

September 6, 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!
Simply open your camera on your smart phone and
aim it at the code below. Thank you!.*



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ENTRANCE

Prelude & Processional
“Prelude in C” by Bach

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

***Opening Prayer**
Loving God, we gather before you with fears that are spoken and fears that remain hidden. We confess that fear can make our world smaller, our hearts guarded, and our trust uncertain. Yet your love is greater than our fears. Quiet our anxious hearts, remind us that we are held by you, and help us receive the perfect love that casts out fear. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** “God Will Take Care of You” #130

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time Mostly for Children

Special Music
“How Deep The Father's Love For Us”
(Piano/Organ Duet: Susie Jasurda & Karen Weirman)

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 John 4:16b-18

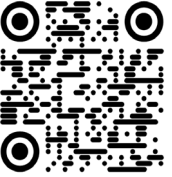
Sermon: “Fears” Rev. Mark J. Meyers

THANKSGIVING

Invitation/Confession

Moment of Gratitude and Generosity

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



Offertory “Morning” by Stickles

***Prayer of Dedication**
God of steadfast love, receive these gifts and all that we offer to you. Use these gifts of time, talent, and treasure to make your love visible in a fearful world. Give us courage to share generously, serve faithfully, and trust you when the future is uncertain. May what we give become a sign that love is stronger than fear. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Holy Communion

SENDING FORTH

***Closing Hymn** “Blessed Assurance” #369

***Benediction**

Recessional “Amen”

Postlude “War March of the Priests” by Mendelssohn

The flowers on the altar have been placed by:
Teena Glazebrook, In Memory of her dad, Ralph Snow
and

Gary, George and John Barlow,
In Memory of their mother, Viola

Church Happenings

Thank you! The Membership Team is very grateful for all who attended the all-church picnic August 30. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, fun, and reconnecting after the summer! A special thank you to those who helped set up, serve, clean up, and provide activities for the children during 11 a.m. worship. You are all great blessings!

1st Annual Old Campground Music Festival This new event is designed to celebrate the many gifted musicians within our church family and to share their talents with our community. Join us Saturday, September 19 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Rain date Sunday, September 20 at the same time) We are looking for musicians to participate and volunteers to help! Please talk with Clifford Hunt (email is cdhstrings@gmail.com) if you are interested in performing or volunteering! The sign-up sheet for both can be found on our website under happenings. This is a new event so it's still evolving, if you have any questions or suggestions, please let Clifford know!

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.

Joliet Junior College's Luncheon The Friendship Group is invited to a special luncheon at JJC located in downtown Joliet on Wednesday, October 14 at 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$25 and there is a 25 person limit. If interested, pay Diane Kozielski at the September 17th Friendship Group luncheon.

Contemporary Worship Service is back! We are proud to offer a much more relaxed experience of worship each Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. Join us!

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.

Get Involved

Volunteers needed at Food Bank UMCNL volunteers are needed on Saturday September 19 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. at the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Larkin Avenue, Joliet. (Children aged 8 & above can help if accompanied by an adult) . Sign up on the poster in the Narthex by September 6.

Serve neighbors who are hungry Volunteers are needed to help serve the evening meal to residents at Daybreak Center in Joliet on Monday evening Sept. 7 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. UMCNL volunteers will assist with the meal set up, serving, and clean up under the direction of congregational member Kristine Warning. (Hats or head coverings & closed toed shoes are a must) To volunteer or for more information contact Kristine directly at kwarning@sbcglobal.net

Ruth Circle ladies will meet at church for a pot luck lunch on Monday, September 14 at 1:00 p.m. Joyce Tompkins will give devotions. Meeting will follow to discuss ideas for the coming year. New ladies are always welcome.

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.

Chapel Bible Study Resumes The Message of Jesus by Adam Hamilton, postponed from the spring, will now be offered in a 6 week session, co-led by Pastor Greta McDonald, beginning Monday, September 14. There will be two class times offered: 3:30 and 7:00 p.m. Please contact Marilyn Gallagher at gallaghermar2@yahoo.com or 815-485-3015 with questions. Please join us for this timeless and inspirational study!

Friendship Group Luncheon will be September 17, 2026 at 3 Corners Restaurant at 901 E. Lincoln Highway in New Lenox. The Sponsors are Chuck and Barb Lamar. All 55+ church members are invited. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex next to the name tags.

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 let us know your desire to be a part of this wonderful group! Prayer changes things! If you are interested in a paper copy, please let the office know.

Youth

Sunday School will resume on September 13th at the 9:00 service. We offer Sunday School for children from 3 years old as of September 1, 2026 through 7th grade. Pre-registration is available for Sunday school. Use the QR code to fill out the form. Pre-registration is not required. It helps us with planning and saves you time when your child attends the first time.



SCAN ME

Nursery Volunteers Needed Help Us Welcome Our Youngest Blessings! Nursery runs from 8:50 am until the end of the 9:00 service. Teams of two - one must be over 21 - supervise the children. Each team will take one Sunday a month from September 2026 - May 2027. Please contact Linda Haring at lharing15@gmail.com to participate in this ministry and to find out which Sunday groups are available. (Example: 1st Sunday, 2nd Sunday, etc.). Background checks are required.

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. If you have a prayer request, please scan the prayer request code.

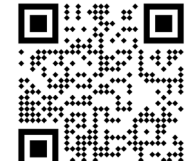
Pastor Mark: Call/text: 815-587-3795; mark@umcnl.com

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

Pastor Mark



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Pastor Wesley

