



Rev. Pastor Gary Hilton

New Connections

November 2025 newbrightonmc.org

A Global Methodist Community of Faith Member

Ancient and Real Communion: Part 3 – Reverence and Thanksgiving

When we gather at the Lord's Table, we are not simply remembering an event long past, nor merely sharing a symbolic meal. We are entering into a sacred mystery—an act where heaven and earth meet, and where Christ is truly, mysteriously and present among us. John Wesley called Communion a “means of grace”—that is, not just a reminder of

grace, but a place where God provides us with grace. The risen Christ meets us in the bread and the cup. His Spirit makes present to us the reality of His body broken and His blood poured out, for the life of the world.

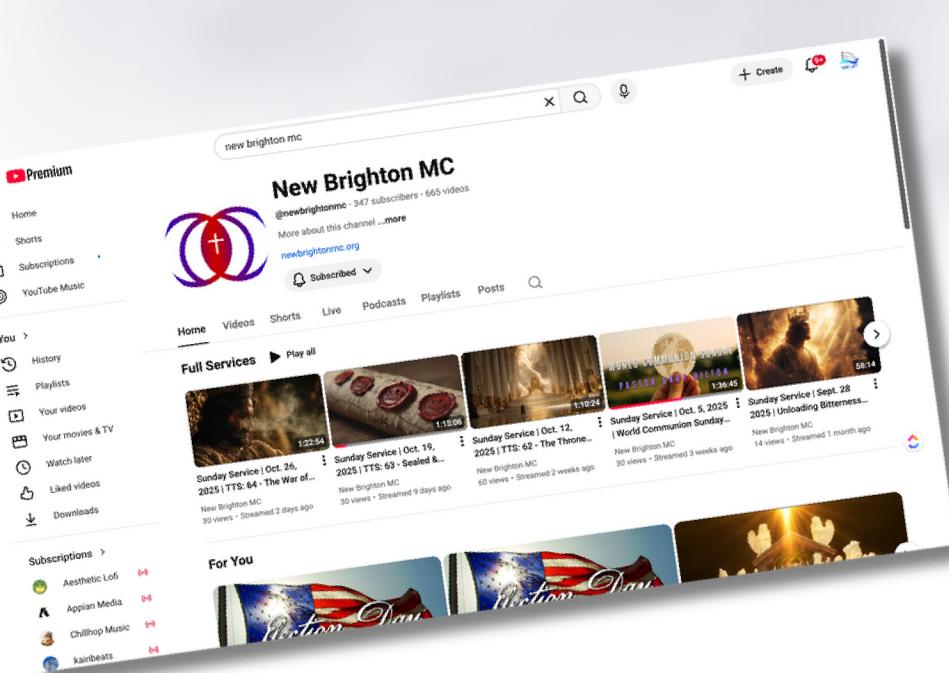
Therefore, we treat the elements, the bread and cup, with care and reverence. When you see me cover and uncover them with great care, it is not superstition, it is respect. We are acknowledging that this is not ordinary bread or wine. Once the elements have been set apart by prayer, consecrated for this holy act, they become holy, signs through which the presence of Christ is made known to us. The cloth that covers them reminds us of the sacred mystery—like the curtain in the Temple that once separated the holy from the common, now torn in two through Christ's sacrifice. When we handle the elements carefully, ensuring none are spilled or wasted, we testify that what God has made holy should be treated as holy. And when the service concludes, the remaining elements are not just thrown out, but consumed or returned to the earth, because even nature itself is drawn into God's redemptive work. As the psalmist declares, “The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it” (Psalm 24:1). All creation shares in the Lord's redemption.

Additionally, before we come to the Table, we confess our sins—not to earn our worthiness to receive them, but to recognize our need for them. Confession clears the way for communion, as our humble recognition opens the door for God's grace to be most effective.

