



Nolensville First United Methodist Church

Our mission is to be a neighborhood church, where people experience a life-changing relationship with Jesus, in a welcoming church family.



EASTER

APRIL 5, 2026



Welcome to Nolensville First UMC!

Whether you are new to the Nolensville area, the United Methodist Church or new to being a Christian, there is something here for you. I am glad you have chosen to spend a few moments discovering and worshipping with us.

As I describe Nolensville First to people, I use words like home, heritage, family. We are a group of people devoted for over 175 years to showing radical hospitality, having passionate worship, becoming fully devoted followers, serving together in mission, and giving extravagantly.

That means we love people where they are, no questions asked. Our hope is that all people will feel loved, find a family and a place to belong. And once here, we pray that people will meet God and as a result of meeting God, give their lives and hearts to Jesus Christ and then go out empowered and equipped to serve the world around us. We want that for you. Come as you are. Come home.

In order to get to know you, please fill a Connection Card and leave it in the offering plate. Or contact me at all the info on the back cover and if you have children make sure to check out everything there available for them!

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Jeremy

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Ringing of the Bell

Announcements & Welcome

Please fill out a Blue Connection Card and place it in the offering plate as it goes by.

✠ **Call to Worship**

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✠ **Songs of Praise**

Glorious Day / Christ Is Risen

The Resurrection of Jesus

John 20:1-10

see p. 5

God Sightings & Celebrations

Prayers for One Another

Prayerful Reflection and the Lord's Prayer

see liturgy card or UMH 895

Our Offerings of Prayer and Gifts to the Work of God

For those who gave online, please pick an online giving card from the holders in the pew and place it in the offering plate as it goes by.

Offering Music

Redeemer

✠ **Doxology**

UMH 95

Prayer of Offering over Our Tithes & Gifts

Scripture Reading

John 20:11-18

Children's Church (No Message)

Pastor Shelby

Pre-K - 2nd: Children's Church takes place outside of the sanctuary, with kids returning before the end of the service.

Sermon

The Transforming Voice of Jesus: Jesus Speaks to Mary in the Garden

Pastor Jeremy Squires

✠ **Holy Communion** (*all are invited*)

UMH 12

✠ **Song of Response**

Risen

✠ **Words of Encouragement**

"He is not here; He has risen! Remember how He told you while He was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and, on the third day, be raised again.'" Luke 24:6-7

Prelude

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✝ **Gathering Anthem** *Alleluia, Alleluia (vv. 2+3)* UMH 162

✝ **Call to Worship** see next page

✝ **Hymn of Praise** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (vv. 1-3)* UMH 302

The Resurrection of Jesus John 20:1-10

✝ **Opening Prayer** see next page

God Sightings & Celebrations

Prayers for One Another

Prayerful Reflection and the Lord's Prayer see liturgy card or UMH 895

✝ **Hymn of Preparation** *Up from the Grave He Arose* UMH 322

Our Offerings to the Work of God

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Offering Music *Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed* NFUMC Chancel Choir

✝ **Doxology** UMH 95

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✝ **Holy Communion (all are invited)** UMH 12

✝ **Hymn of Commitment** *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* UMH 304

✝ **Words of Benediction**

✝ **Hymn of Resurrection** *He Lives* UMH 310

Sending Forth *Hallelujah Chorus* NFUMC Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

People: **He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Leader: God has claimed us as His own.

People: **He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, as You opened the tomb on Easter morning, proving to the world that You can bring forth life from death and joy from mourning, we ask that You will also work a mighty miracle in our lives. May our hearts be filled with the joy of resurrection, and may Christ's life vibrate through all that we do, all that we say, and all that we think. Amen.

Jesus Appears to Mary | John 20:11-18

11 Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. 12 She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. 13 The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him."

14 As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him."

16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

18 Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, "I've seen the Lord." Then she told them what he said to her.

Flowers are given to the glory of God and...

in honor of
Maria Penczarski, Michal Penczarski
by Anna Adams

in honor of
Frances Rogers, Peggy Flowers
by Stacy Atwood

in honor of
my mother, sister, and family long gone
by Janice Barger

in honor of
**Clara & Al Johnson, Edwina & Charles Barnes,
Elizabeth "Betty" Barnes, Madison Tuck Moore**
by Laura and Larry Barnes

in honor of
**Lucien Battle, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hughes, Mr. and
Mrs. Bob Battle, Sr.**
by Carolyn Battle

in honor of
**Peggy Murphy, Margaret Branham
Constance Reffeitt, Geraldine Parrish**
by Lyn Branham

in honor of
**Hannah Tarple, Johnny Cunningham,
Billie Redman**
by Becky Cunningham

in honor of
our parents
by Denise and Kevin Gavin

in honor of
our grandchildren Emma, Hunter and Thomas
by Barbara and David Hackett

in honor of
Kim Hornbeck
by Phil and Jean Hornbeck

in honor of
**Honey Lou Bradley, Don Jenkins
Marlene Jenkins**
by the Penny and Marlena Jenkins

in honor of
Katherine Schiffhauer, Lenora Kirkland
by Jessica Kirkland

in honor of
Alton and Alma Lanier
by Glen and Lyndsey Lanier

in honor of
Bill and Sue Dupree
Susan and Mike Nichols

in honor of
Ed and Mary Martin
by the Martin family

in honor of
**Mildene and Harold Maurer
Ruth and John Kloeppel**
by the Maurer family

in honor of
**George and Mimi Pelias
The Allen and Melchiorre grandparents**
by the Melchiorre family

in honor of
Gabe and Nancy Parisi, Gene and Shirley Fry
by Jean and Mark Parisi

in honor of
**our six wonderful grandchildren,
Alex, Ben, Sam, Charlotte, Carden, and Avery**
by the Susan and Steve Smith

