



10:00 Worship Service

August 2, 2026



Welcome to NEUMC!

We're glad you're here! Thank You for joining us today!

Our Mission is to Know Jesus and Make Him Known

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

***HYMN, 79**

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”
Verses 1-3

Processional

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS, See Insert

Weston Cheatham

***HYMN OF PRAISE, 427**

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”
Verses 1-4

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

“Lamb’s Corner”

Weston Cheatham

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalm 17:1-7
Romans 9:1-5

SONG

“Sanctuary”

Sing Twice

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

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SERMON AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Pastor Antoinette

“Holy Wrestling”
Genesis 32:22-31

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED, TRADITIONAL VERSION, 881**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Universal

NEW MEMBERS CEREMONY, See Insert

Earle & Wanda Craig, Mary Bosman & Angi Higgason

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERING

There are 4 ways to give. See back of bulletin.

*DOXOLOGY, 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Wine and grape juice are used for communion. The chalices have wine.
Grape juice is available in the center. Gluten free bread is used for communion.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

**We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

THE PEACE

Sharing "peace" with one another is an ancient Christian tradition rooted in the teachings of Jesus and practices of the Christian community. It also serves as a way for members to reconcile before receiving Holy Communion. Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love. God's peace be with you.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

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CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN, 672

"God Be with You till We Meet Again"
Verses 1-4

POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.



We are delighted that you have joined us in worship!
We hope your experience at NEUMC was enjoyable
and encouraging. Please join us for *Cookie Time*
fellowship following the service.



Join Pastor Antoinette and other members of our congregation as they lead a morning devotion and prayer each Wednesday morning. Please encourage friends, family, and others in our community to join this time of devotion and prayer.

Time: 6:00 AM

(duration 15-20 minutes)

Dial-in Number: (605) 313-5873

Access Code: 2888884#

Please note, the dial-in number is a conference call line designated for our time of prayer.

Sermon NOTES



“Holy Wrestling”

Genesis 32:22-31

22 The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

23 He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

24 Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

25 When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

26 Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.”

27 So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.”

28 Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed.”

29 Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him.

30 So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved.”

31 The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Lectionary Devotional Reading for the week of August 2

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

Let’s learn and
grow together!

TIME: 9:00 AM

Sunday
SCHOOL

Overcomers (Room 212)

Living Into God’s Promises

Pairs & Spares (Room 214)

Phillippians

Iron Sharpens Iron (Room 208)

The Ten Commandments

Older Kids & Youth (Room 213)

Lessons in the Bible

Preschool & Young Kids (Room 206)

Lessons in the Bible



Fresh Food Events Update & Upcoming Date

A Heartfelt Thank You! Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Fresh Food event on July 25! Whether you donated money, purchased food, or volunteered your time, your support made both events a wonderful success. Together, we provided fresh fruits, vegetables, eggs, milk, cheese, and yogurt to many families across our community.

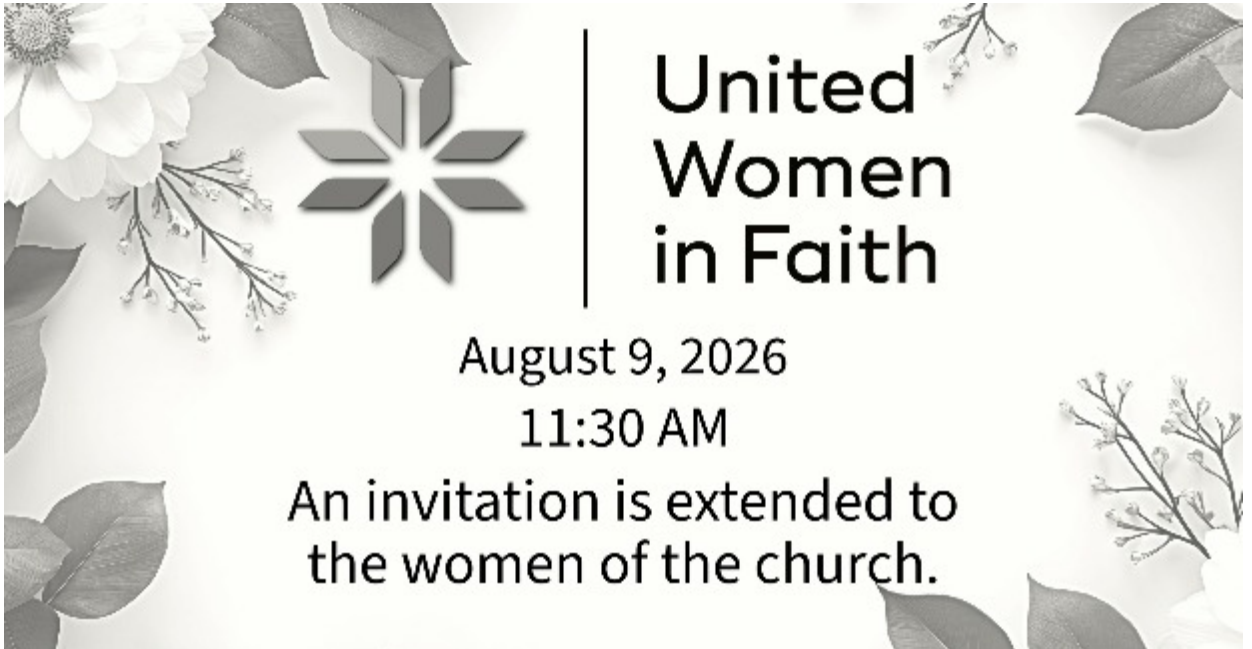
Mark Your Calendars: Next Event Coming Up! The Outreach/Witness Committee will host our next Fresh Food distribution on Saturday, August 29, from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM.

