



10:00 Worship Service
September 28, 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

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

***HYMN, 108**

“God Hath Spoken by the Prophets”
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, 130**

“God Will Take Care of You”
Verses 1-3

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

“Lamb’s Corner”

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalms 91:1-6
1 Timothy 6:6-19

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

“I Have No One”
John 5:1-9

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.

CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN

"King of Kings"

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected 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.

Sermon NOTES



“I Have No One”

John 5:1-9

1 Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals.

2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda[a] and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades.

3 Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed.

[4] [b]

5 One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.

6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

7 “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

8 Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.”

9 At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath.

Lectionary Devotional
Reading for the week
of September 28

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

BLESSING BOX AMAZON WISH LIST

Order items for the Blessing Box through Amazon. These are just suggested items and it is an easy way to support the Blessing Box by having items shipped directly to NEUMC. We will continue to gladly accept donations in the narthex as well. Thanks for all your support in this ministry to our community!



Scan the QR Code to
view the list of items
or to place an order.

Backpack Food Program Resumes

October 5, 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. The congregation is invited to stay after church on October 5 to help assemble the bags and pray for the children receiving them. To view a list of suggested menu items, please visit our website at neumc.com.

Let's learn and
grow together!

Sunday
SCHOOL

TIME: 9:00 AM

Overcomers (Room 212) | Living Into God's Promises

Pairs & Spares (Room 214) | Enough by Adam Hamilton

Iron Sharpens Iron (Room 208) | The Upper Room - Disciplines

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

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



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.



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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.

- **Peyton Henry**, Charlie Henry's sister, for overall health recovery after suffering a heart attack and blood clot in her lung.
- **Ed Zuraw**, Nikki Shaffner's uncle, who is hospitalized with health complications.
- **Wanda Chandler**, Bianca Brazell's mother, who is recovering from surgery.
- **Mark Grace**, friend of Bob Shaffner, as he undergoes treatment for thyroid cancer.
- **Jennifer Wargel**, who has a torn meniscus.
- **Roger Rexroad and his wife Trisha**, neighbors of Debbo Lackore and Joyce Sawyer. Roger is hospitalized at Lexington Medical Center with a blood infection and suffers with severe osteoporosis arthritis.
- **Marion Crowell**, Stephen Crowell's mother, who experienced complications from her pacemaker lead.
- **Doug Miro**, Ryon Miro's father, recovering from a stroke.
- **Jean**, co-worker of Karen Evans, who has been diagnosed with uterine serous carcinoma, a rare and aggressive cancer. Pray for her family and her doctors to determine the best treatment plan.
- **Ken Harling**, brother of Debbo Lackore, who has kidney failure. Also, pray for his daughter and caregiver, Alicia Harling.
- **Brooks Shealy**, pray for his overall health.
- **Wendell Cherubin**, pray for his overall health.
- **Tammie Sloop**, pray for her overall health.
- **Liz Hetzler**, Forrest Horn's sister, who is suffering with dementia.
- **Gary Hartman**, treatment of peripheral neuropathy in both feet and chronic arthritis in both ankles.
- **Those going through cancer treatment: John Lockard, Jim Wheeler & Donna Purvis**
- **Mattia Hilmer**, pray for her overall health.
- **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

ACOLYTE

Youth

TODAY	NEXT WEEK
LAY LEADER	LAY LEADER
Jane Scott	Larry Griner
COMMUNION PREPARER	COMMUNION PREPARER
Tina Lipscomb	Dianne Markham
COMMUNION SERVERS	COMMUNION SERVERS
Tina Lipscomb, CJ Miro & Pat Christiansen	Dan & Gaye Christmus & Dianne Markham
SCRIPTURE READER	SCRIPTURE READER
Karen Evans	Leena Crentsil
DESIGNATED FRIENDS	DESIGNATED FRIENDS
Forrest & Diane Horn	Jane Scott & Debbie Hoesly
GREETERS	GREETERS
Forrest & Diane Horn	Charlie & Ann Henry
PRAYER WARRIOR	PRAYER WARRIOR
Dianne Markham	Charlie Henry
OFFERING COUNTERS	OFFERING COUNTERS
Jane DeCristofaro & Dan Christmus	Mike Munn & Pat Hoesly
THE UPPER ROOM	THE UPPER ROOM
OCTOBER 1	OCTOBER 8
Debbo Lackore	Pastor Antoinette

