



New Connections

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A Global Methodist Community of Faith Member



Rev. Pastor Gary Hilton

Ancient and Real Communion: Part 2

In our church, we often celebrate Communion by a method called intinction. This simply means that each person comes forward, receives the bread, and then dips it into the cup before partaking. While there are many ways the Church has shared in this holy meal through the centuries, intinction has a long history and a special significance that I believe fits well within our Methodist understanding of Communion.

Historically, the earliest Christians received both the bread

and wine during Communion, just as Jesus first shared it with His disciples in the Upper Room. As centuries passed, concerns about spilling or mishandling the blood of Christ, led to offering the bread alone to the congregation, while the priest consumed the cup on behalf of the people (Council of Constance 1415). This meant the laity no longer shared in both elements. The Reformers, including John Wesley, objected to this practice, believing that Christ commanded His disciples to “take and eat... take and drink” (Matthew 26:26–27). They insisted that the fullness of the Sacrament should be restored to the people of God (Articles of Religion of the Methodist Church 1784 article XVIII). Intinction then developed as a simple and reverent way to safeguard both elements while ensuring that every believer partakes of Christ’s body and blood. By dipping the bread into the cup, the church guards the unity of the body and blood, and follows Christ’s command that believers share fully in His sacrifice.

On a practical level, intinction also points to the personal nature of the meal. We all come to one loaf and one cup, just as Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 10:17: “Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.” Rather than being handed small individual servings that can feel separated, we are reminded that we are bound together in Christ through His one body.

But there is a deeper reason why I, as a pastor prefer this practice. Every time I present the Communion, and witness each one of you step forward, I am reminded that I know many of your stories—the burdens you carry, the trials you endure, the griefs and struggles on your hearts. **>>> Cont on page 2**



I have prayed with you in hospital rooms, counseled you in difficult seasons, and praised God with you in times of healing and joy. And in that moment of Communion, as each of you takes the bread, and dips it into the cup, it is a sign that Christ Himself meets you personally in all of those moments...and in that moment I can, in a special way, somehow see or feel a glimpse of our ultimate healing in Christ. The bread and cup proclaim His broken body and shed blood, not only for forgiveness of our sins, but also to point us to a promised day when every sorrow, sickness, and struggle will be overcome. As Revelation 21:4 says, "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Therefore, when you dip the bread into the cup and partake of the goodness of the Lord, remember...your healing is secure in Christ, and your story is not finished until He makes all things new.

Glory be to the Lord our God, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Pastor Gary Hilton

Upcoming meetings:

- Trustee's meeting 7pm 10/6
- Administrative Council meeting noon 10/7
- Nominating Committee meeting 11am 10/8
- SPRC meeting 7pm 10/13
- Prayer Team meeting 5:30pm and Ministry & Missions meeting 7pm 10/14
- Finance meeting 7pm 10/27



NB Highlights:

JOY Luncheon

Our first Just Older Youth luncheon will be October 1st and they will continue to be the first Wednesday of each month. JOY begins at noon.

Blended & Blessed

Blended family life is hard - But it doesn't have to be! Join us for our continuing meetings the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

Anchor Bible Study

Join Pastor Gary Hilton as he takes you on a journey to not only connect your mind to the study of the Bible, but your heart with the truth of the Gospel. Anchored will be held every Thursday morning and evening starting Sept. 11th. Join us either at 11am or 7pm in our Sanctuary.

New Brighton Fall Festival - Oct. 18th 8am - 5pm

Join us for New Brighton Fall Festival! A day of shopping, entertainment, and community engagement!

Matthew 9:37-38

"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."



World Communion Sunday

Join us on October 5th 2025 at our 9am and 11am services as we celebrate World Communion Day

*Fall
is in the
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OCTOBER 2025

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If you have any interest in serving our church through music please consider joining the choir or bell choir. Let's raise a joyful noise through singing and ringing! Please contact David Wolbert with any questions. Chancel Choir - Wednesdays at 7 pm. Wesley Ringers - Wednesdays at 6 pm.



