

# Fourth Sunday in Lent

## UMCOR Sunday

March 19, 2023

\*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

\*OPENING HYMN “God of Grace and God of Glory”

**#577**  
(UM Hymnal)

### \* GREETING OF PEACE

Look for someone you don't often greet, and wish them God's peace.

### CHIMES

Please return to your seats.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

**#895**  
(UM Hymnal)

## THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

### 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”  
\* The Blessing of Our Gifts

**#95**  
(UM Hymnal)

### ANTHEM

“Blest Are the Pure in Heart”

Agape Choir

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### SERMON TEXT

1 Corinthians 3: 18-23

**p.808**  
(Pew Bible)

### SERMON

“Wisdom: A Head Start”

Pastor Rob Snodgrass

## SENT FORTH TO SERVE

### \* CLOSING HYMN

“The Greatest Thing”

**#18**  
(Praise Book)

\*UNITING TOGETHER in the “Bond of Love” Chorus

**#206**  
(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.

**NEW JOURNEY HAPPENINGS!** (The Church Office is open 9 am to noon, Mon – Thurs)

**Sunday, March 19 – Barbeque Lunch after worship in Fellowship Hall**

Sunday School 9:00 a.m. – Gather Inn

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

**Monday, March 20**

Office open 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 21**

Office open 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 22**

Office open 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Hallelujah Chorus Practice/Agape Choir practice 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, March 23**

Office open 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Evy's Closet 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

UMW Executive Board Meeting -12:00 – B1

**Friday, March 24**

Office Closed

Men's Bible Study with Rev. Elton Orpurt 8:00 a.m. Martin's in Niles

- All men are welcome!

**Saturday, March 25**

Men's Breakfast at Home Plate near Martin's 8:00 a.m.

**Sunday, March 26**

Sunday School 9:00 a.m. – Gather Inn

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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# NEW JOURNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
302 Cedar St, Niles, MI 49120



*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!***

**March 19, 2023**

**EVY'S CLOSET WOMEN'S CLOTHING MINISTRY:** is open Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m. Donations can be made during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Please call the church at 269-683-7250 to make an appointment for donations.

**UMCOR:** Will you give your pocket change to help feed the hungry? **When you place loose coins in the Offering Plate**, we send that money to the United Methodist Committee on Relief, to address the issues of poverty and hunger around the world. Even a few coins each week can make a difference in the lives of the poor. Please be generous! **Please keep in mind our credit union no longer accepts foreign currency.** We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

RECORD OF	March 12, 2023
Worship Attendance: 39 Zoom: 8	
Operating budget total operating expenses	\$167,472
Our weekly goal	\$3,221
General Fund Income this week	\$2,746
<b>Year to Date General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$26,429</b>
Year to Date budget goal: \$35,431	
% Of Year-to-Date budget goal: <b>75%; Under \$9,002</b>	
Average Weekly General Fund Income	\$2,403
Mission Focus for March (month): The Table Meal Ministry	\$143
UMCOR (month) March	\$62

**LITURGISTS:**

Mar	26	Dee Rough
Apr	2	Sue Phillips (Communion and Palm Sunday)
Apr	9	Kelsey Medlin - Easter
Apr	16	John Engel

**March Mission – The Table Meal Ministry**

The Table serves a meal at Spero House on Second Street in Niles each Thursday beginning at 4:00 p.m. and shares the Love of God and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Your donations will help them provide a meal to so many people in Niles who are food insecure.

**SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

Liturgist.....	Tim Rogers
Ushers .....	Jane Beck, Starla Miller, Nancy McCreedy and Kelsey Medlin
Nursery .....	Pam Montgomery
Pianist.....	Jennifer Bobelenyi
Choir Director.....	Emma Connors
Song Leader.....	Brenda Engel
IT/Sound Tech.....	John Engel
Video Tech.....	Donna Medlin

SERVING NEXT WEEK	
Liturgist.....	Dee Rough
Ushers .....	Jane Beck, Starla Miller, Nancy McCreedy and Kelsey Medlin
Nursery .....	Pam Montgomery
Song Leader.....	Brenda Engel
Organist.....	Deb Litchfield
Pianist.....	Jennifer Bobelenyi
Communion Steward (Apr 2).....	Amy Wade

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME VISITORS!** Thank you for giving us an opportunity to worship with you today. Our prayer is that together we might experience both God's love and presence. Our goal is to be a friendly, welcoming congregation and we trust that you will find us so. Please contact the pastor for more information about New Journey.

