

DELLVILLE-NEW BLOOMFIELD-WALNUT GROVE
UNITED METHODIST CHARGE
NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2026

THE WINDOW

Green represents growth and is used during Ordinary Time
(the season after Epiphany and the season after Pentecost.)



Pastors Letter

Dear church,

As summer begins to wind down and a new school year gets underway, we find ourselves entering another new season. For some it's not just the cooler weather but in our homes and schools. With students and teachers heading back to school, let us remember to keep them in our prayers. Pray for our children and young people as they begin a new year of learning, friendships, challenges, and growth. Pray for our teachers, administrators, and support staff as they pour themselves into the next generation.

As we move into the fall, I encourage each of us to look for a place where we can become more involved in the life and ministry of the church. There are many ways to serve. Some visible and some that happen quietly behind the scenes. We need people who are willing to teach, volunteer, welcome others, help with children and youth, participate in outreach, serve at church events, pray for our ministries, and simply be willing to say, "How can I help?"

One of the greatest things we can give each other is not simply our attendance, but our service. The church becomes stronger when each of us recognizes that we have something to contribute.

Another important part of our fall calendar is our annual Charge Conference, which will take place on **October 4th, 2pm @ Millerstown UMC.** *(continued on next page)*

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OUR SERVICES

NEW BLOOMFIELD

Worship: 9AM

and on FaceBook Live

Sunday School: 10:15AM

DELLVILLE

Sunday School: 9AM

Worship: 10:00AM

WALNUT GROVE

Worship: 11:15AM



Charge Conference is an important time in the life of our church. It gives us an opportunity to look back at the ministry God has allowed us to accomplish, to consider where we are now, and to prayerfully look toward where God is calling us next. We don't know everything that lies ahead, but we know the One who goes before us. As summer comes to a close, let us not simply return to our routines. Let us return with renewed purpose.

Let us love more boldly.

Let us serve more willingly.

Let us welcome more intentionally.

Let us look for those who need to know the love of Christ.

I am grateful for all that God has already been doing through our churches, and I am excited about what is still ahead. Thank you for your prayers, your generosity, your service, and your faithfulness.

May this fall be more than the beginning of another season on the calendar. May it be the beginning of another season of ministry, growth, and faithfulness for our church.

There is work to do, people to reach, lives to touch, and a community to serve. Let us step in boldness in service to a loving God.

Pastor Kurtis



The United Women in Faith will meet on September 1st at 7 p.m. in the overflow of the Church. All women are welcome!



CHARGE MEN'S GROUP ACTIVITIES

On September 19, the Men's group will again host the Charge Picnic. Please see the separate article about the event for more information.

The Men's Group Breakfasts are on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 8:00am. They are normally held at the Village Square Diner in Shermans Dale.

However, we do NOT have a breakfast on September 12 as this is our Silent Auction at the NB Street Fair.

If you have other activities for the Men's Group, please contact Dustin Saltzburg (717) 275-6567, or Zeke Morrow (717) 636-8173. All men of the Charge are welcome and encouraged to attend the planned activities.

CHARGE PICNIC

CHARGE PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

The Men's Group will again host our annual Charge Picnic cook-out and covered dish for the entire Charge.

It will be Saturday, September 19, 2026 – rain or shine. We will start to gather at 4:00 PM and plan to eat at 5:00 PM. Again, this year the cook-out will be held at the Dellville Church Pavilion. This is a wonderful facility and will keep us out of the direct sun and we will not have to worry about rain. It is located on the Church property at 806 Dellville Road, Duncannon, PA. Hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls, and drinks will be provided. If you would like, please bring a covered dish. This is a great opportunity for the three Charge Congregations to join in a time of fellowship and wonderful food. Please plan to attend and help us make it even better this year. Sign-up sheets will be provided in early September.



It's that time of year!

Annual Charge Conference Sunday, October 4th at 2PM Millerstown UMC.

Get ready for the annual reports for conference! Michelle has them printed in the office and they will be distributed soon.

