

NEW BLOOMFIELD-DELLVILLE-WALNUT GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHARGE

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2025

THE WINDOW

Purple-Season of Advent representing both royalty and penitence



Pastors Letter

Beloved Church Family,

December always brings with it a unique warmth—lights in the windows, familiar songs, and the quiet hope that seems to settle into our days. As we enter Advent together, our theme this year, “Home for the Holidays,” has been on my heart in a special way. There’s something meaningful about reflecting on “home” during this season when we remember that God chose to make His home among us.

What I love most about this theme is how it speaks to the life of our church right now. When I look around, I see a congregation that truly tries to make space for one another—through kindness, through prayer, through the steady, everyday ways we show up. Those simple acts create a sense of belonging that feels very much like home.

Throughout this month, as we talk about preparing our homes and hearts for Christ’s coming, my hope is that each of you experiences that sense of welcome not only in our worship services but in your own lives. Christ doesn’t wait for perfection or polish—He enters wherever there is openness, even in the small, quiet moments we might overlook.

As we move through Advent and toward Christmas, I’m grateful for each of you and the spirit you bring to our church family. Thank you for the ways you serve, care, give, and encourage. Thank you for making our church a place where people can breathe a little easier and know they’re not alone.

May this season bring you peace in the busy moments, hope in the hard ones, and a renewed sense of God’s nearness in them all.

With gratitude,
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



DECEMBER 2025 MISSION FOCUS



Again, this year, we will be collecting NEW socks and underwear and feminine hygiene products for our Life Bank clients. Please consider purchasing items for men, women, boys and girls as you do your Christmas shopping. These items are not available in thrift stores and are greatly appreciated. This project has been very successful and rewarding in the past and we want to build on that.



We will also be collecting cookies for the Loysville Youth Development Center. The cookies will be delivered to YDC on December 15 and need to be delivered to the church on or before Sunday December 14. They may be placed in the Overflow Room or the kitchen.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2

UWF PARTY 6:30PM

3

GROWTH COMMITTEE 4:30

5

ADMIN. COUNCIL-D

7

CHRISTMAS CAROLING-NB
6:30

13

MEN'S GROUP-8AM

NO IDLE HANDS-NB 9:30AM

20

LIFE BANK 8AM

24

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
DELLVILLE 6PM

NEW BLOOMFIELD &
WALNUT GROVE COMBINED
AT NB 7:30PM

28

JESUS BIRTHDAY PARTY NB
REFRESHMENTS IN
OVERFLOW ROOM

We will continue in December to accept donations for the Heifer International "Living Gift Market" program. There are two options to donate to the program. The first is to select a particular animal to fund. The second is to give a gift for the general use of the program. The general gifts will be added together to purchase the largest animal possible. In both cases the donations are to be made to NBUMC, with a notation in the check memo line "for Heifer International."





Pockets of Opportunity

Our Advent series began this year on November 16, 2025. It is a four-part series titled "The Christmas Letters" and is being led by Ashley Lenig. The next part will be on December 1. The author, Magrey deVega writes:

In The Christmas Letters, we are invited to hear about the miracle of Christ's birth from those who first told the story. The letters in the New Testament, known as the Epistles, contain the first attempts by the church to understand and celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation. By spending time with these holy, ancient words this Advent, we will come to know the meaning of Christ's coming like never before. We will read the New Testament letters, Romans, 1 John, Philippians, and Colossians as our first Christmas letters of the season and find within them an invitation from God to deepen our understanding of the Incarnation and embrace a fuller commitment to Jesus Christ".

Adult Sunday School follows the Worship Service. It starts at approximately 10:00 am with a time of coffee, tea, and snacks. It is held in the Overflow Room in the Church and lasts approximately 1 hour. The lessons always include group discussion. Please consider joining the class even if you do not attend the Worship Service.



PICK UP YOUR ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

In this daily devotional for Advent, we prepare our homes and our hearts for the coming of Jesus. He comes to make his home with us and abide with us forever. Each reflection focuses on an aspect related to home life in the story of Christ's birth or in the traditions of the season that we hold so dear.



7 Chaz Sheaffer-NB
9 Ed Apple-NB
14 Gary Neff-WG
21 Alexis Kline-NB
27 Katie Sheaffer-NB
Kenneth Spangler-NB
30 Derek Nesbit-NB
31 Jeff Earnest-NB



PRAYER CHAIN
JOANN BRINER (NB)
717-582-3538 OR
SHIRLEY REISINGER (WG)
717-589-7258
IF YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST



PULL TOGETHER

**RECYCLE-PULL TABS
(NON MAGNETIC)**

MINISTRY TO HELP CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES STAYING AT THE
RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE IN
HERSHEY



The next Men's Group breakfast will be on December 13, 2025, at the Village Diner in Shermans Dale. It will begin at 8:00am. There will not be a Men's Activity (Prayer and Bible Study) in December.

