



# New World *newsletter*

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## **A NEW AWARENESS.**

We now have empirical proof of what John Wesley said all along about the gospel message of Jesus and the kingdom work on earth. Wesley said, “The world is my parish.”

Did you know that Wesley received a ton of scrutiny and people who tried to stone him to death, threw rotten fruit at him, chased him, threatened him, humiliated him in the press, argued publicly with him and slandered him, but he never stopped serving the Lord?

They were angry because he preached to the poor from a pulpit in fields, (totally against the status quo) started schools for orphans, visited the sick and dying in their homes and hospitals, and met with prisoners who were in jail? All things the church of England was not doing at the time – they were bringing church to those with wealth and means. Wesley rose very early in the morning and fed his own soul first through scripture and prayer before mounting his horse and riding from place to place to meet the needs of the world around him.

During his ministry, Wesley wrote one of the best-selling medical texts, coined the term “agree to disagree”, rode over 250,000 miles, preached over 40,000 sermons, struggled with doubt, counseled people to eat for good health, helped teach and ordain ministers that would begin the Methodist Church, believed in doing no harm and believed that we could only grow as Christians in community.

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Wesley served in the church of England until they physically ran him out of the church buildings and then he preached on top of his father's grave – the only plot of land he owned in England. He never left the church of England officially, but transformed the way the church would come to see ministry “in all the world making disciples of Jesus Christ, baptizing and teaching all that Jesus had taught.”

We now know what he meant by, “The world is my parish” because we now know that being in the building is not the only way we can do ministry. While we are focused on getting back to In-Person Worship, and eventually small groups meeting, let us keep our focus from turning inward and continue ministering to those in the world around us. This means we continue to keep two missions as the main thing: Reaching out through our mission ministries and inviting others to learn and grow in the knowledge of Jesus with us.

This church was built in the 70's on word of mouth and invitation. People were excited to have others join them in getting to know Jesus. The charter members made it a point of reaching out in invitation. The church began to grow and bloom – creating missions and way to reach out as they grew. We MUST continue this practice to continue to grow. A church must always be “back-building” new generations; never becoming lax in The Great Commission. Otherwise, we become another dying church in America.

We have an excellent opportunity as we come back to In-person worship. There are people seeking a place to belong and where they can connect with others who are learning and growing in their faith. The pandemic has rocked many people's faith and brought others to realize the need for faith. We are entering a time of renewed witness. Where will you witness for Jesus Christ and invite someone to “come and see” as Jesus did his disciples?

Proud to be your Pastor,  
Rev. Leslie Byrd

### In-Person Worship Schedule:

02/28 – Traditional Service  
03/07 – Contemporary Service  
03/14 – Traditional Service  
03/21 – Contemporary Service  
03/28 – Traditional Service

**Welcome  
Back To  
In-Person  
Worship**



For instructions about what to expect as your return to In-Person Worship click on the link below:

[Registration for In-Person Worship](#)





## 2021 Holy Week

Our services for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be done digitally this year. Maundy Thursday will be an interactive experience via Zoom. We will sing, talk and hear about the “mandate” given to us by Jesus. We will celebrate communion as well. So, have your bread and cup available. We will send out information on how to join the Zoom meeting that week.

Good Friday will be a Tenebrae Service online similar to last year’s event. There will be music, scripture and a short homily for this service of darkness.



**GIVE BLOOD  
GIVE LIFE**

## Mobile Blood Drive

Our next Blood Drive is Sunday, March 7, from 8:30 am-1:30 pm in our parking lot using the Carter BloodCare Mobile Bus. Helping someone who desperately needs blood to live is a great way to give thanks for our own good health. Thanks in advance for your participation.

To make an appointment, follow this link: **New World United Methodist Church**, or call the church office for assistance.





## EASTER EGGS

It's that time of year again, and we are needing Easter eggs for the children. Please bring candy or treat filled plastic eggs to the church, Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am—2:00 pm or on Sunday Mornings.