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As Paul cautioned the Corinthians, “Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup” (1 Corinthians 11:28). This is not meant to be a barrier for us, but to remind us that the Table is a place for truth. When we come honestly, broken, repentant, and grateful we find that the same Lord who reveals our sin before us, also forgives our sin through His merciful sacrifice. And so, as we come to this holy meal, we do so with thanksgiving—which is what the word Eucharist means. The word Eucharist comes from the Greek eucharistia, meaning “thanksgiving.” It recalls the moment when Jesus “gave thanks” before breaking the bread at the Last Supper. “And he took bread, gave thanks (eucharistēsas), and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me’” (Luke 22:19). Therefore, Communion is a feast of gratitude. We thank God for the gift of His Son, for the grace that restores us, and for the promise of a Kingdom where we will one day sit with Christ at His table forever. As we approach Thanksgiving this month, may every meal remind us of this one—that all good gifts flow from the same Giver, and that every blessing finds its center in Jesus Christ. Glory to God, from whom all blessings flow. Amen.

Pastor Gary Hilton



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You can watch
every message
going back four
years on our
youtube channel?**



NB Highlights:

Spaghetti Dinner & Bake Sale

The Fundraising Committee will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner this Saturday, November 1st, from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. Details and pricing are on the posters. Tickets are available in the church office or by contacting Kim Inman or Jackie Axtell.

If you ordered unbaked, frozen meatballs, they will be available for pick-up at the dinner.

Gina Cornelius is holding a bake sale to purchase supplies for the kitchen.

JOY Luncheon

Our next JOY (Just Older Youth ministry) Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 5th at noon. Reservations are suggested (so that there will be enough chairs and tables setup), please call the church office to make your reservations, 724-843-3774, sign up at the church entrances OR send an e-mail to: secretary.nbmchurch@gmail.com A donation of \$7.00 is suggested to help defray the cost of the luncheon.

New Brighton Women of Faith

The women will meet on Friday, November 7th at Westminster Presbyterian Church for World Community Day.



Fall Back!

Reminder - Daylight savings time ends this Sunday, November 2nd. Don't forget to turn back your clocks!

Happy Thanksgiving



Odds & Ends

From Diane Cornelius &
Carol Gigliotti

We want to thank our church congregation for all of your generous contributions on behalf of our brother Lee Blakenbicker and his family after their devastating house fire. God bless you all for your prayers, donations of money and attending the spaghetti dinner benefit.

May God bless this congregation.



CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our Global Methodist charge conference will meet at NB Methodist Church on Monday, November 17th at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary All are invited and encouraged to attend.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2ND

William "Bill" Eaton - November 19, 1951 - October 18, 2024

Margaret "Peg" Ann Vild - July 5, 1934 - November 25, 2024

Mary Garmen - September 23, 1937 - January 1, 2025

Frank Milton Smith - November 8, 1936 - March 24, 2025

Caren L. Turnbull - January 23, 1948 - May 17, 2025

Donations for Shut-Ins

Christmas will be upon us soon. Once again the New Brighton Women of Faith will be assembling care bags for our shut-ins (20-25 each year). We are asking for monetary donations to purchase items, hygiene products, snacks and more.

Please donate by November 22, 2025 as we will be assembling the bags at our December 6, 2025 meeting. Please give donations to Gina Cornelius or Debbie Rexroad or put in the offering plate marked "shut ins."

Thank you for your continued support.



Harvest Table 2025



An annual ministry of our church is to remember those less fortunate in our community at Thanksgiving time through the New Brighton 12 Loaves Soup Kitchen.

For three Sundays in November, the 9th, 16th and 23rd a table will be set in the Sanctuary for your donations.

Some ideas are packaged cookies, brownies, Hostesses and Debbie cakes. As well as large cans of fruit and vegetables (no corn), peanut butter. Pantry canned and dry items are accepted, as well as, monetary donations.

 *Donna Philipp*

FUNdraising Committee:



Christmas Cookie Baking Marathon!

Advance order ONLY by December 1st
with Pickup on Saturday, Dec. 13th from
11am to 1pm.



The Fundraising Committee is having a Christmas Cookies Sale. All cookies are advanced order only. Orders are due by Monday, December 1st to either Jaime, in the office or Jackie or Kim.

The order form is in this newsletter and in the entry of the church.

Help will be needed on Thursday, December 11th and Friday, December 12th to make the cookies. We will start at 9 AM on both days and promise to feed you lunch.

Order pick-up will take place on Saturday, December 13th between 11 AM and 1 PM.

In addition to helpers baking, the Fundraising Committee is asking for the following donations.

