, then we will have a time of celebration where you hear the Bible Story and some words of encouragement, finally we will share a meal together.



Youth 6th-12th grade meet every Sunday morning from 9:45am-10:45am. In October we will be finishing up our one-year journey through the Bible! Even if your student has missed out they can always come to find out how it ends! Bible Study, discussion, warm up activities and prayer each week.

October Special Youth Event -

Sunday, October 10th at 4-6pm. Bring your whole family and attend "Messy

Church" together. It's a whole new way of spending time together as a church and growing in our faith and our relationships with one another. Messy Church ends with a meal, if you can let us know you're coming we will make sure we have plenty of food.

Sunday, October 24th after the Pumpkin Patch closes we will have a bonfire time for youth. Hot dogs, s'mores, and an outdoor night game. Join us at 6-7:30pm.

Special Needs Ministry

Upcoming Meeting Dates: October 10th and 24th, November 7th and 21st at 4-5:30pm.

Volunteers are needed to help with this fun and growing group. If you are interested or just want some more information, please contact Debbie Feagley at DebFeagley@live.com.

Pickleball for Turkeys Tournament

Mark your calendars - November 6th @ 9am

Adult Co-Ed Pickleball Tournament

Mixed Doubles (ages 14+)

\$25 per player

All proceeds go towards Thanksgiving Baskets for our Food Pantry Families!

To register please email Angie Barr: angie@newburghumc.org

*Deadline to register - October 30th



“Lessons From Bert”

From Pastor Craig

Bert has gotten big. I found him in our backyard 2 years ago when he was the size of a quarter. Bert is a red-eared turtle. He now resides in a 40-gallon tank in our dining room. I have learned a lot about Bert the turtle as I see him every day. I've discovered how clean his tank stays when I change the filter every 2 weeks instead of waiting until it clogs up and slows down. I've discovered that although a turtle in the wild always ducks his head inside when he sees you, Bert actually comes up to the surface and sticks his head out to say hello. I think he knows either my voice or his name. I've learned that turtles shed! I didn't know that. Bert regularly parks underneath one of his rock formations to scratch his back. He does not enjoy turtle pellets but likes the freeze-dried shrimp. Not the big ones, mind you, but the smaller ones. And he prefers to chase them. And, he loves to sun himself, BUT, he needs 2 kinds of heat lamps so that it provides not just warmth but also helps his shell to grow. Oh yeah, his shell is a part of him, he doesn't just live inside as it appears in so many cartoons.

“And so?” You may be wondering.

So...

Having our “filters” cleaned regularly makes a huge difference as to the quality of our life and relationships.

We learn a lot about each other the more time we spend together.

We all have choices to either pull inside our “shell” or come up to the surface to check things out.

We all are attached to our “shells” of emotion, relationship, faith, and family.

For some of us, the shell has become a burden, for others it has become a house of comfort and witness.

Each of us needs to learn to “shed” those things that make us itch and uncomfortable.

(I've got nothing about his choice in shrimp)

We all need to spend time in God's light and the warmth of God's love; it helps us to grow.

When we are found by the right people, our lives and quality of life may be enhanced.

Unlike the fable of the tortoise and the hare that shines a light on the importance of being steady and not to rush too fast in the race of life; “Slow and steady wins the race.” Bert has taught me many things simply by his living his life and me watching. Maybe we can learn in the same way, from each other.



Join us Sunday mornings at
8:30am or 11am in the Sanctuary.
Live on Facebook at 8:30am.
Watch the replay on YouTube.



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