



The Messenger

NILES FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Worship with us.
Sundays @ 9:30 am
In house or Live stream on our Facebook page.
In Ministry Together....
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Groundskeeper/Custodian.... John Hosono

No Good Seed Goes Unnoticed!

By Rev. Jennifer Wellington

This month instead of writing my own reflection, I wanted to share this article that I read in the Jackson Area Ministries newsletter. As you remember, before Easter, under the guidance of Amy Anos, we diligently collected seeds and other offerings to send to this ministry. When we do things out of faith, we do not always hear about the impact of our efforts. However, I wanted you to be able to read and celebrate that "no good seeds go unnoticed." The following article celebrates that ministry that you were a part of this year and have been for many years. This is what I think be a part of the body of Christ is all about. We share what we have with one another. We share to be a blessing, and we are in turn blessed and encouraged when we can sometimes catch a glimpse of the impact of our faithfulness. Please enjoy the following article and I encourage you to visit their website. WWW.JAMUMC.ORG

In late February our garden coordinators began preparing for our gardening project. Each year we start collecting garden for our gardening project. Each year we start collecting garden seeds and monetary donations for our garden project. We would like to thank the many churches and individuals who participated in the 2026 garden seed and tomato plant distribution at Jackson Area Ministries. Seeds came into the office for our program from eleven different states along with generous donations.



We ordered 450 flats of tomato plants and on Monday, May 11, Janice Michael brought over 500 individual plants to our office for distribution. More than forty individuals and fifteen different agencies received tomato plants and seeds during this year's distribution. These items will be distributed among community gardens along with 2,071 individual home gardens. Each year our spring seed distribution grows thanks to individuals taking pride in their communities.

PILLARS

FOR OUR CHURCH AND LIFE

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

Barbara Caldwell

Audrey John

Evie Rice

Shirley Harris

Maria Allen

Tony & Lolly Symcheck

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??? 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. Sign your name on the article, in case there is a question about what you wrote.

THE LITTLE THINGS

By Margaret Lindsey

The little things
Are most worthwhile ----
A quiet word,
A look, a smile,
A listening ear
That's quick to share
Another's thoughts
Another's care.....
Though sometimes they may seem
Quite small,
These little things
Mean most of all.

RACHEL CIRCLE

(SUBMITTED BY *Rebecca Hanks*)

A Tea Party hosted by JoAnn Baugh and Pat Pfeifer, was held in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, 10 June 2026. Seventeen (17) "lucky" ladies enjoyed the Tea Party.

The tables were exquisitely decorated with old-fashioned tea pots, cups and saucers and pots of flowers.

As we sat and visited enjoying the camaraderie, we decided that this was reminiscent of the Mother and Daughter Teas we used to have.

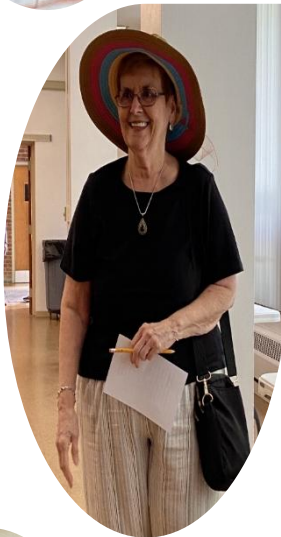
The luscious luncheon consisted of mini (finger food) sandwiches of egg salad and cucumber, scones, spinach triangles, cream puffs, and many delicious pastries. Drinks included various types of tea, lemonade and water. The best part of this was getting to take home any left overs.

In memory of Ann Wright, we had two (2) "thinking of you games". Ann loved games.

A big thank you to JoAnn and Pat who put much thought into hosting this wonderful Tea Party.



LADIES OF RACHEL CIRCLE & GUESTS



HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

(NANCY MALONE/HISTORIAN)

Welcome back to the Chapel where Sunday morning worship services will be held for the next few months. Do you know that our Chapel has a name?

As you exit the Chapel, look to your left. Above the light switch is a small plaque that reads "CH Mergler, Memorial Chapel".

Clarence Mergler, his wife, son, and daughter were dedicated and active members of Niles First United Methodist Church.

The Chapel was not finished when our Church was built on the hill overlooking the City of Niles.

Mr. Mergler was a wood shop and mechanical drawing teacher at Washinton Junior High School, which used to be across the road from our church. The school has since been closed and demolished.

The Mergler family donated funds to begin a campaign to complete the Chapel interior.

With the help of a committed chaired by Vicola Pelton, the Chapel was completed as a place worship.

The altar and podium were built by Merle Fick, a church member. He also finished the wood trim such as around the Chapel windows and other areas.

There are plaques on the altar and podium which read "In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Woodcock, Senior by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Holloway, Senior.

Pews were donated by church members and are identified by plaques on the back of year pew.

The carpet was replaced a few years ago. And, as a big plus, as summer days grow warmer, the Chapel is air conditioned.



JULY 2026

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Niles Com. Pantry Items: Macaroni & cheese						
			1 AA 7:00 pm Michael Haydu	2	3	4 
5 Coffee 9:30 Service Ashley Haydu Rebecca Hanks	6 Pat Pfeifer	7 Quilters 10:00 am	8 AA 7:00 pm	9	10	11 Gil Blair
12 Coffee 9:30 Service Pat King	13 Lissy Blair	14 Quilters 10:00 am Nick Belcastro	15 AA 7:00 pm	16 Zander Duncan	17	18
19 Coffee 9:30 Service Amy Anos	20	21 Quilters 10:00 am	22 AA 7:00 pm	23	24	25 Anna Jones
26 Coffee 9:30 Service Barb Caldwell Arya Duncan	27	28 Quilters 10:00 am	29 AA 7:00 pm	30	31 Judy George	

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