Butter	Granulated Sugar	Flour	Brown Sugar
Eggs	Powdered Sugar	Walnuts	Chocolate Chips
Reese's mini Peanut Butter Cups		Cream Cheese	Peanut Butter

Please drop off items in the kitchen. Please put items that need to be kept cold in the refrigerator.

Thank you in advance for supporting this fundraising endeavor!

2025 Christmas Cookie Orders

New Brighton Methodist Church

2025 Annual Christmas Cookie Order Form

Advance orders by Monday, Dec. 1st. Prices are per dozen.

- \$ 6.75 Anise Pizzelles
- \$ 6.75 Cream Cheese Chocolate Cups
- \$ 6.75 Chocolate Chip
- \$ 6.75 Reese's Cups
- \$ 6.75 Mini Cherry Cheesecakes

- \$ 7.75 Butterballs
- \$ 7.75 Buckeyes (Peanut Butter Balls)
- \$ 7.75 Chocolate Carmel Delights Cookie
- \$ 8.00 Nut Cups
- \$ 8.00 Coconut Cream Truffle Cookie

Individual Rolls

- \$ 12.00 Pumpkin Roll
- \$ 15.00 Nut Roll

Total Order _____

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Orders can be placed by telephoning Jackie - 724-843-7114 or Kim 412-671-0071

Advance orders highly suggested for best selection and availability.

Proceeds benefit New Brighton Methodist Church



***Pick up orders on
Saturday, December
13th from 11am to
1pm in the
Fellowship Hall.***



Administrative Council Visioning Meetings are coming to a close

The Administrative Council has been meeting these past few months with its main goal being to create a 5-Year Plan through open visioning and creative thought. Members and some visitors have offered ideas and suggestions as to the direction that the ministry of NBMC should head in future years. All agreed that the next 5 years will be a time of transition in leadership and development.

Those present believed that it is important to prepare for the future in a rapidly changing world. This preparation would include examining facilities, staffing, equipment, programming and ministry. An outline has been prepared and should have been presented to our various committees during the month of October for additional input/discussion. Those contributions will then be brought back to the Administrative Council at November's meeting for inclusion and refinement. Soon thereafter, it is hoped, the results of the Council's "Visioning" will be presented to the congregation for additional input/discussion.

Please watch future Sunday Bulletins and/or Church Newsletters for more details about the presentation.

Thank you,
Tom Hallman
Administrative Council Chair



JUST FOR FUN: Bible Characters Word Search

O U A Z H X J T E Q U T M T U T P
I T O Y A Y O E A H L Z B L J T F
L U H D O M J M J O N A H I E C R
U M I A N X K T H B G Z J A H C P
I R Q J I O A B R A H A M G O P N
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Benjamin

Abigail

Abraham

Jehovah

Esther

Isaiah

Joseph

Samuel

David

Jacob

Jesus

Jonah

Peter

Adam

Noah

Paul

Ruth

Eve





Schedules

If you are unable to serve as scheduled please contact Jaime in the church office at 724-843-3774 or secretary.nbmchurch@gmail.com or if you're interested in serving as a liturgist please reach out to the church office.

November

Counter Schedules

- 2nd - Gina Cornelius and Debbie Rexroad
- 9th - Jackie Axtell and Evelyn Eckelberger
- 16th - Nancy VanFossan and Kathy Campbell
- 23rd - Kim Inman and Jan Engel
- 30th - Kim Inman and Cathy Stanyard

Liturgist Schedules

- 2nd - Rob Capo
- 9th - Michelle Hilton
- 16th - Tom Hallman
- 23rd - Larry Parks
- 30th - Carla Kratz

December

Counter Schedules

- 7th - Gina Cornelius and Debbie Rexroad
- 14th - Jackie Axtell and Evelyn Eckelberger
- 21st - Nancy VanFossan and Kathy Campbell
- 28th - Kim Inman and Jan Engel

Liturgist Schedules

- 7th - Rob Capo
- 14th - Michelle Hilton
- 21st - Tom Hallman
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Mission 2 Mission Sale

You never know what you're going to find! Open every Tuesday 9-2pm & 1st Sat. of each month!

