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Rev. Garry McCaffery



A word from the Pastor

“Make a joyful shout to the Lord all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing...Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.” (Psalm 100:1-2, 4, NKJV).

“Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary...Praise him according to His excellent greatness! Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with the lute and harp! Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes! Praise Him with loud cymbals; praise Him with clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.” (Psalm 150:1, 2, 3-6, NKJV).

I love the book of Psalms for many reasons. The psalms cover a broad range of human emotions and offers us a myriad of ways for expressing ourselves to God. The two psalms I have quoted offer us encouragement in some of the ways we are to worship God. In these instances, our worship is encouraged to be vocal and expressive. Not simply speaking softly our praise but rather...making a “joyful shout to the Lord!” Can you imagine that? This verse makes me think of the same kind of victorious shout Buffalo Bills fans make when they make an interception or score a touchdown followed by kicking the ball through the uprights for that extra point. This is the same kind of joyful shout we are encouraged to make simply because the Lord of the universe is our God who loves us! Imagine coming to worship with that energy and enthusiasm because Jesus lives in our heart! Shouting praise and thanksgiving to the One who has saved us from sin and transformed our lives and who is worthy of all our praise!

We are encouraged to be vocal and expressive in our worship and we are also encouraged to play music boldly and expressively. We are even encouraged to use loud instruments! The trumpet, the lute and the harp, the timbrel, stringed instruments, flutes, and loud cymbals. Had pipe organs been invented during the time of the writing of the psalms they would have likely been included. David might have written, “and pipe organs, pulling out all the stops!” After all, he did write, “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.” Yes, this includes you and me. Human beings having the breath of God. But I would include the pipe organ as it too has breath. There is a blower that supplies the wind enabling the pipes to sound. The “breath” provided by the blower is used to “praise the Lord!”

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*Apr 6th Second Annual Talent Show
Apr 11th UWIF
Apr 11th Trustees
Apr 18th Ad Council
Apr 23-May 3rd UMC General Conference
Apr 23rd - May 1st Pastor Garry on Study Leave
Apr 28th-May 4th Spring Rummage Sale
May 11th Church Clean-up Day
May 30th-June 1st Annual Conference
May 19th Staff Appreciation and Dish to Pass Lunch
May 30-June 1st UMC Annual Conference*





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Music, instrumental and vocal, are vital parts of our weekly worship. Each week we hear and participate in making wonderful and joyous music to the Lord. One of the instruments we use has been with this congregation for 100 years. That instrument, of course, is the aforementioned pipe organ. During the pipe organs 100 years of service, it has provided music for worship, funerals, weddings, and other special occasions. As with any musical instrument, it has needed service, tuning, and adjustments over its many years of service. It has now reached a point where greater work is needed in order to keep it functioning at its best so as to continue to provide us with the music we have come to love and enjoy.

The maintenance of the organ is also a part of our worship to the Lord. If the organ is not in good repair, we cannot offer our very best praise to God. The need for a rebuild of the organ is something I have heard about since I began my ministry with you in July of last year. I know some questions that have been discussed concerning this project are: "What is the scope of the project? How extensive is it? How long will the organ be out of service? How much will it cost?" These are all valid, important, and necessary questions. There are other questions out there as well. These questions, and others you may have, will be addressed very soon.

As I shared a couple weeks ago, a steering committee for the organ rebuild project has been established. The steering committee has been meeting and is preparing to give a presentation on Sunday, April 14th during our morning worship. A time for further discussions and questions will take place after worship in the lounge.

Admittedly, this is a large project and a great undertaking. However, as we consider the history of our church family and the important role the pipe organ has played (no pun intended) in the life of the church, we can see there is value in going forward with it. We all enjoy music and we have been moved in our hearts and strengthened in our worship to God through the power of this vital instrument. Recall some of the postludes Stephanie has played on the pipe organ and how the sounds resonated throughout the sanctuary, into the pews, and through our bodies as we allowed ourselves to be enveloped in the presence of the Lord.

Yes, the psalms encourage us in our worship, in making music through singing and playing instruments, all for one purpose. The purpose: to "praise the Lord according to His excellent greatness!" "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!"

Grace and Peace
Pastor Garry

Thank you to everyone who donated money during our **Blessing Baskets** collection. We continue to provide funds for our various mission projects.

