

The Pillars

NEW CONCORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A NOTE FROM PASTOR LISA

The NCUMC vision is to be a church *where people are inspired* to develop a Christian foundation for faithful living, to demonstrate compassion, to serve others, and to share God's love with everyone.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

We will once again be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving. More information will follow in the November Pillars.

The Vision of NCUMC is a well thought out and well balanced vision. But like a lot of groups who build a vision it can get lost if not interacted with regularly so we will continue to wrestle with the vision and look for God's guidance in living into it. After the initial call to be a church where people are inspired we move to what the subject of their inspiration is—to develop a Christian foundation for faithful living. Another word for this is discipleship. We are disciples of Christ defined as students. In the same way that we do not move our children through their educational experience from kindergarten to twelfth grade in a helter-skelter manner we need to provide people who invest their lives here with opportunities to deepen their faith in both understanding and practice.

Artfully using the word 'develop' shows an ongoing process that each Christian of living faith but also of practicing self-reflection along the way. Discipleship lasts your whole life, and as a church we need to attend to providing for people of all ages, and all depth levels. We walk as disciples together, but also recognize that we are all at different places. Discipleship is a path to develop as a disciple which includes growing in our spiritual disciplines (piety) such as worship, prayer, fasting, study, etc. and growing in our spiritual action (mercy) such as service, mission and compassion. To help people to develop a strong discipleship we must be a well-balanced family of faith. Occasionally it is a good thing for a congregation to perform a 'ministry audit' to look at all that is offered and to look for

gaps. Are we caring for all ages? Does NCUMC have active mission opportunities? Are educational events offered for all ages? Do we care for the needs of the novice Christian as well as the mature Christian? Discipleship is important to continue to attend to at NCUMC. Are you taking care of your discipleship?

"But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. That is not the way you learned Christ! For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another."

Ephesians 4: 15-25

STEWARDSHIP

As you prayerfully consider your pledge for the 2019 NCUMC ministry year we invite you to keep your call to being a part of the mission firmly before you.

There are numerous ways the NCUMC church family is bringing the message of the Good News to our world:

- * Choral Scholars
- * Muskingum University Bible study

- * Quest/Children's' Choir

The NCUMC stewardship campaign will be celebrated November 4th, 11th & 18th with the Consecration Sunday being on the 18th.

You will be invited to present your pledges as an offering to God that day. If you can't attend then, please drop off or mail in your pledge before the 18th so we can bless them.

What is on the pledge card:

- * Pledge for the 2019 Ministry Year (Jan 2019-Dec 2019)
- * Offering for the 2018 Budget Deficit expected (See attached letter)

What is not on the pledge card:

- * Building Renovation (Elevator, Bathrooms, Kitchen, Fellowship Hall Reno)

M O P S

This year we will . . .

Live Expectantly

Surrender Daringly

Breathe Freely

*May this be the year you
FIND YOUR FIRE*

MOPS started meeting last month. If you are a mother of a preschool aged child, please feel free to join us.

Meetings are held the second and fourth Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. We look forward to growing in faith with you!

If you would like to help give mothers a chance to connect as they grow in

Christ, we are still looking for childcare helpers. If you are interested or able to help, please call Corey in the church office.

[Facebook.com/
NewConcordMOPS](https://www.facebook.com/NewConcordMOPS)

ADVENT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, Dec. 2: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday, Hope

Sunday, Dec. 9: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday, Peace

Sunday, Dec. 16: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday, Joy

Friday, Dec. 21: 7:00 p.m.

Longest Night Service

Sunday, Dec. 23: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday, Love

Monday, Dec. 24: 7:00 & 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Services

Sunday, Dec. 30: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Carol/Hymn Sing Sunday

MISSION UPDATE

- ♥ Thank you for the donations of children’s clothing to the New Concord Elementary school.
- ♥ Weighted blankets for special needs students at New Concord Elementary will be made at the sewing bee on November 1st.
- ♥ Loads of Love is continuing on the third Wednesday of each month from 4:30–7:30 p.m. There are two shifts: 4:30-6 and 6-7:30. Contact Wayne or Barbara Caudill if you can take a shift.
- ♥ November 9, 11, and 12 will be the dates for collection of used adult clothing in the fellowship hall. The mission committee will sort the clothing and give it to the Cambridge Behavioral Hospital for use with their patients. Household items will be collected in the spring for the ReStore in Zanesville.
- ♥ Lists and names for kids through Anna’s angels will be distributed the end of November.
- ♥ Helping Hands ministry is looking for small home projects to complete. Do you need help with building of fixings something? Please contact the church office with details and the Helping Hands ministry will be put into action.