New This Fall: Blended & Blessed Family Ministry
EXTENDED REGISTRATION - Join at any point! It
doesn't matter if you started in the beginning, we
welcome you at any point!

Join us in person on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month for our Blended & Blessed Step-Family Support classes.

These support classes are for everyone! Whether you're a single parent, guardian, grandparent, or just someone who wants to learn biblical tips and solutions for running a cohesive and Biblical household, these classes are for you!

Register Online at
newbrightonmc.org/blendedfamily



A Blended Family Ministry

Blended families are beautiful, complex, and holy — not despite their challenges, but often because of them. In a world where family



New Brighton Women of Faith:

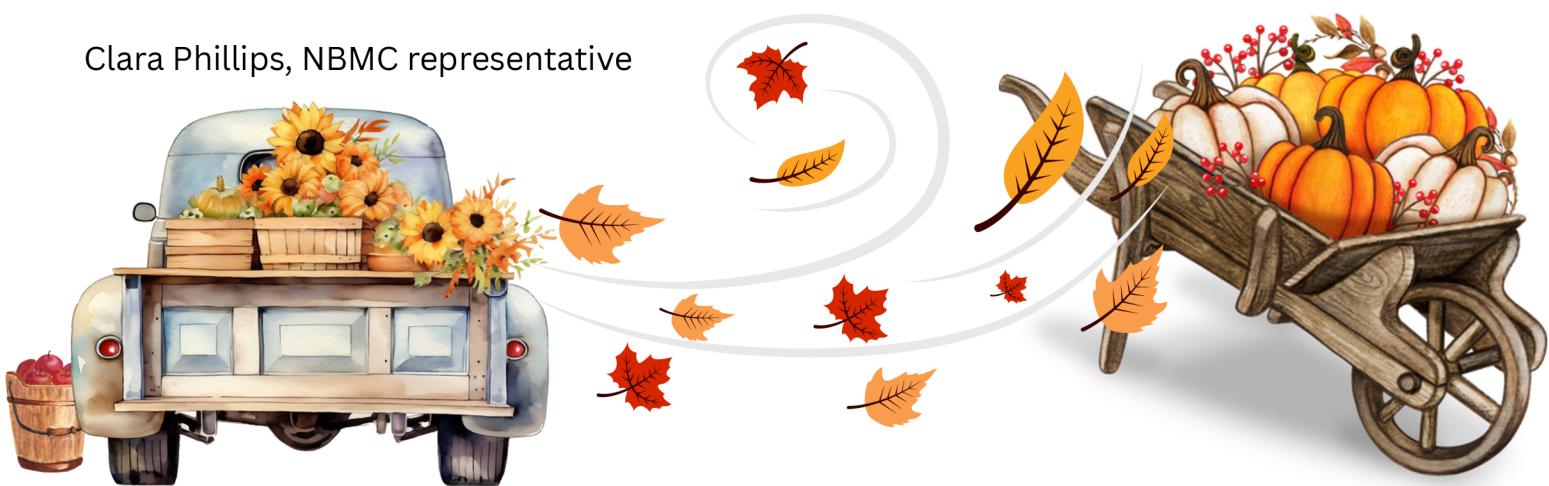
The women will meet on Friday, November 7th at Westminster Presbyterian Church for World Community Day. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. followed by the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Our program speaker is Brenda Kaszer. She'll share how humbling it was to be part of God's plan sharing the gospel with people in Russia, Israel, Mexico, and Africa.

Hope to see some new faces at the meeting. We always seem to have a good time and it gives us an opportunity to meet with other Christian women in our community. Mark the date on your calendar and also bring a friend.

Clara Phillips, NBMC representative



NEW BRIGHTON
WOMEN OF FAITH





Celebrating November Birthdays!

2nd - Rev. Daniel Stinson

6th - Brett Dixon

Donna Michel

Susan Murphy

7th - Jason Fogg

9th - Rebecca Cox

Allan Lee

10th - Rev. Greg Cox

Gunner Kutoff

12th - Shirley Hallman

Jim Smith

14th - Linda Namett

19th - Ingrid Kinzel

20th - Jane (Hodge) Lee

Betty Shrader

21st - Elyanna Daubenspeck

23rd - Shirley Spencer

Rich Cassarino

Helen Bryan

25th - Mary Clayton

27th - Ginger (Capo) Herrera

Ashley (Homitz) Inman

28th - Allen Rombald

29th - Linda Clayton

Adam Rombald

Kathy "Kitty" Woodske

30th - Peggy Czartoryski

BE THANKFUL.
BE
Grateful
&
BE BLESSED.



