



Quarterly Report from our Executive Director

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Our hearts and hands are focused on reflecting Christ's love by reaching out, inviting in, and serving others.

Together

Steven Curtis Chapman- Together

"I can do things you cannot,
you can do things I cannot;
together we can do great things."
-Mother Teresa



Everything about this year has been different. Maybe some have had a better experience than others. Maybe you have had more time to reprioritize during the pandemic. Maybe you have enjoyed the extra time with your family or maybe you have had *too* much! Maybe you have found more time to relax or maybe you can barely keep your head above water. No matter what scenario you relate to, we can all agree, this year was not something we had anticipated.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NIV) says, "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

I have heard this passage used a lot in marriage ceremonies, but it is just as true for all relationships. We need each other. We lean on each other. We lift each other up. We encourage one another. We are better together and we are meant to do life together. We are your church family and we are here for you. We want to support you, help carry your burdens, celebrate with you!

It has been great to walk into church on Sunday mornings and see YOU. We are creating more and more opportunities for our community of faith to be together. While it is different, it's still amazing. Give it a try! We are thrilled to be offering more and more occasions for you to come back to New Song.

This Sunday, we are offering **Coffee on the Grounds** at 9:00 AM followed by our first **LIVE Outdoor Worship Service** at 10:00 AM. Bring your chairs and come worship with us!

Next Sunday, October 18th, we will have the same line-up--**Coffee on the Grounds** followed by **LIVE Outdoor Worship!**

We have **small groups** meeting on-site and via Zoom. We've added so many! Check them out to see where you can plug in.

We have a **Blood Drive** and a **Health Screening** scheduled this month.

We have a **Fall Family Movie Night** next Friday, October 16th at 6:00 PM on the front lawn at New Song.

We are supporting **Operation Christmas Child** again this year. Stop by to pick up your shoebox to fill and bring it back by November 16th.

We have so many ways for you to get involved during our **Hearts and Hands Month of Service** beginning in November.

Check out our [Events Page](#) for up-to-date information about everything listed above and MORE!

Let's be the church... together!

Blessings,
[Katie Payne](#)

Facility Updates



In preparation for your arrival, we have been sprucing up our building! The main office has been painted and redecorated. The hallway and lobby have been refreshed and brightened with a few coats of paint. The children's ministry rooms and nursery have also been given new life with fresh paint. We can't wait to show you our improvements!

We have purchased new sound equipment and supplies to be able to successfully have an outdoor worship service on October 11th and 18th! We hope you'll join us.

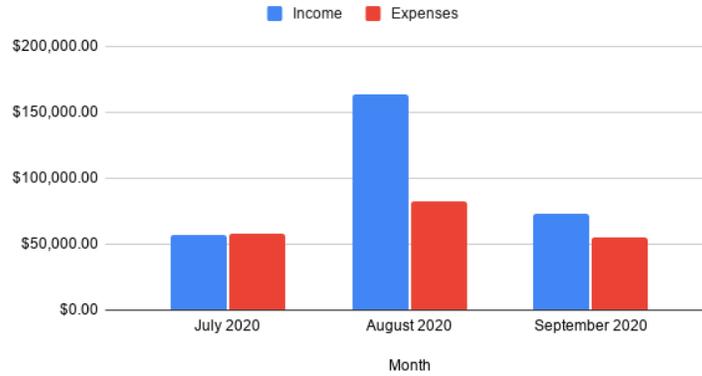
We are moving forward with an architect to draw plans for building expansion. We hope to add more lobby space, restrooms, children's space and office space. We look forward to showing you renderings of the possibilities for growth at New Song. This is a huge undertaking and through every step, we want to follow God's will for New Song, our congregation and our community. **We need your prayers.** More details to come VERY soon... stay tuned.

Financial Updates

New Song strives to be transparent with its members and attendees. Below you will find our last three months income vs. expenditures. We are blessed by your continued financial contributions

during this time. We could not continue with our mission without your support.

2020 Third Quarter Income vs. Expenses



If you would like to contribute New Song financially, we have many options for you!

- Check out our website at www.newsongumc.org/give
- Text the word **newsongchurch** to the number 77977
- Download our church app- search New Song UMC
- Mail us a check
- Visit our new locked, outdoor **JOY BOX** (also known as our mailbox)

To view our previous reported financial statements, budgets and newsletters, please [click here](#).

