

Announcements

- Easter flowers are due **Sunday, March 1st!!!!!!**
- Just a reminder that the Trustees Offering falls on the 3rd Sunday of the month; March 15 will be the next date this occurs.
- We welcome Rev. Jack Puskar back to the pulpit this morning! Please be sure to greet Jack after the service!

Visit our website!
www.wnmethodist.org

Church Staff

~ Lauren Cross, Organist/Secretary
~Nick Yanan, Custodian



Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,
"You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve.'" Matthew 4:10

**West Newton Methodist Church
The First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2026
9:30am Worship**

West Newton Methodist Church
 Sunday Morning Worship
 February 22, 2026
 The First Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Announcements Lori Luppold

*Call To Worship Lori Luppold

Leader: In this season of Lent we journey with Christ in the wilderness.

***People:* We journey from death to life. We let go of our fears and desires and embrace God.**

Leader: We worship Yahweh our God, and serve the Holy One alone.

***All:* We turn to you, O God, and surrender our lives to you. By your grace, grant us life.**

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" #269

*The Nicene Creed #880

*Lenten Response "O the Lamb" #300

Old Testament Reading Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Lori Luppold

Joys and Concerns Lori Luppold
 The Prayers of Intercession
 The Lord's Prayer

The Holy Gospel Matthew 4: 1-11 Lori Luppold

Praise Song "Rock of My Salvation" Praise Team

Sermon Rev. Jack Puskar

Worshipping God through our Giving

Offering

*Lenten Offertory Hymn # 298 – Verse 4

*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Blessed Father, each day you open our eyes to the majesty of your kingdom. Yet we confess how often we seek what is familiar, purchasing comfort over transformation. Through these gifts, help us resist the temptations that distract us and embrace the grace that calls us forward. We pray humbly in your Spirit. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "Take Time to Be Holy" #395

*Benediction

*Postlude

Offering received February 15, 2026 \$1,728

Church Calendar

Today – The First Sunday in Lent

February 24 – Bountiful Blessings

February 25 – Ad.Council Meeting; 6pm

Next Sunday – The 2nd Sunday in Lent; Easter flowers due!

March 10 and 24 – Bountiful Blessings

March 12 – Women in Mission, 11am; bring a bagged lunch