



10:00 Worship Service
February 23, 2025



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

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

*HYMN, 102

"Now Thank We All Our God"
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.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, 549

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"
Verses 1-4

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

"Lamb's Corner"

Heather Cook

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

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

Weston Cheatham

"Stranger Danger"
Luke 6:20-38

A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE KOREAN METHODIST CHURCH

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need.

We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.

We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service.

We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters.

We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN

“Goodness of God”

Verse 1

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

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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.

Let's learn and
grow together!

Sunday
SCHOOL

TIME: 9:00 AM

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)

Sermon NOTES



Stranger Danger

Luke 6:20-38

20 Looking at his disciples, he said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. **21** Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. **22** Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. **23** “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. **24** “But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. **25** Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. **26** Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets. **27** “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, **28** bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. **29** If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. **30** Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. **31** Do to others as you would have them do to you. **32** “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. **33** And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. **34** And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. **35** But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. **36** Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. **37** “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. **38** Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Lectionary Devotional Readings for the week of February 23.

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38

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.
Associate Professor, Lefler and Wohltmann Chair in Methodist Studies
Director, Spiritual Direction Certification Program
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Lenoir-Rhyne University



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.



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

PRAYER REQUEST

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

Please write your request(s) here and place this card in the offering plate.

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

- Pastor Only
- Prayer Chain
- Bulletin
- I would like someone to contact me to pray over a more confidential 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	NEXT WEEK
LAY LEADER Jane Scott	LAY LEADER Larry Griner
COMMUNION PREPARER No Communion	COMMUNION PREPARER Danna Griner
COMMUNION SERVERS No Communion	COMMUNION SERVERS Charlie & Ann Henry Danna Griner
SCRIPTURE READER Hannah Cook	SCRIPTURE READER Karen Evans
DESIGNATED FRIENDS Heather Cook Pat Hoesly	DESIGNATED FRIENDS Jane Scott Debbie Hoesly
GREETERS Forrest & Diane Horn	GREETERS Jane DeCristofaro Chastity Cherubin
PRAYER WARRIOR Ann Henry	PRAYER WARRIOR Jane DeCristofaro
OFFERING COUNTERS Duane Scott Mary Mason	OFFERING COUNTERS Jane DeCristofaro Dan Christmus

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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


BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM

MARCH 2, 2025



NEUMC continues to support Sandlapper Elementary School through the Richland Two Backpack Program. The goal is to decrease weekends without adequate nourishment by providing additional foods as a supplement for families.

Food items are collected the first Sunday of each month. A collection box is located in the narthex for the items. Please pray for the children who are receiving the food.



Shrove Tuesday
PANCAKE
S U P P E R
Tuesday, March 4
5:30-7:00 PM
Sponsored by the
United Methodist Men.
Donations are greatly
appreciated.

A black and white photograph of a stack of pancakes on a metal plate. A pat of butter is melting on top of the pancakes, with the liquid dripping down the sides. The background is a textured, light-colored surface.

Ash Wednesday

A time to reflect, renew the spirit and strengthen the faith at the beginning of Lent.



MARCH 5, 2025

8:30 - 9:30 AM

DRIVE THRU IMPOSITION OF ASHES

7:00 PM

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

