## THE WINDOW

Ordinary Time, representing life, growth, and hope. The color green signifies the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in the Church and the world, fostering spiritual growth and renewal



Pastors Letter

Dear Church Family,

As I look back on these past two months, I can't help but give thanks for the many blessings God has poured out among us, and how gracious you all have been. From worship to fellowship, I have seen God's Spirit moving in our church in powerful ways. It is a true joy to walk this journey of faith together with you.

I want to encourage you in a very practical way as well: please remember to bring your Bibles with you each Sunday. There is something special about opening God's Word together, underlining passages, and letting His truth take root in our hearts. Having your Bible in hand helps us all stay grounded and reminds us of its importance and that His Word is our guide in every season.

Speaking of seasons, Advent is quickly approaching. Soon we will enter that holy time of anticipation and preparation as we celebrate the coming of Christ into the world. My prayer is that this Advent will be a season of deep hope, renewed faith, and fresh encounters with God's grace for each of us.

Thank you for being a part of this church family. I am grateful for you, and I look forward to what God has in store in the weeks ahead.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Kurtis Himmelberger

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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: 11AM



### SEPTEMBER 2025 MISSION FOCUS



Our "Mission Focus" project for October is "Mission Central." 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

- ·Hygiene Items (shampoo, soap, body wash, toothbrush, toothpaste, lotion, deodorant, etc. in trave size and standard size)
- ·Children's Tennis Shoes and Closed-Toe Shoes in sizes 1-6
- ·Adult Summer and Winter Shoes
- ·Children's Books (all ages)

Our "Mission Focus" project for August was the "Church Family In-Need Fund." We thank all who have made donations. We will continue to accept donations for the fund to meet our initial goal of raising \$3000 for the program. The mission envelopes can be utilized and marked "Family in Need."

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.

As a reminder, NBUMC has several Mission Projects that accept donations each month. These include Dimes to Life Bank, Loose change for Neighborhood Center (collected by children on the last Sunday of each month), Shoe collection, and the Church Family in Need Fund.



Children's Sunday School
Dime Jar

The children's Sunday school class will be collecting dimes and tissues in September.

### SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH 7PM **GROWTH COMMITTEE 4:30PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30PM ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL 7PM** 12 SET UP FOR SILENT AUCTION 5PM 13 STREET FAIR ALL DAY START 7AM 18 TRUSTEE'S MEETING 7PM 20 CHARGE PICNIC AT DELLVILLE 4PM MEN'S GROUP 6:30PM 28 WALNUT GROVE AD COUNCIL

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 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

  Jacob Cummins-WG
- 23 Kay Harrison-NB
- 24 Carrie Byers-NB
- 27 Mary Lou Sherman-NB
- 28 Bob Parfitt-NB



## Pockets of Opportunity

In September we continue our 6part series titled "Acts - Catching Up with the Spirit" by Matthew L. Skinner. This series is being led by Michelle Weaver.

In the first 2 Sundays of October, we will have a two-part series on "Sharing Your Faith." This will be led by Pat Woolever.



PRAYER CHAIN

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



RECYCLE-PULL TABS
(NON MAGNETIC)
MINISTRY TO HELP
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
STAYING AT THE RONALD
MCDONALD HOUSE IN
HERSHEY



### **THANK YOU!**

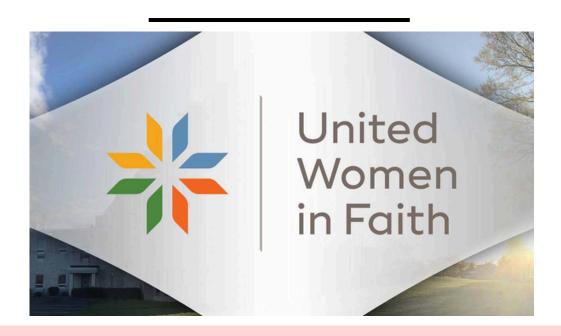
A big Thank You to all who helped supply school supplies. We were able to support 53 students with school supplies. So many thankful families!



On September 20, the Men's group will again host the Charge picnic. Please see the separate article about the event for more information.

The Men's Bible Study meets the fourth Wednesday of each month, at 6:30 PM in the Overflow Room of the New Bloomfield Church. The next meeting is September 24. 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 13 as this is the NB Street Fair.

The Men's breakfast will be held on September 27 at the home of Dick Messner, 1603 Linton Hill Road, Duncannon. Pancakes and Sausage and drinks will be provided. A special speaker is planned. 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.



The United Woman in Faith will meet in the church overflow on September 2nd at 7 p.m. Marian Hartman will share about the civil rights journey she recently attended. All women are welcome.



We are excited and ready to have the Silent Auction on September 13th . I'm sure you remember this fundraiser is done in conjunction with the New Bloomfield Fire Company's Street Fair.

There is a lot of work that goes into this event, which means we need a lot of people to volunteer to help before, during and after. It is a time when we as a church work together to make every component of the Auction go as smoothly as possible.

Here are some of the jobs that need to be done before we can hold this event, during the event and after it is over.

One way you can help is to sponsor an item. I have a list of items for auction with the cost of each one. That cost is the amount you would pay to sponsor the item you choose. There will be over one hundred items at varying prices so I am sure if sponsoring is the way you wish to go there will be an item in your price range. If you care to help in that way, a list will be avail-able from myself or from Peg. Either of us would be very happy to show that list to you. If you know how much you would be able to spend and just want us to pick an item for you, we are glad to do that also.

