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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship Service

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NEWBERRY CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWS JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2025

JANUARY /FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 1st , office closed.

Monday, January 6th and February 3rd 6

p.m.Board Meeting, Ed/Fellowship Hall

EVERY Wednesday, beginning January 8th,

Rhoda's Crocheting/Knitting Class

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 9th

Fresh Express, 2:30 p.m. until the food is
depleted.

**FEBRUARY FOOD DISTRIBUTION TO BE
ANNOUNCED**

Wednesday, January 8th and February 12th

10 a.m.—2 p.m. Quilting Club, Ed/Fellowship
Hall, 2nd Floor

JV Brown Library Bookmobile is still scheduled to
be here two days each month. At the time of this
writing the schedule has not been made
available to us. Please watch future bulletins for
dates and times.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Nursery 9:30 am

WEEK 1—Merlyn Sawyer

WEEK 2—Anna Monks

WEEK 3—Diane Schlee

WEEK 4—Cindy Thomas

WEEK 5—Michelle Paulhamus

Men at the Table

JANUARY—Johnny Shirey & Jason Pettengill

FEBRUARY—Fred Thomas & Nate Bierly

Communion Preparation

JANUARY—Michelle Paulhamus

FEBRUARY—Janette Shirey

Serving Communion

JANUARY—Ken Sawyer & Brent Smithgall

FEBRUARY—Scott Lose & Jed Paulhamus

Greeter(s)

JANUARY—Patti DeParasis

FEBRUARY—Merlyn & Dyer Sawyer

STATS

Date	Morning Worship	Children's Church	Sunday School/ Youth Group	Offering
12/01/24	82	11	15	\$3,284.00
12/08/24	76	5	32	\$3,468.57
12/15/24	88	9	23	\$2,912.26
12/22/24	94	12	18	\$2,430.00

JANUARY/FEBRUARY EVENT SCHEDULE

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday, Mornings, 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Ed/Fellowship Hall

Book of Esther

Beginning January 7th

Wednesday, Evenings, 7 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Band of Brothers-Book of Galatians

Ken Sawyer's Class-Gospel of Matthew

Beginning January 8th

PRAYER IN THE SANCTUARY

Every Saturday

7 am

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 70+ YEARS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Esther Cohick January 3rd
 Merlyn Sawyer January 8th
 Paulette Shirey January 8th
 Dennis Conner January 30th
 Jenny Lannan January 30th

Kathy Craver February 7th
 Peggy Welch February 14th
 Don Koch February 15th
 Jim Hinston February 28th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY 40+ YEARS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Joe and Peggy Welch January 11th
 David and Joyce Wagner January 21st
 Jim and Ann Hinston January 30th

Rick and Mary Miles February 12th

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCC DONATION SCHEDULE FOR 2025

For the year 2025 every two months will focus on one category of items for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. This in no way limits what you can get from the other categories, this is only to serve as a guide for donating items for the next church packing party to be held in November of 2025. Then as items are bought they can be held at home and brought in all at once, or they can be dropped off at the church downstairs with a *clearly* written label stating it is for “OCC SHOEBOXES”. I will then collect them and put them in storage until November. As always, a family can decide to do their own shoeboxes at home and bring them in finished and ready to go in November. Thanks for being part of this amazing ministry to children around the world.NATE

January and February Donations

Personal Care Items:

Comb · Hairbrush
Toothbrush
Washcloth
Band-Aids
Water Bottle
Chap Stick
Compact Mirror
Deodorant
Nail Clippers (age appropriate)

A New Year's Packing List

In the Marine Corps when we would go on deployment somewhere, we would receive a packing list. The packing list would have a list of all the gear we needed to take, AND all the stuff we were specifically told to leave behind. (Things that would slow us down or hinder us) So, they would give us these packing lists to make sure we took the stuff we needed, and left behind the stuff that would only slow us down and hinder us.

Well here is a spiritual packing list for 2025, a list of 4 things to leave behind that will only slow you down and hinder you and 3 things to take with you to make sure you are living the life God intends for you...

Things to leave behind...

1) Sin

The first thing we need to make sure we leave behind is sin.

Romans 6:1-4

We were raised to live a new life in Christ, not to step back into the old life of sin! So, leave your sin back in the past and live 2025 determined to live a new life in Jesus Christ.

2) Bitterness & Resentment

It is impossible for us to move forward into the future the Lord has in store for us if we are too busy focusing on the past. We need to do two things in this area...

First we need to refuse to focus on the hurts/disappointments of the past. **Philippians 3:13-14**

Then we need to focus our attention where it needs to be. **Hebrews 12:2-3**

3) Worry

We need to make sure we leave a spirit of worry in the past. I have heard worrying compared to rocking in a rocking chair... it gives you something to do, but it doesn't get you anywhere! The truth is that excessive worry is a sin because worry is saying, "I don't believe that God can handle my problems." **Philippians 4:6-7**

4) Shame and Regret

Satan loves to keep us locked up in a prison of shame regret and insecurity, but God's word says in **2 Corinthians 7:10...**

So if you have sincerely repented of a sin and sought the Lord's forgiveness, but shame/guilt still seem to be weighing you down, you need to know that it isn't the Holy Spirit's conviction you are feeling, instead it is an outright attack by the enemy who is trying to steal the joy of your salvation and leave you unproductive and ineffective in your walk with Christ.

