

February 1, 2026

**9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
4th Sunday after the Epiphany**



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

“When Morning Gilds The Sky” by Page
(Karen Weirman)

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** “God of Grace and God of Glory”
(#577, v. 1-3)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time Mostly for Children

Anthem 9:00 “Alleluia, Amen” by Lamb (Herald Bells)

11:00 “Great Is The Lord” by Althouse
(Chancel 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 Numbers 13, Selected Verses (CEB)

Sermon: “What if... Pt. 3: Lead Courageously”
Rev. Wesley Dickson

THANKSGIVING

Invitation/Confession

Moment of Gratitude and Generosity
Want to give electronically? Please scan the code to give now! Thank you!



Offertory 9:00 “In Quietness and Confidence”
(Herald Bells)

11:00 “I Will Joyfully Sing” by McDonald
(Chancel Choir)

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn “Be Thou My Vision” (#451)

Benediction

Recessional 9:00 “Edelweiss” (Herald Bells)

11:00 “May the Lord Bless You”
(Chancel Choir)

Postlude “Marche Heroique” by Stickle
(Karen Weirman)

The flowers on the altar have been placed by:

*Doug and Joyce Foutch, in honor of their
5th wedding anniversary*

Church Happenings

Coffee Hour Come and enjoy fellowship time between services! Thank you Membership/Endowment for hosting coffee hour today. Missions/Finance/Wed Morning Class meeting will host 2/8.

Valentine's Day is Coming! Hannah Circle will sell bags of Animal Pants (white chocolate-dipped animal crackers) and hand-dipped pretzels on Sunday, February 8, 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.

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.

Musicians Wanted Church Orchestra Sunday is on February 8th at both services. If you are interested in participating, please sign your name, instrument and email at the Welcome Center. There will be one rehearsal only on Wednesday evening, February 4 at 7:00 p.m. Thank you!

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.

Get Involved

UMM Fellowship Breakfast will be Saturday, February 7 at 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing upcoming events and concerns. Our devotional leader Terry Ralston will be sharing a scripture reading with us. Come join us and bring a friend.

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!

Hannah Circle will meet Friday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the church to make Valentine's Day treats for our annual sale on Feb. 8. All women of the church are cordially invited! Questions? Call or text Jane Corradetti at 815-258-8304.

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

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@sbeglobal.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.

Pastor Mark: Call/text: 815-587-3795; mark@umcnl.com

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

Pastor Mark

Prayer Requests

Pastor Wesley

