



# Newbegun United Methodist Church

## Worshiping God; Loving Jesus; Serving People

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### Restore to me the joy of your salvation (Psalm 51:12)

My poor car. It has had a rough life. It had its first year in Detroit where immediately salt from the roads started corroding it underneath. Then it moved to Defiance, Ohio where it had its first accident and the rear passenger side had to be replaced. Then it moved to Elizabeth City, North Carolina, where it had a second accident that caused it to have the front passenger side repaired. It is now 18 years old and showing its age. It has some rust spots on it and many scratches. The worst part is that the top-coat, that clear finish on top of the paint that makes it look all shiny and new, is now peeling on that rear part that was repaired in Ohio. It looks like a tourist that stayed out in the sun too long at the Outer Banks and the skin is now peeling away.

On top of all that the poor little car hasn't been washed or waxed for over two years. It was really dirty. Finally, last month, I washed it and waxed it. After all that dirt was removed and a coat of wax put on it (two coats, actually) it looked like a new car. Praise God for water!

Sometimes now I feel like my poor old car. My soul has really been dented a few times. And my heart could use a good washing and cleaning. I feel – “rusty,” like I am corroding, inside and out, and there is nothing I can do about it. Do you ever feel that way?

There was a time when King David wrote a Psalm that expressed his remorse. He wrote in Psalm 51:7, “**Purge me with hyssop (pronounced hissss-sop), and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**” A hyssop was just a plant with leaves that one could use to dip into water and the leaves would hold water. Using hyssop dipped in water and sprinkled on one's self was symbolic of what God can do; kind of like a baptism. What King David was seeking was what only God could provide for him – a cleansing; a healing; a restoration. I think that is a good thing to know – *what I can do for myself and what God alone can do for me.*

That is what I am sorting out. What is it I can do to help myself and what is it that only God can do for me. It's a process and I am looking for progress and not perfection. There are some things in my mind, heart, and soul that only God will be able to do. Those dents in me need to be pounded out. I seek that my mind will bend to God's will; my heart will bend to God's will, and my soul will bend to God's will. Then, I look forward to the day when I will be cleansed and made as clean as fresh fallen snow. I know God can do it. I trust in God, my Rock and my redeemer. I pray for the day when I can say along with King David, “Create in me a clean heart, O Lord, and put a new and right spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:10)

Grace and peace,

Pastor Roger

P.S. – The little truck got washed and waxed, too!

## July Birthdays ...

2 Lily Garrenton	16 Elvin Small	26 Connie St.Aubin
Rose Garrenton	Wrenn Turner	29 Gladys Jennings
4 Mary Evelyn Markham	20 Donna Moore	
7 Bob Clement	25 Bob Meuller	

## And Anniversaries...

18 Don and Connie St.Aubin  
 25 Ann and Bob Mueller  
 27 Donna and Larry Moore  
 29 Gene and Jess Ward



Stewardship  
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## Financial Update - 2018

2018 Budget	\$117,862	100%
Needed Weekly	\$2,266	1.9%
6/24/18 needed (25 Sundays)	\$56,650	48%
5/24/18 Collected	\$45,296	38%
Behind Budget	\$11,381	10%

***NOISY COIN HAS COLLECTED \$974.00 THROUGH June 24, 2018***

### Serving Sundays in July:

#### Acolytes

July 1 TBS  
 July 8 TBS  
 July 15 TBS  
 July 22 TBS  
 July 29 TBS

#### Greeters and Ushers

July 1 Bill and Shirley Trueblood  
 July 8 Bill and Shirley Trueblood  
 July 15 Bill and Shirley Trueblood  
 July 22 Bill and Shirley Trueblood  
 July 29 Bill and Shirley Trueblood

#### Readers

July 1 Amanda Garrenton  
 July 8 Katherine Evans  
 July 15 Joan Daniels  
 July 22 Kenny Houtz  
 July 29 Connie St. Aubin

#### Flowers

July 1 Dan and Amanda Garrenton  
 July 8 Mark and Stacy Small  
 July 15 Phyllis Harris  
 July 22 Ann Halbert  
 July 29 Don and Connie St.Aubin

**Sound System Ministry: Roy Daniels, Bill Trueblood**

**Trustee for July: Mark Small**

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### Members at home:

Fannie Cowell; Janice and Bob Clement, Fay and Herbert Moore,

### Family and friends at home:

Ron Wells; Cheyenne Olivia Darling (Cathy and Phyllis Harris); and Brandi Buffkin (Janice and Bob Clement)

### Members and friends in nursing homes:

Mary Overman – Currituck House, Moyock, NC  
Melba Norrell – Brookdale of Elizabeth City  
Eva Harris – Cary, North Carolina



- Newbegun church ministries & members
- Our school partner – Weeksville Elementary School
- Our leaders in church and government
- Our mission outreach and missionary
- Our spiritual growth
- Our financial stewardship

The following “Thank you” letters are made possible through our Noisy Coin collections every Sunday.



### *Thank You Notes*

Missionary Clinic. They are pleased to share that 100% of our contributions will go to Red Bird Mission in eastern Kentucky.

The American Red Cross is grateful for our gift of \$32 on April 16, 2018. It will be put into the general fund to alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies.

The United Methodist Committee On Relief thanks us for our contribution of \$30 towards the Red Bird

Bill and Sue Kruse are pleased to announce the birth of their second grandchild, a girl, named **Breslin Lynn Kruse**. She was born in New Jersey, June 12, 2018, at 6:49 am. She weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces. Baby, big brother, mother, father, and grandparents are all doing fine.

# YEARLY BIBLE READINGS

You can read your Bible through in one year! Below is a format that lets you track how you are doing. Just check off each section as you go along. There are three readings for each day.

