

September 27, 2026
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



*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
9:00/11:00 Celeste Choir // Eric Hammond

Welcome & Announcements

***Passing of the Peace**

***Opening Prayer**
God of all people, you have gathered us from different backgrounds, experiences, ages, and stories. Yet here we are—one people around one table. Thank you for making room for us. When we are tempted to divide, unite us. When we are tempted to exclude, teach us hospitality. When we are tempted to judge, remind us of grace. Help us see every person gathered here as someone Christ loves. May your table teach us what it means to belong. In the name of Jesus we humbly pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** “We Gather Together” #131

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time Mostly for Children

Anthem
9:00 Music performed by Celeste Choir
11:00 Music performed by Youth Choir

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.

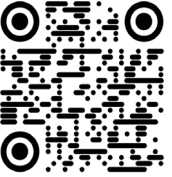
Scripture Reading.
1 Corinthians 10: 16-17, Galatians 3:26-28 (CEB)

Sermon: “At the Table: Belong”
Rev. Wesley Dickson

THANKSGIVING

Moment of Gratitude and Generosity

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



Offertory
9:00 Music performed by Eric Hammond
11:00 Music performed by Youth Choir

***Prayer of Dedication**
God of abundance, you have given us more than we need. Receive these gifts and use them to make room for others. Make our church a place where people find welcome, friendship, healing, and hope. May no one who encounters us wonder whether there is room for them at Christ's table. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Invitation to the Table
The Great Thanksgiving

SENDING FORTH

***Closing Hymn** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” #557

***Benediction**

Recessional “Amen”

Postlude Music performed by Eric Hammond

The flowers on the altar have been placed by:

Peggy Stark, In Memory of Charles Stark

Church Happenings

Coffee Hour Thank you Memorials/SPRC for hosting our coffee hour today. Next Sunday will be hosted by Ruth Circle/ Wednesday Morning Class Meeting. Please join us if you can!

All Saints Sunday If you have lost a loved one since November 2, 2025 and would like their name and photo in our All Saints Day service on Sunday, November 1 2026, please contact the church office by Sunday, October 11. If you have one photo of that loved one that you would like displayed on the screen during the roll call, please email or drop off at the church office by October 11 where Lindsay will scan it and send it up to the A/V team for you. Your picture will then be available for pick-up in the office shortly after it has been scanned. Please be sure to identify the person in the photo.

UMCNL Women's Retreat Join us October 16–18, 2026 for a weekend of fellowship, reflection, and fun at the beautiful LaSalle Manor Retreat Center in Plano, Illinois. Jan Casebolt will be our speaker as we celebrate women from biblical times as well as special women through history. The cost is \$220 and includes food, lodging, and everything you will need from Friday at 6:30 p.m. until Sunday at noon. Contact Teresa Randolph at 773-405-6233 or Erika Martin at 815-409-5178 with questions and to hold your spot.

Potato Bar Luncheon The United Women in Faith are hosting the annual Potato Bar luncheon November 7. The tickets will go on sale between Sunday services starting October 4th. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$10 for children.

Intro to United Methodism 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 basis for 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 November 15, 22, 29, and December 6. Those desiring to join the membership of UMCNL will be received during the service of their choice on Sunday, December 20.

Get Involved

Prayer Shawl Ministry If you knit or crochet and would like to express your faith and caring in that way, please join us. Our group meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the home of Beverly Deptolla. Yarn and patterns are provided. Our next meeting is September 28. Please contact Beverly at (815) 514-6814 with any questions.

Los Esperamos En La Mesa! (Join us At The Table) For a free **TACO BAR luncheon.** The FIESTA will begin in Fellowship Hall immediately following second service, next Sunday October 4. Please join Michael, Joann, and our amigos for a time of food and fellowship. Questions – inquiries – desires to lend a hand? Text Terri at (815) 370-3063.

Sarah Circle will be meeting Friday, October 9 at the church at 6:00 p.m. Bring a salad to share! All ladies are invited to join us. Contact Teresa Randolph with questions, (773) 405-6233

Victory Sunday October 11 Green Bay Packers vs Chicago Bears Watch Party Come join us at Beggars Pizza (New Lenox) to hopefully see a Bears victory over the Packers. We have reserved a room from 3 - 7 p.m., we will be serving all you can eat pizza and pop for \$20. Call Bill Christiansen at (815) 353-5958 if you have any questions, come join us for an afternoon of fellowship.

Joliet Junior College's Luncheon The Friendship Group is invited to a special luncheon at Joliet Junior College (Thrive Restaurant) located at 235 N. Chicago St. in downtown Joliet, IL on Wed. October 14th at 11:00 am. If interested, contact Diane Kozielski and pay her \$25 each by Sunday, October 4th. There are about 10 slots left as of 9/23. Payment is due ahead of time since money will not be accepted at the door.

Friendship Group Luncheon will be October 15 at Teardrop Cafe in New Lenox. The Sponsor is Gary Barlow. All 55+ church members are invited. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex next to the name tags.

2026 UMM 5th Annual Potato Drop Saturday, October 17 We are looking for volunteers to help distribute and load around 45,000 pounds of potatoes beginning at 8:00 a.m. that morning. This is a great opportunity for youth service hours! Please contact Bob Bruozas with questions, (708) 429-9151

Youth

Bible Sunday On October 18th, 3rd grade BIBLE students and students in 4th-7th grade who have never received a Bible from the UMCNL will take part in a special ceremony during the 9:00 or 11:00 service. To ensure that we have a Bible for your child, please scan the QR code and complete the form. If you prefer to email, please message Linda Haring at lharing15@gmail.com. In the Subject Line, type BIBLE SUNDAY, in the email include your child's first and last name, the service you will attend, and your child's grade level.



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

Trunk or Treat 2026 will be Saturday, October 31 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. We are looking for volunteers (groups, families, friends, or individuals) that would come, decorate their cars, and pass out candy. Car decorating can be as simple or complex as you would like to make it! If you are unable to come, we will be accepting candy or trinket donations. There will be a box for donations in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Elena Rossiter at (815) 483-0692 or laney029@aol.com. Please contact Elena by Saturday October 24th to ensure we can have a good layout of cars.

Contact Us/Prayer Requests

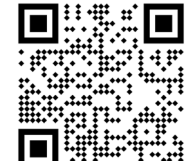
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