How You Can Help:

Pray: Please join us in praying for the success of this event—that we will have an abundance of food to share and that we will reach our neighbors with the love of Christ.

Donate & Volunteer: We will once again be asking our congregation to help by donating food or coming to serve during the event.

If you have any questions or would like to learn how to get involved, please reach out to Gaye Christmus or Jane DeCristofaro.





Join Our Mailing List!
Want to receive the church emails?
Please scan the QR code to sign up.



MINISTRY AND PRAYER NEEDS

Prayer request cards are located in the card holders on the back of the chairs.

- **Glenn "Bud" Harling (brother of Debbo Lackore) and his partner, Vicki Steele.** Vicki is grieving the recent loss of her brother in January and navigating ongoing health challenges with multiple sclerosis. Please pray for comfort, physical strength, and peace for both Glenn and Vicki as they both battle depression.
- **Curtis Jackson and family,** upon the death of his wife, Sharon. Curtis is the choir director at Rehoboth Baptist Church.
- **Laurie,** friend of Elizabeth Chamblee, just diagnosed with a brain tumor.
- **Herb Hilmer and family,** upon the death of his wife, Mattia.
- **Tammie Sloop,** who is at PruittHealth-Columbia
- **Ryon Miro & family,** upon the death of his father, Doug Miro.
- **Karen Johnson and family,** upon the death of her mother, Emily Burnside, in Nassau, Bahamas.
- **Gil Johnson,** for continued healing and strength.
- **Jimmy Smyrl,** Jim Smyrl's father, at Lexington Medical Center with a brain bleed.
- **Larry Markham,** for continued strength.
- **Dallas Petty,** recovering from the flu and has cancer.
- **Chris & Kara Bishop.** Chris has been diagnosed with frontotemporal dementia.
- **Kathy, Lori Beth Wissler's sister,** who is experiencing medical issues.
- **Marion Crowell,** Stephen Crowell's mother, for her overall health.
- **Tammie Sloop & Brooks Shealy** for their overall health.
- **Liz Hetzler,** Forrest Horn's sister, who is suffering with dementia.
- **Those going through cancer treatment: John Lockard & Mark Grace**
- **Our military and first responders.**
- **Our missionaries:**
 - Matt & Jenny Williams:** Athletes in Action Cru
 - Steve & Stephanie Bredesen:** Nakalanda, Uganda
 - Ben & Jenny Reyes**

HOMEBOUND AND ELDERLY

We are a family and we encourage anyone who feels led by God to visit those who are sick or homebound. Following are our homebound: Sandra Miller

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Team create shawls and other items for you to share with those who need encouragement. When you give a shawl away, you are sharing the love and prayers of NEUMC. The prayer shawls are kept in the Prayer Center if one is needed. Prayer Shawl Ministry Team

