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

THE WINDOW

Purple, representing both royalty and penitence. Blue symbolizes hope

Pastors Letter

Dear Church,

As we enter November, we begin looking ahead to the season of Advent—a time of anticipation, hope, and preparation for the coming of Christ. This year, our Advent theme will be "Peace in the Midst of Chaos."

We live in a world that often feels hurried and overwhelming. Between the busyness of everyday life and the challenges we face, it can be difficult to find a moment of peace. Yet the message of Christmas reminds us that God meets us right in the middle of the chaos. Jesus did not come into a perfect, peaceful world, but into a world that desperately needed Him. As we prepare for Advent, I invite you to slow down, make room for God, and remember that true peace is not found in having a life without troubles, but in knowing the One who walks with us through them. May this season help us turn our hearts toward Christ and discover the peace that only He can give.

I pray that you and your family have a blessed Thanksgiving, filled with gratitude for God's many blessings. As we give thanks for all He has done, may we also prepare our hearts to welcome Him anew this Advent season. I look forward to sharing this meaningful journey with you as we discover together the peace of Christ in the midst of life's chaos.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Kurtis

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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

The United Methodist Church

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

November Collection Suggestions:

Canned Meats: Tuna, chicken, ham ect. Donation do not have to be limited to the items we have listed-these are only suggestions

Collection Calendar November

Reusable water bottles, ziploc bags gallon size, air freshener. liquid concentrate, household cleaner, children's socks and underwear (new)

The children's Sunday school class will be collecting dimes and tissues in November.
A total of $11.80 was collected in the dime jar in October. Thank you to everyone who donated dimes and toilet paper.

November 3rd at 6:30 p.m. We will be making soup and collecting our Thank offering boxes.

TAll men of the Charge are welcome and encouraged to attend our planned activities.
The Men's Group monthly breakfast is the second Saturday of each month. However, this month on November 14. We will have our annual "Fall Cleanup" of the Church Campus which includes the Church, the Charge Office, and the Parsonage. It will begin at 8:00 with a continental breakfast being served.
Activities: If you have other activities for the Men's Group, please contact Dustin Saltzburg (717)275-6567 or Zeke Morrow (717)636-8173.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: 2026 POCKETS OF OPPORTUNITY (POP)

4 Navy Shaeffer-NB
6 Garrett Shover-NB
George Martz-NB
8 Ben McGarry-NB
9 Carl Knisely-WG
12 Ashley Lenig-NB
15 Phyllis Martz-NB
16 Caden Smith-WG
21 Alex Sherman-NB
23 Larry Reisinger-WG
24 John M. Briner-NB
27 Chuck Leiter-NB
Jamie Reisinger-WG
Wesley Smedley-WG
29 Andy McNeillie-NB
30 Doris Smedley-WG

In November, we conclude our series titled “Practicing the Way” by John Mark Comer. The course has featured eight sessions of teaching, guided conversation, and spiritual exercises designed to lay a foundation for lifelong apprenticeship to Jesus. Information about the final two classes in November follows below:

November 1 - Session 07: Crafting a Rule of Life

Transformation is possible, but it’s not inevitable. Learn how to build an intentional plan, or what the early Christians called a “Rule of Life”: a schedule and a set of practices and relational rhythms that create space for us to be with Jesus, become like him, and do as he did.

Practice: Craft a personalized Rule of Life.

November 8 – Rev. Miriam Nicholson will provide a lesson on Reformation.The Reformation provided the foundational Christian heritage that shapes our Church today.

November 15 - Session 08: Life Together

To sustain a lifelong journey of following Jesus, we need to key in on one final critical truth: you are meant to follow Jesus in community. Learn how to cultivate a community of depth, vulnerability, and commitment to transformation.

Practice: Identify your intentional community and begin to meet.

November 22: we will not have POP today. There will be a combined Charge Worship Service in New Bloomfield with a potluck to follow.