Celebrating November Anniversaries!

4th - David & Barbara Chewning

John & Debbie Fogg

7th - Nancy & Ken Wilcox

12th - Steven & Jennifer Inman

Ray & Cindy Hoey

15th - Pastor Scott & Karla Berkley

Cindy & Bruce Dixon

24th - Pastor Gary & Michelle Hilton

25th - Richard & Ginger Herrera



November Scripture Readings

- 1 Psalm 8
- 2 2 Chronicles 5:1-14
- 3 Ezra 1:1-11
- 4 Ezra 3:1-13
- 5 Ezra 4:24-5:17
- 6 Ezra 6:1-12
- 7 Ezra 6:13-22
- 8 Ezra 7:1-10
- 9 Ezra 7:11-28
- 10 Nehemiah 8:1-18
- 11 Nehemiah 12:27-47
- 12 Haggai 1:1-15
- 13 Haggai 2:1-23
- 14 Psalm 113
- 15 Psalm 118
- 16 Psalm 105:1-22
- 17 Psalm 105:23-45
- 18 Psalm 106:1-23
- 19 Psalm 106:24-48
- 20 Psalm 107:1-22
- 21 Psalm 107:23-43
- 22 Psalm 135
- 23 Psalm 144
- 24 Psalm 145
- 25 Psalm 146
- 26 Psalm 147
- Thanksgiving Day**
- 27 Psalm 148
- 28 Psalm 149
- 29 Psalm 150
- First Sunday of Advent**
- 30 Psalm 34



Prayer Concerns

Help Us Stay Informed!

The church office relies on you to share important updates about illnesses, hospitalizations, recoveries, and more—please don't assume we already know. Hospitals and care facilities may not notify us due to privacy laws.

Prayer Requests & Updates

Prayer is a vital ministry at NBMC. If someone needs prayer, fill out a Prayer Card or contact us. To keep our bulletin prayer list current, please provide updates; after three weeks without one, we'll assume prayers have been answered and remove the name. Contact: Jaime Cassarino - secretary.nbmchurch@gmail.com or 724-843-3774 (leave a message).

Finance Committee:

Thank you to the Fundraising committee for raising a little over \$1,000 last month between the ham loaves sale and providing the dinner for the Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. This additional funding will support our programs and outreach. Thank you to those who worked at these events and to those who supported them. The next fundraising event is the Spaghetti Dinner on November 1st and then the Christmas Cookie Sale in December. There is more information about the Cookie Sale elsewhere in this newsletter.

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DEVELOP A HEART OF GENEROSITY

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances! --1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Would you like to be a more generous person, possessing a generous heart? Then try embracing gratitude as a spiritual practice. Since Thanksgiving is on the 23rd of this month, November is a wonderful time to give it a try. Gratitude and generosity go together. Whether you are a millionaire or just middle-class, when you are grateful for what you have, you will likely be happier and more satisfied. You will see the world through eyes of abundance and be more likely to give of yourself. How can we embrace gratitude as spiritual practice?

Paul gives us good advice. Give thanks in all circumstances: Paul says give thanks IN all circumstances, not FOR all circumstances. In tough times, we can be grateful for what is going well and for the resources, relationships and faith that will help us through. Pray without ceasing: Pray in the shower, in your car, on the beach, on your lunch break, at a stop light, in a grocery line. God hears all your prayers. Pray nonstop. Rejoice always: Look for everyday celebrations every day. Do you have hot water? A car? Clean socks? food? Friends? Rejoice. For a disciplined approach, keep a journal of your daily thanks, or a "gratitude list" that you can pray over and revise. Keep it up and it is a good bet that your developing "attitude of gratitude" will result in you becoming more generous and seeing the world through a lens of abundance.

The Finance Committee wishes each of you an incredibly Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy the time with family and/or friends.

Praying faith, love, and joy are yours today and always.