**CHILD CARE:** The Nursery, for babies and children through four years of age, is located in the educational wing just past the elevator, in Room 113. Baby changing tables are available in the narthex restroom, lower-level women's restroom and in the nursery.

**THE HERBIE CLINIC:** is open from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month. Anyone without health insurance and 16 or older qualifies. You must have a permanent address and please bring a photo I.D. If you would like to volunteer to help at the clinic, call Dr. Sherry O'Donnell's office at (269) 408-1777. New Journey will gladly accept your monetary donations to support the HERBIE clinic and forward them to the organization.

**The clinic needs volunteers this spring and summer, when the college students go home, to escort patients throughout the building.**

# NEW JOURNEY CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER LIST

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

## Cancer Patients

Pam (Ross) Todd  
Sharon Dircks  
Gail Peterson  
Marion Eldred  
Earl Corak  
Claire Wiggins (*Richard Ham's sister*)  
Elton Orpurt  
Luke Fannon (*Brenda, John & Ron's nephew-in-law*)

## Health Concerns

Kenny and Vicki Earl  
Nancy Rheinolt  
Patrick Apple  
Debbie Pingel  
Kathy & Rob Di Addezio  
Bonnie & Don Nie  
Dixie Pingel  
Moonyean Quick  
Nancy Boose  
Chuck & Faith Ernst  
Sean (*Starla Miller's nephew*)  
Janet & husband John (*friends of Pastor Rob and Kathe*)  
Charles Hall  
Nancy Watts  
Elaine & Bill Carter  
Jennifer Watts  
Carol Noid  
Anslie Rink-Scott (*Ernst's granddaughter*)  
Norma Mark  
Bonnie Garwood's father (*Ernst's daughter-in-law*)  
Marsha (*friend of Pam Montgomery*)  
Jennifer Bobelenyi, son Timothy and her Dad  
Tamra Binkley (*Laura Garner's friend*)  
Pat (*Jane's friend*)

Ray Boon (*Carol Wilfert's b-i-l*)  
Chris Hay (*Niece to Jane Heflin*)  
Nancy Comfort  
Becky (*Kathy Scott's friend*)  
Rose Aravena  
Jack Scott  
Linda (*friend of Snodgrass*)  
Glenn Litchfield  
Dwayne White (*Pastor Rob's nephew*)

Sarah Merrill (*Vicki Earl's daughter*)  
Imogene Orpurt  
Judy Mark  
Jason Pingel  
Dennis Comfort  
Barb Magrane  
Bob Burton  
Mary Varner  
David Litchfield  
Lindsey Wahl  
Jason & Bonnie Garwood  
Jaime Aravena (*Rose's husband*)  
Katrina (*Faith Ernst's daughter*)  
Mindy Corak  
Melva Kohler (*Mike's Mom*)  
Carole Fowler  
Bonnie (*From Morris Chapel*)  
Doug Nie  
Christine  
Kane  
Starla Miller  
Wayne Stiles (*Watts' friend*)

# NEW JOURNEY CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER LIST

*(Continued)*

**Prayers for Our Shut-ins:** Evelyn Andrews, Mona Bays, Bob Burton, Jane Heflin, Norma Mark, Dick Noble, Lynn Schweinzger, Mary Varner and Megan Vite.

Prayers for the family and friends of Deb's uncle Clayton, who passed away last week.

Prayers for the family and friends of Jill Ross, who passed away recently.