THANK
.. YOU,
smiley face

From Bob & Barbara Main

We want to thank our church family for their prayers and concerns over the past months for our granddaughter Abi. She is doing remarkably well and blessed with a full recovery. She has even returned to work. We praise God for all the miracles accomplished in Abi's recovery and for our loving and caring church family.

Bob & Barbara Main

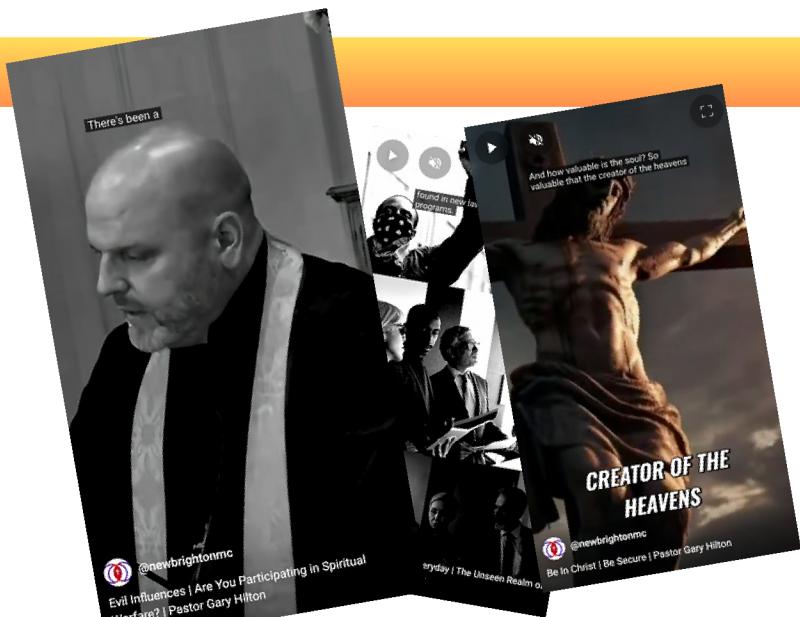


From Jackie & John Axtell

Dear church family,

My family and I would like to thank you for all your love, prayers, cards and concern for my brother (Jack Hemer) upon his passing. We are truly grateful.

In Christian Love,
Jackie and John Axtell



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Subscribe to our Youtube, Facebook or Instagram page for the latest short form content - And don't forget to share it to spread God's Word to the masses!

FUNdraising Committee:



SPAGHETTI DINNER and BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

The Fundraising Committee will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, November 1, 2025, from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. You may take out or eat in during this time. The cost of a large meal is \$12.00 which includes spaghetti with two (2) meatballs, tossed salad, roll, cake and a beverage. A small meal is \$9.00 which is a smaller portion of spaghetti, one (1) meatball, tossed salad, roll, cake and a beverage. Hot sausage will be available for an additional \$2.00. Tickets are available in the church office or by contacting Kim Inman or Jackie Axtell. Help will be needed to make the meatballs (date to be announced) and on November 1. We will need fourteen (14) 9X13 cakes for dessert. If you can help in any way, please contact Kim Inman or Jackie Axtell.

The committee is also taking orders for unbaked, frozen meatballs. A dozen meatballs cost \$12.00. Orders are due by October 20th. See sign-up sheets in the church or contact Jaime in the church office or Jackie and Kim.



Gina Cornelius is holding a **bake sale** to purchase supplies for the kitchen. Please see Gina if you would like to donate something for the bake sale. Any baked goods can be dropped off any time after 9:00 AM on Saturday, November 1st.



COOKIE DONATIONS NEEDED



THANK YOU to those individuals who donated baked goods for our September date at the soup kitchen. The goodies were very much appreciated by the clients and by the management. We will need baked goods, again, for October 11.