New Bloomfield UMC

silent auction

As you know, this is one of the largest fundraisers for our church and requires a lot of work to make it a success. Now we are asking for your help. Please see Peg, Wanda or Rachel if you can provide the following assistance:

1. Help set up tables and tents Friday September 11th at 6:00PM
2. Help on Saturday September 12th at 7:00AM with various duties.
3. Make a monetary donation
4. Donate any New, Vintage, Antique or Collectible item.
5. Sponsor a purchased item. We have a list of those items, which you can choose from.

THANK YOU SO MUCH! TOGETHER WE CAN
MAKE THIS A SUCCESS!



2 Jane Kaseman-NB

5 Pat Apple-NB

7 Troy Burd-WG

8 Liz Sawyer-NB

9 John Briner-NB

Bill Quigley-NB

10 Amanda Kline-NB

15 Dominic Reisinger-WG

16 Shelia Sheaffer-NB

Pastor Kurtis

Jacob Cummins-WG

24 Carrie Byers-NB

27 Mary Lou Sherman-NB

28 Bob Parfitt-NB

Upcoming Events

1

UWF 7PM

2

OUTREACH NB 4:30PM

WORSHIP NB 6:30PM

10

ADMIN COUNCIL NB 7PM

11

SET UP FOR SILENT AUCTION

12

STREET FAIR NB 7AM

27

TRUSTEE MEETING NB 7PM

19

MEN'S BBQ FOR CHARGE AT
DELLVILLE 4PM

23

MEN'S GROUP NB 6:30PM

30

CHARGE BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM
NB



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: 2026 POCKETS OF OPPORTUNITY (POP)

We thank Rev. Miriam Nicholson for another delightful and challenging Jeopardy game titled “Church Year and Worship” presented on August 2.

On September 6, we complete our series “Justice for The Poor” by Jim Wallis. It is titled “From Serial Charity to a Just Society.” This lesson's key issue is – The deeper theological issue is not whether but how Christians should engage with those who are poor to bring about greater human dignity and justice.

On September 13, we start a series titled “Practicing the Way” by John Mark Comer. The course features eight sessions of teaching, guided conversation, and spiritual exercises designed to lay a foundation for lifelong apprenticeship to Jesus.

Information about the three classes in September follows below:

Session 01: Following Jesus

Following Jesus is more than going to church or believing the right things; it is practicing a way of life. The meaning of “follow Jesus” is rooted in first-century practices of rabbis and apprentices, practices that inform our understanding of how to follow Jesus today.

Practice: Develop a daily time and place to connect with God.

Session 02: Formation Part 01

Whether we realize it or not, all of us are being formed — by our habits, relationships, the stories we believe, and our environment. This session explores the six primary forces shaping individuals: habits, relationships, stories, environment, time, and experience.

Practice: Take a “life audit,” an inventory of all the forces that are forming you now and in the past.

Session 03: Formation Part 02

Many of us desire to become more like Jesus, but we feel stuck. We need a training program, a reliable pathway to transformation. We find this in the Way of Jesus, which shows us how to intentionally engage formation.

Practice: Replace an old habit with a new spiritual discipline.



**“Mission Focus”
project for September
Mission Central**



Our “Mission Focus” project for October is “Mission Central.” UMC Mission Central first opened in 2002 with the mission of “Connecting God’s Resources with Human Need.”

Mission Central partners with over 140+ organizations to provide resources to groups who are doing humanitarian work locally, across the country, and around the world. Additionally, they are prepared to respond to all weather-related disasters or emergencies that occur.

The following items are always needed

- **Medical Equipment: Walkers, Hospital Beds, Canes, Crutches**
- **Band-Aids or Adult Briefs**
- **School Supplies (children’s scissors, notebooks, rulers, pencils, crayons, etc)**
- **Hygiene Items (new soaps, nail clippers, toothpaste, deodorant, etc)**
- **Clothing (gently used or new in all sizes)**
- **Shoes (new & gently used)**
- **Cleaning Supplies**
- **Nutritional Supplements**

Our “Mission Focus” project for August was the “Church Family In-Need Fund.” We thank all who have made donations.

