

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....
Office Secretary.... Leona Krepps
Organist/Pianist ... Andrew Yaksich
Groundskeeper/Custodian.... John Hoso



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.

Maria Allen Claudia Baytos Barbara Caldwell Shirley Harris
Audrey John Evie Rice 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.

GOD'S GIFT OF HUMOR

During a religious show-and-tell in kindergarten, Benjamin shares a Star of David for Judaism and Mary shares a Rosary for Catholicism. Tommy then stands up and says, "My name is Tommy, I am Methodist, and this is a casserole."

Rachel Circle

We opened our 18 October 2026, Wednesday, meeting sharing what kind of sandwiches we had brought for our lunch. Blessings and grace were then shared.

In old business, we voted to have the Memorial donations go to Community Meals in memory of JoAnn Baugh.

Our 11 November meeting will be held in the Good News Room. Our hostess will be Pat Pfeifer and Kathie Hafely will be doing our program.



**** PLEASE READ**** Well, another year has flown by, and we have some decorating to do. I would like to decorate both the Chapel and the Sanctuary this year. I would like everyone to let me know… do you want to move back into the Sanctuary for the month of December? I would need to know this two (2) weeks in advance to get all set up or do would you just want to go in the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve and then remain in the Chapel? I want everyone's opinion. Decorating will be November 28th starting at 9:00 am, I know it's early, but I have an event later in the day to prepare for. But if anyone wants to oversee the decorating I will certainly not object 😊 Any questions, please let me know. Patrice 330.718.7134



About the time you read this article Community meals will be done for the month of October. We have averaged 220-225 meals that we have handed out. The need is there, and I am so grateful and blessed to be able to continue this ministry with all of you. Without **your** support this would never happen. All the volunteers, prayers and donations make this ministry continue and I couldn't be happier. But with the rising cost of food and containers we will need to review to see if we can continue this ministry. I am willing to listen if anyone has any thoughts or ideas about it. Our containers we use went up $2.10 and I have found more but they don't come in the bulk size like they used to, so we get less for more money. I hope to have some fund raisers and even apply for grants so that we may continue to feed and bless our community. **THANK YOU ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND YOUR SUPPORT. I AM MORE THEN GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF YOU!** *Love, Patrice*

HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS
(*Nancy Malone/Historian*)

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, NILES, OHIO ~~~ 1814 – 2004
23 May 1954 ….. Ground was broken for present church building.
October 2004 …. Celebrating 190th Anniversary of The First United Methodist Church of Niles.



190th Anniversay Wooden Church Replicas……. Rachel Circle members commissioned wooden cross replicas (similar to the cat's meow) of our church building to sell. They will sell for $15.00 each.

To place an order, please contact Bernie Burriss. Make checks payable to United Methodist Women of Niles and designate for church replica.

The plaques should be ready by the end of May 2004.

Thank you, Sharon French



YES! We are collecting cereal for Niles Community Services. There is a table in Wesley Hall. No contest…. no 600 boxes…..though would be nice but they are so grateful for what is given. We will collect cereal until November 29th. Thank you!



Thank you to all who have given to the school supply collection!!! I have been asked by the schools to hold them until January when the kids go back. They will be delivered then. Thank you!!! *Patrice*



It's that time of year again. Watch for more information for Christmas Poinsettias.

THE COAL BASKET BIBLE
(Author Unknown)

The story is told of an old man who lived on a farm in the mountains of Kentucky with his young grandson. Each morning, Grandpa was up early sitting at the kitchen table reading from his old worn-out bible. His grandson, who wanted to be just like him, tried to imitate him in any way he could. One day the grandson asked, "Papa, I try to read the bible just like you, but I don't understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the bible do?"

The grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and said, "Take this coal basket down to the river and bring back a basket of water".

The boy did as he was told, even though all the water leaked out before he could get back to the house. The grandfather laughed and said, "You will have to move a little faster next time," and sent him back to the river with the basket to try again. This time the boy ran faster, but again the basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was "impossible to carry water in a basket", and he went to get a bucket instead.

The old man said, "I don't want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water. You can do this. You're just not trying hard enough". The boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he got far at all. The boy scooped the water and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather, the basket was empty again. Out of breath, he said, "See Papa, it's useless!"

"So, you think it is useless?", the old man said. "Look at the basket." The boy looked at the basket and for the first time he realized that the basket looked different. Instead of a dirty old coal basket, it was clean.

"Son, that's what happens when you read the bible. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out."

That is the work of God in our lives. To change us from the inside out and to slowly transform us into the image of His Son. Take time to read a portion of God's word each day and remind a friend by sharing this story.



Ladies, please join us on Sunday, December 6th, for our

"Ladies Christmas Brunch" in Bauman/Fellowship Hall.

The Brunch will begin at 12:30 and we ask the ladies of the church

to invite friends & family so this can be a resounding success!

The adult tickets are $15.00 and $8.00 for children under 12.

All profits will fund will our Christmas charity initiatives.

We are asking any men that are willing, to work in the kitchen.

We will begin selling the tickets in November.

Contact Amy Anos with any questions, (330) 718 – 3717



In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing, fly.
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow in
In Flanders' Fields.

~Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae



Poinsettia Price List

2026 Holiday Collection

Pot Size	Price	Available Colors
4 inch	$4.70 each	Red, White, Pink, Red Glitter
6 inch	$8.50 each	Red, White, Pink, Red Glitter, Marble
8 inch	$17.50 each	Red, White, Pink, Red Glitter, Marble
10 inch	$22.50 each	Red, White, Pink, Red Glitter, Marble

Important: "Red Glitter" is the name of a poinsettia flower variety—it does not contain actual glitter.

Order Deadline: November 18, 2026

Name:_____ Phone:_____

Size Pot: _____Color:_____ Size Pot:_____ Color:_____

In honor:_____In Memory:_____



2026

Sun.	Mon.		Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Niles Com. Pantry Items: cereal in box							
1 Coffee 9:30 Service Amy Anos	2		3 Election Day Quilters (cancelled)	4 Leona Krepps	5	6	7
8 Coffee 9:30 Service Arya Duncan	9		10 Quilters 10:00 am	11 AA 7;00 pm 	12	13	14
15 Coffee 9:30 Service Rebecca Hanks	16		17 Quilters 10:00 am	18 AA 7;00 pm	19	20	21 David Hafely
22 Coffee 9:30 Service Pat King	23		24 Quilters 10:00 am	25 AA 7;00 pm	26 	27 Tristan Hafely	28 Decorate the Church 9:00 am
29 Coffee 9:30 Service Deadline for cereal collection Kathie Hafely	30						