Covenant Marriage

Strengthen your marriage with God's Word! Download our free "Covenant Marriage" Devotional designed for couples who are looking for Biblical tips and encouragement on solidifying their commitment to each other and God. Access it free now at: newbrightonmc.org/resourcecenteraccess



From the Trustees



Maintenance and Planning Continues

The Trustees continue to maintain our various properties and buildings while also planning for the future. We believe it is important to quickly respond to unexpected repairs, conduct regular maintenance and also to plan for the future! Members of the Trustees have been actively involved in the Administrative Council's planning/visioning meetings. The Trustees deal mainly with property and equipment for ministry. We take seriously the care of the wonderful gifts that we have received over the decades from our church family. We also need to address how we will maintain those gifts well into the future for the up and coming generations. Trustees meetings are open to visitors and are held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Wesley Room. Stop in and share your vision with us!!



The Visioning/Planning Continues (5 Year Plan)

The Administrative Council has held two (2) Visioning/Planning meetings so far and have made great progress. There has been a lot of lively discussion, creative thinking and consensus. We are working together to create a plan for our church that will guide us over the next three (3) or five (5) years. We believe that it is good to have a map to follow and goals to reach for in ministry. We also agree that we need to keep our congregation, properties and ministries relevant to the changing times, demographics and community. Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 7th at Noon in the Wesley Room. We hope that you will attend and share your thoughts/vision.

Thank you,
Tom Hallman
Administrative Council Chair / Trustee Secretary

A handwritten signature of Tom Hallman.



JUST FOR FUN: Proverbs 10 Word Search

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Behavior	Escape	Holiness	Safe	Ways
Character	Evil	Incline	Sayings	Wise
Choices	Find	Innocent	Sight	Within
Conversation	Flesh	Life	Son	Words
Course	Flow	Ponder	Speech	
Crooked	Forward	Purity	Springs	
Devious	Guard	Respect	Straight	
Difficult	Healing	Rewards	Swerve	



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.

October

Counter Schedules

5th - Gina Cornelius and Debbie Rexroad
12th - Jackie Axtell and Cathy Stanyard
19th - Kay Campbell and Nancy Van Fossan
26th - Jan Engel and Kim Inman

Liturgist Schedules

5th - Michelle Hilton
12th - Tom Hallman
19th - Larry Parks
26th - Carla Kratz

November

Counter Schedules

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

Liturgist Schedules

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



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

Join us in person on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month for our Blended & Blessed Step-Family Support classes. Through real talk, biblical truth, and practical tools, we'll walk this journey together — because blending isn't easy, but it is possible with grace.

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 Saturday, October 18 th meeting of the NBWF will start at 11:00 A.M. with a light lunch. Each member is to bring their own sandwich/salad/etc. Dessert and beverages will be provided by the hostess.

The program is: **“Canine Companions”**. Canine Companions is a national organization that provides highly trained dogs at no charge to people with disabilities.

It's a very good program that you'll enjoy. The day of the meeting we'll collect our regular offering as well as a special offering (if you wish to participate) to present to our speaker, Derek.

Please mark your calendars. Come join us where we can be in fellowship together.
Clara Phillips
Chairperson



NEW BRIGHTON
WOMEN OF FAITH



Celebrating October Birthdays!



1 - Darwin Main
1 - James "Jim" Turnbull
2 - Casey Hilton
2 - Sean Bemus Kennedy
2 - Ruth Ann Shane
6 - Janis Winton
8 - William Young
9 - Nicholas Cornelius
10 - Emmanuel Hilton
10 - Grant Rombold
12 - Matthew Generalovich
12 - Frank Spagina
13 - Barbara (Miller) Leggerio
17 - Kirsten Fazzini
19 - Bruce Woodske
21 - Robert "Robby" Capo
22 - Gary Rombold Jr.
22 - Janet Wise
28 - Frank Spagina
31 - Paula (Emrick) Wagoner



Celebrating October Anniversaries!

