

September 20, 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!
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ENTRANCE

Prelude & Processional
9:00/11:00 “Chimings” // “Majesty”
(Karen Weirman)

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

***Opening Prayer**
Lord Jesus Christ, you are the risen Savior who still walks with your people. Sometimes we recognize you immediately. Sometimes we do not recognize you at all. Sometimes our hearts are full of faith. Sometimes our hearts are full of questions. But today we come to your table trusting that you are here. Open our eyes. Open our hearts. Open our spirits. Help us encounter you—not simply as a memory from the past, but as the living Christ who meets us today. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** “Open My Eyes, That I May See” #454

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time Mostly for Children

Anthem
9:00 “Joy And Elation” by Dobrinski
(Celebration Bells)
11:00 “Rejoice & Sing Praise”
w/Brass & Timpani (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.

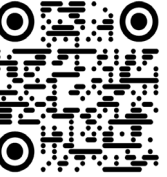
Scripture Reading Luke 24: 28-35 (CEB)

Sermon: “At the Table: Encounter”
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 “Dance On Praise The Lord” by Black
(Celebration Bells)
11:00 “Give Me Oil In My Lamp” w/ Brass
(Chancel Choir)

***Prayer of Dedication**
God of grace, take what we offer and use it to reveal your presence in our world. May our lives become a means for others to encounter Christ. Where there is loneliness, make us present. Where there is sorrow, make us compassionate. Where there is need, make us generous. Use us as instruments of your living presence. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Invitation to the Table
The Great Thanksgiving

SENDING FORTH

***Closing Hymn** “Abide with Me” #700, Vs. 1,3,4

***Benediction**

Recessional
9:00 “Edelweiss” (Celebration Bells)
11:00 “Until We Meet Again” (Chancel Choir)

Postlude
9:00 “Lead On O King Eternal” (Karen Weirman)
11:00 “Brethren We Have Come to Worship”
(Brass Ensemble)

The flowers on the altar have been placed by:
Nick & Kathie Widner and Larry Libersher Honoring our Lord
Savior Jesus Christ and for all blessings and our church family.

Church Happenings

Coffee Hour Thank you Hannah Circle for hosting our coffee hour today. Next Sunday will be hosted by Memorials/SPRC. Please join us if you can!

All Saints Sunday If you have lost a loved one since November 2, 2025 and would like their name and photo in our All Saints Day service on Sunday, November 1 2026, please contact the church office by Sunday, October 11. If you have one photo of that loved one that you would like displayed on the screen during the roll call, please email or drop off at the church office by October 11 where Lindsay will scan it and send it up to the A/V team for you. Your picture will then be available for pick-up in the office shortly after it has been scanned. Please be sure to identify the person in the photo.

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.

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.

Intro to United Methodism 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 basis for 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 November 15, 22, 29, and December 6. Those desiring to join the membership of UMCNL will be received during the service of their choice on Sunday, December 20.

Get Involved

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 October 15 at Teardrop Cafe in New Lenox. The Sponsor is Gary Barlow. 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.

“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!

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!

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

Bible Sunday On October 18th, 3rd-grade BIBLE students and students in 4th-7th grade who have never received a Bible from the UMCNL will take part in a special ceremony during the 9:00 or 11:00 service. To ensure that we have a Bible for your child, please scan the QR code and complete the form. If you prefer to email, please message Linda Haring at lharing15@gmail.com. In the Subject Line, type BIBLE SUNDAY, in the email include your child's first and last name, the service you will attend, and your child's grade level.



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

Trunk or Treat 2026 will be Saturday, October 31 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. We are looking for volunteers (groups, families, friends, or individuals) that would come, decorate their cars, and pass out candy. Car decorating can be as simple or complex as you would like to make it! If you are unable to come, we will be accepting candy or trinket donations. There will be a box for donations in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Elena Rossiter at (815) 483-0692 or laney029@aol.com. Please contact Elena by Saturday October 24th to ensure we can have a good layout of cars.

Contact Us/Prayer Requests

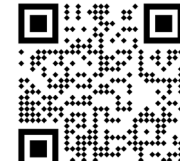
Pastor Mark: Call/text: 815-587-3795; mark@umcnl.com

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Pastor Mark



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Pastor Wesley

