



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....
Rev. Jennifer Wellington
Office Secretary.... Leona Krepps
Organist/Pianist ... Bob Bacha
Groundskeeper/Custodian....
John Hosoi



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

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The Adventures of Rev. Jennifer! Venturing into the Bible

By Rev. Jennifer Wellington

We are about to start an exciting adventure in October. We will be starting an in-person Bible study. It will be held on a collection of Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. Being a midday gathering, I am expecting that we will be primarily a group of "older" adults, which makes this even more of an exciting adventure. WAIT - did our new pastor just say that she thinks a midday Bible study with older adults is an exciting adventure?!? Yes, and let me tell you a few reasons why.

First, older believers bring a lifetime of perspective to the text that can bring those familiar stories to life in powerful new ways. They can testify to how God has carried them through decades of events in their lives.

They also understand how scripture holds different lessons for different seasons of life. An academic approach to study is fine, but nothing makes scripture more real and relevant than the depth of practical, lived-in wisdom.

To my younger folks who may be available for this midday experience, let me say a bit more about the benefit of attending Bible study with the more seasoned members of the congregation. Nothing is better than the joy of intergenerational exchanges of perspective. Younger generations can learn from the wisdom of their elders, while older members can gain fresh perspectives on biblical teaching by seeing them through more youthful eyes.



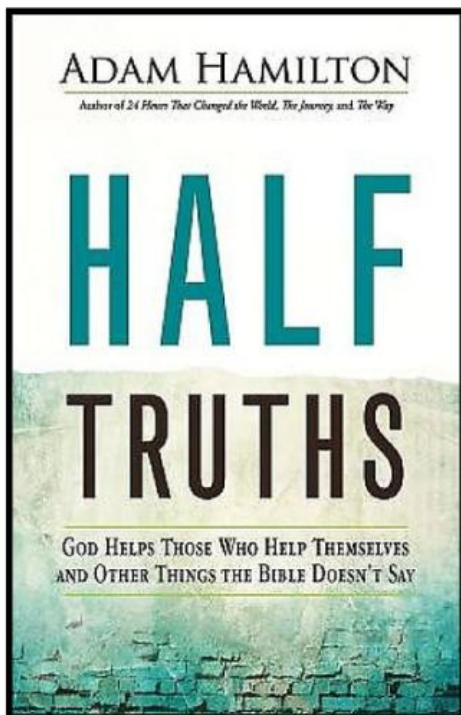
Rev. Jennifer Wellington

Finally, my hope is that this time of study and lively dialogue will not be a passive activity for any of the participants. Instead, I hope that this study will re-energize us and provide us with opportunities for growth, as individuals and as a body of believers. Perhaps this energy may even flow over into the lives of our congregations and communities.

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.

GENTLE REMINDER

**Church services will be held in the Sanctuary
beginning Sunday, 05 October 2025,
@ 9:30 am**



Fall Bible Study

During this 7 week course, we will be using the book, *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Helps Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say*, by Adam Hamilton. This is the same book that I will be referring to multiple times during our Bumper Sticker Theology series. You do not need to purchase the book, but you can if you would like. You may choose to attend all the studies, but if you can only attend a few you will be just as welcome. We will be meeting on the following Wednesdays at 12:30 in the Good News Room at Niles First United Methodist Church:

October 1,
October 15,
October 29,
November 5,
November 12,
November 19,
and November 26.

(October 8th is Rachel's Circle and October 22nd Rev. Jennifer will be out of town.)

Debbie and Kevin Parsons

are happy to announce the birth of their grandson,
Hudson Grey Parsons, on 9-11-25 at 4:09 pm 7 lbs. 19.5 in long.
He joins his big sister, Hallie Jane Parsons, who is 3 yrs old.



