

PLEASE LET US  
KNOW YOU ARE HERE

Please fill out this attendance slip,  
and place it in the offering plate.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

NAME(S)

ADDRESS ☐ please mark if new

CITY

STATE ZIP

PHONE ☐ please mark if new

EMAIL ☐ please mark if new

☐ FIRST TIME GUEST

☐ RETURN VISITOR

☐ MEMBER

☐ I WOULD LIKE TO BE A MEMBER

✓ PLEASE SIGN ME UP

☐ I would like to serve as an Usher

☐ I would like to serve as an Greeter

☐ I would like to be a Sunday Coffee Host

☐ I would like to read as a Liturgist

☐ I want to receive the email Prayer List

☐ I want a Stephen Minister to contact me

You may add prayer concerns on the back of the slip.



Great Plains UMC  
DISASTER RESPONSE

Our church recently collected an offering for the “UMCOR Where Most Needed” fund. Those gifts will be used to provide emergency aid across the country and around the world. We also have the ability to designate relief gifts specifically for our neighbors in Nebraska and Kansas. The Great Plains Disaster Response fund is administered by and distributed within our Great Plains Annual Conference. September 20 is the date designated for a special offering, but just like UMCOR, you may contribute at any time. Please mark your gift “G P Disaster” or give online.

greatplainsumc.org/page/donate/great-plains-disaster-fund

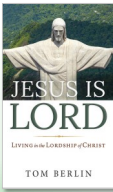
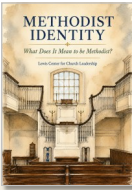
Good Neighbors Food Pantry

Our congregation is staffing the Food Pantry in October.  
Shifts are Monday-Friday, 9:30AM – 11:30AM.  
There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center desk.  
Or you can call the church office at 402-371-2785

METHODIST IDENTITY

What Does It Mean to be Methodist?

Tuesdays 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



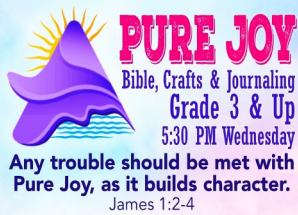
JESUS IS LORD  
Living in the Lordship of Christ  
Mondays  
3:00 p.m. at FUMC  
6:00 p.m. Online



Wednesday  
2pm-4pm



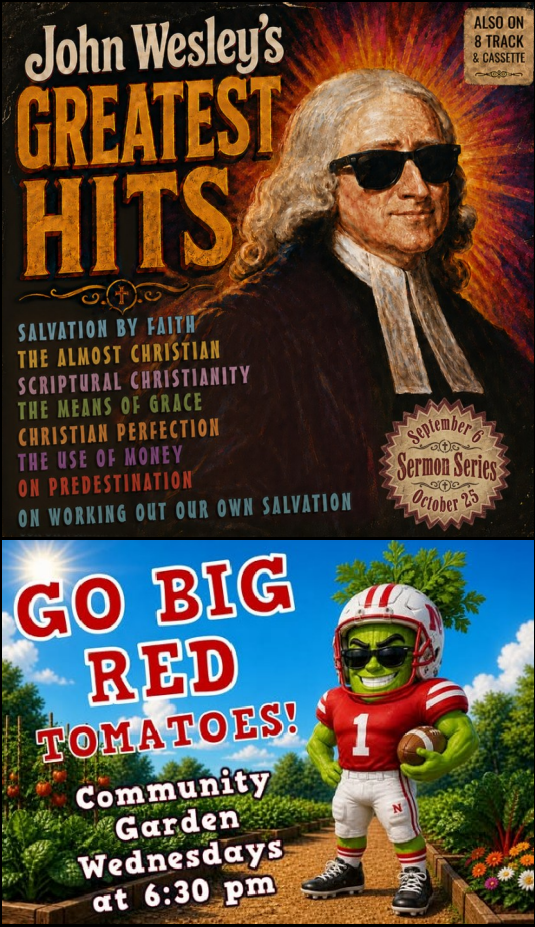
When you purchase  
gift cards through  
the church,  
a percentage  
stays here and  
is used for  
special projects.



