



The Messenger

NILES FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
608 N CRANDON AVENUE, NILES, OHIO 44446 330-652-1439



Worship with us.

Sundays @ 9:30 am

In house or Live stream on our Facebook page.

In Ministry Together....

Rev. Jennifer Wellington

Office Secretary.... Leona Krepps

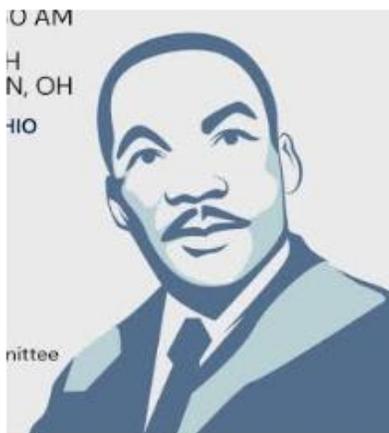
Organist/Pianist ... Andrew Yaksich

Groundskeeper/Custodian.... John Hoso

The Power of Words

This year, as a congregation, we are working together to pick a “word” that will be a focal point to help guide us in this upcoming year. We will reflect upon this word as we shape our worship, our ministries and our time together. In this process, I have become even more aware of the power of words. Words can be hurtful and cruel. Yet, as people of faith, I know that if we choose them and use them well they can be life changing, in a good way.

On the Sunday before Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, I had the joy of attending the Interfaith Worship Service at Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church and sponsored by the MLK Planning Committee of the Mahoning Valley



Association of churches.

I am convinced that men hate each other because they fear each other. They fear each other because they don't know each other, and they don't know each other because they don't communicate with each other, and they don't communicate with each other because they are separated from each other."

-Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. (Quotation from a speech at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA, October 15, 1962).

In recent years, I have heard the words “hate” and “fear” more than I think I heard them in the rest of my lifetime. Hate is a strong and destructive word, but King’s words above remind us that there is a way to conquer hate and fear. We live in a world that has grown in online and technological means of communication in amazing ways, yet we are more separated than ever.

At the end of the service, we all joined hands, together as human beings not separated by screens, or doctrines, or politics, or busyness or anything. We joined hands in beloved community and sang the chorus, “I need you to survive!” I believe with all my heart in the power of community. I invite you to hold that powerful word in your hearts in this coming month as see where God leads you to be in community with others. .

Peace,

Rev. Jeff +

PILLARS FOR OUR CHURCH AND LIFE

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 a thinking of you card.

Barbara Caldwell

Minnie Blose

Audrey John

Shirley Harris

Dan Taneyhill

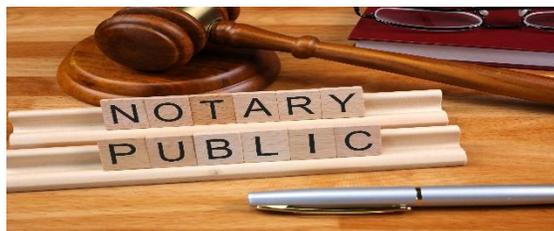
Maria Allen

Tony & Lolly Symcheck

Evie Rice

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

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.



Need a Notary..... we now have one among us, please contact Kyle Jones at **330-774-4960** and he will be happy to assist you!!!

A friendly note from the Treasurer:

You are more than welcome to turn the heat on in your room or area, but please turn it off when you are done. This goes for every room in the church; there is no need to keep the heat running when no one is using the room. This is a big building with a big gas bill that I am trying to keep low. Also, make sure you turn off all your lights when you are done. I appreciate you all. Any questions, please

let me know. Thank you – Your budget concierge 😊 *Patrice Kish*



Yes, it's that time again!! We have the month of March every Thursday!! Let's hope the weather gets a little warmer. If you would like to help, we need people to dish out the meals and pack them up. PLEASE arrive by 4:00 pm. We are also looking for monetary donations; and, if you would like to buy anything, we can use the following:

- Sandwich Bags
- Small To Go containers
- Large cans of green beans, tomato sauce, corn
- Butter Pats
- Penne Pasta
- 4 oz containers for salad dressing

Thank you for always supporting this ministry! It means a lot to so many people and to us!! If you have any questions, please contact Patrice Kish [330-718-7134](tel:330-718-7134).

2026 NILES COMMUNITY MEALS -THURSDAYS

Sponsored by the Churches of Niles All Are Welcome
Please check the meal hours at each church!

January	NO MEAL
February	New Hope United Methodist Church, 21 Fairview Ave 4:30 – 6
March	Niles First United Methodist Church, 608 North Crandon 4:30 – 6
April	New Hope United Methodist Church, 21 Fairview Ave 4:30 – 6
May	Niles First Christian Church, 33 North Arlington 4:45 – 5:30
June	NO MEAL
July	NO MEAL
August	New Hope United Methodist Church, 21 Fairview Ave 4:30 – 6
September	St Pope John XXIII Parish, 381 Robbins Avenue 4 – 5:30
October	Niles First Methodist Church, 608 North Crandon 4:30 – 6
November	Niles First Christian Church, 33 North Arlington 4:45 – 5:30
December	St Pope John XXIII (Mt Carmel Church), 381 Robbins Avenue 4 – 5:30



THE SUPER BOWL SUNDAY is February 8, 2026, and of course you know we will have extra subs!

