



The Messenger

NILES FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Worship with us.
Sundays @ 9:45 am
In house or Live stream on our Facebook page.
In Ministry Together....
Rev. Jennifer Wellington
Office Secretary.... Leona Krepps
Organist/Pianist ... Bob Bacha
Groundskeeper/Custodian....
John Hosono



Remember these pillars of our church, who no longer are able to attend and sit beside you at service, with a telephone call or perhaps a birthday card or thinking of you card.

Barbara Caldwell	Minnie Blose	Audrey John
Shirley Harris	Dan Taneyhill	Maria Allen
Joe & Linda Salvaterra	Tony & Lolly Symcheck	Evie Rice

Please contact the office for correct addresses and/or telephone numbers.

The Adventures of Rev. Jennifer!

Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously

By Rev. Jennifer Wellington

After almost 15 years of waiting, I cannot tell you how excited I am to be returning to full-time ministry as an Elder in The United Methodist Church.

The past several years have not been easy ones for any of us, including as members of the UMC.

Yet, God has brought great and wonderful things out of our times of struggle.

Out of COVID were born new and innovative ways to connect with one another for worship, study, prayer and fellowship.

In May 2024 the General Conference removed from The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church harmful language that had excluded people like me from fulfilling our calling.

Over the past year the

Church has worked toward a time of healing and reconciliation, including welcoming me back into pastoral ministry.

God also used this time of rebuilding to inspire the Council of Bishops to work to unveil a new vision statement for our Church: Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully and Lead Courageously.

Through sermons, studies, listening groups, and one on one meetings, I am committed to helping to lead this congregation through a time of transition and into the next great things that we will do together to live out the mission of the church in our communities.

From my time of “wandering” I also bring with me a renewed passion to help people experience their own faith



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in a way that is meaningful, empowering and real. I also come back to the United Methodist Church with a renewed sense of conviction that it is within the community of faith, the church, that our own souls are most able to be nourished and be healed.

I cannot promise that our first few months together will always be easy, I know it will be an adventure!

Tea with Rev. Jennifer



- Just **3** Things that you want me to know!
- Sign up for your ½ hour tea time today!

Call Church office to get on sign up list



I would like to thank my church family for all the prayers, cards, and visits during my recovery from knee surgery. Your kindness and thoughtfulness means a lot.

Linda Haydu

To make your Messenger more interesting.....If you have something you would like to put in the newsletter....the birth of a grandchild (great), wedding, graduation, birthday celebrations, anything that is important to you, **PLEASE** do not hesitate to contact the office. **THIS IS YOUR MESSENGER!!** What would you like to see/read??? **PLEASE** turn the information in to the secretary by the 15th of the month by 10:00 am. If the 15th falls on a weekend, the articles are due the following Monday. **PLEASE** sign your name on the article, in case there is a question about what you wrote.



GREETINGS FROM THE CHOIR!!!

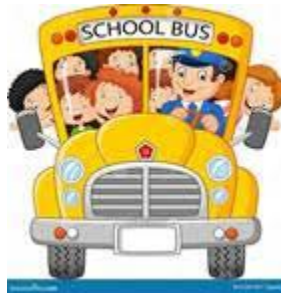
I hope all is well with you and your families.

As you can guess, we are always looking for new members.

Rev. Jennifer has joined us! THANK YOU!

The first practice will be Wednesday, 06 September 2025, at 5:00 pm. Just give it some thought; and, while you are thinking about it, come on over and give it a try!!

Blessings, Judy George



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

HELP OUT THE KIDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Want to help the kids in our community?? Here is a great way!! We will be collecting Notebooks, crayons, No# 2 pencils, pens, folders and backpacks! The kids are our future, and we want to make sure that they have the necessary supplies to learn. There will be a table set up in Wesley Hall to put the supplies on. If you have any questions, contact [Patrice Kish 330.718.7134](tel:330.718.7134).