2024

- *January:**
 - * Newark Fire Dept \$429.00 (includes \$200 from Missions)
- * February**
 - * Comfort Care Facilities (House of John & Laurel House) \$539.00(includes \$200 from Missions)
- *March**
 - * Emanuel Free Lunch
- * April**
 - * Newark Food Closet
- *May**
 - * Family Promise

The team met and decided on the above Blessing Basket recipients through May. We will meet in April to plan the remainder of the year. The total for each month will be posted as soon as the month is completed. Thanks for your continuing support.

The work of this committee is so important and we would love to have more members on this committee. If you feel the calling to this mission, we would love to have you. If you are interested, please reach out to us.

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Paul Heasley	3rd
David Wetmore	4th
Gail DeFisher	7th
Jean Hoe	7th
Michele Vair	7th
Edward Weykman	8th
Maggie Hallagan	10th
Chelsea Leone	11th
Troy DeCann	11th
Mary Grace Deppen	14th
Jean Lansberry	14th
Nathan Sheckler	14th
Ben Cepulo	16th
Cindy Herrmann	19th
Margaret Cepulo	20th
Inez Brumm	23rd
Mara Cornwell	23rd
Lois Ludwig	30th
Dan Seppler	30th



Pastor Garry & Karen	8th
George & Elie Bump	22nd



Ministering in April

**April 7th
2nd Sunday of Easter**

Pastor.....	Rev. Garry McCaffery
Liturgist.....	Diane Sheckler
Music Dir.....	Stephanie Mercer
Choir Dir.....	Kathy Cornwell
Bell Choir Dir.....	Jenna Taylor
Media Min. Dir.....	Sami Cepulo
Soundboard.....	Lucina Hallagan
Slides.....	Sami Cepulo
Acolyte.....	Dallas Marshall
Greeter.....	Gail DeFisher
Ushers.....	Steve & Lucina Hallagan Chad Sheckler

**April 14th
3rd Sunday of Easter**

Pastor.....	Rev. Garry McCaffery
Liturgist.....	Kyle Houser
Music Dir.....	Stephanie Mercer
Choir Dir.....	Kathy Cornwell
Bell Choir Dir.....	Jenna Taylor
Media Min. Dir.....	Sami Cepulo
Soundboard.....	Rob Hoe
Slides.....	Sami Cepulo
Acolyte.....	Dallas Marshall
Greeter.....	Gail DeFisher
Ushers.....	Steve & Lucina Hallagan Chad Sheckler

**April 21st
4th Sunday of Easter**

Pastor.....	Rev. Garry McCaffery
Liturgist.....	Lucina Hallagan
Music Dir.....	Stephanie Mercer
Choir Dir.....	Kathy Cornwell
Bell Choir Dir.....	Jenna Taylor
Media Min. Dir.....	Sami Cepulo
Soundboard.....	Rob Hoe
Slides.....	Sami Cepulo
Acolyte.....	Dallas Marshall
Greeter.....	Gail DeFisher
Ushers.....	Steve & Lucina Hallagan Chad Sheckler

**April 28th
5th Sunday of Easter**

Pastor.....	Rev. Garry McCaffery
Liturgist.....	Steve Hallagan
Music Dir.....	Stephanie Mercer
Choir Dir.....	Kathy Cornwell
Bell Choir Dir.....	Jenna Taylor
Media Min. Dir.....	Sami Cepulo
Soundboard.....	Tawny DeCann
Slides.....	Sami Cepulo
Acolyte.....	Dallas Marshall
Greeter.....	Gail DeFisher
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**Sunday April 7th
2nd Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 3:12-19
Luke 24:36b-48

**Sunday April 14th
3rd Sunday of Easter**

**Ps.100
Matthew 28:18-20

**Sunday April 21st
4th Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 4:5-12
John 10:11-18

**Sunday April 28th
5th Sunday of Easter**

**1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

TIC Minutes from Mon March 18th 2024

Blessing and Welcome Ann Roger

Treasurer Report: \$3075.94 the balance

Common Threads: Always welcome donates of clothes and monetary gifts Open second Saturday 9-12pm
 Family Promise: Wish list of donation are printer paper ,detergent, bleach paper plates ,paper towels, plastic utensils, deodorant, soap, shampoo ,conditioner toothbrushes ,toothpaste ,combs ,feminine hygiene <wipes ,disposable diapers, bath towels and wash clothes , Tylenol , band aids, cough drops, alcohol swabs, Lysol spray/wipes, trash bags, new or gently used furniture and house hold items. Also, gas/ gift cards. (Walmart and Target). Please consider joining Family Promise as a volunteer @ www.fpwayne.org.
 The following dates are scheduled for Newark Support Group to provide the fellowship dinner for Family Promise as well as groceries if needed by the families for that week. Preparations start at 4:30 for the dinner with hope of serving at 5:30pm March 11;April15;September9; and October 21. There will be an organizational meeting in advance of the dinners at Newark Library. Asking from each church\$ 25.00 for donations