In honor of
Sandi Squires
by Susan and Jeremy Squires

in loving memory of
**our daughter,
Madison Tuck Moore
and
our parents,
John and Ann Tuck,
and Harold and Sally
Holliday**
by Phillip and Tressa
Tuck

in honor of
their grandmother
by the Wang family



Our vision is to be a neighborhood church...

Service and Mission Opportunities



Red Cross Blood Drive
April 9

Please make an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org using the sponsor code "Nolensville" or by scanning this QR code.

UMW & GraceWorks Collections

The items being collected in **April** are **laundry detergent** and **Fuel Bag Items**. Please leave them in the GraceWorks baskets in the breezeway or in the foyer.

Nashville Rescue Mission (Women)
April 9



We serve dinner at the Nashville Rescue Mission each month, meeting at the church at **3:15 pm** to ride together. If interested in helping, scan the QR code to

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Congregational Care and Prayer Concerns

Long Term Care & Rehabilitation

Corrine Bowater, Ron Wint, Paul Duty, Laura Quick, Christine May, Nancy Hatcher, Sandy Green, Carolyn Skinner, Elaine Goebel

Hospice

Frances Nichols, Jamie Lewis, Jewell Jacques, Pat Duggan, Sandi Squires

Community Concerns

Dana Cunningham in the loss of her mother, Eula Wilson

Celebrations

Birthdays: **Jackie McGhee**, Ken Cunningham, Archie Zazworsky, Lily Brown

Anniversaries: Alice and David Toledo

Worship and Discipleship



NFUMC YOUTH

Pre-K through 5th Grade, led by Pastor Shelby

6th -12th Grade, led by Tonia Bush

Sunday School

9:45 AM

Sunday School wing

WonderKids!

6:30 PM

in the Journey room

Sunday School

9:45 am

In the Foundation

Youth reCharge

6:30 PM

in the Foundation

No Sunday School this week, due to Easter Breakfast!

...in a welcoming church family.



Join us for dinner and discipleship each week during the school year!



5:30 pm
GROW Dinner

6:15 pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal

Adult Bible Study

6:00 pm
Student Worship Arts

6:30 pm
WonderKids, Youth recharge,

7:30 pm
Praise Band Rehearsal

Weekly Schedule | **April 5 - 12**

Sunday, April 5

Easter

- 6:30 am - Sunrise Service
- 8:30 am - Contemp. Worship
- 9:45 am - Easter Sunday Breakfast
- 10:45 am - Classic Worship

Monday, April 6

Church Office Closed

- 7 pm - Lions Club

Tuesday, April 7

- 12:30 pm - Tai Chi
- 6:30 pm - Boy Scouts

Wednesday, April 8

- 10:30 am - UWF
- 5:30 pm - GROW Dinner
- 6 pm - Student Worship Arts
- 6:15 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm - WonderKids, Youth recharge, Adult Bible Study
- 7:30 pm - Praise Band

Thursday, April 9

- 1:15 pm - Red Cross Blood Drive
- 3:15 pm - Women's Rescue Mission Service
- 6:15 pm - Ladies' Trivia Night @ Mill Creek

Friday, April 10

- 2 pm - Tai Chi Class

Sunday, April 5

- 8:30 am - Contemp. Worship
- 9:45 am - Sunday School

2026 Operating / General Fund Giving and Expenses						Weekly Worship Attendance			
Week of Mar 29	Weekly	Actual YTD	Budget	Difference		Week of Mar 29	Onsite	Online	Totals
Operating Income	\$16,953.74	\$171,582.73	\$142,845.17	\$28,737.56	<i>Income under budget</i>	8:30	83	61	144
Operating Expenses	\$13,679.47	\$133,335.52	\$142,845.17	-\$9,509.65	<i>Expenses under budget</i>	10:45	72	57	129
Net	\$3,274.27	\$38,247.21	\$0.00			Total	155	118	273

JESUS SPEAKS SERMON SERIES CONTINUES

When Jesus Speaks: Recognizing the Voice of Jesus During Difficult Times

Do you have a hard time hearing hope right now? Today we start a journey to recognize and encounter Jesus as he appears to his disciples over 50 days, after the resurrection. We'll discover how to recognize his voice, even in difficult times. How do you know when Jesus Speaks?