This not to make light of or minimize the severity of sin, but we all fall short in both big and small ways, the Lord knows this about us and has provided for our forgiveness.

1 John 1:9

Things to take with us...

1) Faith

As we enter into 2025 we are going to encounter a bunch of new opportunities and challenges both individually and as a church, and we need to make sure that we are entering this New Year full of faith and confidence that in every situation our God is going to provide for our needs and direct our steps in the way that is best for the kingdom and for us.

Galatians 3:6

Hebrews 11:6

2) A commitment to Share Christ with others

The way the church reaches the lost is not primarily through outreach programs or evangelistic ministries. Rather, the church reaches the lost most effectively through the individual members of the church sharing their faith and pouring out the love of Jesus on the people they have in their lives.

So let's each commit to being active and vocal in sharing Christ with our family, friends and loved ones!

Matthew 28:18-20

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

3) A Sense of Anticipation

The Lord has been and will continue to do great things among us and in us.

Joel 2:20b-21

John 14:12-14

HEY KIDS !!!!!!!!

A MESSAGE FROM NATE



Deep Thoughts for Younger Minds...

New Year resolutions. We all make them, we all break them. Some are real, some are just plain stupid. But what are we going to do differently about this year to make it a truly new year? Should we just go about doing what we have always done? Maybe we want things to be different. But can we expect change when we do the same thing? “Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, but expecting different results.” This quote is from different possible sources so all I am going to say is this, it is a smart one.

How can we keep doing the same thing but expecting new things to happen? Can I be brave if I continue to hide from risk, or conflict? Can I be bold if I am timid in my beliefs? And can I truly keep saying I believe in something if I don't take the time to learn about what I believe in? That is the real question of our lives as we approach a new year. Do I know enough of what I believe to live out what I believe?

So what then? What do we...what do I do with my new year? Do I keep doing the same old thing but expect different results? Do I go to a bible study but then leave my bible on the shelf the rest of the week? Do I go to church once a month? Maybe only on holidays? Do I spend time with the wrong people, or the right ones? How do I know the difference? What do I base my actions on, my decision making process? Am I doing what God wants, or myself? How can I tell the difference?

New Year, new me. But I am insane if I don't plan for change, and maybe change the plan. If what I have been doing hasn't been working, if I have not seen growth in my faith, closeness in my walk with Jesus, then what should I do differently? I think the first step is to pray. Seek the Father and what he has planned for you. Then, evaluate this past year. Be your best critic. What was done right, what was done wrong? This is not the time to beat yourself up, or wallow in pity. Just an honest assessment of your life this year.

See where you messed things up. Then, forgive yourself, forgive others, make a game plan for next year, and begin with one foot after the other. Life is a journey, and each step takes you closer to the next adventure, and one day, the end of the road. But as Bilbo Baggins once said, “it is a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door. You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there's no knowing where you might be swept off to.” I hope this New Year you are swept off into the grand adventure, and that you do things differently, and that you will begin to see new life, new change, and new growth. You got this.

All we can do is take it one step at a time. Via con Dios, Ruh ma Allah, Go with God. And Happy New Year!

As we start the New Year, let us look at Jesus' life here on earth.

Jesus took time to be alone.

He went to pray and be alone with God.

Here are some verses to look at and study.

Mark 1:35

Mark 1:45

Matthew 14:13

Matthew 15:29

Matthew 14:23

Luke 6:31-32

Jesus is the perfect example of how to live. We need to be in his word and in prayer so we can draw closer to him and walk with him as individuals and as a church family.

Fred Thomas

NOTICE

**BEGINNING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 6TH, THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS**

**TUESDAY HOURS WILL BE 8 A.M. TO NOON
WEDNESDAY HOURS WILL BE 8 A.M. TO 3 P.M.
THURSDAY HOURS WILL BE 8 A.M. TO 3 P.M.**

THANK YOU

Sunday School /Junior Church/Youth Classes

PAIRS AND SPARES ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will be continuing in the Ed/Fellowship Hall first floor classroom beginning at 8:30 a.m.
The class is studying the Book of Genesis.

YOUNG ADULTS SUNDAY SCHOOL , OR ANYONE LOOKING TO BUILD ON THEIR FAITH.
8:30 a.m. In the Ed/Fellowship hall. 2nd floor classroom on the right.
Class topic will be Fundamentals of the Christian Faith. **Resuming January 12th!**

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS GRADES 1-8*

Please join us for an exciting new series of questions of the faith in the book Foundational Truths: A Modern Catechism—Answering the Essential Questions of Christianity and their biblical foundation for why we as Christians believe what we believe.

