

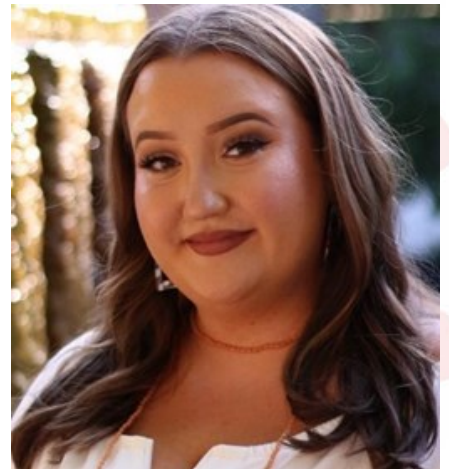
New World *newsletter*

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NEW WORLD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 2201 N. DAVIS, ARLINGTON, TX 76012, 817-460-4212, NWUMC.ORG

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE TEAM!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Director of Student Ministries, Caitlin Snoddy. (pronounced "Snow-dee") You may have seen Caitlin around the Traditional Service. She has been singing at the 11:00 service for about two years and when she heard about the opening in this position, it was an answer to God's calling upon her life.



Caitlin graduated in 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Arts and a minor in Clinical Psychology. She completed Perkins School of Youth Ministry Certification at SMU and served as the Assistant Director of Youth Ministry at Plymouth Park UMC for 4 years.

She is proficient in building relationships, problem solving, program planning, curriculum development, social media, organization and attention to details, community engagement, and has a deep love for working with parents and youth. Caitlin is enrolling in Seminary in the Fall to pursue her call to Ordained Ministry.

We are excited to continue the good work with of our student ministries three years ago. Please join me as we welcome Caitlin to the team! Her first Sunday will be January 23rd and we will host a reception in the fellowship hall between the services, so you can meet and get to know Caitlin too.

Proud to be your Pastor,
Rev. Leslie Byrd

CONNECT and GIVE QR CODE

We have discovered some things that have now become a convenient “norm” in the world during the last 24 months. Just to name a few... things like: Home delivery of groceries, Door Dash®, wider options for online shopping, more outdoor dining, virtual learning, streaming movies, tele-doctor visits and receiving services off a QR Code. (Quick Response Code) Some were beginning to rise in popularity in 2019 and the last two years have pushed them into a mainstream center stage. And several of these make life much easier.



New World has moved from paper registration of attendance, which is more time-intensive to enter and people were not signing in, to signing in through a QR CODE which places information in a centralized location in the office files. We have been “testing” various ways to make this more accessible and we admit, we are still in the “best way to make it easily accessible” stage. But, the QR CODE allows us to do several things in one step. It has made us better stewards of time and staffing.

It is important that you enter your attendance because we are accountable for keeping accurate records. These weekly reports are part of our year-end “check-out” process with the Conference and vital to measuring our success as a viable church. It also lets us know if you have been absent for several weeks, so we can contact you to make sure you are not ill or have moved.

Currently, we have no way of knowing who is present and who is not, because we have not yet fully returned to in-person worship and we do not have everyone using this new technology yet. We will get there – and are currently looking at having the QR CODE located on the pew backs.

We ask you to turn on your smartphone, click on the camera – and point it at the QR CODE and it will scan and open up with several options to choose from. If you would like a short tutorial, please ask a staff member (or one of our youth) to give you a “how to.” The QR Code is located on screens throughout the building and just before you enter the sanctuary.



And now these three remain:
faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is
love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Happy Valentine's Day

Let's Fill the Shelves!

Every week of the school year, New World volunteers deliver 55 weekend snack bags containing 12 specific, nutritious snacks each to our two adopted elementary schools. That's 660 food items every week, 2640 per month! The food we provide is a tremendous blessing to school children who may not have enough food to get through the weekends, and it is a lot of moving inventory for our food pantry.



If you'd like to support this ministry through donations, here are some specific items we need:

- Drinks: Bottled Waters, Shelf-stable milk, 100% Juice boxes/pouches
- Breakfast items: Oatmeal pouches or cups, Individual Cereals, Breakfast Bars
- Healthy Snacks: Granola Bars, Sandwich Snack Crackers, Baked Crackers such as Cheez Its, Goldfish, Pretzels
- Small Meals: Chef Boyardee Individual Cups, Macaroni and Cheese Cups, tuna snack on the run kits
- Fruits: Applesauce, Fruit Cups with no sugar added
- Desserts: cookie packs, gummy fruit snacks

Donations can be brought to the donation box near the front doors.

