

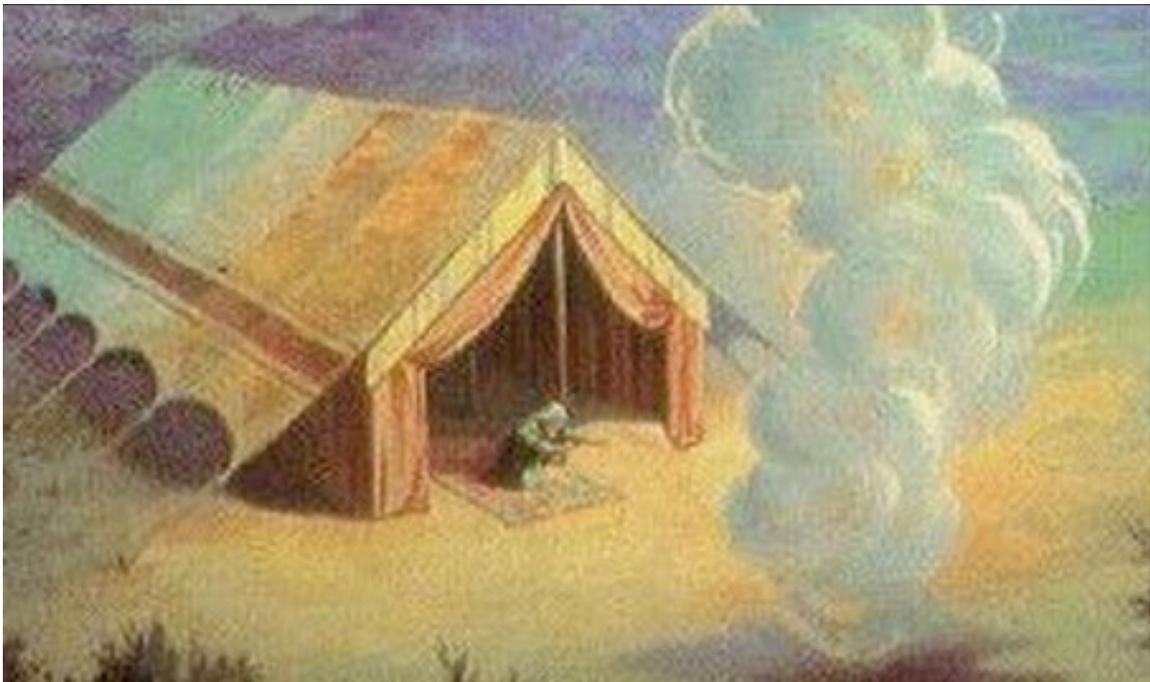
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# *New Life Presbyterian Church*

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October 21, 2018

10:30 a.m.



Welcome to this Lord's Day Worship. We rejoice that you are here!

NLPC Mission Statement (June 2016)

Assured of the new life we have received in Christ, we will live out our faith together through worship, prayer, education, fellowship, and mission.

Being called to love all people, we will use our gifts to serve God in an imperfect world.

Equipped with our faith and filled with the Spirit, we will:

- \*reach out in acceptance to a diverse community;
- \*embrace the marginalized and show love to all;
- \*feed the hungry and care for the sick;
- \*search for peace and work for justice.

Child Care is available during our worship service.  
Ask an usher for the location of the Childcare Room.

Large Print Bulletins, Hymnals, and Bibles are available.

