

*April 20, 2025
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday*



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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aim it at the code below. Thank you!.*



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ENTRANCE

Prelude & Processional
"Christ Arose" by Lowry
(Piano & Organ Duet: Wesley Dickson & 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**
Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to the world. Pour your Holy Spirit upon us, and grant that our hearts and minds may be kindled with a holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of the risen Christ. This we pray in the name Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"
#302, Vs. 1-3

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time Mostly For Children

Anthem 9:00 "Resurrection Victory" by Larson
(Chancel Choir, Brass Sextet & Timpani)

11:00 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"
(Celebration Bells & Karl Hammond, Trumpet)

Moment of Silence and Prayer of the People

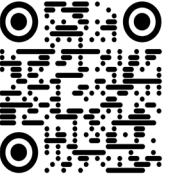
Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:3-6, 12-20

Sermon "Resurrection Is Everything"
Rev. Wesley S. Dickson

THANKSGIVING

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



Offertory 9:00 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"
(Brass Sextet, Timpani & Organ)

11:00 "Majestic Alleluia" by Raney
(Celebration Bells)

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

***Prayer of Dedication**
Lord of Life and New Beginnings, we present our time, our talents, and our treasures to you this day. Help us to be Easter People who live into the Resurrection. Bless these tithes and offerings, use them to build us up as your Body, and equip us to continually share the Good News of the Empty Tomb. Amen.

Reception of New Members See Insert

SENDING FORTH

***Closing Hymn** "He Lives" #310

*Benediction

Recessional 9:00 "An Easter Alleluia!" by Young
(Chancel Choir)

11:00 "Edelweiss" (Celebration Bells)

Postlude "Christ The Lord is Risen Today"
(Karen Weirman)

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

Church Happenings

A heartfelt thanks to those who helped with our Easter egg hunt this year! Thank you to all who donated candy, filled eggs, and helped the day of the hunt. It was a beautiful morning, and the children had a wonderful time. God is good!

Movie Night May 2! *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Spy, Assassin*, rated PG-13 Join us Friday, May 2 at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary to watch a recent release movie about a man that did not fear standing up for his religious beliefs. True story about Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the journey he took to uphold his moral convictions. Invite neighbors and friends. Bring a comfy blanket and closed container beverage! Movie length is 2 hours and 15 min. Donation \$5 at door.

Contemporary Worship Service 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 information related to happenings at UMCNL.

Prayer Chain Ministry Would you like to be a part of our Prayer Chain Ministry by becoming a prayer warrior? Email business@umcnl.com to let us know your desire to be a part of this wonderful group! Prayer changes things; we will never know the impact our prayers will have on other lives, but we will know when that time in prayer begins to change us.

Congrats to our Grads! UMCNL will honor our 2025 high school and post-secondary graduates (college, graduate school, trade school, military training, etc.) on Sunday, May 25. 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 15:

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

Get Involved

All Church Cleanup will be Saturday, May 3 at 8:00 a.m. This cleanup is in preparation for our outdoor Sunday services. We are planning to do grounds clean up and hopefully some cleanup inside. We will be serving hot breakfast sandwiches with coffee, juice and pastries. Look for additional information soon!

Midwest Missions Trip A one day field trip on Thursday, May 8th to Midwest Mission, Springfield, IL is being sponsored by the Missions Committee. Participants will leave that day at 8 a.m. from church, stop for dutch treat lunch at Pizza Ranch in Springfield, followed by tour of Midwest Mission at 1:00 p.m. See sign-up sheet in church Narthex. Last day to sign up is Wednesday April 23. Contact Sue Reyelts (815) 735-2621 with questions.

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 Deptolla at (815) 514-6814.

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

Friendship Group Our next Friendship Group Luncheon will be May 15 at Country Charm Restaurant at 101 Lincolnway Drive. The Sponsor is Chuck Lamar. All are invited 55+ to see you there. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex next to the name tags.

The Comfort Makers sewing group meets on various days throughout the year to make different projects for missions. 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. If you would like more information, please contact Judy McCune at jmcsews@sbcglobal.net

Care Team will meet one Tuesday every other month at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Contact Debbie Speicher at damitdebbi@gmail.com to find out the date of the next meeting.

Youth Updates

Sunday School and Nursery will not meet on today. Children can experience our beautiful service with their families.

2025 VBS Registration is now open!

VBS is also looking for many volunteers Monday - Friday, June 9-13: 9 a.m -12 p.m. Keep in mind volunteering looks different for everyone. There is a spot for you! Scan the QR code to volunteer and register.



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

JOY Camp 2025 *Joy camp registration is now open at Joycamp.org* JOY Camp 2025 will be held June 22-28 at beautiful Camp Reynoldswood in Dixon, Illinois. JOY camp is a weeklong overnight camp focused on delivering the message of God's love through fun, fellowship, nature, scripture, and worship. Incoming 5th graders - high school seniors are welcome to attend regardless of where they are in their faith journey. Contact Linda Haring about a scholarship to help pay for Joy Camp at lharing15@gmail.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

