



10:00 Worship Service
September 6, 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

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

***HYMN, 559**

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”
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, 206**

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”
Verses 1-3

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

“Lamb’s Corner”

Weston Cheatham

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalms 149

Matthew 18:15-20

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

“Leaning Into This Moment”
Romans 13:8-14

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

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

"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

Verse

Over the mountains and the sea
Your river runs with love for me
And I will open up my heart
And let the Healer set me free
I'm happy to be in the truth
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing
Of when Your love came down yeah

Chorus

I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever

Bridge

Oh I feel like dancing
It's foolishness I know
But when the world has seen the light
They will dance with joy like we're dancing now

"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" by Martin Smith
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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.



United
Women
in Faith

Sunday
September 13, 2026
11:30 AM
Room 102

An invitation is extended to
the women of the church.

Sermon NOTES



“Leaning Into This Moment”

Romans 13:8-14

8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

9 The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;

12 the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;

13 let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lectionary Devotional Reading
for the week of September 13.

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149 or 148
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

Let's learn and
grow together!

TIME: 9:00 AM

Sunday
SCHOOL

Overcomers (Room 212)

Joshua: A Chosen Leader

Pairs & Spares (Room 214)

Phillipians

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



The Church Office will be closed on Monday for Labor Day.

Backpack Food Program

Today

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 today 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.





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MINISTRY AND PRAYER NEEDS

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

- **Pray for the family of Laurie Fite.** She passed away after a brief battle with brain cancer.
- **Leslie Rousseau**, daughter of Fred & Sylvia Cousin, recovering from a fall.
- **Vern**, neighbor of Forrest and Diane Horn, who is currently in Charleston receiving treatment for sinus cancer.
- **Kim Scott**, sister of Jim Smyrl, diagnosed with stage four cancer.
- **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.
- **Tammie Sloop**, for healing and strength.
- **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	NEXT WEEK
LAY LEADER	LAY LEADER
Larry Griner	Jane Scott
COMMUNION PREPARER	COMMUNION PREPARER
Diane Horn	Danna Griner
COMMUNION SERVERS	COMMUNION SERVERS
Charlie & Ann Henry & Diane Horn	Danna Griner, Jennifer Wargel & Nikki Shaffner
SCRIPTURE READER	SCRIPTURE READER
Weston Cheatham	Raul Cruz
DESIGNATED FRIENDS	DESIGNATED FRIENDS
Jane Scott & Debbie Hoesly	Melanie Hafner & Jane DeCristofaro
GREETERS	GREETERS
Charlie & Ann Henry	Dave & Pat Christiansen
PRAYER WARRIOR	PRAYER WARRIOR
Dianne Markham	Charlie Henry
OFFERING COUNTERS	OFFERING COUNTERS
Michael Munn & Pat Hoesly	Larry Griner

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

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OFFICE HOURS

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



Creating a culture of care and safety in all of our churches

Safe Sanctuary training will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2026 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the sanctuary. The training will be led by Rev. Laurie Brandes, District Safe Sanctuaries Coordinator. We encourage everyone who works with the children, youth and vulnerable adults to please attend this training.

The General Conference of The United Methodist Church adopted in April 1996 a resolution aimed at reducing the risk of child sexual abuse in the church. The resolution, which the General Conference readopted in 2004 and 2008, includes this statement:

Jesus also said, "As for whoever causes these little ones who believe in me to trip and fall into sin, it would be better for them to have a huge stone hung around their necks and be drowned in the bottom of the lake" (Matthew 18:6). Our Christian faith calls us to offer both hospitality and protection to the little one, the children. The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church states, "children must be protected from economic, physical, emotional and sexual exploitation and abuse" (§162C).

Tragically, churches have not always been safe places for children. Child sexual abuse, exploitation, and ritual abuse occur in churches, both large and small, urban and rural. The problem cuts across all economic, cultural, and racial lines. It is real, and it appears to be increasing. Most annual conferences can cite specific incidents of child, youth, and vulnerable adult sexual abuse and exploitation within churches. Virtually every congregation has among its members (adult) survivors of early sexual trauma.

