

September 8, 2024
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! Simply open your camera on your smart phone and aim it at the code below. Thank you!



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ENTRANCE

Prelude & Processional "Majesty" (Eric Hammond)

Welcome & Announcements

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

Passing of the Peace

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out fear, and bind us together in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Hymn "Come, Thou Almighty King" #61

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time Mostly for Children

Anthem 9:00 Music performed by United In Hope
11:00 "Goodness of God" (Eric Hammond)

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.

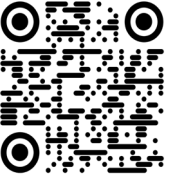
Scripture Reading John 1:1-5, 14

Sermon: "Our Y- Starting with God"
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 Music performed by United In Hope
11:00 "Seek Ye First" (Eric Hammond)

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

Prayer of Dedication

O God, most merciful and gracious, of who bounty we have all received, accept this offering of your people. Bless these gifts so that they may promote peace and goodwill among all people, bringing your light and life into this beautiful world. This we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #140

Benediction

Recessional "Amen"

Postlude "Let There Be Peace on Earth"
(Eric Hammond)

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

Church Happenings

Exhibitors are sought for the **45th Old Campground Antiques, Collectibles Flea Market and Craft Show** to be held Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The well advertised outdoor sale is held on the wooded grounds of the UMCNL. The 15 x 20 ft. spaces are available for \$40.00 each. This fundraiser helps support church ministries. For application and information call (815) 485-8271, ext. 53. Applications can be printed online at umcnl.com/connect

Flea Market Help Needed! We need some young dads and able bodied youth to help move flea market items Friday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday Sept. 21 at 6:00 a.m. Please call Jim Speicher, (815) 483-8183 for exact details.

All-Church Picnic TODAY! Come and enjoy a delicious catered lunch and fellowship with your church family today at noon. Lunch will be served immediately after the 11 a.m. service in Fellowship Hall and the chapel. Come join the fun! Bring your family! Bring a friend! See you there!

Flea Market Donations Needed When doing your spring cleaning, remember us with some of those useful things that still have life. Think of our fall event and your church and donate items for the success of our church flea market. Our able bodied men will be happy to pick up any **small** saleable household items. *Sorry, no furniture.* For pick up call Jim Speicher (815) 483-8183 or Del Schad (815) 485-8387.

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!

Fall Women's Retreat We saved a spot for you! Please join us October 18-20 for the UMCNL Fall Women's Retreat at the beautiful LaSalle Manor Retreat Center in Plano, IL. Terri Novy will share this year's program: "Chasing the Sun". This is an important weekend for us as we bring women together for a spiritual retreat, along with much appreciated fellowship and fun. This is also a time to grow our church connections – new ones, established ones – friends and family – local and from across the miles. Registration is \$180. To register contact Erika Martin – cell (815) 409-5178 or ELHendricksen@dow.com.

Get Involved

Sarah Circle "Back to Group" meeting! Join us Friday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the church for fellowship. Contact Teresa Randolph, (773) 405-6233 for more information.

Ruth Circle will meet for potluck lunch at Joyce Korista's home Monday, September 9 at 1:00 p.m. New ladies always welcome.

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

Chapel Bible Study Starting September 16 at 7 p.m. for six weeks, please join Chapel Bible Study as we explore six fundamental questions that all Christians ask. Contact Marilyn Gallagher at (815) 485-3015 for more information!

Prayer Shawl Ministry Our group will begin meeting again on the third Monday of the month. First meeting will be Monday, September 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the home of Beverly Deptolla, 125 Whisper Creek Drive in New Lenox. If you knit or crochet, come join us for fellowship and mission. Yarn and patterns are provided. For more information, contact Beverly at (815) 463-8218.

Friendship Group Luncheon will next meet Thursday, September 19 at Noon at 3 Corners Restaurant in New Lenox at 901 E. Lincoln Hwy. The Sponsors are Beverly Deptolla and Marsha Nelson. All are invited 55+ see you there, bring a friend! 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

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.

Youth Updates

Youth Group Starting September 11, 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 2024 Volunteers Needed Join us on Saturday October 26, 2024, from 9:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. We are looking for volunteers to come, decorate their cars, and pass out candy. If you are unable to make it, we will be accepting candy or trinket donations. Please contact Elena Rossiter by October 19th, at (815) 483-0692 or laney029@aol.com with any questions or would like to volunteer.

Sunday School Welcome Back! The first day of Sunday School is today, September 8! At 9:00 a.m. we will have Preschool thru 7th grade classes. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Confirmation Class Confirmation classes will soon be starting up and are open to all 8th and 9th grade students. If you are interested in having your student participate and would like more information, please reach out to Pastor Mark at mark@umcnl.com

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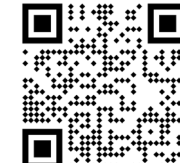
Would you like to connect with one of our Pastors? Please see the contact information below or you can scan one of the codes below using your smartphone to directly set an appointment. If you have a prayer request, please scan the prayer request code.

Pastor Mark: Call/text: 815-587-3795; mark@umcnl.com
Pastor Wesley: Call/text: 630-708-2470; wesley@umcnl.com
Terri Novy: Call/text: 815-370-3063; terri@umcnl.com

Pastor Mark



Prayer Requests



Pastor Wesley