April 12 | ***The Elusive Voice of Jesus:***

Jesus Speaks to His Disciples in a Closed Room
Luke 24:36-43, John 20:19-23

May 17 | ***The Forgiving Voice of Jesus:***

Jesus Speaks to Peter
John 21:1-14

April 19 | ***The Challenging Voice of Jesus:***

Jesus Speaks to Thomas
John 20:24-29

May 24 | ***The Missional Voice of Jesus:***

Jesus Speaks to the Eleven on a Mountain
Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 16:15 + 19, Luke 24:44-53

April 26 | ***The Hidden Voice of Jesus:***

Jesus Speaks to Two Disciples on Emmaus Road
Mark 16:12-13, Luke 24:13-35

May 31 | ***The Future Voice of Jesus:***

The First Pentecost
John 16:1-7

May 3 | ***The Derailing Voice of Jesus:***

The Tomb Guard's Story
Matthew 28:11-15

June 7 | ***The God Struck Voice of Jesus:*** *Jesus Speaks through the Holy Spirit at Pentecost*
Acts 1:4-8

May 10 | ***The Unexpected Voice of Jesus:***

Jesus Appears to the Women
Matthew 28:9-10, Mark 16:9-11, Luke 24:10-11

June 14 | ***The Blinding Voice of Jesus:*** *Jesus Speaks to Paul on the Road to Damascus*

Acts 9:1-9, 1 Corinthians 15:8

Saturday, May 2

Volunteers & Bake Sale Donations Needed!

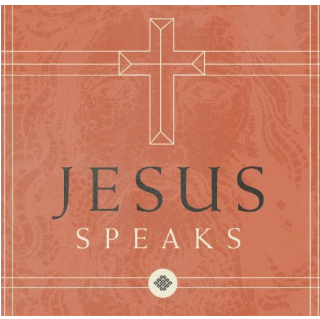
The United Women of Faith are seeking baked goods (cakes, cookies, pies, breads, etc.) Proceeds support missions serving women, children, and youth. Please package items for individual sale and bring them to The Foundation by 9:00 AM that morning.

We also need volunteers for:

- Table setup and stocking
- UMM Food sales & prep
- Shuttle drivers
- Serving food
- End-of-day cleanup

Interested in helping? We'd love you joining us!

Contact Kevin Gavin | totalcare@comcast.net



APPLY NOW

2026 DOT ARNOLD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN

High school seniors involved in worship arts are eligible to apply for a **\$1,000** scholarship. To apply, access the Forms page and download the application, or email Haley for a copy. For questions, please see **Mr. Belden**.



LAUNDRY BASKETS OF LOVE

ITEMS DUE BY APRIL 12

This Lenten season, we are sponsoring five welcome baskets for Room In The Inn (RITI). These baskets include everyday household essentials to help individuals as they move into a new home. Items will be stored at the RITI office until they are needed and then given as a gift of care and support.

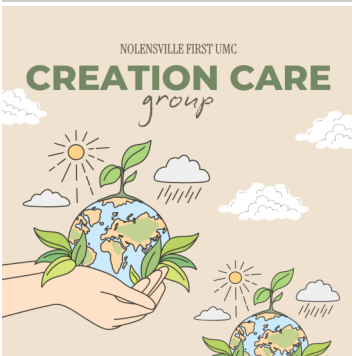
We invite you to join us in a churchwide Lenten discipline by helping collect items and praying over them, asking God to bless each recipient with hope, comfort, and a fresh start.



churchwide lenten discipline
laundry baskets of love
due april 12

JOIN OUR CREATION CARE GROUP

Do you enjoy gardening or spending time outdoors? We'd love for you to be part of our new **Creation Care** group. We have two exciting projects coming up and would welcome your help: creating a small community garden & developing a walking path on the back lot behind the church. If either of these projects interests you, please get in touch with Pastor Shelby! pastorshelby@nolensvilleumc.org



SPRING 2026 *at Nolensville First UMC*

	APR 9 MAY 7 6:30 PM Ladies' Trivia Night @ Mill Creek		APR 19 5:30 PM Burgers & Bingo Family Night
	APR 26 4 PM: Community Concert Series, featuring August Owsley		MAY 2 Nolensville Buttercup Festival



Join us **July 12–15** for an exciting week of Vacation Bible School! This year's theme is "You've Got Talent," based on 1 Peter 4:10, as we discover how God has gifted each of us to serve others.



ATTEND

VBS is open to children ages 4 through rising 6th grade. To register your child or sign up to volunteer, simply scan the QR codes:



VOLUNTEER

We can't wait to see all the amazing talents God has given!

Welcome Guests with Children!

There are children's bulletins at each entrance to the Sanctuary for them to use during worship.

Children are always welcome in our Sanctuary but we do have a nursery for infants through age 3 located on the second floor of the Education Wing. From the Sanctuary, exit by the door on the left side of altar area, turn right, and follow the "Nursery" signs.

Our Staff



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Sandi Zimmermann

Accompanist

Pastor Jeremy's Dedicated Office Hours

Wednesdays + Thursdays | 9 AM -1 PM

You're welcome to drop by, but we encourage you to call first to make sure the time is available. He is also available on other days, as needed!

To schedule a time, scan the QR code or call the church office.



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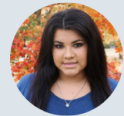


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