## Arlington Charities Needs Our Help

From Catherine Bartley of Arlington Charities:  
Hello Volunteers. Please share these opportunities with friends and family. Let me know if there is someone you suggest I contact who might be interested. Feel free to place on your social media. Thank you for sharing the word.



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY to sort and pack produce** for the families we serve at Arlington Charities.

Days: Monday or Friday 8:30-12:00.

You can choose one day per week or every other week to volunteer.

We are serving an average 100-140 families per day in our drive through pantry. Come be part of a great outreach! You can “try out volunteering” to see if it is for you. We practice all the safe protocols. Contact [catherine@arlingtoncharities.org](mailto:catherine@arlingtoncharities.org) or 817-275-1511

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY to fill boxes** with meats, breads and bakery for our families at the Arlington Charities drive through pantry. We daily serve 100-140 families.

This is outside work from 8:00am-11:00am.

We have openings on: Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays.

You can volunteer one or several days. We practice all the safe protocols. Contact [catherine@arlingtoncharities.org](mailto:catherine@arlingtoncharities.org) or 817-275-1511

## EASTER FUN!

An Easter Egg Opportunity is being planned for March 28, Palm Sunday.

Please watch our weekly e-news for details.





## Student Ministries:

This month we will continue our Sunday youth group meetings from 4-5 outside the church. Don't forget a mask, water bottle, and a chair or blanket to sit on. When the weather is too cold or it is raining we will meet inside our fellowship hall. Our time during youth group will be spent in community with each other, playing socially distanced games, and do devotionals and bible studies together. If you are unable to make it or prefer non-in-person meetups, the Zoom will also be on from 4-5 so you can see the group and be part of discussions. For security reasons please email or call for the Zoom ID and password. New students looking to get involved in community are always welcome, and you can always bring a friend!



Student ministry updates will be sent through email and text throughout the month. If you would like to be on the student ministry parent/student contact list please email [sarah@nwumc.org](mailto:sarah@nwumc.org).

The dates we will gather in March will be:

3/7

3/21

3/28

We will not meet on 3/14 for Spring Break.

An Easter Egg Opportunity is being planned for March 28, Palm Sunday. The youth will be helping out. More details will be coming as we get closer to this event via email and social media!

If you have a student, know a student who might like to get involved, or have any questions, contact our Director of Student Ministries, Sarah Henson, [sarah@nwumc.org](mailto:sarah@nwumc.org).



## New World Book Club

Do you love to read books and talk about them, but you don't have time for another weekly meeting commitment? The New World "Safe Social Distance" Book Club might be perfect for you.

How it works:

Each month a different book is assigned. You buy or borrow the book on your own and read it individually. On usually the last Sunday of the month, we will meet to discuss the book and explore how the book informs our faith. We are currently meeting over Zoom format. Here is our schedule for the Spring 2021 semester:

March 28th 7-8PM "Jesus and the Disinherited" by Howard Thurman

April 25th 7-8PM "Caste" by Isabel Wilkerson

May 23rd 7-8PM "River of Fire" by Sister Helen Prejean



Have questions? Contact Rev. Erin Jackson, [erin@nwumc.org](mailto:erin@nwumc.org)

## Help Wanted

We are planning to make some upgrades to our computer network and wireless systems at New World. We are looking for someone who will be willing to help with this project. If you have expertise in these areas, we would welcome your help. Please contact Chris Church at [churchcj@yahoo.com](mailto:churchcj@yahoo.com).



Daylight Saving Time will start at 2:00 am on Sunday, March 14. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour!

## STAY CONNECTED

- ♦ **Morning Prayer**  
8:30 am, Monday thru Friday
- ♦ **Seeds and Soil Bible Study**  
9:00 am, Monday & Friday
- ♦ **Message of Hope**  
9:30 am, Monday & Friday

Join us for these online gatherings as well as our weekly Worship Service on our [Facebook](#) Page

**GIVE ONLINE**

Text to Give  
(817) 789-4129