New Song Cookbook- Pre-sales have begun!



Just in time for Christmas, the New Song Cookbook has headed to publication! Reserve your copy today - for your home, or to give as the perfect Christmas gift! The kitchen, after all, is often known as "the heart of the home." We pray for each household that will use this guide to hold family meals, special treats and bake up lots of love through each turn of the page!

[Order a Cookbook](#)

Fall Family Movie Night- October 16th



Friday, October 16th at 6:00 PM

New Song Front Lawn Masks required

A huge amount of fun is to be had for the entire family! Bring your chairs & blankets and grab one of our socially-distanced 10-ft. circles at the Church! We'll have great music and a family-friendly movie-- *Incredibles 2*! We will be giving away lots of yummy goodies and a pumpkin to our first 50 kids!

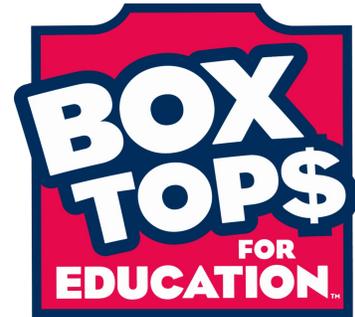
**Costumes are encouraged for the whole family--
don't forget to smile for our camera!**

Pre-registration is required for in-person events. Please click below for more information and to register.

EVENTS

Box Tops for Education

Are you looking for more ways to help teachers and students this year? Simply download the **Box Tops for Education** app on your phone and scan your receipts! No more clipping or sending Box Tops to school. All you need is your phone. Download the Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will automatically credit your school's Box Tops earnings online. Twice a year, your school will receive a check and can use that cash to buy whatever it needs!



New Song supported Cold Harbor Elementary School this fall with a school supply drive and we can continue our support by simply using this app.

For more information, [click here](#).

Qualified Charitable Distributions



The end of the year is approaching. Have you thought of making a qualified charitable distribution? After years of contributing to your tax-deferred 401(k)s and IRAs, when you take withdrawals in retirement, income tax is due on that disbursement. After age 70 1/2, annual withdrawals from traditional retirement accounts are required and there is a penalty for skipping a required minimum distribution. If do not need your entire distribution, you can avoid income tax on your required withdrawal by donating your money directly to a qualifying charity, non-profit or religious organization.

A qualified charitable distribution is an IRA withdrawal that is paid directly from your IRA to a qualifying charity. While income tax is normally due on each traditional IRA distribution, the account owner does not need to pay taxes on the amount transferred to a charity.

Do you qualify? IRA owners must be age 70 1/2 or older to make a tax-free charitable contribution. Those who meet the age requirement can transfer up to \$100,000 per year directly from an IRA to an eligible charity without paying income tax on the transaction.

Are you interested in making a qualified charitable distribution to New Song? Speak with your financial advisor for more information.

Blood Drive- Monday, October 19th and Monday, December 14th



Monday, October 19th 11:00 AM- 4:30 PM at New Song
-and-
Monday, December 14th 11:00 AM- 4:30 PM at New Song

A person can donate blood once every 8 weeks. All who come to donate MUST wear a facemask. At this time, the American Red Cross is in critical need of donations due to COVID-19 and its unprecedented impact on blood inventory. This is very concerning and could affect their ability to treat cancer, organ transplants, trauma responses, and all patients that depend on life-saving blood. If you are a healthy person between 18 and 59 years old, please consider coming to donate.

To adhere to social distancing, walk-ins will be allowed, however: all donors are strongly encouraged to have a scheduled appointment (appointments can even be made the day-of). All precautions are being taken to ensure the health of the medical staff and donors. Please [click here](#) and then search for New Song by typing in "New Song United Methodist Church" or "23111" in the search field.

Life Line Screening Healthcare Event- October 28th

Wednesday, October 28th
9:00 AM- 5:30 PM at New Song



Since 1993, Life Line's preventive health screening services are designed to identify risk factors that can lead to heart disease, stroke and other serious illnesses. We use three non-invasive methods to get you lab-accurate results and recommendations you can review with your doctor.

Run by healthcare professionals, New Song will be hosting this event and help provide a safe means to obtaining critical knowledge about your health and well-being.

\$139 for all 5 scans - that's a \$10 discount!

To learn more or to register, [sign-up here today!](#)