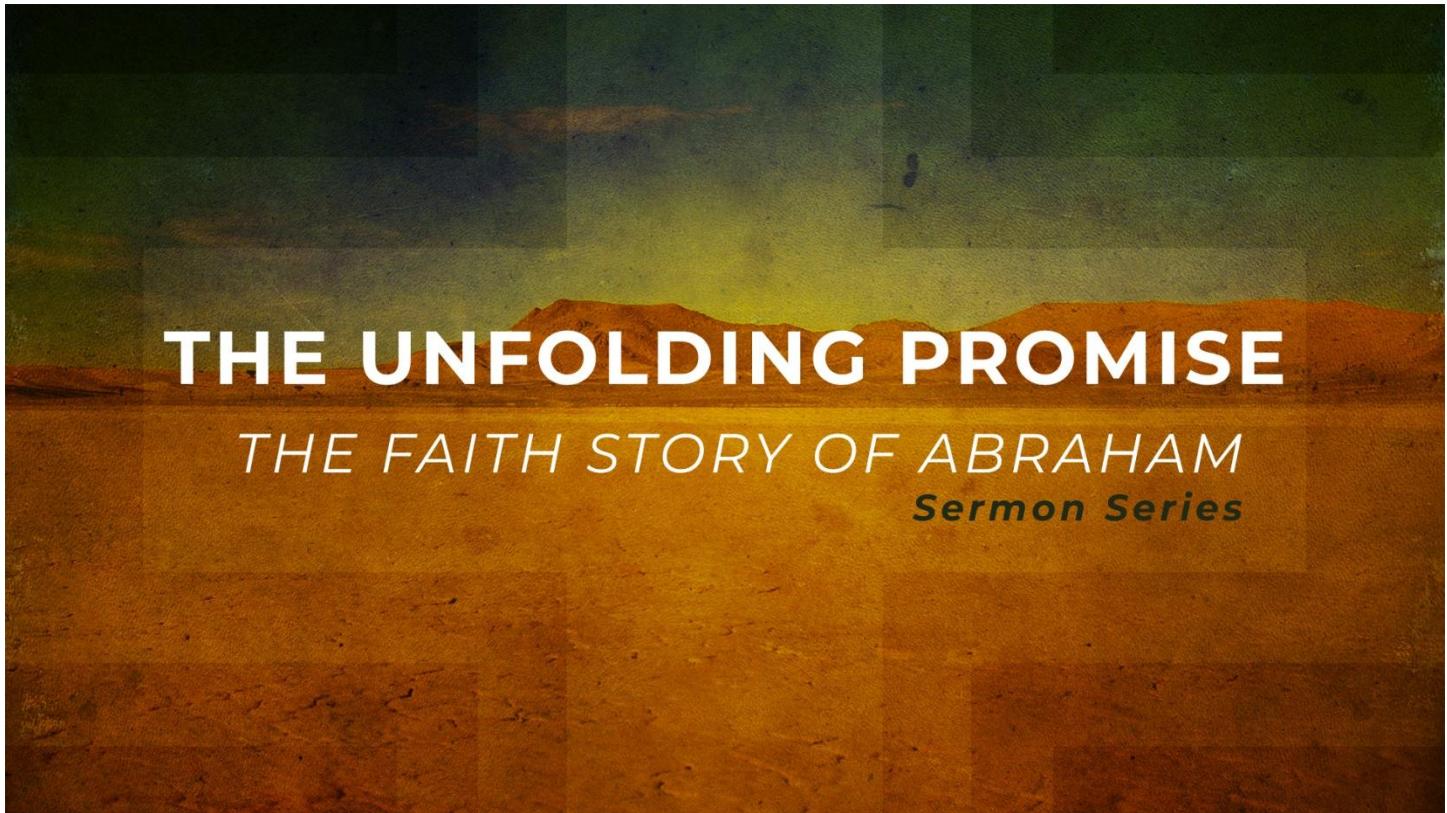




*NPC strives to be an intercultural church of believers in Jesus Christ
who delight to share the good news in Germantown and beyond.*



Sunday, February 1, 2026 – 10:45am Worship

Welcome to Neelsville!