Thank you for always supporting us in our ministries.

Bob & Patrice Kish.

What is a Friend???

(Katherine Davis)

**A friend is a person of great understanding
Who shares all our hopes and our schemes,
A companion who listens with infinite patience
To all of our plans and our dreams,
A true friend can make all our cares melt away
With the touch of a hand or a smile,
And with calm reassurance make everything brighter,
And life always seem more worth while---
A friend shares so many bright moments of laughter
At even the tiniest thing---
What memorable hours of light-hearted gladness
And pleasure this sharing can bring!
A friend is a cherished and precious possession
Who knows all our hopes and our fears,
And someone to treasure deep down in our hearts
With a closeness that grows through the years!!**



Rachel Circle

Rachel Circle met on Wednesday, 14 January 2026, in the Good News Room with ten (10) ladies and a guest in attendance.

A sack lunch was enjoyed plus snack items provided by Rebecca Hanks. In the business meeting, we voted to give \$200 to Some Place Safe and \$200 to Niles Community Services.

11 February 2026 will be our next meeting with JoAnn Baugh as hostess and Rebecca Hanks giving the program. Ladies were asked to bring two pictures of themselves.

The meeting was adjourned to the Chapel for a program "Adventures in Seoul, South Korea" where Pastor Sam Mohn showed pictures of his 'adventures' and told stories of said 'adventures'. A question-and-answer session was held after. In addition to Rachel Circle Ladies there were 4 guests in attendance. The Program was enjoyed by all.



Pastor Sam Mohn

History Highlights
By Nancy Malone (Church Historian)

29 November 2002

Our church historian, Doris Bollinger, received an unusual request from Katy Black who resides in Crawfordville, Florida.

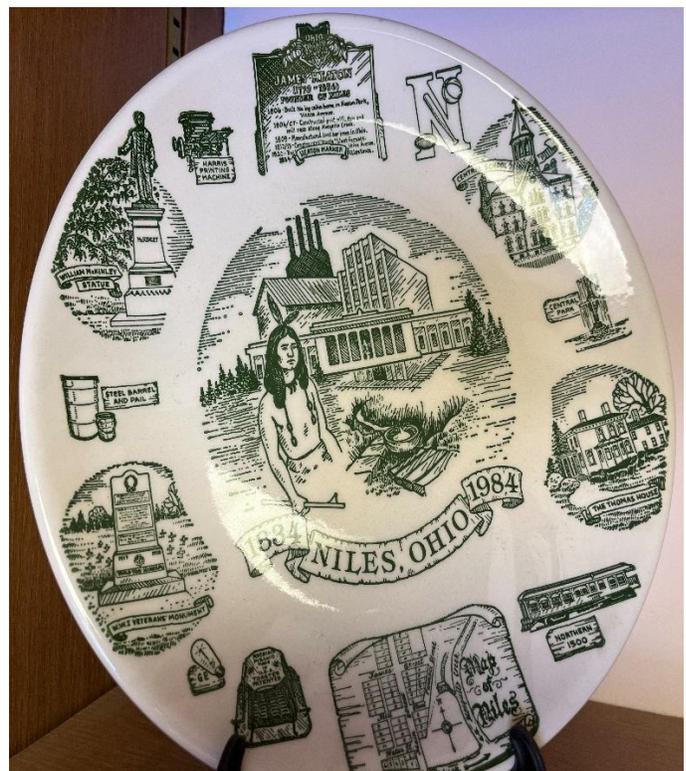
For a number of years, Katy has been collecting Methodist Church plates and is attempting to contact each church. She has a plate done in green paint and showing "First Methodist Church – 1908 – 1951".

Katy's collection has grown to plates from about 330 different churches. She has received replies from more than 165 of these churches so far. She enjoys the information received, which makes her collection even more meaningful and educational.

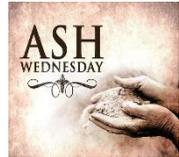
Katy would appreciate information about the issuing of the plate history of the church, a recent bulletin or any information of interest.

Katy has enclosed a self addressed, stamped envelope and will look forward to reading and learning about the history of the Methodist Church in Niles, Ohio.

(To be continued next month)



FEBRUARY

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Niles Com. Pantry Items: Macaroni & Cheese						
1 Rebecca Hanks Coffee/ Refreshments 9:30 Service	2 HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY 	3	4	5	6	7 Nancy Malone
8 Joan Ries Coffee 9:30 Service	9	10 Ember Hafely Quilters 10:00 am Board Mtg 6:00 pm	11 Rachel Circle 12:30 pm in Good News Rm Choir 6:00 pm AA 7:00 pm	12	13	14 
15 Amy Anos Coffee 9:30 Service	16 Office is closed 	17 William Haydu Quilters 10:00 am	18  Bible Study 12:30 pm Choir 6:00 pm AA 7:00 pm	19	20	21
22 Arya Duncan Coffee 9:30 Service	23	24 Quilters 10:00 am	25 Bible Study 12:30 pm Choir 6:00 pm AA 7:00 pm	26	27	28 Joe Lukz Malcolm Hafely



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