I want to get an early start on collecting for our Community Meals that will start back in October! It will be here before you know it. If you want to help pass out meals, hand out meals or help with prep work we want you! If you cannot help, we love donations! Below is a list of donations that are needed to keep this ministry successful!! Thank you for all your continued support throughout the years. Any questions, please contact [Patrice Kish 330.718.7134](tel:330.718.7134)

I also want to pass out “something” to all the cars letting them know we are here for them. If anyone has any ideas about what to give. I am open to it!

Monetary

Sandwich Bags- we use around 1000 each month

Small to go containers

To go bags

Butter pats

Large cans of green beans

Large cans of corn

Penne Pasta

Large cans of Spaghetti sauce

History Highlights
By Nancy Malone (Church Historian)

A headline from the Niles Daily Times dated 27 June 1996 reads "Brown siblings excel in national exam".

The brother (Andrew) and sister (Sarah) are skilled in reading, writing, and speaking French. Both posted the highest test scores in their respective high school classes, on the National French exam given this past spring.

Sarah, a senior at Niles McKinley High School, ranked fortieth (40th) in the State of Ohio in the French IV Division.

Andrew, a freshman in French I, ranked twenty-eight (28th) in the State of Ohio.

Their father, Rev. Stephen Brown, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, speaks several languages including French.

Several years ago, the Brown Family hosted a French exchange student.

Sarah and Andrew are both involved in many extracurricular activities at McKinley High School including the Speech team, Key and French Club.

Sarah is also a member of the National Honor Society, a volunteer at Tod Children's Hospital, and works part-time at Macali's Market. She will enter Kent State University in the fall to pursue a nursing degree.

Andrew holds a 4.0 grade average and also plans to attend college.

Whatever this brother and sister plan to do, they no doubt will be successful.

V-J DAY

Victory over Japan Day (also known as **V-J Day**, **Victory in the Pacific Day**, or **V-P Day**) is the day on which Imperial Japan surrendered in World War II, in effect bringing the war to an end. The term has been applied to both of the days on which the initial announcement of Japan's surrender was made – 15 August 1945, in Japan, and because of time zone differences, 14 August 1945 (when it was announced in the United States and the rest of the Americas and Eastern Pacific Islands) – as well as to 2 September 1945, when the surrender document was signed, officially ending World War II.



Do you recognize this lady?

Ever wonder who planted the flowers, waters them and pulls the weeds. Elaine Walker that's who! And why, cause she cares!!

LAUGHTER IS THE SOUL'S MEDICINE!!

Teacher: How old is your father?

Kid: He is six years old.

Teacher: What? How is this possible?

Kid: He became a father only when I was born.

(Logic!! Children are quick and always speak their minds.)

Teacher: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

Maria: Here it is.

Teacher: Correct. Now class who discovered America?

Class: Maria.

Teacher: Glenn, how do you spell "crocodile"?

Glenn: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L

Teacher: No, that's wrong.

Glenn: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

(I love this child.)

Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

Donald: H I J K L M N O

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Donald: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

Teacher: Clyde, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

Clyde: No, sir; it's the same dog.

(I want to adopt this kid!!!)

Teacher: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

Harold: A teacher!!

PASS THIS AROUND AND MAKE SOMEONE LAUGH!



Two “little friends” who came to visit on the ledge of the library window!



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Niles Com. Pantry Items: Side Helpers/Stuffing And Mix					1	2
3 Coffee/Refresh- ments @ 9:30	4	5 Quilters	6 AA Shawn Spowart	7 Nancy Roberts Arya Duncan	8	9 John Anos Lisa Blair
10 Coffee @ 9:30	11	12 Quilters	13 AA	14	15 	16 Richard Hanks
17 Coffee @ 9:30 Girl Scouts 11:30-6:00	18	19 Quilters	20 AA	21	22	23
24 Coffee @ 9:30	25	26 Quilters Justyn Hafely Gail Baker	27 AA	28 Lindsey Harris	29	30
31 Coffee @ 9:30						

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