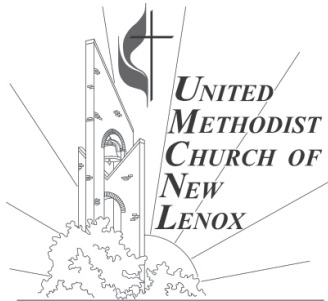


October 26, 2025

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

20th Sunday after Pentecost



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

“Morning” by Stickles (Karen Weirman)

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

***Opening Prayer**

Good and gracious God, you promise to pour out your Spirit upon us; you are the hope of the world. Give us strength, that we might serve you; make us humble, that we might live for your glory alone. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** “Just as I Am, Without One Plea”
#357 (v. 1,3,4)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time Mostly for Children

Anthem 9:00 “Ode to Joy”
(Joyful Bells feat. Cliff Hunt on cello)

11:00 “Faithfulness” by Anderson (Herald Bells)

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.

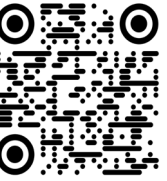
Scripture Reading Luke 18:9-14

Sermon: “Justice and Mercy: Part 2”
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 “Meditation” (Karen Weirman)

11:00 “Joyous Proclamation” by Mallory
(Herald Bells)

***Prayer of Dedication**

Humble and merciful God, you do not require perfection, only a heart that is open. Receive these gifts, not as a sign of our righteousness, but as a humble offering from those who know they need your grace. Teach us again that generosity begins not in pride, but in gratitude. Not in proving our worth, but in trusting yours. May what we give today grow into mercy, justice, and joy in the lives of others and in our own. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

***Closing Hymn** “I Stand Amazed in the Presence”
UMH # 371 (v. 1, 2,5)

***Benediction**

Recessional 9:00 “Amen”

11:00 “Edelweiss” (Herald Bells)

Postlude “Trumpet Flourish” by Nelson
(Karen Weirman)

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

*The flowers on the altar have been placed by:
Ric & Maureen King,
in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary and
Terry & Kim Kosmatka,
in honor of their 44th wedding anniversary*

Church Happenings

Coffee Hour Come and enjoy fellowship time between services! Thank you Christian Education/Saturday Morning Class Meeting for hosting coffee hour today. Membership/Nominations will host 11/02.

Nursery is available today during the 9:00 service for children 3 months to 36 months. Please bring your child down before 9:15.

Potato Bar Luncheon, hosted by United Women in Faith, will be Saturday November 1st. We have two seatings 11:15 and 12:30. The tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for kids. Tickets may be purchased between services or in the office.

UMM Fellowship Breakfast will be Saturday, November 8 at 8:00 a.m. (please note date change due to UMW Potato Bar) 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.

Gift Cards for Students The Membership Committee will purchase gift cards for our college students as they prepare for final exams in December as well as our military and those attending schools for specialized training. Please submit your son or daughter's current address on campus or at home (where they will be residing during the month of December). If students are not attending a college, but are in any type of training (military or otherwise) or apprentice program, we want to include them! We want our young adults to know we are thinking of them and praying for them. Please send addresses to Jane Corradetti at JCorradetti1@comcast.net or (815) 258-8304 by Sunday, November 23.

Memorial Ornament If you have lost a loved one from your immediate family this year and would like to have an ornament with their name put on the memorial Christmas tree, please call Bonnie DuCharme (815) 735-2188. Please try to call before Thanksgiving. You may take the ornament home on Christmas Eve or soon after Christmas. Thank you!

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

Thank You to all those who helped this past Saturday with our 4th Annual Potato Drop! Our church family and youth made the morning a success, distributing 40,000 pounds of potatoes. Through the generosity Helping Hands, we also distributed hundreds of miscellaneous boxes of food. This year we had 34 churches and government agencies participating! Thank you for making this day so special!

Annual Church Conference Mark your calendar for our Annual Church Conference. It will be held on Monday, November 24 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Everybody is invited to attend; All members of UMCNL will be able to vote on the Business of the Church.

Volunteers Needed Potato Bar is November 1! Volunteer sign-ups will be during the month of October in the narthex. Opportunities to serve will be Thursday, 10/30, Friday, 10/31, and Saturday, 11/1. Helpers are welcome in the kitchen, the Second Time Around/Bakery/Craft Shop, and dining room. Profits from the Potato Bar will be donated to local charities and missions as well as projects overseas. Please consider donating two or three hours of your time to this very important fundraiser. Opportunities are open to everyone!

Friendship Group Our next Friendship Group Luncheon will be November 20 at noon at Country Charm Restaurant at 101 Lincoln Highway. Sponsors are Lloyd and Nancy Dodds. All are invited 55+ to see you there. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex!

Intro to United Methodism We are pleased to announce our Fall/Winter 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 so that we have enough materials for everyone. This Study will be held on Sunday afternoons beginning at 2:30 p.m. on November 16, 23, 30, and December 7. Those desiring to join the membership of UMCNL will be received during the service of their choice on Sunday, December 21.

Greeters Needed We are looking for greeters on Sundays! Please contact Joyce Korista at (815) 485-6879 if you can help!

Youth Updates

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

Missions/Collections

The Missions Committee is facilitating a collection of new items that can be used as Christmas gifts for families in need by Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. There will collection boxes found in the Fellowship area through Tuesday November 4th. A list of needs can be found attached to the collection boxes, in the November Guide, or via weekly eblasts.

The "Birthday in a Bag" program is back! Gift bags will include a box cake mix, can of frosting, candles, and a 12 oz. can of any type of soda, club soda, or sparkling water. The bags will be delivered to the New Lenox and Joliet food pantries. All items donated for the birthday bags may be placed in the shopping cart in the narthex. Thank you for bringing birthday happiness to the food pantries!

Donations Needed The 2nd Time Around Shop held during the Potato Bar is looking for gently used donations. Items include jewelry, purses, candles, puzzles, holiday, kitchenware, decor. Almost anything! Donation box near office. Thank you

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

