



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 Hoso



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! Never Stop Asking “Why?”

By Rev. Jennifer Wellington

One of the first questions children learn to ask is, “Why?”. As a new member of the human race, it is their way of trying to understand the world.

“Why?” is the question that has been behind every invention, every rebellion, every heartbreak, and every prayer. “Why did this happen?” “Why am I here?” “Why does this matter?”

We live in a world that is obsessed with what to do, how to do it, and when to do it. These are all informational questions. They deal with facts, strategy, and delivery. Among all the questions a human can ask, “why?” is the only one that dares to seek meaning.

Strangely, this important first question of our childhood, is often the first

question we abandon as we get busy with our adult lives. We get busy scheduling. We try to optimize our time. We go into auto-pilot. We act based on what we should do, must do, have to do, or cannot do. We are driven by what others will say is rationale, reasonable, or appropriate. When we fall into this mindset, we will find that our lives are mostly driven by something or someone that is external to us. We will have stopped asking ourselves, why we are doing what we are doing. This is especially true in our lives in the church.

So when I met with some of our church leaders last month, I urged them to keep asking the important question of why?

Then to practice, we took a look at some of the



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important ministries of the church. However, instead of talking about what we do at that activity, we talked about why we do it?

Here is what I learned about this soul-filled church. This is a church who wants the community around them to know that they are loved and cared for by us and by God. A church that knows their “why” moves with clarity, purpose, and hope.

Never stop asking, “Why?”

PLEASE NOTE: Services will begin at 9:30 am
Sunday 07 September

*Every morning has a new beginning, a new blessing, and a new hope.
It is a perfect gift to you because it is from God.*



Have a blessed day!!

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.

Abundant Grace

God doesn't draw his grace from a limited supply; his storehouse is **full and overflowing**.

His mercy and forgiveness **never run out**. Because of Jesus, God pours his **grace and forgiveness** into your life **constantly day after day**.

Grace be to you, and peace
From God our Father,
and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
(Ephesians 1:2)



Labor Day is the time to spend the last days of the summer season. Many people celebrate with family or neighborhood barbecues, picnics, sporting events, and fireworks. Others will take their last weekend of vacation for the summer. Football season starts around Labor Day.

According to one early history of Labor Day, the event was in connection with a General Assembly of the Knights of Labor convened in New York City in September 1882.^[8] In connection with this clandestine Knights assembly, a public parade of various labor organizations was held on September 5 under the auspices of the Central Labor Union (CLU) of New York.^[8] Secretary of the CLU Matthew Maguire is credited for first proposing that a national Labor Day holiday subsequently be held on the first Monday of each September in the aftermath of this successful public demonstration.

Labor Day originated from the Knights of Labor and the Central Labor Union. Oregon was the first state to make it a holiday on February 21, 1887. In 1894, it became a federal holiday, officially celebrated by thirty states. It was approved as a national holiday following the deaths of workers from the U.S. Marshals and military during the Pullman Strike.

The Pullman Strike (May–July 1894) was a major railroad strike in the United States that highlighted labor unrest and led to significant federal intervention, ultimately shaping labor relations in the country.

The Pullman Strike originated in the Pullman Palace Car Company, which manufactured railroad cars in Pullman, Illinois, a company town created by George Pullman. During the economic depression that began in 1893, the company cut wages by about 25% while maintaining high rents and prices in the company town, leading to severe financial distress for workers and their families. When workers attempted to negotiate with Pullman, their requests were ignored, prompting them to strike on May 11, 1894, and it lasted through July 1894. This major railroad strike in the United States that highlighted labor unrest and led to significant federal intervention, ultimately shaped labor relations in the country.

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



It's September and time for Rachel Circle to start the fall season. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break. Our September 10th meeting will be held at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Please bring a sack lunch and drink of your choice. Dessert will be provided by Linda Belcastro. Nancy Malone will present the program. All ladies of the church and guests are welcome to attend the meeting. See you September 10th. *Linda Belcastro*

Volunteers Needed!



**Enjoy being/working outside?
See Elaine or contact the office 330-652-1439.
Come & Serve Joyfully!!**

*History Highlights
by Nancy Malone
(Church Historian)*

This headline is from the Niles Daily Times dated 03 July 1996.

"First Pelton Award Given"

Vi Pelton was a member of our church and a former special education teacher in the Niles City Schools.

She died April 1996.

A long time supporter of Niles special education, Vi was considered by many to have been "First Lady of Special Education in Ohio".

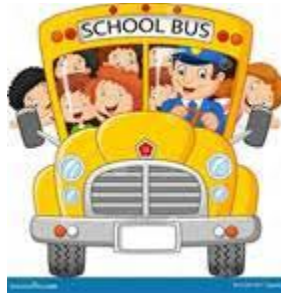
The award was instituted by special education teachers Patti Pearlman and Sharon Minotti. It was funded by Vi's daughter, Kathy Skocik, a special education teacher in Burke, Virginia.

McKinley High School graduate Wilbur Lint was named the recipient of the first Vi Pelton "Self Reliance" award.

Wilbur, who graduated in auto mechanics, is employed by Trumbull Towing. He hopes to some day own a similar business.



In the United States, **National POW/MIA Recognition Day** is observed on the third Friday in September. It honors those who were prisoners of war (POWs) and those who are still missing in action (MIA). It is most associated with those who were POWs during the Vietnam War. National Vietnam War Veterans Day is March 29, the date in 1973 when the last US combat troops departed the Republic of Vietnam.



**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](mailto:Patrice.Kish@wcc.edu).

**School Supplies collected to date!
Look how awesome!!
You all are doing good!!!**





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



A little note of thanks!
Thank you for all the prayers and support
through the last months that turned into years.
I hope to see you in person soon.
Evelyn (Evie) Rice



Ever wonder who took responsibility for changing wording, times, etc. of either the front or back Church sign? Well, wonder no more.....
.....Thank you Pat King!!



These two (2) young men took time out of their busy days and hung our new TV monitor in the chapel. A big **THANK YOU** goes out to Bob Kish and Tom Medve!!!

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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YOUR GUIDE TO SEPTEMBER

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Niles Com. Pantry Items: Crackers/ Breakfast ars	1 	2 Bob Kish	3 Choir 5:00 pm	4	5	6 Tony Symcheck
7 Coffee/Refresh- ments 9:30 Service Minnie Blose 	8	9 Quilters 10:00 am Bd. Mtg. 6:00 pm Good News Rm.	10 Rachel Circle 12:30 pm Choir 5:00 pm AA 7:00 pm	11	12 Dakota Hafely	13 Steve Disko
14 Coffee 9:30 Service	15 Audrey John	16 Quilters 10:00 am Nate Mohn	17 Choir 5:00 pm AA 7:00 pm	18	19  Feed Band 5:00 pm Joy Allen	20 Feed Band 5:00 pm
21 Coffee 9:30 Service Alexa Erwin	22 	23 Quilters 10:00 am	24 Choir 5:00 pm AA 7:00 pm	25	26	27 Megan Heath
28 Coffee 9:30 Service Janel Toth	29	30 Quilters 10:00 am				

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