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|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Prelude                                                             |                                           |                   |
| Welcome                                                             |                                           |                   |
| Call to Worship                                                     |                                           | On Screen         |
| Gathering Song                                                      | “Glory to God, and Praise and Love” vs. 1 | #58               |
| Announcements                                                       |                                           |                   |
| *Hymn of Praise                                                     | “God of Grace and God of Glory”           | #577              |
| Signs of Peace                                                      |                                           |                   |
| Children’s Message                                                  |                                           |                   |
| Choir Anthem                                                        | “Make This Church a Welcome Place”        | (8:30)            |
| Joys & Concerns, Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer |                                           | #895              |
| Response to Prayer                                                  | “Jesus, United by Thy Grace” vs. 1        | #561              |
| Epistle Lesson                                                      |                                           | Galatians 5:22-24 |
| Hymn of Preparation                                                 | “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”             | #2145             |
| New Testament Lesson                                                |                                           | Acts 4:29-31      |
| Sermon                                                              |                                           |                   |
| Hymn of Response                                                    | “Let There Be Peace on Earth”             | #431              |
| Offering and Offertory                                              |                                           |                   |
| *Doxology                                                           | “Maker in Whom We Live” vs. 4             | #88               |
| *Prayer of Dedication                                               |                                           |                   |
| *Hymn of Commissioning                                              | “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”      | #2241             |
| *Benediction                                                        |                                           |                   |
| *Benediction Response                                               | “Glory to God, and Praise and Love” vs. 8 | #58               |
| Postlude                                                            |                                           |                   |

OUR VISION: LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE,  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE, MAKE DISCIPLES

| CALENDAR                |                                       |                          |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sunday, September 20    |                                       |                          |
| 8:30 AM                 | Norfolk Worship                       | Sanctuary                |
| 9:00 AM                 | Winside Worship                       | Winside                  |
| 9:45 AM                 | Sunday School                         |                          |
| 9:45 AM                 | Norfolk Adult Sunday School           | Room 110                 |
| 9:45 AM                 | Norfolk Fellowship Coffee             | Wesely Hall              |
| 10:00 AM                | Winside Fellowship Coffee             | Winside                  |
| 11:00 AM                | Norfolk Worship                       | Sanctuary / Online       |
| Monday, September 21    |                                       |                          |
| 3:00 PM                 | Bible Study- “Jesus Is Lord”          | Room 110                 |
| 4:00 PM                 | Stephen Ministry                      | Room 105                 |
| 6:00 PM                 | Bible Study- “Jesus Is Lord”          | Online                   |
| 7:00 PM                 | BSA Troop 122                         | Wesley Hall              |
| Tuesday, September 22   |                                       |                          |
| 1:00 PM                 | Staff Meeting                         | Room 105                 |
| 5:30 PM                 | Everybody Eats                        | West Entrance            |
| 6:30 PM                 | Bible Study- “Methodist Identity”     | Fellowship Hall / Online |
| 7:00 PM                 | Scouts Pack 124                       | Wesley Hall              |
| Wednesday, September 23 |                                       |                          |
| 5:30 PM                 | Pure Joy & God Squad                  | Room 201                 |
| 6:15 PM                 | Choir                                 | Sanctuary                |
| 6:30 PM                 | Youth Group                           | Fellowship Hall          |
| 6:30 PM                 | Community Garden Tending              | Garden area              |
| Thursday, September 24  |                                       |                          |
| 6:45 AM                 | Early Risers for Christ               | Wesley Hall              |
| Friday, September 25    |                                       |                          |
| 1:00 PM                 | Clothes sorting at Orphan Grain Train | At Grain Train           |
| Sunday, September 27    |                                       |                          |
| 8:30 AM                 | Norfolk Worship                       | Sanctuary                |
| 9:00 AM                 | Winside Worship                       | Winside                  |
| 9:45 AM                 | Children’s Sunday School              | 2nd Floor                |
| 9:45 AM                 | Norfolk Fellowship Coffee             | Wesley Hall              |
| 9:45 AM                 | Adult Sunday School                   | Room 110                 |
| 10:00 AM                | Winside Fellowship Coffee             | Winside                  |
| 11:00 AM                | Norfolk Worship                       | Sanctuary / Online       |