November 29: This year’s Advent series begins today and will continue in December. It is titled “The Redemption of Scrooge” by Matt Rawle. It will be led by Zeke Morrowg. The premise for the series follows:

“Is redemption possible for Ebenezer Scrooge? Pastor and author Matt Rawle believes so as he discovers the teachings of Jesus in the words of the Charles Dickens classic A Christmas Carol. Rawle dives deep into the dark, sad, greedy world of Scrooge and discovers a man in dire need of a second chance. Along with Scrooge, we meet the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future and in the process learn about living with and for others in a world blessed by Jesus. Rediscover and reinvigorate your Christian faith this Advent and Christmas season and look at this familiar classic through the lens of faith.

“Mission Focus”project for November is Heifer International

Heifer International for more than 75 years has helped more than 36.7 million families build sustainable farming businesses to support their families. Their mission is to end hunger and poverty in a sustainable way by supporting and investing alongside local farmers and their communities. This year we will again be participating in the “Living Gift Market” program. This will be fun project for all. The list below shows the items available for donations. This is a wonderful opportunity to involve children and grandchildren in learning generosity. More information will be provided in the weekly bulletins and during the Worship Service and Sunday School.

GIFT	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
The Gift Ark		$5,000	
Heifer		$500	
Share of a Heifer		$50	
Fish		$300	
Share of Fish		$30	
Clean Water		$300	
Send a Girl to School		$275	
Water Buffalo		$250	
Share of a Water Buffalo		$25	
Goat		$120	
Share of a Goat		$10	
Sheep		$120	
Share of a Sheep		$10	
Pig		$120	
Share of a Pig		$10	
Garden Seeds		$60	
Share of Garden Seeds		$10	
Honeybees		$30	
Flock of Chicks		$20	
Where most needed			

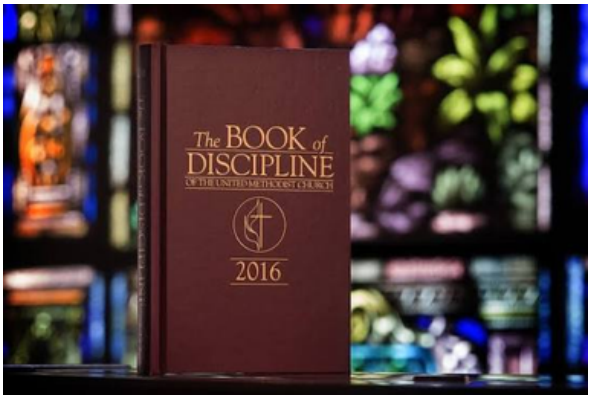
We thank everyone for the contributions to our various mission projects.We remind you that our focus for December is Socks and Underwear and feminine hygiene products for Life Bank.Look for good discounts on these items in the next weeks. We also provide cookies for the Youth Development Center in Loysville.

Upcoming Events

1
ALL SAINTS DAY
3
UWF-NB 6:30PM
4
MOVIE NIGHT NB
WORSHIP COMM. NB-6:30
11
OUTREACH NB 4:30PM
12
ADMIN COUNCIL NB-7PM
10
MEN’S BREAKFAST-8AM
NO IDLE HANDS-NB 9:30AM
17
CHARGE BIBLE STUDY
AT NB 6:30PM
19
TRUSTEE MEETING NB 7PM
21
LIFE BANK-NB 8AM
22
CHARGE SERVICE NB 10AM
23
DECORATE NB-9:30AM
29
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Charge Service at New Bloomfield November 22nd 10AM

NOVEMBER
THE UNITED METHODIST SOCIAL PRINCIPLES
THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY
PART 1 – ECONOMIC CHALLENGES



This is the third part of a series to highlight the Social Principles found in our UMC Book of Discipline. These articles started as an outgrowth from a Pockets of Opportunity lesson series "Justice for The Poor" by Jim Wallis. However, a deeper understanding of the Social Principles can help us daily as "Follows of Jesus." This newsletter's topic is taken from Paragraph 161 titled "The Economic Community."

This portion of the Social Principles is broken into two primary sections. The first is titled "Economic Challenges", and the second is titled "Economic Justice." This article presents the first section. It has been edited to shorten and emphasis added.

"Economic Challenges"

Preface. "As United Methodists, we profess that all we are and all that we possess, belong to God.We are temporary stewards of the resources and material goods that we have accumulated." Accordingly, we pledge ourselves to the establishment of just, equitable, and sustainable economies that work for all."