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

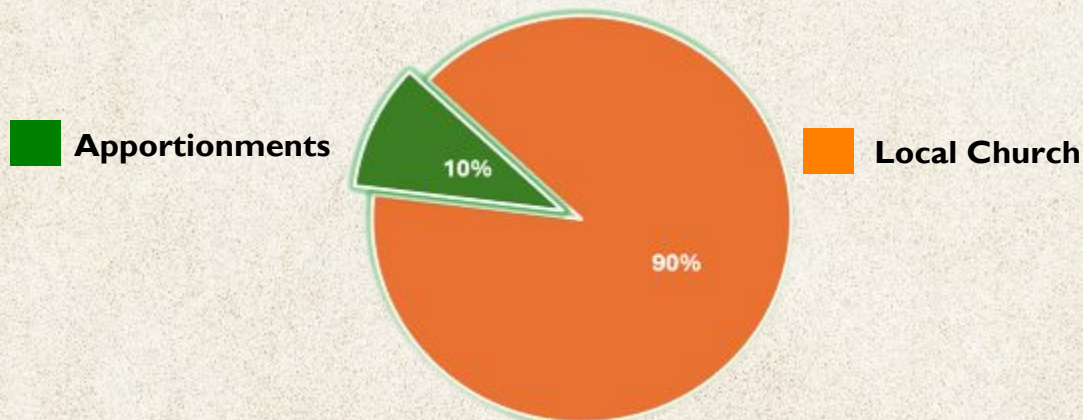
What is Apportionment in the United Methodist Church?

Apportionments are each church's share of giving that supports the mission and ministry of the United Methodist Church, both locally and globally. From disaster relief to education to missions, your giving helps us to accomplish more together than we could ever do alone.

WHERE OUR APPORTIONMENTS GO



APPORTIONMENT GIVING = TITHING



May God multiply our gifts, unite our hearts in mission, and use our shared offering to bring hope, healing, and love to the world. Amen.

connectional giving

makes a difference

South Carolina Conference

Conference Benevolences

\$2,339,964 (2023) | \$2,083,451 (2024)

Nurture and outreach arm of our Annual Conference. Largest portion supports congregational specialists and the administration and programs of Connectional Ministries, as well as the Board of Ordained Ministry, Archives and History, Cabinet emergency fund, the South Carolina United Methodist Advocate and the Episcopal residence.

Retiree Health/Transition/Contingency

\$800,000 (2023) | \$200,000 (2024)

Provides subsidy for health insurance premiums for retired clergy, and grant funds for those in significant transitions, such as disability.

District Superintendent Compensation

\$1,292,176 (2023) | \$1,292,176 (2024)

Provides salary of \$107,681 for each of the 12 superintendents.

Equitable Compensation Fund

\$565,000 (2023) | \$365,000 (2024)

Helps pay salaries of pastors serving churches that are not able to meet the minimum standards set by the Annual Conference. Also provides primary support for new church start pastors.

District Administration

\$821,822 (2023) | \$746,822 (2024)

Provides for district office operations, secretary's salary, District Connectional Ministries, institutional share of the superintendent's pension and insurance, continuing education and travel.

Conference Administration

\$1,647,514 (2023) | \$1,435,814 (2024)

Covers expenses of the Annual Conference session, the Journal, conference secretary, treasurer's office, clergy services coordinator, other administrative expenses.

Congregational Development

\$955,708 (2023) | \$855,000 (2024)

Assists in the purchase of land for new church sites, helps newly organized churches and assists in revitalization programs for existing churches.

Campus Ministry

\$672,729 (2023) | \$600,000 (2024)

Supports full-time campus ministries in Charleston, Clemson, Columbia, Greenville, Orangeburg and Rock Hill, and part-time ministers in Florence and Greenwood.