Have you read through the entire Bible yet? Make this the year.

**Three verses a day keeps the blues away.**

**July 2018**

DAY	READING 1	READING 2	READING 3
1	Mark 11:1-14	1 Kings 1	Hosea 4:14-5:4
2	Mark 11:15-33	1 Kings 2	Hosea 5:5-15
3	Mark 12:1-27	1 Kings 3	Hosea 6:1-7:2
4	Mark 12:28-44	1 Kings 4-5	Hosea 7:3-16
5	Mark 13:1-13	1 Kings 6	Hosea 8
6	Mark 13:14-37	1 Kings 7	Hosea 9:1-16
7	Mark 14:1-31	1 Kings 8	Hosea 9:17-10:15
8	Mark 14:32-72	1 Kings 9	Hosea 11:1-11
9	Mark 15:1-20	1 Kings 10	Hosea 11:12-12:14
10	Mark 15:21-47	1 Kings 11	Hosea 13
11	Mark 16	1 Kings 12:1-31	Hosea 14
12	1 Cor. 1:1-17	1 Kings 12:32-13:34	Joel 1
13	1 Cor. 1:18-31	1 Kings 14	Joel 2:1-11
14	1 Cor. 2	1 Kings 15:1-32	Joel 2:12-32
15	1 Cor. 3	1 Kings 15:33-16:34	Joel 3
16	1 Cor. 4	1 Kings 17	Amos 1
17	1 Cor. 5	1 Kings 18	Amos 2:1-3:2
18	1 Cor. 6	1 Kings 19	Amos 3:3-4:3
19	1 Cor. 7:1-24	1 Kings 20	Amos 4:4-13
20	1 Cor. 7:25-40	1 Kings 21	Amos 5
21	1 Cor. 8	1 Kings 22	Amos 6
22	1 Cor. 9	2 Kings 1-2	Amos 7
23	1 Cor. 10	2 Kings 3	Amos 8
24	1 Cor. 11:1-16	2 Kings 4	Amos 9
25	1 Cor. 11:17-34	2 Kings 5	Obadiah 1
26	1 Cor. 12	2 Kings 6:1-7:2	Jonah 1
27	1 Cor. 13	2 Kings 7:3-20	Jonah 2
28	1 Cor. 14:1-25	2 Kings 8	Jonah 3
29	1 Cor. 14:26-40	2 Kings 9	Jonah 4
30	1 Cor. 15:1-34	2 Kings 10	Micah 1
31	1 Cor. 15:35-58	2 Kings 11	Micah 2



Please keep saving those aluminum cans and depositing them out back in the recycle receptacle.

We now have a large plastic bin underneath the outside stairs leading to the second floor. Put your clean cans in a plastic bag, tie them tight, and put them in the bin. Easy! And when the bin is full that will make a pickup load to re-cycle and get some cash.

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**AND THE SIGN SAID:  
Pray for someone the way you  
would like to be prayed for.**

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July 1 – Charles Barrow, Missionary  
July 8 – Charles Barrow, Missionary  
July 15 – To be announced  
July 22 – To be announced  
July 29 – To be announced

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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**READERS NEEDED FOR CAMP EXCEL.** Each year Camp Excel's main program is helping children with reading. We need adults each Saturday to read one-on-one with a child. Let them read to you and help them with words, or read to them. It will make a difference in the lives of the children and it will be a great witness for Jesus and Newbegun UMC. We need readers from 9:15 am until 10:00 am on Saturdays – July 14, 21, and 28. Please sign up.

**Missions committee meeting** – It has been a while since we made out our Noisy Coin schedule and it is time to finish another 6 months. The Mission Committee will meet on Monday, July 9 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for work and dinner!

**A Memorial/Celebration Service of Life** for Susan Braun will be on Saturday, August 18 beginning at 5:00 pm. A catered dinner will follow the celebration. Please plan to attend.

## **2018 - A YEAR TO REMEMBER**

How about that comment above when it's just the end of June! If you are like me you've also heard it periodically since January rang in the New Year.

The winter cold of January 2018 was something to remember. Once it got cold it stayed cold. This is pretty unusual for our region of the country. It had been over 30 years since my thermometer showed single digit temperatures. We cancelled church on the first Sunday of the year due to snow and ice.

And just as the cold began to lessen its grip, it began to rain a little; and a little bit more; and more; and a lot more! It's raining this morning as I write this article. I measured over 4-and-a-half inches of rain just last week. It has been relentless.

After a very good year in 2017 for our crops and farmers, this year looks to be the exact opposite. Some wheat got planted on time and some was late. Excessive rain caused most wheat to get nitrogen plenty late so what yields there were are below average. There is some wheat still in the fields as I observed in Currituck County yesterday.

Potatoes were excellent last year. Many said it was one of the best years they could remember. This year they were a month late in planting. So for those dug so far, yields are low as well as quality. We now need good weather to allow them to be harvested.

Excessive rain has even reduced the quality of spring cabbage which is rare. This volume of water should not hurt corn, but time will tell. Planting soybeans has been difficult to say the least. I know of one farmer, in the Newland area, who has had to plant 3 times. I assure you that farmers do not want to plant soybeans in July.

Gardner's have fared no better with their produce. I've planted squash and green beans several times. Bell peppers have drowned with excessive water. Somehow tomatoes and corn have held their own. All in all, not a good year for gardeners either.

In an old song the extremes of rain are best described in this line: "It will wash you away and there ain't never enough." We have all been witness to flooding and drought. But just as bad as too much rain has been for us, in other parts of our country of globe others have it worse than we do. Regardless of the excessive rain, we should be thankful for what we have.

Maybe this will be a very good year for the lawnmower repair business. 2018 is already a year to remember.

Yours in faith, fellowship, and fun,

Roy Daniels

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