The Finance Committee





November: Praise & Thanksgiving Month

- Nov 1 – Praise for Redemption
- Nov 2 – Gratitude for His Mercy That Is New Every Morning
- Nov 3 – Praise for the Holy Spirit's Guidance
- Nov 4 – Thank God for the Gift of Scripture
- Nov 5 – Praise for God's Unchanging Character
- Nov 6 – Thank Him for Spiritual Family (Church)
- Nov 7 – Praise for Jesus' Intercession
- Nov 8 – Thank God for Hope in Trials
- Nov 9 – Praise for Healing (body, mind, and spirit)
- Nov 10 – Thank Him for Provision
- Nov 11 – Praise for Freedom in Christ
- Nov 12 – Thank God for Peace That Doesn't Make Sense
- Nov 13 – Praise God for Answered Prayers
- Nov 14 – Thank Him for Unanswered Prayers
- Nov 15 – Praise for Creation
- Nov 16 – Thank God for Purpose
- Nov 17 – Praise for Jesus' Victory Over the Enemy
- Nov 18 – Thank God for Relationships
- Nov 19 – Praise for Eternal Life
- Nov 20 – Thank God for Protection
- Nov 21 – Praise for Wisdom & Discernment
- Nov 22 – Thank God for His Patience
- Nov 23 – Praise God for Creativity & Gifts
- Nov 24 – Thank Him for Joy
- Nov 25 – Praise for Transformation
- Nov 26 – Thank God for His Presence
- Nov 27 – Praise God for Jesus' Sacrifice
- Nov 28 – Thank Him for Testimonies
- Nov 29 – Praise for the Coming Kingdom
- Nov 30 – Thank God for Every Season

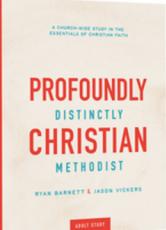


REMINDER

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Be sure to order your poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary by November 20th. Order forms in the church entrances.





ANCHORED

What We Believe and Why It Matters

Begins Sept. 11th at 11am & 7pm

A Ministry of New Brighton Methodist Church

Join us every Thursday at either 11am or 7pm for our new Anchored Bible Study. Pastor Gary explores what we believe and why we believe it. 2 convenient times for you to choose from!



NBMC will once again have an Angel Tree sponsored by The Women's Center of Beaver County. The tree will be set-up in the bell tower entrance with a clipboard and instructions. \$25 gift cards are asked to be donated for each child, please return gift cards by November 26th to Barb Binder or Jaime in the church office.



Alter Flowers



If you would like to have flowers on the altar in honor or in memory please contact Barb Binder at 724-462-5653. Vases are \$20 each.

November

2nd - OPEN

9th - OPEN

16th - OPEN

23rd - In loving memory of my husband Charles. By Jane Kennedy

30th - OPEN





Order your Poinsettia(s) for the Holiday



Orders are now being taken for Poinsettia plants, which will decorate our Sanctuary during the Christmas holiday. The plants will come in a 6 1/2" pot at a cost of **\$ 8.00 per plant** (same price as last year).

Please indicate your **quantity** of **RED or White** poinsettias below.

Red _____ White _____

Given by: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

I/we will take our poinsettia(s) Please donate

Please make checks payable to **New Brighton Methodist Church**.
Orders must be received by Thursday, November 20th!

Please give **this entire form to an usher** or you may **mail it to the church**:

New Brighton Methodist Church
1033 Sixth Avenue, New Brighton, PA 15066

Love Fund*

*If you do not wish to order a poinsettia, you may prefer to give to our "Love Fund". This fund allows the Pastor Gary to help people within our congregation and New Brighton community when the need arises, when other resources may not be available to them. The Love Fund has been a help to many and is a definitely a gift of love from our congregation. Please indicate above if you would like to designate in honor or in memory.