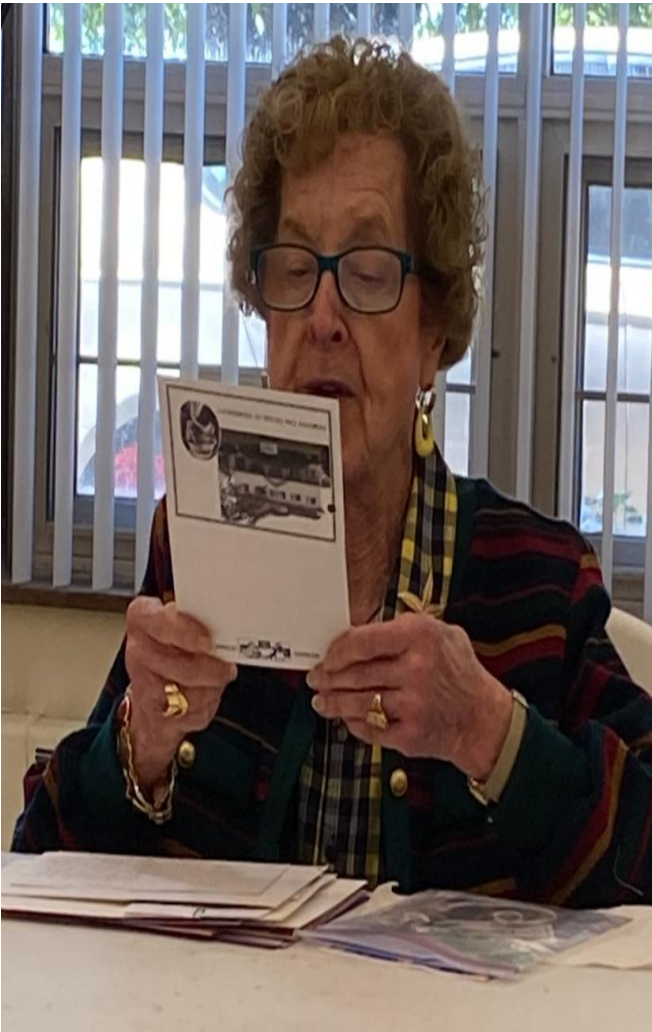
Things to Ponder

By

I Might Be Funny

1. If the No. 2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still No. 2?
2. Why do we press harder on the remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?
3. Why are you "in" a movie, but on TV?
4. What was the best thing BEFORE sliced bread?
5. Why do we drive on parkways and park in driveways?
6. Why do "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
7. Why do British people never sound British when they sing?
8. At a movie theater, which arm rest is yours?
9. Why are there no "B" batteries?
10. Why do people say "heads up" when you should duck?

RACHEL'S CIRCLE



Our first meeting of the fall was held Wednesday, 10 September 2025. Linda Belcastro, our leader, was unable to attend due to a leg injury. The meeting was led by Rebecca Hanks.

The girls enjoyed their sack lunches, plus delicious dessert, pumpkin cake and pumpkin froffe, that was delivered by Rebecca Hanks.

Our meeting was enriched with two (2) visitors, Rev. Jennifer Wellington and Merrily Rogers.

Nancy Malone gave an interesting program called "Walking Down Memory Lane with Rachel Circle". Nancy read "thank you" notes that had been receive thru the years and photos were shared of by-gone years.

Our October meeting will be held on Wednesday, 08 October, at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. JoAnn Baugh will provide the dessert. The ladies will bring sack lunches and drinks. The program is "Prep Work" for Community meals.

*History Highlights
by Nancy Malone
(Church Historian)*

Leonard A. Bean was born on 07 May 1922 in Fairmont, West Virginia. His parents moved to Belmont Avenue in Niles when Leonard was twelve (12) years of age.

After graduating from Mentor High School in 1940, he was drafted in to the U.S. Army. In October 1945, two (2) months after Japan had surrendered, ending World War II, Bean was traveling through Central Germany unaware of what awaited him.

He arrived in Nuremberg, where he would stand witness to one of the most significant military tribunals in the history of modern warfare.

Following the Allied Forces' Victory, the three (3) major wartime powers.....United Kingdom, United States and the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republic.....began a series of trials punish those Nazi party members responsible for war crimes. Those tribunals were set to take place in Neuremburg's Palace of Justice.

Sgt. Major Leonard Bean's battalion was sent to help oversee the event. Bean was the highest ranking enlisted man in his battalion. His time in Nuremberg and in the military came to a close in May 1946.