On October 22nd we went to Christ’s Table to serve lunch. While we were there we were able to give out an estimated 100 Weather Bags! Christ’s Table has requested that we do the Weather Bags again in the winter. The donations that were collected will be used to fund our next round.

The Youth Group wants to express our sincere thanks to the congregation for helping us with all of your generous donations.

Some upcoming dates to keep in mind:

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE!



⇒ November 10: Project Feed in Newcomerstown

⇒ November 12: 11:30 a.m. There will be a youth lunch at the Girods’

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRY

The Fruit of the Spirit Ministry is still available when needed.

If you need transportation to Zanesville or Cambridge areas for appointments or whatever the need people are available to take you. Contact Sylvia Bates 740-844-0377 or the church office.

If you need or you know someone who needs meals for a short time con-

tact Mary Jo Moody 740-826-9967 or the church office.

If you need to borrow medical equipment; wheel chairs, walkers, crutches, a portable commode, or a shower stool are available. Contact the church office for more information.

For visitation contact

- ◇ Pastor Lisa
740-826-4617

- ◇ Mollie Gerlach
740-584-7415

- ◇ Cyndy Powers
740-261-5212

- ◇ Danny Ingold
740-638-2086.

May you be blessed with good health and independence but we are here when needed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

After reading and discussion on two missional books this spring and summer the VIP Sunday School class decided to provide lunch after chapel for Muskingum University students and faculty. October was the first month and the class fed more than 20 Muskingum students and faculty and 5 class members. Chaplain Will Mullins

presented a sermon about Rising Up to make a difference. At the lunch table we spoke with students and discussed how the class was Rising Up to work with the university. Chapel begins at 11:00 a.m. on Thursdays and we will provide lunch on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Come join us.

3^{R D} ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

Come join us for fellowship at this Thanksgiving meal whether you have someone to spend Thanksgiving with or not. Also feel free to invite your friends and neighbors who may not the resources for a Thanksgiving meal.

If you are available to help we need lots of hands!

Some spots that need filled include

- Wednesday during the day to do prep-cooking
- Wednesday to help set-up
- Thursday delivery drivers

- Thursday to help get food hot and ready to go
- Thursday servers
- Thursday to help clean-up

If you are available for any of these times, call Heather Copen at 740-607-6922 or the church office.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of September 30, 2018, we find ourselves in a deficit position with regard to our giving and expenses. This deficit is one the size of which we have not experienced or faced in many years.

Please know the committee chair persons have been very fiscally responsible with your giving and very frugal with their spending. Unfortunately, 91% our budget

is derived from fixed expenses such as paying apportionments to the United Methodist Church, maintaining our buildings and facilities and our staff compensation.

As you reflect on your current giving in 2018 and consider your 2019 pledge, please give much prayerful consideration to this information.

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKE

Pastor Lisa needs some help with a cookie baking event December 2nd from 3-5 p.m. here at the New Concord UMC kitchen. We were invited by the International Student offices at Muskingum University to host an event for the International Students. We brainstormed some ideas and she thought baking Christmas cookies to share some of our American holiday traditions would be great. Pastor Lisa needs help in the following ways:

- 1) A few bakers to help the students decorate
- 2) Donations of any of the following—**Let pastor or church office know what you are going to donate**

- * Bag of flour
- * 2 – Big bags of mini pretzels
- * 8 bags of Hershey kisses

- * 1 – 42 oz. bag (or 2 small bags) of red/green M&M's
- * 3 bags of ready made peanut butter cookie mix
- * Cookie dough prepared ahead of time and refrigerated for cut-out cookies
- * Sugar cookies (circle shaped) baked ahead ready to decorate
- * Red-hots (or other small round red decoration)
- * Bag of tiny chocolate chips
- * Decorative sprinkles
- * To-Go boxes for students to take cookies home