We also thank all for the support of our July mission “Collecting School Supplies.”

It was again very successful and clearly fills a critical need for local families. A total of 60 backpacks and supplies were distributed at August Life Bank and an additional 5 at the following Monday AA meeting. Here is Paula Saltzburg and the supplies to be handed out.





Food Bank Hours

Monday: 8:45-11:45 AM & 1-3 PM

Tuesday: 1-3PM & 4-6PM

Wednesday: 8:45-11:45AM & 1-3PM

Thursday: 8-11:45AM

September Collection Suggestions:

Canned sweet potatoes, potato flakes

Donations of mixed items are always welcome! Donations do not have to be limited to the items we have listed-these are only suggestions



Collection Calendar September

Personal cleansing wipes, HD Black Trash bags, Work gloves, clothesline



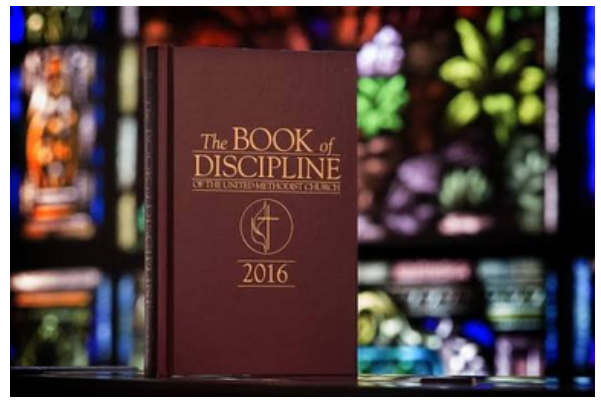
Blessings and greetings from Ruby Morgan. Ruby now lives with her son, David, but she remembers you all fondly



The children's Sunday school class will collect dimes and paper towels in September.

A total of \$45 was collected in the dime jar in August. Thank you to everyone who donated dimes and school supplies.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BOOK OF DISCIPLINE



The Adult Sunday School class (Pockets of Opportunity) has been studying poverty in the United States through the lesson series: “Justice for The Poor” by Jim Wallis. In one of the lessons Jim Wallis noted the work of John Wesley with the poor.

The Social Principles found in the Book of Discipline outline our current positions on many of the issues and challenges discussed in the series. In future newsletters, we will examine specific topics found in the Social Principles. However, it is important to have a general understanding of the Book of Discipline. The latest addition of the Book is from the 2024 UMC General Conference. The initial section of the Book contains the following information from the UMC Council of Bishops. I have put it in bullet format for ease of reading.

- “The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church is the product of over two hundred years of the General Conferences of the denominations that now form The United Methodist Church.
- The Discipline as the instrument for setting forth the laws, polity, and processes by which United Methodists govern themselves remains constant. Each General Conference amends, perfects, clarifies, and adds its own contribution to the Discipline.
- We do not consider the Discipline to be sacrosanct or infallible, but we do consider it a document suitable to our heritage and an expression of a future with hope. It is the most current statement of how United Methodists covenant to live our lives together and “preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together” (Ephesians 4:3).
- It reflects our understanding and core values of the church and articulates the mission of The United Methodist Church: “To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”
- The Discipline defines what is expected of the laity and clergy as together we seek to be effective witnesses in the world as a part of the whole body of Christ.
- This book of covenant sets forth the theological grounding of The United Methodist Church in biblical faith and claims that we move forward as “loyal heirs of the authentic Christian tradition.”

The Book of Discipline is 913 pages long. It is not an easy read but is interesting to see the level of detail needed to operate an organization as large as the UMC. The Book of Discipline can be found for free at the following

Cokesbury website:

https://issuu.com/cokesbury/docs/the_book_of_discipline_of_the_unite_c115dcf702a4c3?fr=sMjdmNTkyODk4MDc