ACOLYTE

Youth

TODAY

LAY LEADER

Stephen Crowell

COMMUNION PREPARER

Danna Griner

COMMUNION SERVERS

Charlie & Ann Henry & Danna Griner

SCRIPTURE READER

Raul Cruz

DESIGNATED FRIENDS

Melanie Hafner & Jane DeCristofaro

GREETERS

Charlie & Ann Henry

PRAYER WARRIOR

Gil Johnson

OFFERING COUNTERS

Stephen Crowell & Larry Griner

THE UPPER ROOM AUGUST 5

Dianne Markham

NEXT WEEK

LAY LEADER

Jane Scott

COMMUNION PREPARER

Dianne Markham

COMMUNION SERVERS

Dianne Markham, Jennifer Wargel & Pat Christiansen

SCRIPTURE READER

Charlie Henry

DESIGNATED FRIENDS

Charlie & Ann Henry

GREETERS

Danna Griner & Elizabeth Chamblee

PRAYER WARRIOR

Ann Henry

OFFERING COUNTERS

Tom DeCristofaro & George Evans

THE UPPER ROOM AUGUST 12

Elizabeth Chamblee

There are 4 ways to give:

- (1) as offering is collected
- (2) mail a check to the church
- (3) setup recurring giving online: neumc.com/give
- (4) use the QR Code to give online

Scan to Give Online



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OFFICE HOURS

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM: MONDAY - FRIDAY

Blessing of the Backpacks

Responsive Liturgy (Leader & Congregation)

Leader: Today we bring these backpacks, totes, and bags before God as a symbol of a new school year beginning. Inside them are books, pencils, devices, and lunchboxes—tools for learning, growth, and connection.

Congregation: We give thanks for the gift of education, curiosity, and new beginnings.

Leader: For every student—from preschool to university—stepping into classrooms, hallways, and playgrounds:

Congregation: May God grant you wisdom to learn, courage to make friends, and kindness to share with everyone you meet.

Leader: For teachers, administrators, bus drivers, counselors, and school staff who dedicate their hearts and energy to our children:

Congregation: May God give you patience, strength, joy, and peace in your daily work.

Leader: For parents, guardians, and families who encourage, comfort, and guide from home:

Congregation: May God fill your homes with grace, rest, and hope in every season.

All: God of wisdom, bless these bags and the people who carry them. Remind us that wherever we go, Your love goes with us. Amen.

Prayer of Blessing

"Gracious and loving God,

We place our hands over these backpacks today as an act of love and prayer.

Bless the hands that carry them and the minds that use the tools inside. When the days feel long or schoolwork feels difficult, give our students steady perseverance. When feelings of anxiety or loneliness creep in, remind them that they are deeply loved, never alone, and valued for exactly who they are.

Surround our schools with Your protection and peace. Grant teachers fresh inspiration and energy, and give families grace as schedules shift.

May these backpacks serve as a daily reminder throughout the year that Your presence goes before us and walks beside us, every single day.

In Your holy name we pray, **Amen.**"

Congregational Listening Session & Potluck

Sunday, August 30

Immediately Following 10:00 AM Worship

Seeking God's Vision Together

As a United Methodist congregation, we believe God is continually calling the Church into faithful ministry. **Vision 2030** is our shared journey of prayer, discernment, and listening as we seek God's direction for the future of Northeast United Methodist Church (NEUMC).

Our Mission: *To Know Jesus and Make Him Known*

How We're Discerning God's Vision

- **Church Council Discernment (Completed):** Five "holy hopes" have recently emerged.
- **Congregational Listening:** Gathering as a church body to listen, discuss, and dream.
- **Inclusive Input:** Ensuring every voice is heard, including our youth, children, and homebound members.
- **Focused Prayer:** Reflecting on the "bold holy hopes" God is stirring in our community.

Your Voice Matters

Your voice is a vital part of our shared discernment. Together, we will seek God's vision for NEUMC as we continue making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Everyone is welcome. Come pray, listen, share, enjoy a meal, and help discern where God is leading us next!

New Members Ceremony

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

I present who come seeking professing membership of
Northeast United Methodist Church.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The pastor addresses the candidate(s):

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
 reject the evil powers of this world,
 and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
 to resist evil, injustice, and oppression,
 in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
 put your whole trust in his grace,
 and promise to serve him as your Lord,
 in union with the Church which Christ has opened
 to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
 and include these members now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
 and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround these persons with a community of love and
forgiveness,
 that they may grow in their trust of God,
 and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them,
 that they may be true disciples
 who walk in the way that leads to life.**

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The pastor addresses the candidate(s):

As members of Christ's universal church,
will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and do
all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

As members of this congregation,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries by
your prayers, your presence,
your gifts, your service, and your witness?

I will.

Certificate of membership is presented to new member(s).

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God,
I commend these persons to your love and care. Do
all in your power to increase their faith, confirm
their hope, and perfect them in love.

Through baptism

**you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into
God's new creation
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We
are all one in Christ Jesus.**

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as
members of the family of Christ.**

Now it is our joy to welcome
our new brothers and sisters in Christ!

BLESSING PRAYER