

The Women of the Bible Study meets every Monday at 1:00 PM in the Chapel. Join us for this time of faith and fellowship.

The Gospel of Luke. Rev. Buchan leads the Bible Study from 6:00 - 7:00 Tuesday evenings in the Chapel. Email Revbuchan@nmchurch.org if you would like to attend.

Nothing's better than breakfast for dinner! Join us on February 13th from 5:30 - 7:30 PM for our **Brinner Pancake Dinner**.

The **Chapel Stitches** will meet on February 18th this month in the Chapel following coffee hour. All are welcome.

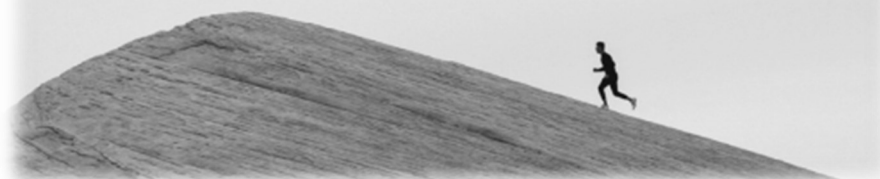
The next **Church Council meeting** is on Monday February 19th at 6:30 PM in the Taylor Room.

Our **Annual Meeting** will be held on Sunday March 3rd directly following worship service.

Women's Fellowship: The women of the church are invited to the Taylor Room for an evening of friendship and fellowship. Come to a potluck supper on March 9th, starting at 6:00 PM. Bring a dish and BYOB. All are welcome!

“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”

Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win...with purpose in every step. 1 Corinthians 9:24



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WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE *All Things Bright and Beautiful/John Rutter*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: They that wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

People: They shall mount up with wings like eagles.

Leader: They shall run and not be weary.

People: They shall walk and not faint.

All: Here and now, let us praise God. Let us worship God together.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

GLORIA PATRI*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.

HYMN*

Holy, Holy, Holy! #4

INVOCATION & LORD’S PRAYER

O God, in your power you set immense galaxies whirling through space and in your love you kneel to heal a broken human heart. Help us now to worship you in spirit and in truth. May we place you at the very center of our lives. We give ourselves to your service. Show us the way to go. We ask this in Jesus’ name who taught us to pray, saying:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Choral Response

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 103:1-5

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Call to Offering

Offertory

Glory / arr. David Wise

Song of Presentation*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer*

God of all goodness, accept the gifts we bring. Use them and us for your glory and for the work of your church. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

HYMN

Of the Father’s Love Begotten #104

Church School children will process to the Parish House during the second verse.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Choral Response

SERMON

Spiritual Lessons from Football

Choral Response

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN*

Be Thou My Vision #595

BENEDICTION* - spoken and sung.

POSTLUDE

A Gaelic Blessing/John Rutter

**All are invited to stand in body or spirit*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Are Welcome Here: For your comfort, listening devices are available by the front doors of the church. Large print bulletins are available at both entrances. Additionally, services are live streamed in the chapel, should you need to step out of the service for any reason. Simply turn on the TV. Please see a Deacon if you need assistance.

Please join us after service for our Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive and Soup Luncheon!

Newsletter: We invite you to sign up for our email newsletter. Please email news@nmchurch.org.

Large print bulletins are now available for those who need them.