**TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | NOVEMBER 15, 2026**

**INTROIT**
**OPENING WORDS:** 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

**OPENING HYMN** "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" UMH 715
**WELCOME** Pastor Scott Clawson

**CALL TO WORSHIP**
Family of God, whom do you serve?
**We serve God, who calls us to love our neighbors, tend creation, and care for the least of these.**
Family of God, in a world that values productivity and profit, whom do you serve?
**We serve God, who calls us to value equity, justice, and sabbath for all.**
Family of God, in a world that privileges power over others instead of power shared with our neighbors, whom do you serve?
**We serve God, who calls us to privilege the agency and flourishing of ourselves, our neighbors, and all creation.**
Family of God, we gather here to grow in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation. Let us now enter the joy of serving God, who is Love.
**We gather to worship God and work for God's purposes until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***HYMN** "This Is the Day" UMH 657

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***HYMN** "This Is the Day" UMH 657
**BLESSING OF THE SHOEBOXES**
**PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**ANTHEM**
**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 25: 14-30
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God**

**SERMON** "To Catch a Thief" Pastor Scott Clawson

***HYMN** "Soon and Very Soon" UMH 706

**BENEDICTION & PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

**9:30 AM WORSHIP LEADERS**
Acolyte: Emma Roeder
Lay Reader: Beth Peterson
Ushers: Lafoon Family

**11:00 AM WORSHIP LEADERS**
Acolyte: Kasey Barboza
Lay Reader: Kasey Barboza
Ushers: Andy Jakab

## NMUMC by the Numbers: November 8, 2026

8:15 AM: 18 9:30 AM: 53 11:00 AM: 57 Online: 66
Children's Sunday School: 31 Adult Sunday School: 4

**Total Offering:** $12,896.17 *Regular Offering:* $5,040.50*
Food Pantry: $50.00 Holiday Flowers: $103.25
New Ministry Center: $7,677.42 Pastor's Discretionary: $25.00
**Amount Needed to Meet Weekly Budget: $5,862.53*

## Church Meetings

Sunday, Nov. 15: Kick Off to the Holidays Dinner – 1:00 PM – Dutch's Daughter
Monday, November 16: 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal – 5:30 PM – ED Building
Tuesday, November 17: Morning Bible Study – 10:00 AM – Sanctuary
Tuesday, November 17: Council Meeting – 7:00 PM – ED Building Kitchen
Wednesday, November 18: Bible 101 – 6:00 PM – ED Building
Wednesday, November 18: Online Bible Study – 7:00 PM – Contact Patty R.
Thursday, November 19: 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal – 6:30 PM – ED Building
Saturday, Nov. 21: Christian Believers Session – 10:00 AM – ED Building Kitchen
Sunday, November 22: Youth Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9:30 AM – ED Building Kitchen

**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. Please be sure to write "challenge grant" in the memo line of your check.

**Circle of Friends** need donations for our white elephant table for the December 5th Christmas in New Market. Contact Sharon Riley for more information.

**Daily Devotions Starting 11/16/26**

**Monday (11/16)-Ezekiel 34: 11-16**
What comfort does it bring you to know that no matter what shape you are in, the Lord will seek you out and rescue you.

**Tuesday (11/17)- Ezekiel 34: 20-24**
What are the attributes of the fat sheep? The lean? How does God view each?

**Wednesday (11/18)- Psalm 100**
Take time today to thank God for God's many blessings in your life.

**Thursday (11/19)- Psalm 95: 1-7a**
Spend a portion of the day outside today. What wonders of God's creation do you see?

**Friday (11/20)- Ephesians 1: 15-23**
What does it mean for Christ to be king over all the areas of your life?

**Saturday (11/21)- Matthew 25: 31-46**
When have you acted like a sheep in your life? How did this make you feel? When have you acted like a goat? What did you do to repent?

**Sunday (11/22)- Christ the King Sunday- worship in person or online.**

**The gourds on the altar were donated by Mike & Lisa Gaver**




**GIVE ONLINE**

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