

*April 19, 2026
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
3rd Sunday of Easter*



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
“Christians We Have Met to Worship” by Wagner
(Karen Weirman)

Welcome & Announcements
This is the day the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***Passing of the Peace**

***Opening Prayer**
Risen Christ, walk beside us on the roads of our lives. When we are discouraged, stay near. When we are confused, open the Scriptures to us. When our hearts grow cold, set them ablaze with your love. Reveal your presence among us, that we may recognize you, worship you, and go forth as joyful witnesses to your resurrection. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** “Easter People, Raise Your Voices” #304

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time Mostly for Children

Anthem 9:00 “Celebration” by Joyful Bells

11:00 Music performed by United In Hope

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 John 20:24-31(CEB)

Sermon: “Almost Christian” Rev. Mark Meyers

THANKSGIVING

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



Offertory
9:00 “A Prayer” by Stickles
(Karen Weirman)

11:00 Music performed by United In Hope

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

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and living Lord, you meet us in ordinary places and transform common things into signs of grace. Use these gifts to open eyes, warm hearts, feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, and proclaim the good news of the risen Christ. As you were made known in the breaking of bread, make yourself known through the offering of our lives, that all we have and all we are may be a living sacrifice to you. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

***Closing Hymn** “Up from the Grave He Arose” (#322)

Benediction

Recessional “Amen”

Postlude “God Of Grace and God of Glory”
(Karen Weirman)

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

Church Happenings

Coffee Hour Thank you Endowment and Finance for hosting coffee hour today. Next Sunday will be hosted by Missions.

Congrats to our Grads! UMCNL will honor our 2026 high school and post-secondary graduates (college, graduate school, trade school, military training, etc.) on Sunday, May 24. Grads will be honored at the service of their choice. Please email or text the following to Jane Corradetti at (815) 258-8304 or Jcorradetti1@comcast.net or submit to the church office by May 17:

1. Graduate's recent picture and name
2. Parent(s)' names
3. Name of the school from which the student has graduated
4. Future college, training, or career plans

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 by which 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 pm on April 26, May 3, May 10, and May 17. Those desiring to join the membership of UMCNL will be received during the service of their choice on Sunday, May 31.

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.

Mission work trip this Summer The Missions Committee is looking for adult volunteers for a trip to work at Red Bird Mission in Kentucky July 19 to 24. The cost for each volunteer is \$200/ or \$300 per couple. This pays for lodging at Red Bird plus all meals. (The UMCNL Mission Committee will fund the remaining \$300 per person.) Trip lead is Ray Trent. More information and the sign-up sheet can be found on the poster in the church Narthex.

Get Involved

All Church Clean Up will be Saturday, May 2 starting at 8:00 a.m. This is a great family service project to help give our church a little TLC. As we get organized for assignments, the UMM will be serving a hot breakfast sandwich, juice and coffee for a kick start. We have projects for inside the church and on the campgrounds. If you wish to work outside please bring whatever landscaping tools you have. Any amount of time you or your family can spend, whether it's 2 hours, 4 hours or 6 hours, will be greatly appreciated.

The Comfort Makers sewing group will meet April 23 at 9:00 a.m.. They make comforters, backpacks and other items to be used throughout the world. You don't even have to know how to sew to join in the fellowship of this wonderful group of ladies. You can cut fabric or iron if sewing is not your forte. For more information, please contact Judy McCune at jmcsews@sbcglobal.net

Prayer Shawl Ministry Our group meets on the third Monday of the month. If you knit or crochet, come join us for fellowship and mission. Yarn and patterns are provided. For more information, contact Beverly at (815) 514-6814.

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

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

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!

"Birthday in a Bag" Donations Please remember the "Birthday in a Bag" program! The following supplies are needed: box cake mixes, cans of frosting, candles, and 12 oz. cans of any type of soda, club soda, or sparkling water. The bags go to the New Lenox and Joliet food pantries. All items donated may be placed in the shopping cart in the narthex. Any donation is appreciated!

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.

Youth Updates

Joy Camp 2026 Our church is excited to announce that registration for JOY Camp 2026 is officially open! Incoming 5th graders through newly graduated seniors are welcome to attend. Please visit the website at <https://www.joycamp.org/registration-info> to register for camp. Prices are discounted for early registration through June 1st, so sign up soon to secure your spot at camp at the best prices of the season! JOY Camp 2026 will run from June 21st through June 27th. If you plan to pay by check, or if you need financial assistance through JOY Camp, please email registration@joycamp.org and they will happily provide you with an alternate registration form. The UMCNL provides partial scholarships for our youth to attend camp. Contact Linda Haring for information about scholarships and how to apply for one at lharing15@gmail.com.

VBS 2026 Rainforest Falls June 8-12 from 9am-12pm

Participants: Kids entering kindergarten to entering 6th grade. Registration will close May 17, 2026.

Volunteers: We are also looking for volunteers to help! Youth volunteers will be limited to first come first serve. Volunteering looks different for everyone, so please reach out if there are any questions.

Contact: Briana Heckler or Elena Rossiter - vbs@umcnl.com
We are excited for another great year of VBS!



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.

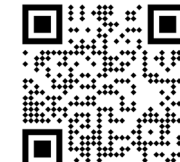
Pastor Mark: Call/text: 815-587-3795; mark@umcnl.com

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