Welcome to Neelsville Presbyterian Church! We are so thrilled that you have visited with us today. We are a church that is growing more and more captivated by Jesus Christ, delighting to glorify and serve Him in every area of our lives. Wherever you are in your walk with God, we have resources for you and your family. Please contact me if you have any questions or desire additional information. Thanks for visiting and I hope you experience the welcome of Christ during your time with us!

Warmly in Christ,

Pastor Jeffrey Rickett

pastorjeff@neelsville.org

First Time Here?

We're so glad you've joined us! Please fill out a green guest card in the pew and hand it to a Welcome Team member for a small gift. They can help connect you with our various ministries and answer any questions you may have.

When you join us again, please take a moment each Sunday to sign in with our Welcome Team. This helps us to stay connected and to reach out to ensure you are well if we haven't seen you in a while.

Tips for Families

We are a church who believes in the value of families worshipping together, and we welcome the wiggles & giggles of little ones in the pews.

Look for the  station outside the Sanctuary to learn more about...

- **Nursery Care** – Available for children 2 years and under during the service.
- **Worship & Praise Zone** – Children ages 3 – 3rd grade are invited to a Bible Story & crafts during the sermon. Please check-in before worship at the kids' station.
- **Worship Activity Bags** – Feel free to grab one for your child to use during the service.

Join us for Classes for All Ages at 9:30am Sunday. We have offerings for everyone from preschoolers to adults. Learn more on page 10.

Order of Service

Christian worship is the gathered response of God's people to God's revelation of Himself. It is our wholehearted offering of praise, gratitude, and obedience to the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Worship centers on God's character and saving work – especially the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ – and shapes us to live as His witnesses in the world. In worship, we listen to God through Scripture, speak to God in prayer and song, and present our lives as a living sacrifice. It is both a foretaste of the eternal praise of heaven and the weekly reorientation of our hearts around the One who alone is worthy.

– Pastor Jeffrey Rickett

Prelude *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* (arr. Southbridge) Michele Kelly, organ

We invite you to let the music quiet your mind and heart to prepare for worship.

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Jeffrey Rickett

* = please rise if you are able

*Call to Worship

Theo R.

*God's words in scripture
remind us that He is the
one who calls us to
gather.*

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord, the God who calls us on a journey of faith as He called Abram to leave behind the familiar and follow Him into the unknown.

All: We gather as those whom God is preparing, trusting that His purposes are good and His ways are higher than our own.

*Hymn

We Gather Together (Kremser/Baker)

#666

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; All glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.

Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

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*Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Jeff

Our Pastor leads a prayer in which we lift our hearts to praise God for who He is and to express our deep love for Him.

*Hymn

Beneath the Cross of Jesus (Getty/Getty)

#473

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy, that calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me, “Come!”
Beneath the cross of Jesus, my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, his family is my own—
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor the ones that you have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus see the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown—
We follow in his footsteps where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us to be his perfect bride!
Beneath the cross of Jesus we will gladly live our lives.

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Confession of Sin (unison)

Seeing how great and good God is, we are reminded that we have, more often than we wish, failed to live as God has designed.

Merciful God, like Abram and Sarai, we often struggle to trust Your plan, especially when the path ahead is uncertain or painful. We confess that we sometimes hesitate, doubt, or question Your purposes in our lives. Forgive us for our anxieties and for seeking our own way instead of following where You lead. Give us faith to surrender our fears to You and obedience to walk where You call us, even when we do not see the outcome. We pray in Christ who faithfully fulfilled His calling and enables us to fulfill ours. Amen.

Silent Confession

Written words can never reflect exactly what is in each individual’s heart, so this is a time for us to consider our own waywardness and speak it silently to God.

*Assurance of Pardon

When we confess our sins, seeking God's help to turn away from them, we are assured that He will extend grace, mercy and forgiveness. He is willing to do this because Jesus paid the penalty for our sins on the cross.

Leader: Hear the good news: The Lord who called Abram out of Ur is the same God who forgives our doubts and failures. In Christ, we have assurance that God's promises are true, His grace is sufficient, and His love never fails. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to follow Him with courage and hope. Amen.

People: Thanks be to God

*Confession of Faith (unison)

Since the earliest years when disciples gathered, Christians have formulated statements to summarize what we believe. These creeds help remind us of the richness of our faith and can help answer the questions of those who may be wondering about Christianity.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The term "catholic" means "universal," throughout all ages & generations.