Leonard Bean returned to Niles and resided on North Bentley Avenue. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Niles.

There are three (3) benches at the patio of the Chapel entrance. The first bench (from left to right) is in memory of Leonard Bean and family members. Next time you walk past the benches, stop a moment and reflect.







We have five (5) Thursdays in the month of October to serve meals. If you would like to help, please be at the church by 4:15 pm to help pass out or package the meals. We serve on an average of 160-180 meals.... so, we can use all the help! If you cannot help, prayers, supplies and monetary support is always appreciated! Thank you to all who help with this ministry. It is greatly appreciated more than you can imagine!! If you have any questions, please contact Patrice @ [330-718-7134](tel:330-718-7134).



COLLECTING CEREAL!!

Starting 19 October, we will be collecting cereal once again for the Niles Community Center! They have asked for only boxed cereal no bags, let's see how many boxes we can collect this year. Any amount is appreciated greatly!



Tis that beautiful time of year again "AUTUMN"!!!



HEY YOU! Yes! You!

We are in the process of updating our records. (yes, again).

It doesn't matter if your information has not changed.

Please take a moment to complete the following form, (**by PRINTING**) and place in the tithing basket, mail or return the form to this office. We thank you.....we appreciate your help.

CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME _____ **DATE OF BIRTH** _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

CELL PHONE NO. _____ **LAND LINE NO.** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

How do you wish to receive "The Messenger" in e-mail _____ or mail _____?

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Dear Parishioners:

For years, the Niles First United Methodist Church Family has celebrated "All Saints Sunday", the first Sunday of November. This year "All Saints Sunday" will be celebrated on Sunday, 02 November. It will be a special time to thank the Lord for our Church members and family members who have entered Paradise in the past year.

During the service, your loved one's name will be read aloud, and a bell tolled in remembrance of them. At this time, as well, we would like family members or friends to come forward and light a candle signifying that the light of their and your love still burns brightly.

We also are requesting that you might be willing to offer one or two pictures that we can share on our main screen. You may bring those to the office or e-mail them to Leona Krepps, Church Secretary, office@nilesfirstumc.org by Tuesday, 21 October, before noon.

Thank you for considering this special worship service as we honor the Lord by remembering our loved ones.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office, **330-652-1439**.

In Christ Service,
Blessings,

Rev. Jennifer Wellington



On Saturday, November 8th, we will be hosting our annual craft show in Bauman Hall, from 10:00 – 4:00. In addition to the vendor's products, we will also be selling food and baked goods as well as a basket auction. The money earned will be used to fund our various Christmas charitable endeavors.

Please contact Amy Anos @ **(330) 718 – 3717** by phone or text if you have questions about this event. We will need volunteers to help at the craft fair itself.

Please let me know if you are available.

Patrice will take care of the food and baked goods sale. She will need volunteers to work in the kitchen and donate baked goods. Please let her know if you are available for either.

Besides a \$25.00 fee to reserve a table, the vendors are also required to donate a basket for our basket raffle. If you have an interest in donating a basket, we will gladly accept it.

We are looking for a volunteer to "manage" the basket auction. Responsibilities include communicating with any vendors who have questions about the baskets, collecting the baskets on the day of the fair, and overseeing the sale of tickets on November 8th. In addition, the volunteer will also draw the winners at the end of the show and distribute the baskets to the winners.

If you are able to help, please contact Patrice or myself.

If you are unable to help but want to support us,
please come out & see us on November 8th.

Thank you!

Amy Anos



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Niles Com. Pantry Items: soup & ramen noodles			1 Bible Study 12:30 pm Choir 5:00 pm AA 7:00 pm	2	3 Jane Albright	4
5 Coffee/Refresh- ments 9:30 Service Joan Ries	6	7 Quilters 10:00 am Bd. Mtg. 6:00 pm	8 Rachel Circle 12:30 pm Choir 5:00 pm AA 7:00 pm Kathleen Nelson Nicholas Parsons	9	10 Feed the band	11 George John
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