



September 3, 2023

10:00 Worship Service



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

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

HYMN, 124

"Seek the Lord"

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, 402**

"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

"Lamb's Corner"

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Romans 12:9-21

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

"Sanctuary" by John W. Thompson & Randy Scruggs

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SERMON AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Weston Cheatham

"Highs and Lows"

Matthew 16:21-28

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

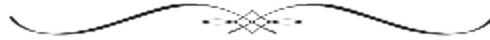
CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERING

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

***DOXOLOGY**, 95

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”



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.

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:
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, 3148**

"There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"

Recessional



* 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



Highs and Lows

Matthew 16:21-28

21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life[a] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. 26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

28 “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”



LABOR Day

Monday, September 4

The Church Office
will be closed
Monday for
Labor Day.



Lectionary Devotional Readings for the week of September 3

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

Let's learn and grow together!

Sunday SCHOOL

TIME 9:00AM

EDUCATION BUILDING

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A COMMUNITY OF HOPE

NORTHEAST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

To Know Jesus and Make Him Known

Overcomers

Instructor: Brooks Shealy

Life of David

First & Second Samuel

Pairs & Spares

Instructor: Tammie Sloop

Questions Jesus Asked

By Magrey DeVega

Older Kids & Youth

Instructors: Heather Cook & Bianca Brazell

Lessons in the Bible

Preschool & Young Kids

Instructors: Pat Hoesly, Mary Anne Lockard &

Sharon Shealy

Lessons in the Bible

MINISTRY AND PRAYER NEEDS

- **Courtney Cox-Manser**, Anthony Pizzello's sister, as she begins treatment for tumors that were found on her brain.
- **The family of JoAnn Talley Selz**, Jane Scott's cousin. JoAnn passed away in Longview, Texas Tuesday night. Also, pray for her three daughters and twin sister, Jeanette.
- **Judy Steinlin**, former member of NEUMC, who is experiencing a number of health problems and is currently receiving hospice care. Also pray for her daughter Rebecca, who is managing care for Judy and her son Chris, who has Down syndrome.
- **The families and victims** of the Maui wildfires.
- **Edward Zuraw**, Nikki Shaffner's uncle, hospitalized with heart issues.
- **Scott Schuch and his family**, undergoing colon cancer treatment.
- **Clara Tribbey and family**. Clara, former member of NEUMC, has ovarian cancer and is on hospice care.
- **The family of Hazel Lockard** for strength and guidance.
- **Tracie Glumm**, childhood friend of Nikki Shaffner, experiencing major health issues amidst cancer treatments.
- **Owen Markham**, grandson of Larry & Dianne Markham, recovering from a skiing accident in Colorado.
- **Mattia Hilmer**, pray for her overall health.
- **Anita Cook**, Mike Cook's mother, who needs prayer.
- **Larry Markham**, for continued strength and recovery.
- **Johnathan Moss**, for continued strength and recovery.
- **John Lockard**, for continued strength and recovery.
- **Ernst Cousin**, brother of Fred Cousin, for continued strength and recovery.
- **Our military and first responders.**
- **Our missionaries:**
Tom & Emma Henry: Appalachian Mountain Leadership
Matt & Jenny Williams: Athletes in Action Cru
Steve & Stephanie Bredesen: Nakalanda, Uganda
Ben & Jenny Reyes

HOMEBOUND AND ELDERLY

We are a family. As such we encourage anyone who feels led by God to visit those who are sick or homebound. We also encourage your visits to those who are new to this family of believers and to those whom or that have visited.

Lee Chandler 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. Please remember to sign the journal. If you need assistance, please see a staff member. Prayer Shawl Ministry Team

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.