**Participating in Worship**

Worship Leader:	Rev. Mary Bahr-Jones, Pastor
Music Director:	Edyta Jaros
Liturgist:	Sharon Gire
Ushers:	Francis Booth, Bruce Duff, Jodie Horan and Don Soule



## CALL TO CONFESSION

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Ever Present God,  
We confess that we often  
Lose our vision of you and  
Fear for the future of our church.  
We forget that your Spirit is always with us.  
Refocus our vision by:  
Helping us to empty ourselves  
of those things that hinder us  
from living out the fullness of your love ;  
Filling us with those things  
that make us all that you would have us to be;  
Giving us willing spirits so that we might live humbly  
listening to those who differ from us  
AND  
focusing on that which matters most.  
Hear now our silent confessions...*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

*...May the peace of our Lord Jesus be with you!  
And also with you.  
Please share the peace of Jesus with those worshipping around you.*

\*SONG OF PRAISE

#582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

THE WORD INTERPRETED FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

*Prayer for Guidance*

NLPC Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD OF GOD

Philippians 2:1-11

Pew Bible NT p. 186

John 13:31-35

Pew Bible NT p. 102

This is the Word of the Lord;

*Thanks be to God.*

SERMON SERIES

Glory of God

SERMON

*Purple Church*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

*I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry*

Calliandra Bowman - Tomlinson

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Sullivan Lee Tuck*

*(see bulletin insert)*

\*HYMN #724

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray.

...Hear us O Holy God,

As we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, saying:

## LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

## SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*Let's Get Together*

Band

## \*SONG OF DEDICATION \*

#606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*praise God, all creatures here below;*

*praise God above, ye heavenly host;*

*praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN #301      *Let Us Build a House*      (verses 1,3,5)

\*RESPONSIVE CHARGE AND BLESSING

We go nowhere by accident. Wherever we go,

*God is sending us.*

Wherever we are,

*God has put us there.*

God has a purpose in our being there.

*Christ calls us to follow in his ways and to be the bearers of his light,  
where we are...now in this MOMENT!*

Believe this and go in the grace and love and power of the Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit.

And let all God's people say:

*Alleluia and Amen!*

POSTLUDE

*\*Those that are able may stand.*

*Today's liturgy inspired / adapted from the following resources:  
re-Worship.blogspot.com; rev-o-lution.org; Worship Service @ First Presbyterian Church  
of Ypsilanti.*

# New Life Opportunities & Announcements

**Coffee Time-** Please join your fellow NLPC members and guests in a time of fellowship following the service this morning. Everyone is welcome!



**Liturgists Needed!** Check out the liturgist sign up sheet posted across from Pastor Mary's office with many opportunities for willing liturgists. No experience is necessary! If you can serve at one of our worship services, we would love to have your help so sign up today! We look forward to hearing many voices from our congregation lead us in praise each Sunday!

Notes and reflections on this week's sermon:



New Life Presbyterian Church welcomes

**Sullivan Lee Tuck**

son of Naomi Redmond and Joshua Tuck  
to the Christian Family  
through the sacrament of Baptism today.

The rose on the shelf is in honor of his baptism.



This year's Harvest Party, sponsored by the Discipleship Growth and Membership and Fellowship Committees, will be held on Saturday, October 27 from 5 to 8 PM. The party will start with a potluck dinner followed by an evening of fun and fellowship. Please bring your favorite game to share and play. Costumes are welcome- it adds to the fun!

Cider, donuts and candy will be provided. Sign up on the bulletin board to say you will attend and also to let us know your potluck contribution. We hope to see you there!



**New Life Presbyterian Church  
Blood Drive**

**Thursday, November 15, 2018  
2:00 PM to 7:45 PM**

Contact the church office or sign up on the bulletin board today. For more info call Bruce Short at 586-264-5295 or the church office. Walk-ins are also welcome.



**NLPC Deacons Fund**

The Deacons support many worthwhile missions in our community such as The Salvation Army Soup Kitchen and Turning Point in addition to our four Mission Basket drives each year. These activities would not be possible without the generous support of our NLPC members and friends. We are hopeful that you will consider making a donation to the Deacons Fund in order to help us continue to help others. Envelopes are available in the pews for your convenience. Thank you for your support.



## **“Living Courageously!”**

*Stewardship Kick-Off*

**October 28, 2018**

The Session would like to invite you all  
to attend the kick-off for the  
2019 Stewardship Campaign!!!

Next Sunday following worship,  
We will provide a Pizza Lunch while we enjoy discussion and fellowship.

