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News Around the Church

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"**12** *Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,* **2** *looking unto Jesus, the* [a]*author and* [b]*finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1-2, NKJV).*

"For all the saints, who from their labor rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia! O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia" (UMH #711, "For All the Saints", verses 1 and 4).

November 1st is All Saints Sunday. On this Sunday we give thanks and praise for our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone home to be with the Lord. They have finished their race in this life, and they have obtained the crown of victory by grace through faith in their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Even though their parting breaks our hearts, we are able to rejoice because we have the hope of the Resurrection.

When we reflect on the lives of our brothers and sisters who have finished their race in faith, we find encouragement in running our own race. Consider all the things we have learned from them over the years. We have observed them live out their faith. We have watched them pray and observed their hunger to be in God's Word and to know God more. We have witnessed them sacrifice time and energy for the work of the Kingdom of God. Perhaps they went on a mission that struck a chord in us and got us involved in going on missions. Perhaps we watched them witness to others about Christ, sharing their faith, and we became encouraged to share our faith with others too. We have watched them faithfully attend worship, even at the cost of missing out on some other activity, so we are now encouraged to worship first, and play second.

Even greater than the cloud of witnesses that surrounds us and cheers us on as we strive to live faithfully for Jesus, we have Jesus himself to look to. Just as our brothers and sisters learned how to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us," to focus on Christ, so we, by their example, can do the same. The cloud of witnesses points us to Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our faith. We, too, can complete our race by keeping our eyes on Jesus. This is the hope for victory that is ours in this life! Jesus, our rock and redeemer.

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There are many saints who have gone before us. Saints we have known, and countless thousands we have not known. All of them cheering us on and pointing us to stand firm in our relationship with Christ Jesus. In the days we are facing, we must keep our hope firmly grounded in the faith that has been handed to us through the saints of the ages. This faith has endured the test of time, and we are called to live it boldly and pass it on to others. Many are suffering in this world, many are lost, because they do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Our task is to follow in the footsteps of those who have gone before and offer Christ to the world.

All the saints point to Jesus. This is affirmed and proclaimed in scripture and celebrated through the song listed in this article. We have much to celebrate as the people of God because in Jesus we have victory. In Jesus we have hope. In Jesus we have salvation. May we join in the succession of those who have gone before us, so that one day, we may join in the celebration before the throne of God, with all the saints!

Blessings!
Pastor Garry

December 6th 3-5pm
@ The Parsonage
(Please bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres to share)

Charge Conference

Saturday November 21st @ 1pm
Liverpool UMC
604 Oswego St,
Liverpool NYy13088

From the Pulpit



November Messages

Sunday November 15th

Message
"What Shall We Do with These Gifts?"
Pastor Della

* Matthew 25:14-30 * Psalm 146:5-10

Sunday November 22nd

Message
"Thanksgiving with Room at the Table"
Pastor Della

*Matthew 25:31-46 Palm103:8-18

Sunday November 1st
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
& COMMUNION

Message
"Prayer & Praying People"
Pastor Garry

*Genesis 9:8-17 *Philippians 4:6-7

Sunday November 29th
First Day of Advent

Message
"Beware Sleepwalking Through Life"
Pastor Garry

*Isaiah 64:1-9 *Mark 13:24-37



Sunday November 8th

Message
"Keeping a Light for Joy"
Pastor Della

*Matthew 25:1-13 * Psalm 92:1-5

Our Ministers

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You may give to any of the ministries here at NFUMC by using this QR code.



It's Cookie Time:

The Newark FUMC 23rdt Annual Christmas Cookie Sale will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2026. The Newark Community continues to express how much they look forward to this annual event and the marvelous selection of ***Homemade Holiday Cookies and Sweets baked and decorated by our wonderful Methodist bakers.*** We encourage all members of Newark FUMC to be involved in this activity by baking, decorating, preparing cookie trays and helping on the day of the sale. Sign up in the narthex.

Please deliver cookies to be frosted to the church kitchen by 10AM on Thursday morning Dec. 10th. All other cookies need to be at the church kitchen by Friday, Dec. 11th at 12:00 noon so that we can arrange on trays.

Thur., Dec. 10 at 10 AM: We need "frosters" to decorate Christmas cut-out cookies. Supplies are provided.
Fri., Dec. 11 at 1 PM: We need tray fillers, box folders, and set up for Saturday morning.
Sat., Dec. 12 at 9:30 AM: Cookie Sale. Use the Scout Room door so you don't have to fight your way through the crowd. The sale starts at 10:00 AM until Sold Out (usually by11:00 AM). Home by 12:30 PM or before!

