

ASCENSION SUNDAY | MAY 17, 2026

CENTERING VIDEO

"Ancient Words"

OPENING WORDS: Acts 1: 6-14

*OPENING HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

UMH 110

WELCOME

Pastor Scott Clawson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, Christ has completed the work of salvation, reconciling us to God so that we may know eternal life.

Through Christ, we are made one with God.

In life, death, and Resurrection, Christ guides us into eternal life with God here and now.

Through Christ, we are made one in God.

Through prayer and teaching, healing and serving, Christ draws us together as the people of God, diverse members of the one body.

Through Christ, we are made one with God and one another.

So, come, let us worship God who saves us into eternal life with God and one another!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*HYMN

"On Eagles Wings"

UMH 143

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN

"On Eagles Wings"

UMH 143

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ANTHEM

GOSPEL READING: John 17: 1-11

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"Everything That Goes UP..."

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*HYMN

"God Will Take Care of You"

UMH 130

BENEDICTION & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

RESPONSE

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

9:30 AM WORSHIP LEADERS

Acolyte: Wyatt Turner

Lay Reader: Kate Wright

Ushers: Kocher Family

11:00 AM WORSHIP LEADERS

Acolyte: Ben Hanson

Lay Reader:

Ushers: Margie Matz

NMUMC by the Numbers: May 10, 2026

8:15 AM: 20 9:30 AM: 73 11:00 AM: 49 Online: 20

Children's Sunday School: 24

Total Offering: \$8,957.25 *Regular Offering:* \$5,514.00*
Food Pantry: \$16.00 Hope4Kids: \$400.00 New Ministry Center: \$3,027.25
**Amount Needed to Meet Weekly Budget: \$5,862.53*

Church Meetings

Monday, May 18: 9:30 AM Choir Practice – 5:30 PM – ED Building

Wednesday, May 20: Wed Night Bible Study – 7:00 PM – Contact Patty R.

Thursday, May 21: 11:00 AM Choir Practice – 6:30 PM – ED Building

Friday, May 22: VBS Meeting – 6:30 PM – ED Building

Sunday, May 24 – Pentecost Sunday- Wear Red!

Giving Tree Total: \$1,143,900.00 | Commitment Pledges: \$933,900.00
\$210,000.00 Commitment Estate Pledges

Worship Schedule Changes

May 24: Pentecost Sunday (Guest Preacher: Susan Stevens) ***Wear red!***

May 31: Graduation Sunday- Both services will be held in the Sanctuary
(Guest Preacher: Kate Hanson)

June 7: Communion Sunday- Both services will be held in the Sanctuary

June 14: First outdoor service at 9:30 AM

June 21: Blessing of the Animals during the outdoor service at 9:30 AM

Last week, an anonymous donor issued the congregation and friends of NMUMC a challenge: he will match funds pledged to the New Ministry Center -- up to \$25,000 -- for new, unpledged donations received by May 31.

**If we all can donate an amount above and beyond what we have already committed -- or make a first-time donation, we can meet this challenge. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you can help.
In the memo line of your check, label it as: Matching Grant**

Mark your calendar for our next event—the 5th Sunday Potluck on May 31 after the 11:00 service. The Fellowship Committee will provide hot dogs, sloppy joes, rolls, and beverages. A sign-up sheet is posted, so that attendees can sign up to bring a salad, fruit, vegetable, or dessert.

Daily Devotions Starting May 18th

Monday (5/18)- Numbers 11:24-30

How does this scripture speak to denominations proclaiming that their way is the only way?

Tuesday (5/19)- Psalm 104: 24-28

What good things do you need God to open God's hand to today? Pray for the realization of that blessing.

Wednesday (5/20)- Psalm 104: 29-35b

What song could you sing for the Lord today? Would it be a song of joy or dismay? Why?

Thursday (5/21)- 1 Corinthians 12: 3b- 13

What gifts of the Spirit do you possess? How are you using this gift or gifts?

Friday (5/22)- Acts 2: 1-13

Can the world still hear the "good news" proclaimed in all languages today? What is the universal language of God?

Saturday (5/23)- Acts 2: 14-21

How has God poured out God's Spirit on you?

Pentecost Sunday (5/24)- Worship and wear red in person or online.



SUNDAYS OF EASTER

MAY 17, 2026

GIVE ONLINE



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