During this time,  
We will present our goals for the future of New Life Presbyterian Church,  
AND  
The Pastor Nominating Committee will share an update on the Pastoral Search Process.

Stewardship packets will be available:  
Commitment Cards can be turned in following the lunch  
or  
Anytime up until Consecration Sunday, November 18.

## **Bakers and Hosts Needed!**

We are in need of volunteers to donate baked goods (pies and cookies)  
and also to host the Canteen on November 15th for our blood drive.  
To volunteer to help in any way, sign up on the bulletin board or call  
Bruce Short.

Special thanks to all who are able to volunteer to make our drive a success!



## **Eco-Friendly Tidbit**



### **STAY HOME:**

Resist the urge to be out and about and “being productive” all the time. Plan days to go out and get things done, but also plan days to just be at home and around your own neighborhood. Staying home and letting your body settle into a slower pace can be a gift. The Hebrews called it the “Sabbath.” Sabbath is a time to step away from the frenetic pace of life and conserve your energy. While you are conserving your own energy, you will also be conserving fossil fuel energy and producing fewer carbon emissions!



## Thanksgiving Mission Food Baskets

New Life Presbyterian Church is planning a Thanksgiving Food Basket Delivery Program to help 12 families in our community. The baskets will contain items for a Thanksgiving dinner plus grocery gift cards, paper products and baby supplies. We are collecting food items as well as monetary donations each Sunday through November 11th in order to fulfill our mission goal. See bulletin insert for a list of desired items. Baskets will be assembled on the morning of Saturday, November 17th. There are various opportunities to be a part of this mission outreach team. Please sign up on the mission bulletin board to participate. Please call or see Bruce Short (586-264-5295) or any Mission Committee member for details.

## Greeters Needed!



We are in need of greeters to welcome all who enter our doors each Sunday. No experience is necessary, just sign up on the bulletin board and arrive with a smile on Sunday! The sign up sheet is posted across from Pastor Mary's office with many opportunities. Thank you in advance for being the face of our warm and welcoming congregation.

## Attention All Members and Military Veterans!



We would like to know our military veterans here at NLPC and are compiling a roster of all those who have served our county. Please notify the church office or contact Marilyn Wright via email at [regandmarilyn@yahoo.com](mailto:regandmarilyn@yahoo.com). to add a veteran, whether living or deceased, to our list. Thank you.



## NEW LIFE Eco Challenge



As a follow up to Pastor Mary's Caring for Creation sermon series, we are inviting all members and friends to challenge one another to participate in activities that can make a difference to our environment. Check out the Eco Challenge bulletin board to see how you can participate!



### The Minister's Memo

In the *Acts of the Apostles* ... immediately after the coming of the Holy Spirit, Peter addressed the crowd, saying: "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say ..." Peter's words of witness – declaring the crucified Jesus as the Messiah – touched the hearts of many. In response, about 3000 were baptized that day and were added to the fellowship of followers. We are told that these followers of Christ devoted themselves to the **apostle's teachings** and to **fellowship**, as well as, to the **breaking of bread** and to **prayers**. These are the four *pillars of strength* that the Faithful Listeners identified in the Self-Study as places in this church community, where God's glory shines through most clearly. Today's sermon focus will be on the **apostle's teachings**. The Apostle Paul has an interesting take on the teachings of the church. You might be surprised!!!

### 2018 Peace & Global Witness Offering

The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church of our time to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling God's mission to those around the corner and around the world.



The Peace & Global Witness Offering was collected on World Communion Sunday, October 7, 2018 but we are still gratefully accepting your offering through the end of the month. Please give generously. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Twenty-five percent of our offering will be retained at NLPC to support peacemaking efforts in our community.

### Listening for God's Whisper



In our effort to listen for God's guidance at this pivotal moment in the life of our church, the Session has posted a book on the bulletin board in the hall. This book –entitled Old and New – is for ideas. The church leadership would like to hear about your ideas of things the church family might do to be more hospitable to both friends and strangers. These could be things that the church has done in the past, which we could do again, or they could be things that the church has never tried.