General & Jurisdictional

World Service

\$2,176,172 (2023) | \$1,849,746 (2024)

Lifeline of our connection. Supports the programs, resources and materials of the general boards and agencies at home and around the world.

Episcopal Fund

\$644,453 (2023) | \$547,785 (2024)

Funds our share of support for all active and retired bishops (salary, housing, travel, pensions, office expenses).

General Conference Administration

\$258,403 (2023) | \$219,643 (2024)

Covers expenses of the General Conference, Judicial Council, other General Church administrative agencies.

Ministerial Education

\$735,010 (2023) | \$624,759 (2024)

75% of receipts support United Methodist seminaries and 25% remains in South Carolina for scholarships and grants to seminary students.

Interdenominational Cooperation Fund

\$57,483 (2023) | \$48,861 (2024)

Supports church activities in mission with other Christian communions (the World and National Councils of Churches and the Consultation on Church Union).

Black College Fund

\$293,189 (2023) | \$249,211 (2024)

Support for 10 historically black United Methodist colleges (including Claflin University) and one medical school in the United States.

Africa University Fund

\$65,614 (2023) | \$55,772 (2024)

Continues development of the United Methodist university in Zimbabwe.

Jurisdiction Mission/Ministry

\$29,328 (2023) | \$29,328 (2024)

Covers expenses of Jurisdictional Conference, missions, programs and administration of the SEJ.

Conference Pass-Through to Affiliates

Senior College Scholarships

\$950,000 (2023) | \$850,000 (2024)

Helps provide quality education in a Christian setting for students at Claflin University and Columbia and Wofford colleges; 1/3 of total receipts goes to each institution.

Spartanburg Methodist College

\$588,018 (2023) | \$488,000 (2024)

Support fund for the college, providing academic programs, work-study opportunities and programs for those with special academic needs.

Methodist Homes Resident Assistance

\$400,000 (2023) | \$375,000 (2024)

Supports residents of three retirement communities around the conference

Camps & Retreat Ministries

\$319,800 (2023) | \$284,000 (2024)

Provides for the development, operations and maintenance of facilities operated by South Carolina Camps & Retreat Ministries across the conference.

What is connectional giving?

The main way United Methodists support the ministries of the church is through our apportioned funds, a method of giving that proportionally allocates the church-wide budget to conferences and local churches.

Small Group Studies

Five Means of Grace: Experience God's Love the Wesleyan Way

By Elaine A. Heath

Facilitator – Diane Horn

Beginning October 2, 2025

Meeting: Thursdays at 10:00 AM

Also Meeting: Thursdays at 6:30 PM

This study guides readers through the five means of grace that John Wesley called “instituted,” meaning these are spiritual practices in which Jesus himself participated and which he encouraged his followers to do.

Participants will consider how each of the five means of grace help us as communities of faith to pray more deeply and live more missionally as followers of Jesus Christ. These five means are:

1. Prayer
2. Searching Scripture
3. Receiving the Lord's Supper
4. Fasting
5. Conferencing (communion, fellowship)

Open Your Heart

Facilitator: Raul Cruz

Beginning October 6, 2025

Meeting Mondays, 6:30-7:30 PM

This is a seven-week study.

What happens when people come together with open hearts and a desire to grow? Transformation. Our small group will explore the values of attitude, initiative, connection, listening, restraint, forgiveness and hope- all rooted in the teachings of Jesus. Experience meaningful discussions, build lasting connections, and discover practical ways to live out your faith.

How the Nicene Creed Can Deepen Your Faith

By Michael Carpenter

Facilitator: Jane Scott

Beginning October 7, 2025

Meeting Tuesdays at 10:00 AM

This is a seven-week study.

Discover how the ancient Nicene Creed can transform your spiritual journey in Michael Carpenter's empowering book, *We Believe: How the Nicene Creed Can Deepen Your Faith*. Personal anecdotes and practical insights guide you to a profound connection with God. Dive into six chapters, covering the Nicene Creed sequentially, that unpack the essence of it, enriching reader's faith and deepening their understanding of Christian beliefs.

Signup sheets are located in the narthex.

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