**Other Prayer Requests:** Continued prayers for Sean, Starla's nephew; Continued prayers for Taylor, and her mother Nadina, who has had many surgeries and is healing well, are looking for a place to rent in the Niles area; Prayers for continuing recovery for Starla Miller and complications after her knee replacement; Continued prayers of healing for Dennis and Nancy Comfort; Continued prayers for Mike Kohler as he deals with his heart issues; Praises that Elton's leg swelling has gone down and prayers that it continues to do so; Prayers for Norma Mark who has been having some health issues; Prayers for our area, our state and our nation as the gun violence continues, especially those affected at MSU; Rose Aravena is in the hospital in St. Joseph, MI; Prayers are needed for the people affected by the Pallestine, OH chemical spill; Jack's cancer has spread, but prayers for a good biopsy sample to determine course of treatment; Prayers for Imogene's back pain and doctors doing the right thing to help her; Larry Mallory had heart surgery and is doing well; Jack Gundlock is feeling down and needs prayers to lift his spirits and he thanks us for the prayers; Doc Sherry's trip to Turkey/Syria was 11 days – she was also able to do base work for an international vision ministry for the doctor who provides services at the HERBIE Clinic; Jeannine gives praise her house sold on Thursday and she invited the couple and their mother to church; Al gives praise he lost 105 pounds over two years; Al asks for prayers to encourage more people to attend Sunday school; Dick and Nancy McCreedy both had Covid, and continue to improve.





**Haven't seen someone in church in a while?** Please contact them to find out how they are doing. We all need to check on our church family members.

**Weekly fellowship after church at a Restaurant:** There is a signup sheet in the Narthex on the Guest Book table for people who want to go out to eat for breakfast/lunch after church each week. Please sign up by the greeting time so a reservation can be made at the restaurant.

**EVY'S CLOSET** We would like to collect toiletry items to fill the toiletry bags. The size of items that hotels offer, small toothpaste, Kleenex, toothbrushes, makeup samples, and Chapstick are all great donations for the bags and are very appreciated by our shoppers. Your donations can be left in the box in the Narthex. Thank you!!

**ATTENTION JOYFUL RINGERS:** we will ring bells on April 16, 2023!



The **Congregational Care Committee** has placed a basket in the Narthex to collect any greeting cards you don't need, for any occasion, to use for mailings to our congregation. Your card donations are greatly appreciated!

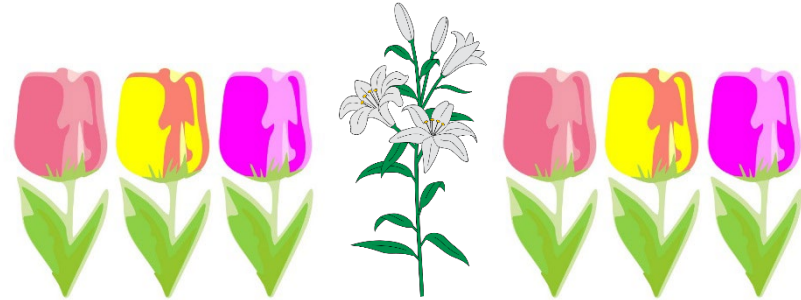
The Hospitality Committee announces we have a **Barbeque Luncheon** after church today. Don't worry if you didn't bring anything, there is plenty of food! Strawberry shortcake will be served for dessert.



The ladies are cleaning out the store room in the basement again and there are a variety of free Christmas decorations for you to take in the Narthex.

**St. John's Fish Fry, Friday March 31 5-7 p.m.** Carry out only Tickets are \$14 each and include fish, french fries, coleslaw, dinner roll and cookies. Call for tickets at 269-683-4420 and leave a message. Their address is 601 Sycamore Street, Niles.

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*Easter Flowers!*



*Help to decorate the church for Easter morning by purchasing one or more potted flowers. You may choose to designate them in honor of or in memory of loved ones, and the list will be included in the Easter bulletin. We are offering 6" potted Easter Lilies with a bow, for \$11.50 each and Tulips with a bow for \$10.50 each. Please leave orders and payment in the offering plate or church office no later than Sunday, March 26th. The order deadline for Martin's is Monday, March 27th. You may take the flowers home with you after the Easter Sunday Service on April 9th.*

\_\_\_ Potted Lilies with bow, \$11.50 each    \_\_\_ Potted Tulips, with bow, \$10.50 each

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_