We will be needing help the Friday evening before the auction to set up the tents and tables down at the square. We need about 6 people for that job. The time for meeting will be 5pm and if that is a job you can do let Peg or I know.

Help is needed bright and early Saturday of the Street Fair to take the items down to the square and also people at the square to receive and set up the auction. People are needed to tend the tables during that day to help answer questions or just be there to make sure things are going smoothly. Other people are needed to give out numbers to those wishing to bid and that can be done in shifts starting at 9AM. Bidding closes at 3PM.

This is when the real fun begins. We need people at this time to help prep items for bidders to pick up. This starts at 3:30. Some people will be pulling orders for bidders and some will be packing stuff up to return to church.

If any of the above looks like something you could help with, if only for a couple hours, please let me or Peg know. One thing everyone can do is pray for this event. So whether you can help in other ways or are not able to help in any way, you can always pray for all of the above com-ponents it takes to help make this a success and for all the people taking part in it. Thank you.

It is a day of fun and fellowship and I thank you in advance for all you do to make this one the best ever.



# CHARGE PICNIC WELCOME FOR PASTOR KURTIS AND HIS FAMILY

The Charge Picnic is Saturday, September 20, 2025. This is especially meaningful this year as it will be an opportunity to meet and fellowship with Pastor Kurtis and his family.

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.

The Men's Group will host the event. Expertly grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, 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. Sign-up sheets will be provided in early September.

Please plan to attend and help us make it even better this year.

## <u>DELLVILLE NEWS</u>

Our mission project for August: **Perry County Schools** 



The schools always need school supplies. We have donated supplies for the county schools.



Dedication of the new piano was held on Sunday
August 31

The deadline date for the Dellville Newsletter is September 21<sup>st</sup>. Information can be emailed <u>judy48@embarqmail.com</u> or hand written to Judy. Thanks.



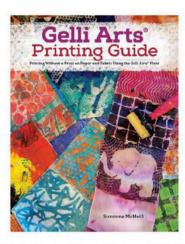
TEACHERS
Sept 7 Lisa Hadik
Sept 14 Miriam Graham
Sept 21 Ron Boggs

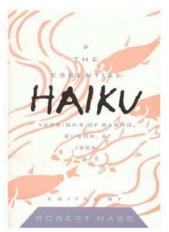
### Haiku and Gelli Printing Project

### for 12 Senior Creatives (65+) of Perry County

word hive: a space for poets is pleased to announce the receiving of a grant from The Lotus Fund, a charitable fund of the Perry County Community Foundation, a regional foundation of <u>The Foundation For Enhancing Communities (TFEC)</u> for our project combining Gelli print making with the writing of haiku.

Join us in our 4 sessions making both haiku and Gelli prints. We will work together to make mono-prints using a Gelli plate; and, we will also help each other in writing haiku. All of the supplies you need are provided free through the grant we received. You will receive a tote bag with a book on haiku (edited by Robert Hass), a journal to write in, a Gelli plate, acrylic paints, a brayer, 50 sheets of mixed media paper, two books on Gelli printmaking. Just bring a pen or pencil. Limited enrollment to 12 Seniors. RSVP to tom@wordhive.org





Sessions held at: Central Perry Community Senior Citizens Center 225 W Main St, New Bloomfield, PA 17068

6 and 13 September 2025 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

4 and 11 October 2025 10:00 am - 12:30 pm









Join us for the 4th Annual Camp Fancy Gala
September 13, 2025
4 pm - The Conference Center at Central Penn College - Summerdale, PA
Tickets are now available - buy your tickets today.

Are you looking for a great mission experience for youth, young adults, and/or adults?

Do you only have time to commit to a weekend?

Does your group want to "try out" a mission experience before committing to an entire week away?

Our U.M. ARMY Pop-Up Weekend Camp may be for you!!!

United in Mission Action Reach-out Mission by Youth (U.M. ARMY) is a national youth mission organization and they are offering a high-quality weekend mission experience in your local community. Our mission programs serve people in need and build leadership skills, relationships, and spirituality.

### Our Program

Participants serve, eat, worship, and enjoy fellowship at a local church from Friday evening through Sunday evening. We start Friday evening with a meet and greet, followed by team building and worship. On Saturday and Sunday, small teams set out to worksites in the local community.

### **Projects**

The work involves anything from simple projects such as yard work or painting to small home repairs to construction of steps and ramps. The teams bring lunch to share with the homeowner each day and are encouraged to interact as much as possible. We believe our relationship with those being served is the top priority and central to our work.

Often the idea that someone cares is as important as the work itself!

**Activities and Meals** 

Activities include:

\*Worship – both morning and evening

\*Team-building games

\*Meals – breakfast both days; dinner Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Participants/Costs

- · For this camp model, it is recommended that groups be located within a 30–40-minute drive to the host church (participants sleep and shower at home).
  - · Church groups of all sizes can attend no minimum and no maximum!
    - · Participants from 5th grade through adult are welcome to attend
      - · We require two adults for every five youth from each church
        - · Participants must agree to attend for the full weekend
  - The fee is \$150 per participant and covers all activities, work materials, and meals. We do ask participants to pack their own lunch on Saturday and Sunday.



### QUESTIONS????

We would be happy to talk to you further about this wonderful opportunity. Please feel free to reach out to:

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