(If you are not able to help, please consider a donation which we can put towards boxes, gloves, frosting, decorations, etc. Just mail or drop off a check to the church payable to "Newark First United Women in Faith" and put "Cookie Sale donation" in the memo field.)

If you have a question, want to have your name added to the list of bakers and helpers, or need to drop off cookies outside of normal church office hours (Tues-Fri, 9am-1pm), please call the church office 315-331-3895 or Nancy Schrader, 315-573-9273.

Cookie Time is fast Approaching!
We know that it is early, but some of you will start baking for the cookie sale.

The people icing cookies are getting more particular and older. We have gotten sugar cookies in the past that are hard to ice because the shape is unusual. We would like our bakers to use easily recognizable shapes. Round, square, star, Christmas trees, candy canes, and mittens are few that come to mind. Animals with legs and shapes with fragile extensions break very easily. Please keep this in mind while making cut-out cookies. Thanks





Thank you for donating money during our **Blessing Baskets** collection. We continue to provide funds for our various mission projects. **(All totals include $100 from UWIF and $200 from Missions budget)**



2026

*** January**	
Care Net	**$504.25**
*** February**	
Family Promise	**$671.00**
*** March**	
Heifer International	**$841.65**
*** April**	
EOC Free Lunch Program	**$816.00**
*** May**	
UMCOR	**$799.60**
*** June**	
Helpful hearts	**$666.00**
*** July**	
Newark Food Closet	**$760.75**
***August**	
Laurel House	**$789.31**
***September**	
Teen Challenge	**$788.00**
***October**	
Nomads	
***November**	
Mighty Oaks Foundation	
*** December**	
EOC Holiday Distribution	

The work of this committee is so important and we would love to have more members involved in this ministry. 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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MIGHTY OAKS
FOUNDATION

"...to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified."
— Isaiah 61:3

The Mighty Oaks Foundation was started when Chad Robichaux realized that countless other combat veterans faced the same psychological, emotional, and spiritual challenges he did after his service in Afghanistan (challenges causing some twenty-plus suicides a day and staggering divorce rates among military families). The Mighty Oaks Foundation is a faith-based Veteran service organization that teaches combat Veterans struggling with Post Traumatic Stress how to get beyond combat trauma and live their lives in the manner God intended. Many combat vets are unable to reintegrate back into civilian life, leaving their families to deal with the aftermath of broken homes and suicide at times. By aligning their lives to Biblical principles, these Warriors are better able to lead their families, their communities and our nation. Mighty Oaks mission is to serve and restore our nation's Warriors and families, who have endured hardship through their service to America, and to help them find a new life purpose through hope in Christ through their resiliency and peer-to-peer recovery programs. Started for veterans their programs have now expanded to include Police, Fire, and EMS First Responders and their spouses. They have served over 500,000.

Mighty Oaks Statement of Faith says it all:

We believe in the transformative power of faith in Jesus Christ to bring healing, hope, and purpose to the lives of our Nation's Warriors. Through our programs, we seek to share God's love and guidance, empowering veterans to overcome life's challenges with resilience and a renewed sense of mission. Our faith is the cornerstone of our work, grounding every effort in compassion and grace.





Emmanuel Outreach Center
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Learn more about volunteering at

Free Lunch Program
315-359-3769

Newark Food Closet
315-351-6474

Senior Lunch Program
315-879-2484

Emmanuel Outreach

Neighbors Caring for Neighbors this Thanksgiving



Preparations are already in gear at Emmanuel Outreach Center to share Thanksgiving groceries with **150 families**. This drive-through event will take place **Saturday, November 14, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m.**, at **301 E. Miller Street**.

Each family's groceries will include a roasting chicken, ground beef, a cheeseburger skillet dinner packet, potatoes, yams, green beans, cream of mushroom soup, assorted canned goods, and peanut butter and jelly. Families will also receive a produce box with seasonal vegetables and a dairy box containing milk, cheese, and other dairy products.

You can help round out these groceries by donating **boxed stuffing mix, gravy packets, and Jiffy cornbread mix**. Volunteers are also needed and should arrive at Emmanuel Outreach Center at **9:00 a.m.** to prepare for the morning.

