TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | NOVEMBER 8, 2026

INTROIT
OPENING WORDS: Amos 5: 18-24

OPENING HYMN "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" UMH 717 V. 1-3
WELCOME Pastor Scott Clawson

CALL TO WORSHIP
Family of God, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!
We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Sometimes we grow weary in the waiting, and we wonder if we are watching and working for nothing.
We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Sometimes God surprises, and we are overwhelmed by joy and wonder at all God is doing among us.
We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Family of God, whether you are weary or energized, worried or wonder-filled, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!
We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***HYMN** "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" UMH 717 V. 4-5

HONORING OUR VETERANS
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE
ANTHEM
NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 25: 1-13
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON "What's in those Lamps?" Pastor Scott Clawson

***HYMN** "Shall We Gather at the River" UMH 723

BENEDICTION & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

RESPONSE "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

9:30 AM WORSHIP LEADERS
Acolyte: Brooke Rudge
Lay Reader: Berta Lafoon
Ushers: Anderson Family

11:00 AM WORSHIP LEADERS
Acolyte: Sarah Hanson
Lay Reader: Sarah Hanson
Ushers: Angie Cole

NMUMC by the Numbers: November 1, 2026

8:15 AM: 17 9:30 AM: 48 11:00 AM: 62 Online: 25
Children's Sunday School: 27 Adult Sunday School: 3

Total Offering: $19,738.25 *Regular Offering:* $9,015.00
New Ministry Center Building Fund: $3,466.00
Hope4Kids: $280.00 Memorial for Tom and Linda Beavers: $200.00
Mt. Carmel Preschool 4th Quarter: $3,067.50
Poinsettias: $359.75 Pastor's Discretionary Fund: $200.00
Parsonage Rent: $3,150.00
**Amount Needed to Meet Weekly Budget: $5,862.53*

Church Meetings

Monday, November 9: 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal – 5:30 PM – ED Building
Tuesday, November 10: Morning Bible Study – 10:00 AM – Sanctuary
Tuesday, November 10: Circle of Friends – 12:00 PM – Schoolhouse
Tuesday, November 10: Hope4Kids – 6:00 PM – Schoolhouse
Tuesday, November 10: Stephen Ministry – 6:00 PM – ED Building
Tuesday, November 10: SPRC – 7:00 PM – ED Building
Wednesday, November 11: Online Bible Study – 7:00 PM – Contact Patty R.
Thursday, November 12: 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal – 6:30 PM – ED Building
Saturday, Nov. 14: United Methodist Men's Breakfast – 8:00 AM – Mt. Carmel UMC
Saturday, Nov. 14: Christian Believers Session – 10:00 AM – ED Building Kitchen
Sunday, Nov. 15: Youth Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9:30 AM – ED Building Kitchen
Sunday, Nov. 15: Kick Off to the Holidays Dinner – 1:00 PM – Dutch's Daughter

A generous donor who has already pledged a substantial amount of money has offered a matching challenge pledge. They will match funds pledged to the NMCtr up to $25,000. This match will continue until the end of the year. It is important to note that previously pledged funds **will not** qualify for this challenge. Your leadership invites everyone that calls, or has called, NMUMC your spiritual home to consider becoming an integral, blessed participant in the vision and mission of the church. Let us finish painting the tree. The goal is to start construction in June 2027. Please keep this project and your leadership in your prayers. Do not miss the opportunity to be a part of something larger than the sum of our parts.

Planning to join us for the Kick-off to the Holidays Brunch on Sunday, November 15? Reservations/non-refundable payment is due to Elaine Nicholls by November 12.

Daily Devotions Starting 11/9/26

Monday (11/9)- Judges 4: 1-7
Does it surprise you that Israel has a woman leader? What does this say about women in leadership positions in the church?

Tuesday (11/10)- Psalm 123
In what areas of your life do you need mercy today? Pray to the Lord to receive this blessing today.

Wednesday (11/11)- Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18
How had the people sinned against the Lord in this passage? Read verse 12 again. How dangerous is it to say and believe that the Lord is not present in all things?

Thursday (11/12)- Psalm 90: 1-12
Does this psalm bring you hope or despair? What verses cause you angst? What verses give you hope?

Friday (11/13)- 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11
In what ways can we stay "wakeful" and look with anticipation for the "Day of the Lord"? Does this passage bring you peace or fear?

Saturday (11/14)- Matthew 25: 14-30
What does this parable convey about doing the master's business in the marketplace while the master is away?

Sunday (11/15)- Worship in person or online.

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