Laurel House: Wish list is coffee, coffee creamer, bottle water, canned tuna/chicken, cans of soda, crackers, distilled water, juice,stamps,white copy paper, plain white envelopes, bird seed, Johnson's baby lavender soap and lotion, pillow case protector, baby wipes ,pens, and light bulbs. Laurel House depends on the generosity of its volunteers. If you consider in volunteering, go to Laurel House website.Common Threads: Always welcome donates of clothes and monetary gifts Open second Saturday 9-12pm.

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Food Closet: Open M-F 10am-12pm. Also, donation maybe dropped off at Citizen Bank by Wegman's during their business hours. All donation are tax deductible.
 Donate by cash, check (made out to Newark Food Closet). You can also make donations through Venmo, just look at Lisa Barrett.81 and look for food closet sign. There also a change box located at HEP Sales just take any loose change and place it in wooden grocery bag on counter. Consider donating from bottle return at E-Z Bottle tell cashier you want to donate to Food Closet. In urgent need of hygiene products, sugar packets, butter and eggs. Anything that not cover by SAP.

Other: First Untied Methodist services:
 March 24th, 10am: Palm Sunday
 March 28th, 7pm: Holy Thursday, Tenebrae Service
 March 29th, Good Friday (Church Office Closed)
 March 31st, 10am: Easter Sunday – He Is Risen Indeed
 April 6th, 7pm: Second Annual Talent Show
 April 28th – May 4th: Spring Rummage Sale

Cornerstone Fellowship: First Wednesday of each month Worship and Prayer @ church @ 7pm .First Saturday of each month Men's Breakfast8am. Third Saturday of each month Women's Breakfast @ 9am

There will be a Praise and Prayer Service @ Newark High School 3/19/24 @ 7:00pm-8:30pm

Next Meeting 3/19/24 @ 4:30

If I missed anything please let me know. In Christ, Lisa Cavallaro

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Community Missions:

Newark Food Closet:
 301 E. Miller St. Newark
 315.331.8582
 Monday - Friday 10AM - Noon
 Every 3rd Saturday 9AM - 10AM

St. Mark's (Baby Closet)
 400 South Main St. Newark
 315.331.3610
 Help with diapers, wipes, clothes baby food and formula.
 Tues-Thurs 10am - Noon
 Or by appointment.

Emmanuel First UMC Free Lunch Program:
 301. E Miller St. Newark
 Lunch served every day from 11-noon.Always in need of volunteers & Financial help.

Wood lane Community Church Common Threads
315.331.4903
 5694 Wood Lane. Newark
 Please use west entrance
 Clothing for all ages
 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 9-noon

Helpful Hearts
 12, Geneva St. Lyons
 315.690.1952
 Monday - Friday 10 am- 5pm
 Saturday 9AM - 2 pm
 Clothing, food pantry, thrift store.

Family Promise:
 3, Holley Street. Lyons
 315.665.0037
 Mon-Fri 10-2pm

ROTH program:
 (Roof Over Their heads)
 Help with utilities, rent, 1st and last dep etc.

The Beautiful Spring Flowers Decorating our sanctuary this Easter are as follows:

<i>Given By:</i>	<i>In Honor of:</i>	<i>In Memory of:</i>
<i>Bob & Jean Bendix</i>	<i>Ames Capen Dunbar Stephanie Mercer</i>	
<i>Sam Cepulo</i>		<i>Jane & Barney Cepulo</i>
<i>Janis Comstock Sloane</i>		<i>Harold & Connie Comstock Her Husband, Doug</i>
<i>John Greene</i>		<i>Phyllis Greene</i>
<i>Kirk Palmatier</i>		<i>Don & Nancy Palmatier William Troy</i>
<i>Bill & Nancy Schrader</i>	<i>Our Children</i>	<i>Our Parents</i>
<i>Diane Sheckler</i>	<i>Elizabeth Motley</i>	<i>James Motley</i>
<i>Nancy Briggs</i>		<i>William Briggs</i>
<i>Gail DeFisher</i>		<i>Paul & Stephen DeFisher</i>
<i>Carol Hyman</i>		<i>Leslie, Helen & Floyd Hyman</i>
<i>Tawny DeCann</i>		<i>Gayle Ann Palmer Ethel May Palmer</i>
<i>Ron & Eloise Miller</i>	<i>Our Neighbor, Mrs Gambino</i>	<i>Many former UMC members</i>
<i>Jean & Rob Hoe</i>	<i>Pam Rease</i>	
<i>Marcy Elmore</i>		<i>Mom & Dad, Jackie & Olin Bleau</i>





Caring Connections

Psalms 47:1 Come everyone! Clap your hands! Shout to God with joyful praise!