Time of Offering

We have an opportunity to give financially to support the work of the local and global church, offering what we are able with cheerful hearts, grateful for God's blessings. Giving also includes generously sharing our time and talents to care for one another and the community around us. Please take the plate and pass it down the pew to the usher. To give online, scan the QR code.



Offertory

Our Great Savior (Prichard/arr. Bober)

Christine Gormley, piano

"Music is a fair and glorious gift of God." Martin Luther

*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

A song of praise used by Christians since the early 18th century.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Jesus said: "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do... for your Father know what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this:"

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Blanket Sunday Skit & Children's Blessing

Pastor SeongSu Hong

On alternate Sundays, the young children receive a blessing or they gather to hear a mini-message, often sharing a point from the upcoming sermon in a relational way with the children.

Children ages 3-3rd grade will be dismissed to the Worship & Praise Zone following the blessing.

Hymn

Jesus, Strong and Kind

(Buchanan/Robinson/Farren/Thompson)

#362

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him.

Chorus: For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 11:27-32

Please turn in the pew Bible to page 8 or flip ahead in the bulletin to page 9 to follow the text as it is read.

Sermon

Abram: Prepared for the Promise

Pastor Jeffrey Rickett

A pastor or an elder of the church gives this extended message explaining the scripture passage, what it meant to the original readers, and how it applies to us today. Our pastor often preaches through a book of the Bible, using a selection of verses each week.

Space for Sermon Notes is provided on page 8.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper was instituted by Jesus on the night before He was crucified. He blessed bread and wine to remind us of his sacrifice - the bread is the sign of his broken body and the juice we use is the sign of his shed blood.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Holy and merciful God, our Father, you have made us in your image and for yourself. You have made this good world for us to tend and to enjoy. God our Father,

People: Hear the praise of grateful hearts.

Leader: You sought your ancient people when they strayed from you. You freed them from the oppressor and brought them home. God, our Father,

People: Hear the praise of grateful hearts.

Leader: You have sent your Son to bring us home to you.

Leader: By his Incarnation—

People: You have found us.

Leader: By his Death—

People: You have forgiven us.

Leader: By his Resurrection—

People: You have freed us.

Leader: God, our Father,

People: Hear the praise of grateful hearts.

Prayer of Consecration

God's promises are confirmed as we partake in faith – spiritual nourishment enabling our growth in grace, affirmation of our union with God, and gratitude for our fellowship with other believers.

The congregation will be invited by rows to receive bread and juice. When returning to your seat, please wait for us to take the elements together.

Leader: Holy and merciful God, our Father, send down your Holy Spirit on our bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and on your people, that we may be the body of Christ, reconciled to you and to each other by his blood. By your Holy Spirit make us—

People: One with Christ, one with each other, and one in mission to all the world,

Leader: Until Christ shall come in final victory and we feast together at his heavenly banquet. We cry,

People: Maranatha! Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen!

*Hymn

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us (Lyte/Bradbury)

#213

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are thine, do thou befriend us. Be the guardian of our way.
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, hear, oh, hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, hear, oh, hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor; Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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***Charge & Benediction**

The pastor gives a charge to go into the world in Jesus' name, living and serving in ways that give witness to God's love. He then raises his hands, giving a blessing for the congregation to receive.

***Postlude**

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship (Askins/Moore)

#474

We close with another instrumental piece, carrying praise to God out of the church and into the world.

After Worship Today!

You may drop off your donation for Blanket Sunday in the blanket held by our Next Generation children in the Narthex!

Join Pastor SeongSu for the Dominican Republic Mission Trip Meeting in the Parlor.

There will be a Men's Ministry Meeting in the Conference Room at 12:00pm.

Choir rehearsal will begin at 12:15pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to join!

The Unfolding Promise: The Story of Abraham

- The _____ of Abram and Sarai
- Personal Example
- Preparation Does Not Guarantee “_____”
- Staying _____ and _____ in the Reality Gap
- Final Remarks

Next Week: ECO Post National Gathering Message
Called to Witness (Acts 1:1-8)

²⁷ Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot. ²⁸ Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his kindred, in Ur of the Chaldeans. ²⁹ And Abram and Nahor took wives. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and Iscah. ³⁰ Now Sarai was barren; she had no child.

³¹ Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there. ³² The days of Terah were 205 years, and Terah died in Haran.