****Sunday School begins at 8:30 a.m. until 9:20 a.m. in the church downstairs classroom.***

JUNIOR CHURCH/JUNIOR WORSHIP **

Children will continue the Answers in Bible Curriculum series of lessons but with a more in depth focus on apologetics and a big picture overview of biblical history from Genesis to Revelation. This curriculum will teach children the truth of God's word as it relates to all parts of life and how we can trust its message for our day to day lives.

*****Junior Church classes meet during the worship hour and children are dismissed from their families following communion. Please consider inviting the children, grandchildren and family friends in your life for these interesting and intriguing new programs.***

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS***

We will be using the book series, The Most Important Thing You'll Ever Study. This will be a survey of the Bible starting in the Old Testament and working through the entire Bible. This will teach students to see how the Bible comes together into one overarching story. It is the Bible, the most important book they will every study. This class will be held in the Ed/Fellowship Hall, second floor left side at the back of the hall, the youth activity room.

******Sunday School begins at 8:30 a.m. until 9:20 a.m.***

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group for ages 13-18, **Sunday evenings 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.**
Youth group will not be just another class, but a chance for the youth of the church to begin seeking ways to serve their community and church through church work projects and future mission trips to our neighborhood (Jerusalem), state (Judea), country (Samaria) and beyond (The World).

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

WORSHIP TEAM

If you can **sing or play an instrument** and would be interested in being part of the worship team, please contact Steve Lingle at 717-513-7245.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION UPDATE

If you haven't yet filled out the form to update your church records, please do so at your earliest convenience. This information is necessary for us to update our Servant Keeper System. Place your form (located on the back table) in the collection basket at the rear of the sanctuary or drop them at the church office.

Even if you are just visiting occasionally or a regular attender but not a member, please fill out a form. This will allow us to include you on mailing lists of special events upcoming.

BE SURE TO HAVE UPDATED EMAILS AND CELL PHONES LISTED FOR AUTOMATED NOTIFICATIONS OF CHURCH CLOSINGS AS THE WINTER WEATHER WILL SOON BE UPON US!!!!!!!!!!

LINN STREET KEY INVENTORY.....

We are asking any members of our congregation who possess keys to any of our Linn Street facilities to fill out the Key ID form on the back table and place it in the collection basket or drop it at the office. An inventory of all keys is being constructed currently. The safety and security of our congregation and our buildings is imperative. Thank you for your cooperation!

SECURITY / REPAIRS

–**PLEASE** check all external doors when leaving our buildings to be sure they have been locked when you exit. **ALL MEMBERS ENTERING THE FELLOWSHIP HALL SHOULD DO SO THROUGH THE LINN STREET FRONT DOOR. THE FUNSTON STREET DOORS SHOULD NOT BE USED PER THE ELDERS. THANK YOU!**

If you have any **MAINTENANCE REQUESTS**, please fill out a work order form and drop it at the church office or to Jeff Ward.

NEWSLETTER CHANGES.....

Our Newsletter is now available for viewing on our website. There will also be limited copies available in the back of the church. If you do not have access to a computer and would still like a printed copy, please advise either Michelle or Cheryl in the office.

CHECK US OUT!!!!!!!!!!

**ON FACEBOOK..... at Newberry Church of Christ
OUR WEBSITE.....WWW.NCCWMPT.ORG
YOU TUBE....NEWBERRY CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**JANUARY FRESH
EXPRESS, JANUARY
9TH, 2:30 PM
UNTIL FOOD IS
DEPLETED!**



**FEBRUARY FRESH
EXPRESS**

TO BE ANNOUNCED

Fresh Express/Food Pantry??? There have been questions about the difference?

The **Fresh Express** is just once a month on the first Thursday. The **Food Pantry** is considered emergency food and is available Monday-Friday. Both are no cost to the public. Both are available to anyone in the congregation and the public. There are no income requirements. **Fresh Express** does not cost the Church anything. Food is donated by Pa. Food Bank. The **Food Pantry** is a minimal cost to the Church through the PA Food Bank, we also can use the extra food from the Fresh Express. The **Food Pantry** also gets donations from you, the Congregation. If you have any questions about these programs, please feel free to ask Mary Miles, Pat Bryan, Michelle Paulhamus, Cheryl Lose, or one of the Elders....

We are in need of non-perishable items for our food pantry.

Canned Tuna or Chicken

Jelly

Canned Fruit (No Applesauce)

Snack Size Puddings, Fruits and Jello's (No Applesauce)

Canned Soups

Instant or Canned Potatoes, Canned Vegetables

Juice (64 oz. size)

Wide Noodles

Cereal, Breakfast Bars or Pop Tarts

YOUR PAST AND CONTINUED SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED

Watch your weekly bulletin for updates to this list!

Please contact the office if you have items you'd like to drop off.