

Nineth Sunday after Pentecost

Parents’ Day

July 26, 2026

*Denotes people standing if able

PRELUDE - BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Jesus is the Light of the World. Please be silent and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Bless the Lord at all times.
All: May God’s praise be continually in my mouth.
Leader: Magnify the Lord with me.
All: Let us exalt the name of the Lord together.
Leader: Seek the Lord and be filled.
All: For those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
Leader: Happy are those who take refuge in God.
All: taste and see that the Lord is good!

*OPENING HYMN “This is My Song” #437
(UM Hymnal)

We are collecting prayer cards during the first hymn.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing our Joys and Concerns
Please announce your joys and prayer concerns or place your prayer request card
(found in the pew) in the offering plate
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer #895
(UM Hymnal)

SPECIAL MUSIC “Just as I Am” Steve Morrison

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SERMON TEXT Matthew 22:34-40 (On Screen)

Leader: The word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “3 Simple Rules: Do Good” Pastor Duane Lindsey

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Offertory – Please place UMCOR donations in the offering plate
The baskets are for this month’s mission offering, not UMCOR

* Song of Praise “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” #95
* The Blessing of Our Gifts (UM Hymnal)

*CLOSING HYMN “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” #382
(UM Hymnal)

*UNITING TOGETHER in the “Bond of Love” Chorus #206
(If you don’t want to hold hands for health reasons that is okay) (Praise Book)

POSTLUDE
Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. As the Light leads us out into the world, we go to serve, to love,
and to share the Good News of God’s grace.

COMING UP THIS WEEK! (The Church Office is open 9 am to 12 pm, Mon – Thurs)

Sunday, July 26 – Nineth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Monday, July 27

Office open 9:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Tuesday, July 28

Office open 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Pastor Duane's office hours 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 29

Office open 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Pastor Duane will be at the Cassopolis office

Bible Study at New Journey UMC **starting August 6th at 6 p.m.**

Thursday, July 30

Office open 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Pastor Duane's office hours 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Doc McCreedy's visitation at Brown's Funeral Home from 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Evy's Closet is closed and will open on Thursday August 6th from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Friday, July 31

Office Closed

Pastor Duane's office hours 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Doc McCreedy's Funeral at New Journey UMC Visitation 10:00am – 11:00am Funeral starts at 11:00am lunch to follow in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 2 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US

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NEW JOURNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
302 Cedar St, Niles, MI 49120

**“Love the Lord your God with
all your heart and with all your
soul and with all your mind.”
Jesus, Matt 22:37**

If you are visiting with us today, we warmly welcome you! As United Methodists, we share a faith in God that is rooted in Compassion, Grace, and Love. If you are seeking to worship where reason, and faith join hands, where you can make a friend while you make a difference, we invite you to join us again to learn about and share the love of our Savior Jesus Christ!

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RECORD OF	July 19, 2026
Worship Attendance: 46 Zoom: 3	
General Fund Income this week	\$20,446.45
Total Year to Date Received	\$71,055.68
Total Year to Date Budgeted Expenses (As of June 30, 2026)	\$87,336.36
Mission Focus for July (month): Cross Culture Ministries	\$178.62
Special Mission for Dallas (Jennifer Bobelenyi's dog)	\$736.00
UMCOR (month) July	\$65.00

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July - Cross Culture Ministries - Nancy Watts and daughter serve as missionaries in TX.

General Announcement

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A Big Thank You – Thank you to Lee Courser and Randy Mace for cleaning the window wells and washing the church windows. ~ Trustees Committee

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NEW JOURNEY CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER LIST

Please review the Prayer List and notify the church office of any updates!

Prayers For...

- The McCreedy Family for Richard (Doc) McCreedy who passed away on Tuesday July 21, 2026
- The Severeid Family for Janet Severeid-Szabo who passed away on July 15th
- Jennifer Bobelenyi who is recovering from an appendectomy
- Mike Buyle who is recovering from a brain injury and needs to find housing
- Vicky Earl for her daughter Sarah and family and for her husband Ken for healing
- Jane Beck for her daughter Andrea and granddaughter Ella who are on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic
- Judy Corak for Teron Philips who needs volunteers to help teach him to drive. Was deaf and now has implants and can hear and for her husband Earl
- Ben & Suzy Caldwell's granddaughter and her missionary ambitions
- Charles Ham, Dick Ham's brother who is in poor health.
- Nancy & Jennifer Watts, and Wayne Stiles for health issues
- Rev. Jane Logston's brother-in-law, Richard who just discovered a large tumor in his brain.
- Richard & Louise Bookwalter for health issues
- Faith Ernst's daughter Bonnie Garwood who is recovering from a broken foot and her granddaughter Ansile who has terminal illness and is 31 years old.
- Starla Miller's friend Patti Kern who has cancer
- The homeless
- Don & Nancy Boose moved to Brentwood their new address is: 1147 S. Third St. Room #116 Niles, MI 49120
- Family members and friends serving in the military
- Ron Hartline for his health issues
- Iran, Gaza, Ukraine, & Cuba

Praise For...

- Those who helped Jennifer Bobelenyi with money for her vet bill
- Everyone who helped Jonas and Jaquatia during the time of need also with getting into an apartment
- Suzy & Ben Caldwell's granddaughter Jocelyn Pletcher who finished a successful rotation at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital as a missionary as a pediatric plastic surgeon. Thanks for all of your prayers!

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