A.Globalization. While globalization undoubtedly has provided certain financial and other benefits, it has also undermined established wage and labor standards, and weakened environmental protections. We call on international bodies to hold multinational corporations and national governments accountable to provide for economies that promote people over profits and protect the environment.

B.Poverty and Income Inequality. We decry the widening gap between the rich and the poor and the concentration of wealth in the hands of ever smaller percentages of the global population.We pledge ourselves to work toward the eradication of the roots and effects of poverty.

We reject religious teachings that view the accumulation of wealth as a sign of God's favor and poverty as a sign of God's disfavor." (editor's note: this is known as the "prosperity gospel")

C.Human Trafficking and Slavery. We condemn human trafficking and slavery as profound violations of the inherent dignity and worth of every person. We support the abolition of human trafficking and slavery of any kind.

D.Graft, Bribery and Corruption. We oppose graft, bribery, and other forms of corruption as breaches of the public trust and impediments to the creation of just and equitable societies.

Why Hope Is Winning

What I Saw, Heard, and Learned in Calgary

By SUS Communications

Editor's Note: The following was sent to United Methodists in the Susquehanna Conference on behalf of Bishop Héctor A. Burgos-Núñez on October 27, 2026 sharing his observations following the Council of Bishops' Leadership Gathering in Calgary, Canada.

Last week, I joined United Methodists from across our worldwide connection for the first ever Council of Bishops' Leadership Gathering. It was a historic moment. Through worship, presentations, cohort conversations, and countless hallway interactions, I became convinced of one truth: The United Methodist Church is alive. I witnessed the Holy Spirit's presence in the joy, connection, grace, and hope shared across generations, cultures, languages, and theological perspectives.

It Is All About Discipleship

In Calgary, I noticed that every story of vitality, growth, impact, hope, and transformation pointed back to Jesus Christ and the nurturing of disciples. The stories that inspired me most were those coming from disciples and faith communities with a clear identity in Jesus Christ, a deep reliance on the Holy Spirit, and a Wesleyan witness shaped by personal transformation and social renewal. These stories reaffirm what I believe and what our polity proclaims that the ministry of the local church—in all its expressions—is the primary arena for forming disciples of Jesus Christ as we participate in God's transformation of the world.

I was reminded that the future of the church does not rest on programs, structures, or sophisticated strategies. I continue to believe that our hope has always been—and will always be—found in Jesus Christ. Younger leaders shared testimonies focused not on preserving institutions but on lives transformed by Jesus Christ and communities renewed by the Holy Spirit.

When I consider areas experiencing stagnation or decline, I am convinced that we must address root causes rather than treat symptoms. We will not restructure or rebrand our way into vitality. I believe lasting renewal will come through spiritual (re)awakening, intentional discipleship, and pathways that help people know, experience, love, and follow Jesus more deeply—and love their neighbors more widely. I see this holy work beginning and flourishing in the ministry of the local gathered faith communities, where we can fully live the essential questions: How are we loving God? How are we loving the people God places in our path? And how are we inviting others not only to receive our care, but to embrace the transforming love of Jesus Christ in their own lives, in community?

Letting Go of a Single Narrative

In Calgary, I was reminded that no single narrative can capture the story of The United Methodist Church. While decline is real in many U.S. contexts, I saw clearly that it is not the whole story. Across Africa, the Philippines, and Europe, I witnessed growth, resilience, innovation, and spiritual vitality. These stories matter to me because they reveal that God is not working in only one place or one way.

I also believe we must tell more stories of hope within the United States. Faithfulness requires honesty about our challenges *and* bold, joyful celebration of God's work among us.

Our Diversity Is a Strength

I left Calgary more convinced than ever that our worldwide diversity is a gift from God. Listening to perspectives from every region expanded my understanding and deepened my discernment. If we are truly a global church, I believe our shared voice as United Methodists cannot emerge through the assumptions of those perceived as the dominant groups in the US context, but through mutual listening and learning, equitable participation, collaborative discernment, and shared stewardship as a worldwide community.