Please, share your thoughts with your church leaders ... you never know when God is whispering to us through you!

## Church Communication

Would you like to have a church event or announcement included in the Newsletter or Sunday bulletin? Would you like to invite church members to a special event? Please submit a Publication Request form to the church office for all announcements to be included in the Newsletter and/or Sunday bulletin. The deadline for Sunday bulletin publication is the prior Wednesday. Request forms can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office. You can also email your request to [office@newlifepresby.org](mailto:office@newlifepresby.org).



Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the lines of communication open here at New Life Presbyterian Church.

## Congregational Care Fund



New Life Presbyterian Church has established a Congregational Care Fund to assist members of the congregation when they face unexpected crises. Over the past years we have been able to help members who have faced problems such as unexpected loss of employment, mortgage foreclosure, illness and other things. The assistance we have been able to provide to individual members has made a genuine difference in helping stabilize their lives. Much of the fund has come through individual donations from members of the congregation. If you would like to make a contribution, please include a note indicating it is to be allocated to the congregational care fund. This fund makes it possible to provide assistance where appropriate. Thank you for your consideration.

Have You  
Paid Your  
Per Capita?



## 2018 Per Capita

One of the regular expenses in the church budget is Per Capita, a yearly apportionment that each Presbyterian congregation is asked to pay to cover the administrative costs of the governing bodies. Your Per Capita contribution allows our mission dollars to be spent directly on mission projects rather than on the costs of administering a mission.

Per Capita for the year 2018 is \$26.33 per church member. The total apportionment for New Life Presbyterian Church is \$5,213.34. This is how much more New Life would have available for programs and missions if each member paid their per capita for the year. You may use the blue "Per Capita" envelope included with your offering envelope pack or clearly mark your contribution as "per capita". Feel free to contact the church office for more details on Per Capita contributions.



Please join us at 11:45AM in Agape Hall for light refreshments.  
12:00 PM Sunday School  
Childcare is available from 10:00AM-1:00PM.

### **Sunday School- Kids**

Our Spark House All Kids program continues with studies from the Books of Genesis and Exodus.

### **Adult Sunday School**

**CHRISTIAN: It's Not What You Think**

Have you ever stopped to wonder, what it means to be Christian? Curiously, the term is never used in Scripture. Through eight engaging and enlightening sessions, Andy Stanley – a pastor and bestselling author – will examine the characteristics Jesus used to define those who followed him. The qualities, which Jesus prescribed for his followers, made them unique in the ancient world. What if believers today embodied these traits? This DVD based study will push us all to become better followers of Christ. We still have room for more- join us this week!

### **Prayer Group**

Thursdays: 11:00 am – NOON

Have you ever thought of Christian faith as something that is contagious? Rather like a disease that you catch? What would it take for your faith to become contagious, so that other people actually wanted to be caught by God? On Thursdays our Prayer Group continues to study what it means to be Contagious Christians. Come join with us and find out!

### **Faith Lessons Video Series-Walk as Jesus Walked**

Mondays: 10:30 am – 11:45 am in Agape Hall

Becoming a disciple of Jesus demands more than merely a deep commitment to the text and complete devotion to Christian community. The Messiah is king, and believers are called to pick up their crosses in daily pursuit after becoming like Him. Come join us for another insightful series by Ray Vander Laan – a noted historian and teacher – and rediscover the fierce passion of the apostle Paul and our early Christian brothers and sisters as the rabbi leads you through cities such as Aphrodisias, Antioch Pisidia, Lystra, and Cappadocia in ancient Asia Minor.