10 - Marilyn & Ed Ruby
12 - Kathy & Gary Pavlinich
17 - Ernie & Donna Philipp
17 - Tom & Kitty Woodske
18 - Lynne & John Flower
19 - Robert "Bob" & Karla Capo
20 - Bill & Paula Wagoner



October Scripture Readings

- 1 Psalm 37
- 2 Psalm 52
- 3 Psalm 94
- 4 Psalm 96

World Communion Sunday

- 5 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
- 6 Psalm 97
- 7 Psalm 98
- 8 Psalm 99
- 9 Exodus 20:1-17
- 10 Leviticus 25:1-22
- 11 Leviticus 25:23-38
- 12 Leviticus 25:39-55
- 13 Numbers 27:1-11
- 14 Numbers 36:1-13
- 15 Deuteronomy 1:1-18
- 16 Deuteronomy 4:1-14
- 17 Deuteronomy 4:15-40
- 18 Deuteronomy 4:41-49
- 19 Deuteronomy 5:1-22
- 20 Deuteronomy 5:23-33
- 21 Deuteronomy 6:1-25
- 22 Deuteronomy 7:1-11
- 23 Deuteronomy 7:12-26
- 24 Deuteronomy 16:18-17:13
- 25 Micah 1:1-16
- 26 Micah 2:1-13
- 27 Micah 3:1-12
- 28 Micah 4:1-5:1
- 29 Micah 5:2-15
- 30: Micah 6:1-16
- 31 Micah 7:1-20



Prayer Concerns

- For Hamas hostages – the remaining 58 hostages with only 24 believed to be alive
- Family of Jack Hemer (Jackie Axtell's brother) – upon his passing
- Family of Ken McCautry – upon his passing
- For Lee Blakenbicker and family after a house fire – Diane Cornelius and Carol Gigliotti's brother and family lost almost everything including their pets
- For the tragedy at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints – At least four victims have died and eight others were injured after a shooter opened fire at and set fire to a Mormon church in Grand Blanc Township, Michigan Sunday morning.
- For the tragedy at Annunciation School in Minnesota – The 19 children and adults affected or lost their lives and their families and community by the mass shooting.
- For the murder of Ukrainian refugee Iryna Zarutska – 23 year old woman stabbed to death last month on the light rail line in Charlotte's South End.
- For the tragedy at Evergreen High School in Jefferson County, Colorado - the shooting, which left two students critically injured and one deceased.
- For the assassination of Charlie Kirk - co-founder of Turning Point USA, was killed after being shot at a speaking event at Utah Valley University.
- For the community of Munga Lelau in Taraba State, Nigeria – part of the Northeast Annual Conference of the GMC after a terrorist attack
- For Israeli and Palestinian people- for those working for peace in the region; those who have lost loved ones or have been injured, the kidnapped Israelis to be released.
- For those who are grieving
- For health concerns – Liz Coder, Jim Smith, Wendy Crist, Bob Crist, Norm Binder, Hazel Liberty, John & Dave McCutcheon, Sue Mignanelli, Tony & Nancy Mignanelli, Matthew Wolbert, Cindee Pavelek, Linda Namett, Scott Disney, Barbara Porter, Kristine Miloser, Carol Chewning, Hadley, Judy Bobak, Robert Porter, Bobby Wolfe, Kurt Holta, Skylar, Nancy, Kathy, Mary Ann Irwin, Paula, Diane, Carol Metz, Linda Holliday, Ron Auhurst, Hope Kester, Helen Bryan, Jamie Spencer, Michele Furgiuele, Donna Wilcox, Lori House, Delpha Tyree, Randy Ord, Aurora Spagina, Cindy & Mike Hurst, Gary Main, Dave Griffith, Joe Fabiani, Patty Morgan, Janet Graham, Steve Tuscic, Brittany Morrow, Darla Place, Tom Woodske, Joan Ashton, Sunshine Mahle, Pete Kinzel, Dan Sprague, Anna Babcanic
- Our homebound/care facility members and friends
Mary Clayton, Tom Czartoryski, Diana Garmen, Bob Gray, Mary Hacker, June Puskaric, Donna Wilcox, Lee Blakenbicker, Gert LeDonne
- Our military and their families – especially those who are stationed overseas
Joshua Main – now back stateside Robert Main – now back stateside

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).