Something to think about . . .

Use these questions for your own personal reflection and study at home.

1. How would the fact that Abram had already set out once for Canaan make obedience to God's call easier when it came?
2. How did God prepare the following characters in biblical history for their place in his plans: Joseph (Gen. 37-46), Moses (Exodus 2-14), David (1 Samuel 16-20), Esther (Esther 2-4), Ruth (Ruth), and Paul (Acts 7:54-9:31)?
3. How has God prepared you for the work he has given you to do?
4. What might God be doing in your life right now to prepare you for his service in the future? What might God be doing in our church?
5. Are you sometimes afraid or anxious of what God may ask you to do? If so, why?
6. How does this passage of Scripture encourage you to trust God more deeply? How does it encourage our church to trust God more deeply?

Grow and Go with Us! ---

Next Generation Ministry



Ages: Birth – 5th grade

Contact: kids@neelsville.org

Sunday School at 9:30am (Ed Wing for PreK - 5th Grade)



Ages: 6th – 12th grade

Contact: students@neelsville.org

Sunday School at 9:30am (Andrew Small Room)

Wednesday Night Youth Group meets at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Young Adult Ministry

A place for those aged 18-40ish to grow in Christ & community.



Contact: youngadults@neelsville.org

Fridays at 7:30pm – Weekly Gathering (Parlor)

Join our Group app! Scan the QR code to stay informed of upcoming events and service opportunities.

Adult Ministry

Join a class or small group that meets throughout the week!

Scan the QR code for more details and descriptions.



Sundays at 9:15am – Get Your Life Back (Parlor)

Contact: Adam Condrick (acondrick@segalco.com)

Sundays at 9:30am – Jeremiah Bible Study (Library and Online)

Contact: Jason Evans (jason.evans@vikamd.com)

Sundays at 9:30am – How to Talk about Jesus (Room 1)

Contact: Pastor Jeff (pastorjeff@neelsville.org)

1st & 3rd Sundays at 5:00pm – Frederick Small Group

Contact: Pastor SeongSu Hong (seongsu@neelsville.org)

Sundays at 7:00pm – Ezekiel Bible Study (Online)

Contact: Craig Wilson (cdw6@msn.com) ***not mtg 2/1**

Wednesdays at 7:00pm – Women’s Study on Esther (Online)

Contact: Kim Evans (kyejohn316@gmail.com)

Wednesdays at 7:15pm – Men’s Bible Study on Fulfillment (Online)

Contact: Brian Farrell (bpf3356@gmail.com)

Fridays at 9:30am – Women’s Bible Study on Abraham (Parlor)

Contact: Sue Farrell (bfarrell01@aol.com)

This Week at Neelsville

More details of this week's schedule and upcoming events can be found in our weekly e-letter. Scan this QR code for last Friday's edition.



Sunday 2/1	12:00pm	Blanket Sunday Donations (Narthex)
	12:00pm	Men's Ministry Meeting (Conference Room)
	12:00pm	Mission Trip Meeting (Parlor)
	12:15pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Monday 2/2

Tuesday 2/3

Wednesday 2/4	7:00pm	NPC Students Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	Women's Bible Study – <i>Esther</i> (Online)
	7:15pm	Men's Bible Study – <i>Fulfillment</i> (Online)

Thursday 2/5

Friday 2/6	9:30am	Women's Bible Study – <i>Abraham</i> (Parlor)
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Saturday 2/7	10:00am	ESOL Classes (Lower Entrance)
	4:30pm	Men's Polar Bear Cookout (Back Parking Lot)

Sunday 2/8	9:15am	Sunday Morning Small Group (Parlor)
	9:30am	Classes for All Ages!
	10:45am	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:15pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00pm	Ezekiel Bible Study (Online)

Announcements

Please send your announcements to office@neelsville.org by Tuesday at Noon for next week's bulletin & e-letter.

