

### 10:00 Worship Service February 16, 2025



### Welcome to NEUMC!

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

#### A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

#### Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

**HYMN**, 702

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

Verses 1-4

**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.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, 66

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
Verses 1-3

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

"Lamb's Corner"

#### OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Jeremiah 17:5-10 I Corinthians 15:12-20

**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

"Meet People Where They Are"
Acts 17:16-28

#### **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 and gluten free bread are available in the center.

#### **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. Please extend peace to those closest to 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

Chorus

O God You are my God And I will ever praise You

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I will seek You in the morning And I will learn to walk in Your ways

And step by step You'll lead me And I will follow You all of my days "Step by Step"

"Step by Step" by David (Beaker) Strasser
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#### **POSTLUDE**

\* Please stand as you are able.

- Have a Christian book or Bible on your desk. If someone comments about it, chat about your relationship with God and your church. Invite them.
- Your social media (Facebook, etc.) offers a great way to invite people. Post a photo, tell a story about how church impacts your life, link to the church website, or say, "Join us Sunday at 10:00 AM!" You never know who's reading.



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.



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Lectionary Devotional Readings for the week of February 16.

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

#### **Meet People Where They Are**

Acts 17:16-28

16 While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. 17 So he reasoned in the synagogue with both lews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. 18 A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbler trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. 19 Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? 20 You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean." 21 (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.) 22 Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. 23 For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship-and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. 24 "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. 25 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. 26 From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands, 27 God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 28 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

### CHURCH



COUNCIL

MEETING

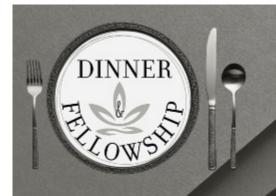
Today | 11:15 AM | ROOM 102

## PRESIDENTS' DAY

February 17, 2025

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The Church Office will be closed on Monday, February 17 in observance of Presidents' Day



## METHODIST CHURCH THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20 6:00 PM

Let's learn and grow together!



Overcomers (Room 212) | The Parables of Jesus

Pairs & Spares (Room 214) | The Grace of God by Andy Stanley

Iron Sharpens Iron (Room 208) | Reading & Discussing the Old Testament

Older Kids & Youth (Room 213) | Lessons in the Bible Preschool & Young Kids (Room 206)

#### MINISTRY AND PRAYER NEEDS

- Tammie Sloop, pray for her overall health.
- **Bethany Shoup,** wife of Matthew Shoup, who has had a recurrence of cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy.
- The victims of the California wildfires.
- Larry, Lorie Beth Wissler's uncle, recovering from a stroke.
- Liz Hetzler, Forrest Horn's sister, who is suffering with dementia.
- **Gary Hartman,** recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Joyce Noga, for improved health after a medical procedure to help control her diabetes.
- **Faye Ellrott,** who is recovering at home following a car accident.
- Marion Crowell, Stephen Crowell's mother, for continued strength and recovery.
- Those going through cancer treatment: John Lockard, Tracie Glumm, Mark Seeley, Julie Smith, Lee Safley, Elizabeth Hebert, Mac Kinnett, Jim Wheeler & John Phillips
- Mattia Hilmer, pray for her overall health.
- Larry Markham & Owen Markham (grandson of Larry & Dianne), for continued strength and recovery.
- **Ernst Cousin,** brother of Fred Cousin, for continued strength and recovery.
- 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:

George Eberhardt Sandra Miller Sabra Stewart

## 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

#### PRAYER REQUEST

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people. I Timothy 2:1

Please write your request(s) here and

place this card in the offering plate.

Pastor Only

Prayer Chain

I would like someone to contact

me to pray over a more confidential

Bulletin

matter.



Want to receive our emails or update your mailing choices? Please take a moment to fill out this form with your choices. Place the form in the offering plate or turn it in at the Church Office.

(NAME)

(EMAIL ADDRESS)

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#### **EMAILS**

- ☐ Prayer Concerns (these go out as needs arise - several each week)
- General information and appeals from NEUMC (a few each month)
- ☐ Sunday Bulletin

#### **ACOLYTE**

Youth

### TODAY LAY LEADER

Stephen Crowell

#### **COMMUNION PREPARER**

Dianne Markham

#### **COMMUNION SERVERS**

Dianne Markham, Debbo Lackore & Hannah Cook

#### **SCRIPTURE READER**

Elizabeth Chamblee

#### **DESIGNATED FRIENDS**

Dianne Markham Mary Anne Lockard

#### **GREETERS**

Don & Janice Starner

#### **PRAYER WARRIOR**

Charlie Henry

#### OFFERING COUNTERS

Bill Hoesly Buck Brazell

#### **NEXT WEEK**

**LAY LEADER** 

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#### **COMMUNION PREPARER**

Karen Evans

#### **COMMUNION SERVERS**

Karen Evans, Jennifer Wargel & Weston Cheatham

#### **SCRIPTURE READER**

Hannah Cook

#### **DESIGNATED FRIENDS**

Heather Cook Pat Hoesly

#### **GREETERS**

Forrest & Diane Horn

#### **PRAYER WARRIOR**

Ann Henry

#### **OFFERING COUNTERS**

Duane Scott Mary Mason

#### 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

## Small Group Studies

Word, Water, Wine and Bread: How Worship Has Changed Over the Years

> Author: William Willimon Led by Jane Scott

Beginning Tuesday, March 4 at 10 AM

To provide perspective on current trends, theologian and preacher William Willimon traces the history of worship and our rich heritage of Word, water, wine and bread. Beginning with the early Jewish tabernacle rites, he details the development of Christian worship through its various phases:

- Early celebration of the Lord's supper and baptism
- Worship in the second through eighth centuries
- The dramatic development of the medieval period
- The far-reaching effects of the Reformation
- The revolutionary Protestant movements of the nineteenth century

### The Women of the Bible Speak: The Wisdom of 16 Women and Their Lessons for Today

Author: Shannon Bream
To be lead by Diane Horn
Beginning Wednesday, March 5 at 10 AM

People unfamiliar with Scripture often assume that women play a small, secondary role in the Bible. But in fact, they were central figures in numerous Biblical tales. It was Queen Esther's bravery at a vital point in history which saved her entire people. The Bible contains warriors like Jael, judges like Deborah, and prophets like Miriam. The first person to witness Jesus' resurrection was Mary Magdalene, who promptly became the first Christian evangelist, eager to share the news which would change the world forever.

The Women of the Bible Speak outlines the lessons we can take from the valor of Esther, the hope of Hannah, the audacity of Rahab, and the faith of Mary. In broadening each woman's individual story, Shannon offers us a deeper understanding of each, and wisdom and insights that can transform our own lives today.

Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex.

# Belong Group Orientation and Luncheon

Would you like to experience a spiritual practice that supports you in figuring out how to live well? A spiritual practice that connects you in life-giving ways to God and to a small circle of other people? Consider coming to the Belong Group Orientation on Sunday, March 2, after worship.

Early Methodists practiced a form of group spiritual direction in their small groups, called class meetings, in which they gave one another mutual encouragement and listened to God's work in their lives. In this revived form of a class meeting, or small group, you'll learn how to listen prayerfully to one another and how to discern the Holy Spirit's movement in each other's lives.

Belong Groups will run for six weeks during Lent

Dates: Sunday, March 9 through Sunday, April 13

Time: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Location: Classroom Building (snacks will be provided)

You can sign up at the Orientation or respond now by scanning the QR Code.



Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Melanie Dobson, Th.D.

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Director, Spiritual Direction Certification Program
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Lenoir-Rhyne University