

The Pastor's Corner

The Mercy In...
"The Mercy In New Beginnings"
John 3: 1-17

We are Nicodemus. We are travelers in the dark, seeking God's light in the night. Nicodemus *should* have had all the answers, but when he heard of Jesus, he realized he maybe didn't even know the question. We are seekers on a journey to find our answers, too. When we come upon Jesus, what happens?
Give Nico credit: He sought Jesus out. He made that pilgrimage.
In the night...
With deep questions

Jesus conversation with Nicodemus wasn't an easy one. He offered no "three points and a poem." Sometimes the hard conversations are the most worthwhile ones: the friend, the therapist, who asks just the right questions to make us dig deep
Jesus "isn't selling anything here." The Lord offers no pithy memes, t-shirts, or bumper stickers.

Nicodemus' questions are earthy, steeped in realism. Jesus answers with the stars. Jesus responds with the Spirit dancing in the cosmos.
Human beings are Spirit beings. God breathes us into life.
We are all born of the Spirit, whether we acknowledge it or not.
Sweet surrender to the Spirit, Jesus living in us!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Men & Women	Judy Goontz	Stevie Poe
Serving in the Military	Charlene Hindman	Danny Winland
The Homebound	Fred Hindman	Pat & Jim Wobig
Ruby Bachman	Floyd Longwell	Unspoken Requests of our Hearts
Mike Blair	Stori Martie	The Lost
Shirley Brown	Nettie Mason	<i>The rose on the altar is a reminder to pray</i>
Julie Glasscock	Vince & Kay Monseau	<i>for those in need.</i>

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

3/5 Bill Stuart 3/6 Jayden Litman
3/1 Charlie & Genie Clements

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Today

9:00 Praise Worship
10:45 Traditional Worship
1:00 MPR Reserved
4:00 Small Group Classes

Monday, March 2

8:15 Little Lambs
10:00 Library Reserved
12:00 Little Lambs

Tuesday March 3

8:15 Little Lambs
12:00 Little Lambs

Wednesday, March 4

8:15 Little Lambs
12:00 Little Lambs
5:00 Praise Team
6:00 Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 5

8:15 Little Lambs
12:00 Little Lambs
6:00 Dinner & Devotions

Friday, March 6

MPR Reserved

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***This Week At NMUMC**—Thursday 6:00 PM Dinner and Devotions begin at 6:30.
***Time Change**—Please remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour on March 8, 2026. The time change is also a good reminder to check smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries and to restock your emergency supply kit.
***Gifts of Grace Room** is in need of gloves/mittens of all sizes, bar soap, toilet paper, and hoodies size 2T through size 16.
***Helping Hand** is in need of macaroni & cheese and Jiffy cornbread mix.
***Blessing Blankets & Prayer Shawls** are available in the Narthex under the TV.
***Security Cameras**—are monitoring both inside and outside the property.
***Giving**—Gifts to the Church can be made by using the QR code, through the Realm App or by placing your offering in the box at the rear of the sanctuary.



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M.
Contemporary Worship

10:45 A.M.
Traditional Worship

Communion First Sunday
of Each Month

All are welcome to share
Christ's Table

Always the breath--the wind--of the Spirit is moving...We should place ourselves in its course that we may be carried by its impulse, even though this leads us to association with strange comrades...For whatever promotes...love and joy and peace has its source in that divine love which sent the Son into the world, not to judge the world, but that the world may be saved through him.

William Temple, Readings in
St. John's Gospel

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 a.m. Christ's Disciples in
Conference Room
10:00 a.m.
Elementary in Preschool room
Middle/High school in Library
Adult Classes
Open Hearts in Conference
Room
4:00 Small Group in Library
6:00 Youth (schedule varies-see
bulletin)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Welcome Guests

We are delighted to welcome you to the service of worship at New Martinsville United Methodist Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time this morning, we hope you feel truly at home and welcomed among us. We are so glad you are here!

Vision

A people who are being transformed by the Spirit of God into the likeness of Jesus Christ and are being sent out to transform their world.

Scripture

March 8 Lent 3 John 4: 5-42
March 15 Lent 4 Ephesians 5: 8-14

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YouTube, Facebook & Realm Connect
Our 9:00 a.m. service is carried live on Channel 18 on Optimum Cable and 99.5 F.M. on your radio dial.
Podcast—www.facebook.com/TheAlternativeSermon

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