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OA Different Future Requires a Different Way of Being

Calgary made evident what I believe: remaining united in the essentials while empowering contextual ministry requires tending to the wounds created by years of disagreement, division, and unfinished justice concerns. And, I have come to understand that healing is a journey, not a prerequisite for movement. And like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, I trust that Jesus Christ meets us as we walk together—revealing truth, restoring hope, and guiding us forward even before we fully recognize His presence.

I also clearly heard that a worldwide church seeking unity and contextual freedom will need less prescription and greater clarity about identity and mission—alongside space for adaptation, experimentation, and innovation. I am convinced that meaningful discernment is not shaped by the opinions of a few privileged loud voices. Rather, it is communal, inclusive, and grounded in listening to one another and to the Holy Spirit.

The Future Is Now

One presenter noted, “The future is not something waiting for us in the distance. It is already emerging among us.” That insight stayed with me. I see signs of God’s newness everywhere—if we are paying attention.

Recognizing this future requires faithful leadership transitions. I believe stewardship is not about holding leadership as long as possible but about preparing, empowering, and releasing others to lead. Across our connection, younger leaders bring fresh vision, courage, creativity, and deep commitment to the gospel. They are not the church of tomorrow—they are the church today. If we want a vibrant church for future generations, I believe we must make room for the leaders God is already raising up.

Moving Forward with Missional Humility

A phrase that surfaced repeatedly for me—one I introduced at our 2026 Annual Conference—is missional humility. At its heart is a liberating truth I hold deeply: the mission belongs to God—not to us. We are stewards, not owners. Missional humility calls me to listen before speaking, learn before leading, and remain open to what God may teach through others. It invites me to let go of strategies or structures that no longer serve the mission—not out of disregard for the past, but trust in God’s future. It challenges me to think beyond myself, my preferences, and even my generation.

Across our connection, I already see signs of this future emerging: renewed focus on discipleship, deeper community engagement, new partnerships, shared leadership, and younger leaders stepping forward with courage and hope. To me, this is Methodism at its best.

A Journey of Discernment

I do not see the Calgary gathering as an event we simply attended and move past. I see it as an important step in a longer journey of discernment. The questions before us are too consequential—and the opportunities too significant—for quick fixes.

My hope is that we continue listening attentively to the Holy Spirit and drawing on the wisdom emerging across our connection. Where clarity rises, may we act with courage. Where learning is needed, may we experiment with humility. And in all things, may we remain centered in Jesus Christ and committed to the mission God has entrusted to us—and to the new vision guiding our shared journey.

I left Calgary far more hopeful than when I arrived—and I was already deeply hopeful about the future of the church. I believe the church is alive and Christ's hope is winning—in SUS-UNY and across our worldwide connection. God is not finished with us. I trust that God is still calling, forming, sending, and making all things new as we continue to form disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in their communities and in the world. And for that, I give thanks to God.

Together in the journey,

Bishop Héctor A. Burgos-Núñez
The United Methodist Church
Serving the Susquehanna and Upper New York Area

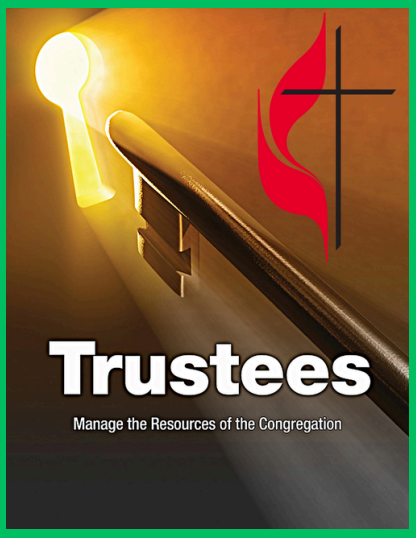
Dellville News

Christmas Party

Please mark your Calander for Dec. 13 Christmas Party at the church. More details to follow.

Join us for Sunday School

Nov. 1 ..... Lisa Hadik
Nov. 8 ..... Miriam Graham
Nov. 15 ..... Ron Boggs
Nov. 22 .... Heath Auxt
Nov 29..... Linda Hutchison



Trustees meeting November 4th at 6:30

The mission project for November is Join Hands Ministry (Christmas Project)

JOIN HANDS Ministry, Inc.