April brings a "spring in our step" as we can see and feel spring. From the time we see pussy willows and shoots of coming flowers, we are ready "to shout to God with joyful praise!" Remember our friends and neighbors near and far who are unable to come to church. Make a call, write a note or drop by for a visit to say Happy Spring! They will know we are thinking of them and perhaps they will "Clap their hands!" and "Shout to God with joyful praise!"

Jean Lansberry Penny Proper Maggie Mathis Norma Walters
Margaret Rundel (@ Wayne County) Betty VanAuken Shirly Hyman (both @ The Terrace)
Inez Brumm (moved to Rochester to be with her son. She has a new personal phone number.

Charlie Hallagan Jean Strobridge Bea & Curt Richardson
(These friends are not totally Homebound but would surely love a card and or visit, or maybe take them to lunch)

Please keep the families of Maury Strobridge and Flo Davis in your prayers as they grieve the loss of their loved ones.

In early March Flo asked if this note could be added to the April Messenger. Flo has since gone to be with the Lord, but here is her note:

Being kept up to date on the special activities at United Methodist Church is very special and welcome to receive. God Bless you all for keeping me in your prayers and concerns.



The month of April we will be collecting small boxes of Jello and puddings. They are also in need of peanut butter. Please leave your gifts at the altar on the right side of the sanctuary.

We will bless these items on the last Sunday in April. Kirk and Ron will deliver our gifts during the following week. Thank you for all your contributions to this mission.

Kirk, Ron & Eileen

The Newark Food Closet has been a staple to this community for 51 years. We help families all over Wayne County with more than a week's worth of groceries monthly. Families have the option to shop over 70 items from our pantry. We also offer fresh fruits and vegetable daily. Our pantry is listed as a healthy pantry. Families have access to more healthier options than they normally would be able to afford in the store. In the year 2022 we helped 887 families; that is 1980 people because we feed everyone in the household. In 2023 we helped 1603 families which is 3294 people. We always are in need of donations because we are not state or federally funded. We rely on the public to help us keep the doors open. All funding goes into the pantry. We have no paid staff, but we do have 26 wonderful volunteers who dedicate their time whenever they can.

Thank you
Lisa Barrett



The United Women in Faith held their first meeting of 2024 on Thursday, March 14th at 10:00am. We opened the meeting with our "Purpose", Devotions from Rita Clark and a prayer from Pastor McCaffery. Prayers go out to the families of Maurey Strobridge and Flo Davis who recently passed away, and to Marcy Elmore whose father recently passed. Prayers also go out to Janie & Rod Reeder as they finish their Nomad work and travel home, and to our absent members who are away, in senior homes or homebound. We reviewed and approved the latest minutes and treasurer's report. The group discussed preparations for the upcoming Soup Cook Off & Bingo Night to be held Sat., March 16th, and the April 6th Talent Show. We approved the purchase of new tablecloths and folding tables for the dining room. A draft of the 2024 UWIF booklet was reviewed. It will be finalized, printed and will be available at the next meeting. Other items were discussed (camperships, purchase of folding chairs, funeral reception expenses) and tabled until the April meeting to be held Thursday, April 11th at 10:00am.

Wishing everyone a blessed Spring! United Women in Faith



To Our Church Family

A sincere thank you for the cards, thoughts and prayers during Rob's recovery. He continues to heal, thanks be to God. A special thank you to the UWIF for the beautiful prayer shawls. I received one also as I became ill during this challenging time, It helped knowing we have the support of a loving congregation covering us in prayer.

Jean & Rob Hoe

A note from Eileen.

I received the St. Patrick's Day card from all of you at church today!! I'm used to sending cards but not receiving them-It was such a nice surprise! Can't wait to come home. Starting the journey home on April 29th, so I will be helping at the rummage sale on Friday of Rummage Week if I'm needed.



Please Check out all the exciting things happening at CASOWASCO this year. There is something for everyone, kids camp, family camp, quilting, gardening, and something called" A DAY APART, Turn down

the Noise!!!!
Check all the Happenings at the link below or on the church website.
<https://casowasco.org/summer-2024/>