Many hands make light work! Whether you contribute groceries or lend your time, you will help make room for abundance at our neighbors' tables.

Neighbors Caring for Neighbors this Thanksgiving



From Super Mario to pumpkin fairies, costumes ranged from frightening to charming at the Food Closet's Halloween costume giveaway on Saturday, October 10, at Emmanuel Outreach Center.

Seventy-eight young people left with costumes for their Halloween celebrations. With sizes ranging from toddlers to young adults and a wide variety of characters and themes, there was plenty to spark the imagination. Guests also received pumpkin-carving tools, Halloween trinkets, decorations, and pumpkin candy buckets. It was a joyful day of neighbors sharing with neighbors—and a wonderful start to a spirited Halloween!

November Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

Barb Torell	1
Nick Cepulo	2
Carl Mercer	5
Jean Avery	6
Dan Deppen	6
Leslie Flannery	7
Landon Barrett	11
Rod Reeder	11
Andrew Orechovesky	12
Karen Weimer	12
Lara Orechovesky	15
Sue Ann Houser	17
Diane Wetmore	19
John Greene	20
Nancy Welcher	22
Mary Donnelly	22
Kortnee Beneduci	23
Anita Ruffalo	30
Rita Clark	30





Anniversaries

Laurie & Michael Piampiano	11
Pastor Dave & Cindy Herrmann	22

Caring Connections

"I am the vine; you are the branches . Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

Are you one who pulls out your phone while waiting for an appointment and texts or scrolls through emails? I know I don't, but at an eye appointment recently I had to wait while my eyes were dilated and did not have my phone. At first every minute seemed like an hour just sitting there. I looked at all the pictures on the wall and hoped for the door to open. Suddenly I started thinking of hymns I knew from church and started singing them to myself. Just as I finished the Lord's Prayer the door opened and the appointment went on. Those twenty minutes just flew by once I was tethered to Jesus instead of my phone! I do want to be attached like that to Jesus, the true vine. Maybe you will find as instance when praying or singing hymns will be a tethering to Jesus moment for you too!
Remember our friends who would love to be in church with us but unfortunately cannot, especially or dear friend Marcy who is undergoing chemotherapy treatments! Make a call, text or visit and let them know we are thinking of them

Our local friends:
Curt Richardson
(Beatrice went to be with the Lord October 9th))

Jean Lansberry Penny Proper Maggie Mathis
Elmer (ET) Trunick Margaret Rundel Hazel Herdman
Lois Ludwig Jeanne Strobridge Karen Vanderbrook
Doris Humbert Dennis DeWispelaere Pastor Carlos Smith



Our out of town friend: *Grace Kreuger*

Please contact Marcy Elmore (315.945.5243) for contact information for the above friends.

The month of November we will be collecting Peas ,pineapple and Vegetable soup to help our friends who need help from the Newark Food Closet. (Lisa Barrett said that VEGETABLE SOUP is badly needed
Please bring your contributions to church and place them in the baskets on the right side of the altar. The food will be blessed the last Sunday of November and taken to the Emmanuel Outreach Center.
Thank you for supporting this important mission.
Eileen



Center News Continued

Many Hands, A New Beginning



A new chapter is taking shape at Emmanuel Outreach Center, thanks to Newark First UMC's Handyman Ministry and Trustees.
Giving up their Saturday, these men took on the demanding work of removing the pews from the sanctuary's west wing and moving them into storage. They also carefully saved every pew plaque. Those remembrances will become part of an honors wall, preserving the names and gifts woven into this congregation's history. The remaining pews will be removed soon, and we are exploring creative ways to repurpose them.
The newly cleared space marks the beginning of the sanctuary's transformation into **Emmanuel's Second Story Shop**. The thrift shop will offer our neighbors a welcoming place to purchase clothing, household goods, and other needed items at affordable prices—a meaningful help when household budgets are stretched.
It will also give the wider community a place to pass along useful belongings, giving good things new purpose and keeping them out of landfills. Proceeds will support the other ministries of Emmanuel Outreach Center, extending the care already offered through this building.
There is much work ahead, but the first open space is now before us. What a gift to have people willing to bring their time, strength, and practical skills this beginning.