We also welcome volunteer support with packing and delivering the bags. If you have any questions, or if you would like to learn about volunteering with the snack bag ministry during the spring semester, contact Rev. Erin (erin@nwumc.org)

New World Book Club

Love to read and want to talk about books from a faith perspective?

The New World Book Club meets 7:00-8:00PM CST once a month on a Sunday evening via Zoom meeting (Meeting ID 256 774 719). The book club is simple and open to everyone! You can participate just one month, or come and join the conversation anytime.

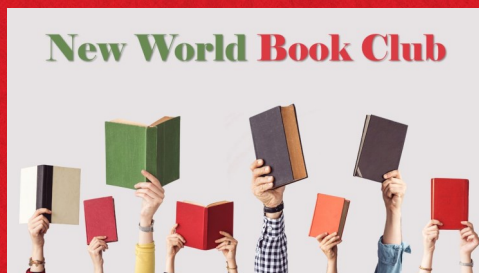
How it works: if a book looks interesting to you, read it on your own & then meet us on Zoom to discuss it together.

Next Meeting: Sunday, January 31 – 7:00PM
“Wholehearted Faith” by Rachel Held Evans

Sunday, February 28 – 7:00PM
“The Power of Now” by Eckhart Tolle

Sunday, March 28 – 7:00PM
“Atlas of the Heart” by Brené Brown

Contact Rev. Erin (erin@nwumc.org) for more information.



NEW WORLD PRESCHOOL



Are you looking for a job that is from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday with weekends off and that allows you to have summers off, as well as all major holidays? Do you like working with children? Maybe we are the place for you!

New World Preschool is hiring for an Assistant Teacher/Floater position. Pay starts at \$12 hr. All applicants must be over 18 and have a high school diploma or equivalent, have a love for children and work well as a team member. To apply, you can email your resume to Amber Walter—at preschool@nwumc.org or call me at 817-460-8040.

Youth Ministry

Bake Sale



Sunday, February 13th the youth group will be having a Valentine's bake sale to raise money for our youth mission trip. The bake sale will be taking place from 9:00 am-12 pm in the fellowship hall and we can take cash, check, or credit card. All the money raised will go to youth mission projects. Your support is incredibly appreciated!

Also, if you would like to help provide baked goods you can bring them to the church the week of February 7th-10th. If you have any question please contact Rev. Leslie Byrd (leslie@nwumc.org).



Beginning this month, New World UMC will begin a church-wide journey, Pathways to Generosity, during which we will explore our individual giving and how that might relate to our faith and our relationship with God. Pastor Leslie asked if I would be willing to serve as the Prayer Leader during this journey and I was excited to say yes. I strongly believe in the power of prayer, and I believe listening is an important part of our prayer life. But like many, I am quick to give God a to-do list and don't always take time to listen for his to-do list for me.

Have you ever been on a road trip where later some of the most memorable parts were the unplanned detours along the way? Those important, unplanned parts only happen if we're open to taking detours and wandering off the beaten path. Hopefully during our Pathways to Generosity journey we can all open our eyes and hearts to new ideas and grow closer to God as we listen for His will for us.

Over the next several weeks, I will be sending out reminders to keep generosity at the forefront of your prayers and to listen for God's answers. Along with devotionals and other information, we will all explore our relationship to God through our giving and where God may be leading us. I look forward to this journey and I hope you will find the information helpful in keeping your prayer life vibrant and fulfilling.

Debby Gunn,
Prayer Leader

Souper Bowl Sunday is February 13

The children will be raising money to help those who need food in our city. Now, more than ever, our neighbors need our help. The number of families struggling to put good food on their tables continues to grow.



tacklehunger.org

Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement, working together we can fight hunger and poverty in our community.

Every single dollar we raise at New World will go to Arlington Urban Ministries to help our neighbors in need.

Bring your change, dollars, and checks! The children will have their smiles and pots ready to collect your donations!

We also will be collecting for our Food Pantry here at the church.

Here is a list of items that are needed;

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Stay Connected

Worship Times:

Sunday Mornings
9:30 and 11:00 am—In Person
10:00 am—Online

Morning Prayer:

Monday through Friday
8:30 am—Facebook Live

Message of Hope:

Monday and Thursday
9:30am—Facebook Live



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817-789-4129**