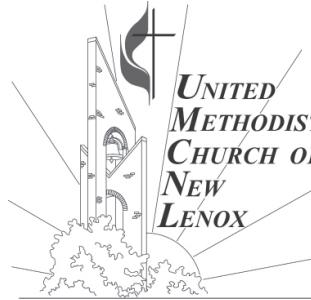


January 25, 2026
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany



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!
Simply open your camera on your smart phone and
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ENTRANCE

Prelude & Processional

9:00 Music performed by Eric Hammond

11:00 Music performed by Celeste Choir

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 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" (#715, v. 1-3)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time Mostly for Children

Anthem 9:00 Music performed by Youth Choir

11:00 Music performed by Celeste 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.

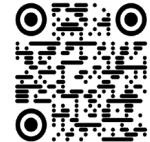
Scripture Reading Galatians 5:13-15 (CEB)

Sermon: "What if... Pt. 2: Serve Joyfully"
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 Youth Choir

11:00 Music performed by Eric Hammond

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (#95)

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 "Here I Am, Lord" (#593, v. 1-2)

Benediction

Recessional "Amen" (#898)

Postlude Music performed by Eric Hammond

**Communion will be available in the Chapel immediately following the service for those who wish to participate.

Church Happenings

Coffee Hour Come and enjoy fellowship time between services! Thank you UMW for hosting coffee hour today. Membership/Endowment will host 2/1.

2026 Giving Envelopes are available for pickup in the Narthex through the end of January. If you don't have envelopes assigned to you and would like some, please email the office at office@umcnl.com. After today, envelopes may be picked up in the office.

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.

Memorial Ornaments for loved ones are available for pickup in the Narthex. Please pick up next time you are in, thank you!

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!

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.

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 Shawl Ministry Our group will now meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. We will next meet on Monday, January 26 at Beverly Deptolla's house, 125 Whisper Creek Drive. Please contact Beverly at (815) 514-6814 for more info!

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@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.

Pastor Mark: Call/text: 815-587-3795; mark@umcnl.com
Pastor Wesley: Call/text: 630-708-2470; wesley@umcnl.com

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