November 8, 2026
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW LENOX

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
"Come Ye Thankful People Come"
by Page (Karen Weirman)

Welcome & Announcements

***Passing of the Peace**

***Opening Prayer**
O God, our Guide and Guardian, you have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house. Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth. Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us, so that we may not fear the coming of night. May we worship you not with our lips at this hour, but in word and deed all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Take Time to be Holy" #395

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time Mostly for Children

Anthem
9:00 "For The Beauty of The Earth"
(Celebrations Bells with Percussionists:
Rich Hagen & April Thrun)

11:00 "Impressions on Londonderry Air"
(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 Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon: "Lamp Light" 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 "Sing To The Lord Of Harvest" by Tucker
(Celebration Bells)

11:00 "Tranquility" by Compton (Herald Bells)

***Prayer of Dedication**
All things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. We offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

SENDING FORTH

***Closing Hymn** "Be Still, My Soul" #534

***Benediction**

Recessional
"Edelweiss"

Postlude "Let All Things Now Living"
(Karen Weirman)

The flowers on the altar have been placed by:

Susie Jasurda, in loving memory of her mom, Dorothy Stowers and

The Mooney kids, in memory of Fred and Muriel's anniversary

Church Happenings

Coffee Hour Thank you Bell Choirs for hosting our coffee hour today. Next Sunday will be hosted by Missions. Please join us if you can!

The United Women in Faith would like to thank all the amazing women, men and children that helped make out Potato Bar fundraiser a success this year. We appreciate all the people that purchased tickets, all the delicious baked goods the beautiful crafts and the items for Second Time Around that were donated. It takes a whole church to make this happen. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Ornament for the Church Memorial Tree - If you have lost a loved one this year and would like to have an ornament made for that person on the Memorial tree, please turn their name in to Lindsay in the office. Please email her at office@umcnl.com. Bonnie DuCharme will put the name on the ornament and hang on the tree soon after Thanksgiving. Families can take the ornament home Christmas Eve or shortly after.

Annual Church Conference Our Annual Charge Conference will be held on Tuesday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Mark your calendar as we prepare for this meeting and tend to the necessary business of our congregation.

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.

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

Ruth Circle will meet at 1:00 p.m. Monday, November 9 at Debbie Speicher's home, 1658 Bayhill Drive, New Lenox. Nancy Conner will be cohostess, and Jan Madarik will give devotions. Program: The Meaning of our Life by Janet Kuester.

Food Bank Volunteers Needed UMCNL volunteers needed for the morning of Sat. November 14, 9:00-11:30 a.m., at the Northern Illinois Food Bank in Joliet. Ages 8 and older will help organize food for distribution to local food pantries as well as walk-in clients who are in need. Sign up on the volunteer list found in the church Narthex.

Friendship Group Our next Friendship Group Luncheon will be November 19 at the Country Charm Restaurant at 101 Lincoln Highway in New Lenox. The Sponsors are Nancy and Lloyd Dodds. All 55 and older people are invited. The Sign-Up sheet is in the Narthex next to the name tags. We hope to see you there.

UMM Citrus Fruit Sale Please consider supporting our UMM and their many outreach programs through this sale. If you are not interested in fruit for yourself, please consider giving as a gift or a donation to a community organization dedicated to providing meals and food to the less fortunate. Visit www.umcnl.com/connect for more information and the sale link. Prices do include the cost of shipping. All ordering must be done online. Sale ends 11/22/26! If you have any questions, please contact Al Haring or Bill Christiansen.

UMCNL Christmas Cookie Sale will be Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to bake and volunteer. For baking, we request festive cookies and at least 8 dozen of each type! We'll even have a judging contest with prizes! Cookies will be sold for $12 per pound with all proceeds going to local food pantries.

Midwest Mission Distribution Center Mission Trip The Midwest Mission trip for 2027 is scheduled for Sunday, February 7 - Thursday February 11th. Our team will leave from the church after the 9 a.m. service or whenever everyone is ready. For the last two years the women of the group have worked Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and heading home that evening. There is the opportunity to also work on Thursday/Friday if you would like to put in a full week. There is an informational meeting on Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the church for anyone who is interested in learning more! For additional questions or to sign up, please reach out to Teena at (815) 762-5668 or tjglazebrook0927@att.net

Youth/Young Adult

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

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 those in our military, attending schools for specialized training, or apprentice programs. Please submit your son or daughter's current address on campus or at home (where they will be residing the first week of December). 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 text (815) 258-8304 by Sunday, November 22.

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.

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.

Pastor Mark: Call/text: 815-587-3795; mark@umcnl.com
Pastor Wesley: Call/text: 630-708-2470; wesley@umcnl.com

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