Nov. 2: Mason Atkinson
Jessica Pyle

Nov. 5: Harry Sutphen

Nov. 6: Matthew Binkiewicz
Jean Gingerich
Reese Kornokovich

Nov. 7: Jane Bell

Nov. 11: Sam Bates
Loreita Slack
Micah Smith

Nov. 12: Braddock Morris

Nov. 12: Julie St. Clair

Nov. 13: Miley Ault
Donny Ingold
Dan Ingold

Nov. 13: Joy Murrey

Nov. 14: Hannah DeMattio

Nov. 15: Les Bennett

Nov. 16: Mark Atkinson

Nov. 17: Kris Headley

Nov. 18: Debbie Linnabary
Mark St. Clair

Nov. 19: Bennett Cook

Nov. 20: Ron Lauck

Nov. 21: Sylvia Bates

Nov. 27: Claretta Baker

Jeff Tucker

Nov. 28: Cindy Ellsworth

Nov. 30: Judith Miller

Nov. 1: Jim & Paula Young

Nov. 19: Ted & Bonnie Riggle

Nov. 27: John & Donna Rush

Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you very much for selecting me to receive a scholarship from both the Ray Young and Lyle & Mary Welker memorial Scholarships. These are both very much appreciated and will contribute to my academic future. I am currently just finishing up my first clinical rotation of my second year of physical therapy school. It's hard to believe how fast this time is going. I am always very thankful for my church community and thank God for the blessings I have received!

*Thank you,
Cole Bennett*



TUESDAYS TOGETHER

We are continuing our new women's group & invite you to come share in the joy of Christian fellowship (Together). Please be sure to invite any woman, of any age, that would love to spend time in a more relaxed atmosphere of Christian

fellowship. This is a fluid group and anyone is welcome. We are having so much fun, please join us!

Our next meeting will be Nov. 13th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Room 108/110.

Bring your favorite fall dish!

NCUMC November 2018 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30 MOPS 10 Sewing Bee 6 Worship 7 Nominating 7 Aldersgate	2	3
4 Trustee on call Brian Bennett 11:30 Youth Group 2 Charge Confer- ence @ Faith UMC	5 7 Boy Scouts	6 6:30 SPRC meet w/DS 6:30 Cub Com- mittee Mtg 7 Country Choir	7 4:30 Quest 6 Hand Bells 7 Yoga	8 11 <i>The Call</i> 4:15 Prayer Group 7 Aldersgate	9 Mission Clothing Collection	10 Project Feed @ Newcomerstown
11  Trustee on call Peg Garner Mission Clothing Collection	12 11:30 Youth Lunch @ Girods' 6:30 Missions 6:30 Cub Scouts 7 Boy Scouts Mission Clothing Collection	13 6:30 Lions' Club 7 Tuesdays To- gether 7 Country Choir	14 4:30 Quest 6 Hand Bells 7 Yoga	15 9:30 MOPS 11 <i>The Call</i> 5:30 Trustees 7 Parents Help- ing Parents 7 Aldersgate	16 Cub Scout Over- night	17 Cub Scout Over- night
18 Trustee on call Greg Gerlach 11:30 Youth Group	19 7 Thanksgiving Service @ West- minster Presby. 7 Boy Scouts	20 7 Country Choir	21 No Quest No Hand Bells 7 Yoga	22 Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed 11-1 Free Thanksgiving Dinner	23 Office Closed	24
25  Trustee on call Tammi DeMattio	26 6:30 Cub Scouts 7 Boy Scouts	27 12 Lions' Club 1:30 UMW 7 Country Choir	28 4:30 Quest 6 Hand Bells 7 Yoga	29 6:30-8 Spiritual Direction Group 7 Aldersgate	30	

NCUMC

Sunday Services

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Traditional Worship Service

Staff

Rev. Lisa Kropinak, Pastor
Corey Elliott, Secretary
Chris White, Treasurer
Natalie Ross, Custodian
Tyler Driggs, Musician

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