# *PRAYER CONCERNS*

## PRAY FOR HEALING

**Glenn Watterworth**  
**Alyssa-** (Wendy Martin's granddaughter)  
**Baby Scarlett** (Sandy Day's great-granddaughter)  
**May Shorthouse**  
**Bruce Duff**  
**Jasmine Gorski-** (Jeff & Wendy's granddaughter)  
**Mike Day-** (friend of Kevin Konikson)  
**Lori Haralson**  
**Tara Summers-** (friend of Joyce Harrison)  
**Bill Mundle-**(JoAnn DiPasquale's cousin)  
**Jeanne-** (friend of the Robbins family)  
**Steve Jones**  
**Brinlee Capazolli-** (Jeff Turner's cousin)  
**Lana Horvath**  
**Marge Kunz**  
**Jodie Horan**  
**John Turner**  
**Patti Jones-** (Cliff Robbins' sister)  
**Nancy Bechtel**  
**Terry North**  
**Shirley Honor**  
**Joan Mc Bride**

## STRENGTH AND HOPE

**Paul & Kelsey Gryelewski**  
**Marlene Kanthook**  
**Glenn & Elaine Watterworth**  
**Pete Wickens & Family--**(friend of Haralsons)  
**Marlene Kanthook**  
**Kevin Konikson**  
**Brendan Bonkowski and family**  
**Carlene Kneebone**  
**Catherine Meeka-** --(friend of Shelley)  
**Curt & Lisa Albrecht & Family--**(friends of Schroeders)  
**Dean-** (Margie Hurst's nephew)  
**Ken Pawlitz**  
**Tom Dittman**  
**Marilyn Anderson**  
**Helen Goltz**

## COMFORT IN MOURNING

**Becky Piatek and family-** after the recent passing of Jeff Piatek  
**Family of Michael Griffin-** after his recent passing  
**Karen Duff and family-**after the recent passing of her mom, Rusty Estlow

## SERVING IN THE MILITARY

**SrA Shawn Konikson-** US Air Force  
**Mike Stroud-** US Air Force (Shirley Coar's grandson)  
**Kendra-** requested by Fred Walker  
**PFC Julian Lee-** US Army  
**Col. Jason Hollaran-**US Army

## GENERAL/GLOBAL

All people dealing with hardship and loss from recent natural disasters, including evacuees and first responders  
 Those struggling in personal and spiritual crisis  
 Victims of unrest & injustice throughout the world  
 Second Mile Center  
 Those seeking work  
 Missionaries serving worldwide  
 Those experiencing homelessness  
 An end to violence in our nation

Please inform the church office of updates or if you know of someone who is well enough to be removed from our prayer chain. Thank you.

# ***New Life Presbyterian Church***

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*Reverend Mary Bahr-Jones, Interim Pastor*

## **CHURCH STAFF**

Wendy Mueller, Secretary  
Shelley Claeys, Secretary

Edyta Jaros – Music Director  
Sana Mansour – Child Care Supervisor

## **SESSION**

Moderator: Rev. Mary Bahr-Jones

Clerk: Valerie Robbins

Phil Cunningham  
Dorothy Harrington  
Marge Kunz  
Calliandra Bowman-Tomlinson

Lori Haralson  
Matthew Hurst  
Valerie Robbins

Bill Bowman  
Sharon Gire  
Charles Gough

## **DEACONS**

Moderator: Joan Lockard

Secretary: Shayla Hansen

Bruce Duff  
Shayla Hansen  
Bernice Rutherford  
Randy Tuck

Judy Doverspike  
Jodie Horan  
Margie Hurst

Bob Hitchcock  
Cheryl Konikson  
Joan Lockard

## **NLPC Weekly Calendar**

### **MONDAY, October 22, 2018**

9:00 AM Honey-Doers  
10:30 AM Study Group  
8:00 PM AA

### **SATURDAY, October 27, 2018**

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Fall Fun Event

### **TUESDAY, October 23, 2018**

8:00 PM AA, Alanon, Alateen

### **SUNDAY, October 28, 2018**

8:45 AM Choir Practice  
10:00 AM Prayer Partners  
10:30 AM Worship  
11:45 AM Coffee & Fellowship  
12:00 PM Stewardship Kick-Off  
12:00 PM Sunday School

### **WEDNESDAY, October 24, 2018**

6:45 PM Tone Chimes Practice

### **THURSDAY, October 25, 2018**

11:00 AM Prayer/Study Group  
7:00 PM Band Practice