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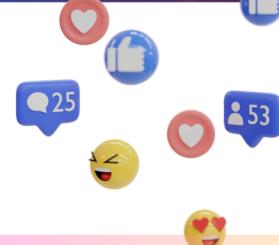
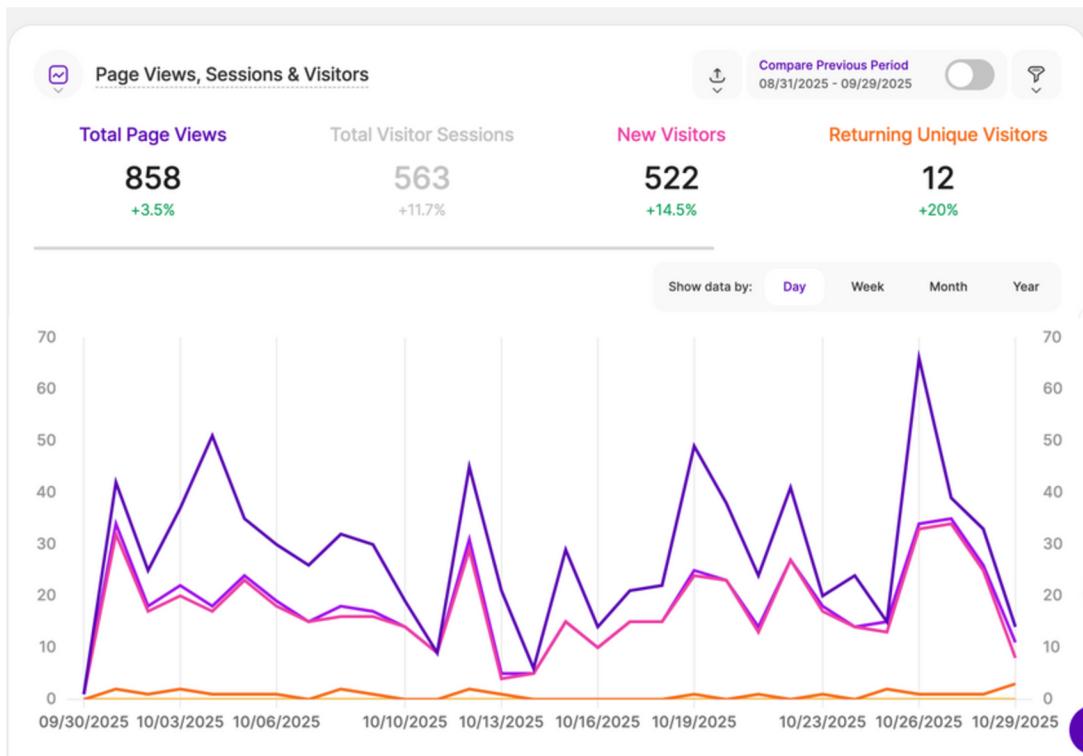
Website Update - Last 30 Days

NewBrightonMC.org

Clearer Vision: After running ads for our recent ministries and seeing a much higher traffic surge, our website numbers have become more stable and thus, we're able to see true numbers now - And it's looking great! We're up in every category from total page views to new visitors! Our blog continues to perform well and it's helping us reach more and more people!



World Wide: As you can see we get visitors from all over the globe. So please remember - what you do matters. Continue to share our services, shorts, social media posts and blog articles so we can continue to share the saving knowledge of God's word to a world that desperately needs it!



Current Numbers



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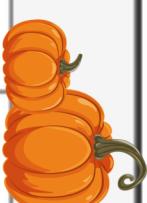
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374 Followers



November 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Spaghetti Dinner 4pm-6:30pm
2 Communion 11am All Saints Sunday 	3 Trustee's Meeting 7pm	4 Ad Council meeting noon Prayer Team 5:30pm Ministry & Missions 7pm	5 JOY Luncheon Noon	6 Bible Study 11am & 7pm	7 World Community Day	8 BV Piece Makers 9am - 4pm
9	10	11	12 Care Wear 9:30am Blended & Blessed 6pm	13 Soup Kitchen Bible Study 11am & 7pm	14	15
16	17 Charge Conference 7pm	18	19	20 Bible Study 11am & 7pm Newsletter Deadline	21	22 Last Day for Shut-ins Donations
23	24 Last Day for Harvest Table Donations	25	26 Care Wear 9:30am Blended & Blessed 6pm (ZOOM) 	27	28	29
30	1	2	3 *Bell choir 6pm Chancel Choir 7pm Every Wednesday	4 *No Bible Study on Thanksgiving	5	6

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