- 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

COMMUNION PREPARER TODAY

Danna Griner

COMMUNION PREPARER NEXT WEEK

Dianne Markham

COMMUNION SERVERS TODAY

Larry & Danna Griner & Sharon Shealy

COMMUNION SERVERS NEXT WEEK

Dianne Markham, Jane DeCristofaro & Ira Sansolo

SCRIPTURE READER TODAY

Felix Ehuneu

SCRIPTURE READER NEXT WEEK

Debbie Hoesly

PRAYER WARRIOR TODAY

Gil Johnson

PRAYER WARRIOR NEXT WEEK

Ann Henry

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There are 4 ways to give:

- (1) as offering is collect
- (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

Prayer Labyrinth Dedication Service for Northeast Columbia

This dedication will encompass our whole community. The hope is that this campus will be a place of respite for people to have time with God. Labyrinths have long been associated with the journey of life, and in medieval times they were symbolic of the pilgrimage to Jerusalem in the Christian imagination. Praying with a labyrinth is a form of walking meditation, a physical expression of the interior journey towards Christ that characterizes all Christian contemplation.



Date: Sunday, September 10, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: NEUMC Prayer Labyrinth

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Melanie Dobson
United Methodist Elder and Professor at Lutheran
Theological Southern Seminary and Director of
the Spiritual Direction Certification Program

Dr. Dobson will also teach three classes:

Practices of Presence: Prayer for Life's Journey

(Prayer for our life's moments, days, and weeks)

Thursday, September 14 | 6:30 PM | Practicing the Presence: Welcoming God in Life's Moments

Thursday, September 21 | 6:30 PM | Practicing Awareness: Discerning God's Presence in a Day (Examen)

Thursday, September 28 | 6:30 PM Practicing Sabbath: Resting with God in a Week

(Childcare is provided)



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Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 AM

Explore – Connect – Join

You may have visited Northeast UMC (NEUMC) a few times and decided that it feels like home. Or, you may have been attending for a long time yet haven't officially joined. Whether you are new to church membership or transferring from another church community, the decision to join a church family is a step in your faith journey and we'd love for you to become part of the Northeast family!

Membership Process

Becoming a member of Northeast is not a requirement for attendance or involvement, but it does involve a few vital steps. We believe you'll find the process both enriching and enjoyable. And you will meet new friends who, like you, want to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

The NEUMC's new member pathway consists of three classes designed to connect you with others new to Northeast, discuss areas related to the Christian faith and the United Methodist Church, and discover ways that you can serve and be served in the church community.

Upcoming Prospective Member Classes

- o **Session 1: Sunday, September 10, 9:00-9:50 AM**
- o **Session 2: Sunday, September 17, 9:00-9:50 AM**
- o **Session 3: Sunday, September 24, 9:00-9:50 AM**
- o **Membership Vows & Celebration during the 10:00 AM worship service**

A Continental Breakfast and childcare provided each Sunday.

For more information, or to let us know you will be attending, please register using the QR Code, visit our website or contact the Church Office at northeast@neumc.com.



Scan to register

JOIN OUR! FLOCK!





Safe Sanctuary Training

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

Safe Sanctuary training will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 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.



Epworth's Annual Work Day Offering

September 10, 2023

EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY!

Where do children go when DSS has taken them from their families because of abuse or neglect? Epworth is currently serving over 350 children and families through their Residential and Independent Living programs, statewide Foster Care program, the Epworth Center for Counseling, the Early Intervention Center, and prevention services. Each of these children have found refuge in the ministry we share in SC. Epworth Children's Home has been welcoming children in Christ's name for 127 years through the generous support of churches like ours! We will participate in the annual Work Day Offering on Sunday, September 10, to benefit the children who are served by Epworth. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit www.epworthchildrenshome.org or find them on social media.



SEPTEMBER - MAY
1ST & 3RD TUESDAY

9:30 - 11:30 AM

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 5

MOPS offers high-quality, women's gatherings that welcome moms together to share life, motherhood and Jesus. Through a simple format of food, speaker, discussion and craft, women report they have made friends for life, connected with their local church and become closer to Jesus! MOPS invites moms into friendship, evangelism, leadership training, missions, mentoring, discipleship and more. Whether you are a first-time mom, foster mom, soon to be mom, seventh-time mom or any other type of mom, you are welcome here!