Have You Considered...

While you are creating your financial plan, have you considered leaving money to NBMC? If yes, the following article was created by AI. It has some basics steps, but it is suggested that you discuss it with your financial planner and lawyer first.

To leave money to a church, document your wishes in a will or trust, clearly identifying the church by its legal name and providing details on the gift's purpose and amount. Informing the church of your intentions helps avoid complications and ensures they can manage the gift. For larger gifts, a trust can offer greater control, and for smaller or routine gifts, a simple bequest in a will is sufficient.

Key Steps for a Planned Gift

1. Reflect on Your Values:

Consider which aspects of the church's work resonate most with your beliefs, such as youth education, community outreach, or preserving traditions.

2. Choose Your Gift Method:

- Bequest in a Will: A straightforward way to leave money to a church in your will.
- Trust: A trust provides more control and flexibility, especially for larger gifts, ensuring your assets are managed and distributed as you intend.
- Designated Purpose: Specify if you want the funds to support a particular ministry, project, or the general operating fund of the church.

3. Document Your Intentions:

A written will or trust is essential; verbal promises have no legal weight.

4. Use the Church's Legal Name:

Identify the beneficiary with their complete legal name, address, and tax identification number to prevent confusion.



5. Notify the Organization:

Inform the church of your intentions in advance. This allows them to accept and manage the gift responsibly, particularly if it involves specific conditions or requires ongoing maintenance, such as a property.

Why Make a Planned Gift?

- Support Future Ministries:

These gifts are investments in the church's long-term sustainability, providing funds for outreach, education, and other vital ministries.

- Strengthening the Community:

Planned gifts build lasting relationships and help sustain the church's work for generations to come.

Important Considerations

- Professional Assistance:

Seek professional legal and financial advice to ensure your plan is executed correctly and follows all formalities.

- Avoid Surprises:

A gift that is unexpected or requires the church to take on new responsibilities can lead to complications.

Praying peace, hope and love are yours today and always.

The Finance Committee.



Kim Anzman



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What We Believe and Why It Matters

2 Convenient Times!

Every Thursday

11am or 7pm

PROFOUNDLY
DISTINCTLY
CHRISTIAN
METHODIST

RYAN BARNETT & JASON VICKERS

ADULT STUDY

Staff Parish Relations Committee:

Pastor Appreciation Day



October is observed as National Clergy Appreciation Month (also known as Pastor Appreciation Month), and Pastor Appreciation Day — a day set aside within the month to celebrate pastors — is October 12 this year. The month recognizes the contributions and services of pastors, priests, reverends, ministers, and all other clergymen.

1 Thessalonians 5:12–13 (NIV) says: “Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.”

On Pastor Appreciation Day and throughout the month of October, we ask that you offer a heartfelt prayer for Pastor Gary, thanking God for his leadership and spiritual guidance, asking for continued strength, wisdom, and protection for him, Michelle and their family, and praying for renewed fervor in his calling to serve God and the congregation. You can also ask God to show you ways to bless and encourage him, reminding him that he is seen, valued, and loved.

Blessings,

Cathy Stanyard, Chairperson, SPRC



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.

October

5th - In loving memory of mother Joanne Sawyer's birthday. From Chris & Rob Bierline
12th - OPEN
19th - OPEN
26th - In loving memory of mother Edna Emerick. From Bill & Paula Wagoner



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