

February 8, 2026

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

6th Sunday after the Epiphany

Orchestra Sunday



Welcome! We're glad that you're here. Please use the time before worship to prepare your heart and mind for being in the presence of God. The musical prelude is offered as a time of spiritual preparation

*Please let us know you are here,
especially if you are new to worship with us!
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ENTRANCE

Prelude & Processional

“Trumpet Voluntary” by Purcell
(Orchestra Ensemble)

Welcome & Announcements

***Passing of the Peace**

***Opening Prayer**

God of us all, your love never ends. Come into the brokenness of our lives with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. Melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice that separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, and bind us together we pray, in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** “Come, Thou, Almighty King”
(#61, v. 1,3,4)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time Mostly for Children

Anthem “March Pontifical” by Gounod/Hanson
(Orchestra Ensemble)

Moment of Silence and Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

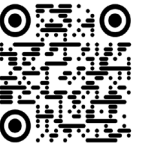
Scripture Reading Matthew 5:43-48 (NRSV)

Sermon: “Easy for You to Say...” Rev. Wesley Dickson

THANKSGIVING

Moment of Gratitude and Generosity

Want to give electronically? Please scan the code to give now! Thank you!



Offertory

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
(Orchestra Ensemble)

Prayer of Dedication

God of infinite forgiveness and grace, we offer these gifts as an expression of our gratitude for all that you have provided. Awaken us to your overwhelming gift of grace, so that we may love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
(#139, v. 1,3,5)

Benediction

Recessional “Amen” (#898)

Postlude

“For All The Saints” by Hanson
(Orchestra Ensemble)

The flowers on the altar have been placed by:

*Brett Foley and Kate Sniegowski, in honor of their
1st wedding anniversary and*

*Paul and Sharon Manzi's family, in honor of their
50th wedding anniversary*

Church Happenings

Coffee Hour Come and enjoy fellowship time between services! Thank you Missions/Finance/Wed Morning Class meeting for hosting coffee hour today. Christian Education will host 2/15.

Valentine's Day Treat Today! Hannah Circle is selling bags of Animal Pants (white chocolate-dipped animal crackers) and hand-dipped pretzels today between services in Fellowship Hall. \$3 per bag or two for \$5.

A Note about Winter Weather When there is an abundance of snow, ice wind or whatever, please be absolutely sure to exercise caution when making the decision to venture out to worship. It is our practice to meet for worship every Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. Even if the snow is blowing and the lights are out, we will still be here for service and we will also do our best to stream the 11:00 service.

Introduction to United Methodism We are pleased to announce our Spring Intro to United Methodism Class. This is a 4-week study that is open to our entire church, designed as an interactive way to learn a lot about United Methodism. This class is also the way that we receive those who desire to join the membership of The United Methodist Church of New Lenox. We will cover a little of our history, doctrine, theology, and membership vows. There is no cost to participate; simply contact Pastor Wesley (wesley@umcnl.com) so that we have enough materials for everyone. This Study will be held on Sunday afternoons beginning at 2:30 p.m. on March 15, March 22, March 29, and April 12. Those desiring to join the membership of UMCNL will be received during the service of their choice on Sunday, April 26.

Save the Date and Help Stamp Out Hunger Join us Saturday, March 14 for an evening of fellowship! This event will be a fundraiser by The UMM to help cover the cost for our 2026 Potato Drop. The buffet dinner is \$25/person and the concert is free, tickets will be sold during coffee hour or thru our office during normal office hours. The dinner will start at 5:30 p.m. Entertainment by the United in Hope at 6:45 p.m. followed by the Alleluia Quartet at 7 p.m. There will be a "free will" offering at the end of the concert to help support our UMM 2026 Potato Drop. Please join us for a fun evening and a great cause!

Get Involved

Friendship Group Our next Friendship Group Luncheon will be February 19, 2026 at Teardrop Cafe, 826 W. Laraway Road. The Sponsors are Janet Kuester and Bob Stasiowski. All are invited 55+ to see you there. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex next to the name tags.

Friday Morning Women's Bible Study meets in the church chapel Friday mornings from 9:30- 11:00 a.m. New ladies are always welcome to join us!

Ruth Circle will meet at the church Monday February 9 at 1:00 p.m. Devotions will be by Joyce Korista and program, "Think Like A Monk" Part 1 will be given by Janet Kuester.

Sarah Circle will be meeting Friday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Denise Lough's house in New Lenox. Bring yourself and a friend! We will be collecting gently used women's clothing for a fundraiser and donation to The Bridge Teen Center. Call or text Teresa Randolph (773) 405-6233

Prayer Chain Ministry Would you like to be a part of our Prayer Chain Ministry by becoming a prayer warrior? Email office@umcnl.com to join this wonderful group! Prayer changes things; we will never know the impact our prayers will have on others, but we will know when prayer begins to change us.

Men's Study Group meets every Saturday at 7:00 a.m. in the lower level conference room and is led by Scott Creech. All men invited!

Greeters Needed We are looking for greeters on Sundays! Please contact Joyce Korista at (815) 485-6879 if you can help!

Welcome Center Volunteers are needed on Sundays! If you are interested and/or have any questions, please contact Amanda Fox at amandaseverson1281@gmail.com

Sunday Email If you are not receiving a Sunday morning email for Wesley and wish to be added, please contact Pastor Wesley at wesley@umcnl.com. You'll receive an email each Sunday at 6:30 a.m. with the most current UMCNL information.

Youth Updates

Scholarships The time for applying for scholarships is here! The criteria and application form for the scholarships are available by contacting Al Haring at haring1@sbcglobal.net beginning Sunday, January 11, 2026. "Scholarship question" should be in the Subject line. High School seniors should cc their parents on all emails. Completed application forms for consideration will need to be returned to the church office by 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 15, 2026.

Sunday School and Nursery We offer Preschool for ages 3-5 not yet in Kindergarten; Kindergarten through 2nd grade; 3rd and 4th grade; and 5th grade - 7th grade. The nursery is for children 3 months to 36 months. Please bring the nursery children down before 9:15. Our teachers are excited to share the word of God with the children. If you have questions about our Sunday School program, don't hesitate to contact Linda Haring at lharing15@gmail.com.

Youth Group Join us! UMCNL will host a weekly youth program for 7-12 grade students every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. We would love for you to join us! Keep in touch via email and text by texting JOINUYM to 84576 or connect online with us at unitedmethodistchurchofn.flocknote.com

Contact Us/Prayer Requests

Would you like to connect with one of our Pastors? Please see the contact information below or you can scan one of the codes below using your smartphone to directly set an appointment.

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Pastor Wesley: Call/text: 630-708-2470; wesley@umcnl.com

Pastor Mark

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Pastor Wesley