The United Women in Faith will celebrate Christmas at Gloria McPherson's home on December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a covered dish to share. All women are invited. Please let Paula Saltzburg know if you are coming so that we have enough seats. This is always a fun night.

Children's Sunday School Dime Jar



The children's Sunday school class will collect tissues and dimes in December. Thank you to everyone who helps with this mission project for life bank.



New Bloomfield will host
Christmas Caroling on
Sunday, December 7th at
6:30. Please plan on
coming and singing your
favorite carols!

*It's that time
of year!*



With Christmas quickly approaching, gift cards are a wonderful and convenient way for a special thanks to the folks that make your life better and easier with the services they provide. That could include Borough or Township employees, trash collectors, newspaper deliverers, a special person at the grocery store, etc. If interested in getting gift cards, please contact Chris Morrow at 717-636-8216 (call or text) or email to chrismorrow54@outlook.com. Cards come in \$25s, \$50s and \$100s.



Come Home for the Holiday, and Worship with Us!

1st Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025, Dellville UMC at 10 a.m.

A covered dish lunch will follow the service. Meat, drinks
and place settings will be provided

2nd-4th Sundays of Advent (Normal Service Times)

New Bloomfield-9AM

Dellville-10AM

Walnut Grove 11:15AM

Christmas Eve Services, December 24th

Dellville 6PM

New Bloomfield & Walnut Grove Combined at

New Bloomfield 7:30PM



Dellville

NEWS

Mission project for December



TEACHERS

Dec. 7 Lisa
Hadik,
14 Linda
Hutchison,
21 Ron Boggs,
28 Miriam
Graham



Attention: All Ladies
(18 yrs & up)

‘Grow In Grace’

Ladies Bible Study

Winter Time/Dates: 6:30 PM

12/10, 1/14 & 1/28

Held at Dellville UM

Education Wing

(childcare can be provided)

Contact: Pam Huss 717-512-7423

Lisa Hadik 717-712-3443



*Mark your Calendars for
Dec. 7th after church we
will be having our church
Christmas Party. Church
will supply meat, drink
and place setting. Bring a
covered dish to share.*

Advent Photo-a-Day 2025

There's joy in connection. Let's dive into something reflective and meaningful together this Advent season!

Advent is the season leading up to Christmas. It is 25 days of preparation. This year, we're inviting you to prepare by looking for the visual reminders of God's presence... daily.

We offer a practice for the Advent season that we hope is more meaningful and rewarding than it is hard: Our Advent Photo-a-Day Challenge. Each day during the season of Advent, we'll post a word for reflection on both The United Methodist Church's Facebook page as well as The UMC Instagram account. Take a moment (or several moments) of pause and reflection, then share a response to that word through a picture posted on social media. Post your picture on social media with #AdventPhoto--or tag us directly on Facebook with @TheUnitedMethodistChurch.

Don't worry if you miss a day or two--there's no failing this challenge. (And we know you don't need the extra pressure!) We just hope to provide a gift of added meaning to this special season.

ADVENT PHOTO-A-DAY 2025

Each day during Advent, we will post a word of the day. We invite you to pause, reflect and post a response on Instagram or Facebook. Your post should illustrate how you perceive each word of the day. No explanation needed.

You can share a photo, poem or even a simple thought.
Tag your post with #AdventPhoto

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 30	READY	AWAKE	PROCLAIMING	PREPARE	CONFESSING	WORTHY	POWERFUL
December 7	BAPTIZE	TELL	HEAR	SEE	BLESSED	MESSENGER	GREATER
December 14	LEAST	FOUND	RIGHTEOUS	SPIRIT	NAME	SAVE	UNTIL
December 21	LIGHT	DEEP	JOY	RESTS	Forevermore		

#AdventPhoto

The words for this year's Advent Photo-a-Day are inspired by the Revised Common Lectionary readings for the Advent season. The Lectionary is a three-year cycle of recommended scripture readings that is utilized by many churches across the United States and Canada. The readings for this Advent cycle (and the days they influenced in our Photo-a-Day practice) are:

November 30: Matthew 24:36-44

December 1 - 6: Matthew 3:1-12

December 7 - 13: Matthew 11:2-11

December 14 - 20: Matthew 1:18-25

December 21 - 25: Isaiah 9:2-7