Share in the joy of discovery and learning! Our children need more adult leaders to present Bible lessons during the Worship and Praise Zone time. Curriculum and materials are provided for each 20-minute lesson. Enjoy the experience of teaching the children about Jesus and get connected with our young families through your service. Contact Melissa Evans to be added to the upcoming calendar. (melissa@neelsville.org)



Today is Blanket Sunday! A contribution of only \$10 provides one CWS Blanket. Church World Service purchases and ships blankets to help refugees, victims of disaster, and the homeless. As is our custom, today we will collect donations in the blanket near the bell after the service with the help of our kids. Or you may contribute by placing a check in the offering plate, made out to NPC and note Blanket Sunday in the memo space or through our NPC Blanket Link at this QR code! “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matt. 25:40



Donations are due TODAY of low sugar food items to fill Valentine's Day Boxes sent to the military, college students, homebound and seniors – many of whom are diabetic or have health issues. We will have a bin marked in the Narthex to place items, address slips for you to write addresses (for those you would like a box mailed to) and a donation jar. Questions? Please contact Peggy Hurkett, Gerry Davis and any Deacon.

Summer Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic – Join Pastor SeongSu for an informational meeting after worship TODAY in the Parlor to hear about this opportunity to step outside your comfort zone, grow in faith and see how God is at work around the world as we partner with local DR churches. Misson dates are June 20 – 26. Trip is open to teens and adults (ages 13+). Contact Pastor SeongSu if you're interested in learning more (seongsu@neelsville.org).

The Men's Ministry is having an outdoor Polar Bear cookout THIS SAT 2/7 at 4:30 pm in the church's back parking lot. We'll have a fire pit, hot dogs, beverages and side dishes. Bring a chair, blanket and an appetite for fellowship and food with other men. All men of any age are welcome. **Let Craig Wilson know if coming at cdw6@msn.com by THIS WED 2/4.**

All are invited to the Neelsville Presbyterian Church Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation NEXT SUN 2/8 in the Fellowship Hall. The church leadership will present the “Big Picture” of 2025, as well as look ahead to 2026. A potluck lunch will be held after worship at 12:30pm with the meeting to follow. **Please bring a dish to share. Last names A-D bring a dessert, E-M bring a side dish, N-Z bring a main dish.** Come and enjoy food and fellowship, as well as find out about the many thriving ministries here at NPC!

Can you donate DECAF coffee? Please place your donations on the counter in the Welcome Center. Thank you!

Ash Wednesday is February 18! Join us at 6:30pm for the Deacon's Soup & Bread Supper followed by a 7:30pm Worship Service. Coming to the dinner? Please fill out the quick form at this QR code so we can plan for everyone and bring your favorite soup to share.



NPC Women and Teens - Join us for a Weekend Retreat, "Resting in God's Presence." Friday Night and Saturday – 3/6 – 3/7 – at Neelsville. We are fortunate to have Hayley Satrom as a guest speaker! She is a biblical counselor, author, speaker and podcaster. She also co-founded and co-directs Heart Song Counseling with Pastor Jeff! Make plans now and reserve your spot! Cost is \$30. For more information, and to register, use this QR code. Email any questions to women@neelsville.org or contact the Retreat Planning Team members - Cathy Brown, Karen Clark, Sue Farrell and Val Rickett.



What is a 2nd Sunday Fellowship event? It is simply lunch together after worship on the 2nd Sunday of the month to help strengthen our Christian community and cohere together. Don't we all need that? Each month we will have a different theme. **Check out the next few 2nd Sundays planned:** February 8 - Annual Meeting and Potluck Lunch, March 8 - Chili Cook Off, and April 12 - Games and Soup/Salad

The Leadership of the NPC desires to give heartfelt thanks to Diane Condrick for the eight years she served as the church's Financial Secretary. She has served sacrificially and with distinction. She has faithfully managed her position wisely and confidently. If an opportunity arises, please pass on your gratitude to her as she retires from this position

Financial Update

	Dec. Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income (\$K)	\$53.1 K	\$ 825.3K	\$ 784.0 K	\$ 784.0 K
Expenses (\$K) *	\$ 67.8 K	\$ 835.7 K	\$ 824.8 K	\$ 824.8 K



Excess Income/Expenses	-\$ 14.7 K	-\$ 10.4 K
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*Adjusted expense includes mortgage principal

YTD December adjusted expenses exceed YTD income by 14.7K

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Email office@neelsville.org to join the prayer chain.



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The Weekly Neelsville News is delivered each Friday at 10am.



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LAY LEADERSHIP

Elders – Oversee the spiritual health of the congregation as well as the congregation's faithfulness to God's mission.

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Co-Moderators – Vangie Fletcher, Carol Harris, & Lynn Kroah
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