"How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!"
— Psalm 133:1



Honoring Lives, Sharing Hope

This month, Emmanuel Outreach Center's Free Lunch Program will honor cancer survivors and caregivers through a brief service and a **Wall of Honor and Remembrance**. Together, we will celebrate survivors, recognize those offering daily care, and remember loved ones who have died.
Cancer touches many households in our community. In Wayne County, New York, an average of **208 people died from cancer each year during 2019–2023**—approximately four neighbors every week. There is also reason for hope: federal cancer statistics show the county's cancer death rate declining by about **1.2 percent annually** in its recent trend analysis. Behind these numbers are people whose lives, relationships, and stories matter.
Throughout the month, the Free Lunch Program will draw attention to cancer awareness through **prayer and action**. We will consider simple ways to accompany our neighbors: offering a ride, preparing a meal, checking in with a caregiver, encouraging appropriate screening, or listening without rushing to offer answers.
As we gather around our tables, we will make room for gratitude, grief, and hope—and offer this reminder to everyone affected by cancer: **You are seen. You are valued. You are loved.**



United Women in Faith

Rebecca-Ruth
October 8, 2026
1pm in the Lounge

Present: Cathy K, Janie R, Rita C, Fox G, Eileen G
Purpose: We dispensed with the purpose—had no cards
Devotions: Rita gave a devotion from Mornings with Jesus.
Minutes: Dispensed with the minutes
Treasurer's Report: Dispensed with the Treasurer's report.
Correspondence: Had a nice note from Jan Smith. Has it really been 12 years since Roger was pastor here?
Program: We worked on labeling pens and preparing bags for the Veterans.
Old Business:
Fellowship meal: Sept 12th—Barbershop Quartet. It was attended by about 40 people and they were wonderful. They want to come again!
Fall Rummage Sale: Sun Oct 18th we will empty the rummage rooms. We will need lots of help. We will have pizza for the workers on Sunday! Mark things on Monday and Tuesday. Off Wed, Thursday—9 am to 7pm, Friday—11 am to 5 pm, Saturday 9am to 11 am, then cleanup. Sign is in the narthex.
Cookie Sale: Saturday Dec 12th. Will leave the price at $10/lb, $12/for gluten free. We will sell the 15 cookie jars that came into rummage at the sale for $10-$15.
Veteran's Day Concert: Saturday, Nov 14th, 3 pm UWF is doing the reception. Nancy will order the cake and any paper goods needed. Janie, Rita, Cathy, and Fox will make cookies. We will put the bags together at our Nov 12th meeting. Nancy ordered coaster, Fox is doing pins, Janie organized the bags and we worked on them today. We want people to donate a bag of wrapped candy to go into the bags at our next UWF meeting. Stephanie and Nancy will decorate on Friday, Nov 13th at 9am and could use help.
Electronic sign: No action
Parsonage Open House: Sat Dec 6th from 3-5pm

New Business:
EOC volunteers: Thursday, Oct 15th 9am Rita, Janie, Fox , Cathy
Chairs in the Narthex: The 4 chairs were bought for the lounge and paid for by UWF. We want them back in the lounge. The lounge looks like a classroom—not a lounge. Also we would like one of the pews back in the narthex—but that is just our opinion. UWF is willing to split the cost of new chairs up to $750. for the narthex.
Carpet for the Pastor's and Secretary's office: The trustees asked if UWF could help with this. We can place the order and help with the cost—up to ½. Someone has to move the furniture.
Next meeting: We will postpone the hymn sing until a later date. We will put the Veteran's Day bags together at this meeting.
Important Dates:
Next Meeting: Thursday, Nov 12th 1 pm Nancy has devotions
Rummage Sale: Oct 18th-20—setup, Sale: Oct 22-24th
Veteran's Day Concert: Sat. Nov 14th, 3 pm

Coming sooner than you think !!!

Community Christmas Sing

Saturday December 19,@ 1pm
Saint Michael Church
401 S, Main Street
Newark



If you are interested in performing special music between hymns, please let Stephanie know.

The Community is invited to the
5th Annual
Veterans Tribute Concert
to be held at the
First United Methodist Church
301 S. Main St., Newark, NY
Sat., Nov. 14, 2026, 3:00 p.m.

American Legion and VFW Color Guard
Newark FUMC Chancel Choir,
Canaltown Chorale and other musical guests.

Following the concert, a reception will be held in the church lounge, compliments of the Newark FUMC Women in Faith.
Admission is Free.
Freewill donations accepted to benefit the "Mighty Oaks Foundation"



We will be decorating the church for the Christmas season the Saturday after Thanksgiving:
November 28th @ 9 am. We would love for you to join us.