Such incidents are devastating to all who are involved: the child, the family, the local church and its leaders. Increasingly, churches are torn apart by the legal, emotional, and monetary consequences of litigation following allegations of abuse. "Ritual abuse" refers to abusive acts committed as part of ceremonies or rites; ritual abusers are often related to cults, or pretend to be. God calls us to make our churches safe places, protecting children and other vulnerable persons from sexual and ritual abuse. God calls us to create communities of faith where children and adults grow safe and strong. (From The 2016 Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church, pp. 182-183 Copyright 2016 by The United Methodist Publishing House. Used by permission.)

Other scriptures remind us of the need to care for vulnerable adults such as the elderly. "Honor your Father and Mother as the Lord, God has commanded you" is one of the Ten Commandments outlined in Exodus 20. Jesus, from the cross, saw to the care of his mother, a vulnerable adult in that context. (John 19:25-27) Vulnerable adults are those who – for physical, cognitive, emotional or other reasons – are unable to advocate for themselves. Bullying is a new problem in our society that also requires our attention if we are to maintain safe spaces in our ministries and our churches. Our faith in Jesus Christ compels us to make the protection of children, youth, and vulnerable adults in our care a priority. Thus, in covenant with all United Methodist congregations, we adopt this policy for the prevention of abuse in our church.

Small Group Studies

Acts

Catching Up with the Spirit

Facilitator: Jane Scott

Beginning Tuesday, September 22, 10:00 AM

Author and biblical scholar Matthew Skinner provides a broad yet theologically attuned introduction to this important book and its story of the early church learning to bear witness about God's salvation through Jesus Christ.. Skinner explores six key themes that illustrate the ways in which reading Acts is capable of igniting our imagination about the character of the Christian message, the work of God's people (the church), and the challenges of living faithfully in a complex and changing world.

The God We Can Know

Exploring the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus

Facilitator: Diane Horn

Beginning Thursday, September 24, 10:00 AM

Getting to know God means getting to know ourselves. The more we know who God is the more we know who we are. The Gospel of John records several declarations of Jesus known as the "I Am" sayings. This 7-week study is designed for the entire congregation to explore each of those sayings and will help you find and form an answer to the most essential question in the Christian faith, "Who do you say I am?"

Proverbs for Business Women

Facilitator: Karen Johnson

Beginning Saturday, September 26, 10:00 AM

Week 1: Laying the foundation for a business that honors God.

Week 2: Aligning your goals with God's plan for your life and business.

Week 3: Leading your business with honesty, excellence and godly character.

Week 4: Making wise choices that bring clarity, peace and profit.

Week 5: Building strong relationships and leading with influence.

Week 6: Stewarding your success to create a lasting impact.

Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex.



Epworth

Work Day Offering

September 13, 2026

Give online at epworthsc.org

A Safe, Nurturing Home for Anya

Last summer an emergency shelter contacted Epworth about Anya, a 12-year-old girl with autism who was nearing the shelter's 21-day stay limit. She and her mom had fled a domestic abuser and years of trauma in another state. They lived in a motel until their meager funds ran out, then Anya and her mom were separated into two different homeless shelters. Anya's mom applied for subsidized housing but the process was expected to take a year or more.

The shelter that housed Anya asked if Epworth could accept her as a private admission until her mom could find stable housing. In private admissions, young people are not referred by a state agency but rather by individuals, families, churches and other organizations.

Epworth welcomed Anya.

When she arrived, her hair was matted and she recoiled if anyone tried to help her brush it. For weeks, she barely said a word to the staff or her cottage mates, instead burying herself in electronic games. She refused to follow a daily schedule, take showers and do chores.

However, as the months went by, Anya relaxed into the rhythm of daily life. She came to trust her house parents and made friends with the other girls. She chose to care for her hygiene, get ready for school and do her chores without reminders. She learned how to cook simple meals and do her own laundry. She excelled in her middle school courses. She found excursions like skating and swimming exhilarating. She had never experienced a Christmas the way Epworth celebrates the season. She offered to lead the prayer at her weekly Bible study. As Anya emerged from her shell, staff and cottage mates began seeing a compassionate, kind and sensitive young woman.

Anya and her mom have since been reunited and are happy being together once again. The silent, broken young woman who first entered Epworth is now more mature, self-sufficient and excited about her future. Your kind support allowed Epworth to be there for Anya when she needed a safe, nurturing haven. God bless you for all you do.

*Children's names and photos changed for confidentiality.

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1,306
Number of children served through our residential, foster care, and kinship programs in 2025

2,230
Number of children and families served by all Epworth programs in 2025

100%
Of your Work Day offering provides comprehensive care for the children at Epworth.