| NEW JOYS AND CONCERNS                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | CONTINUED PRAYERS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <p>Prayers for Health &amp; Healing</p> <p>Kathy Osborne (N)</p> <p>Kari Lynn Wells (N)</p> <p><i>You may share joys or concerns by completing a prayer request on your attendance slip or by emailing janetj@norfolkumc.org.</i></p> | <p>Louise Boyd (F)<br/><i>Friend of Bev &amp; Kim Anderson</i></p> <p>Bob Blair (F)<br/><i>Friend of Howard &amp; Dixie Lederer</i></p> <p>Tammy Brabec (N)</p> <p>Tracy Brandt (F)</p> <p>Kay Briard (N)</p> <p>Barbara Cullin (F)<br/><i>Friend of Denise Uhing</i></p> <p>Deb Eckles (N)</p> <p>Willis Falk (N)</p> <p>Duane Goff (N)</p> <p>Sarah Harrod (N)</p> <p>Stu Kolosick (N)</p> <p>Barb Kortje (F)<br/><i>Friend of Judy Mischke</i></p> <p>Scott Lederer (N)<br/><i>son of Howard and Dixie Lederer, husband of Mim Lederer</i></p> <p>Wally Muhs (N)</p> <p>Donna Rector (N)</p> <p>Adam Qualset (F)<br/><i>Nephew of Jan Ohlrich</i></p> <p>Jared Schantz (F)<br/><i>Son of Larry and Debbie Schantz</i></p> <p>Dwight Walmsley (F)<br/><i>brother of Lois Walmsley</i></p> <p>Vanissa Walmsley (F)<br/><i>Niece of Lois Walmsley</i></p> <p>Chuck Wilken (F)<br/><i>Cousin of Howard and Dixie Lederer</i></p> <p>Glenda Willnerd (F)<br/><i>Friend of Howard and Dixie Lederer</i></p> <p>Roger Zoubek (N)</p> <p><i>Norfolk, Winside, Friend / Family</i></p> |
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**PRAYER REQUEST**

Please write your prayer requests here and place this slip in the offering plate.

Please be sure to include your contact information on the reverse side.

**FOR WHOM MAY WE PRAY?**

**RELATION TO YOU**

**PRAYER REQUEST**

☐ I HAVE DIRECT PERMISSION TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION

*Privacy and consent are important. If you request prayer for someone other than yourself, you must have express consent to share their name and prayer need.*

☐ SHARE IN BULLETIN AND IN THE EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN

☐ SHARE WITH PASTORS ONLY

**HOW ELSE MAY WE HELP?**

☐ I WOULD LIKE A PASTORAL VISIT

☐ I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WITH A STEPHEN MINISTER

☐ I WANT TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN

*PLEASE PRINT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS BELOW*

# 37th & Eisenhower Survey

## Sunday, September 27

In February, we surveyed the congregation regarding the land at 37th & Eisenhower. In response to those survey results, the Church Council, Finance Committee, and Board of Trustees conducted additional research and are considering next steps.

In short, the February survey indicates:

- A broad consensus agrees that the land will not be used for its intended purpose.
- Only 11% believe the church might eventually move west, and less than half that number believe that a relocation study would be reasonable.

A significant majority favor selling the property.

- 75% support selling the property, while only 5% are prepared to consider relocating. It is reasonable to assume that 15% to 20% value the property for its investment potential.

If we sell the property, there is general agreement that any sale proceeds should be protected and invested to provide the church with sustainable income.

- Those identifying themselves as major or significant donors favored using the investment income solely for building and property expenses.

If we keep the property, can the current farm revenue be increased?

- After consulting with a farm manager, the Trustees learned that each year we might be able to net \$3,000 to \$4,000 after taxes and fees. These higher numbers would require removing the hedgerows on the property.
- The farm manager advised that selling the property and investing the proceeds would generate significantly more income without the burden of property taxes or farm management fees.

What is the sale value of the property?

- In all probability, our initial market estimate of \$250,000 to \$300,000 is significantly low. A land broker advised us to keep the new price range confidential because a sale would likely be conducted by sealed bid.

How would the proceeds from a potential sale be invested?

- The funds would be invested in a segregated account with the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation. Distributions to the church would be based upon a 3-year rolling average of the fund balance. Each year, the church would receive a distribution of 4.5% of the average account value. Using this method avoids the "feast or famine" of annual interest distributions. The annual draw allows for continued distributions even in a down market and avoids the windfall of a major market upturn. 4.5% is well below the average annual return on investment. Earnings in excess of the annual distribution are reinvested, allowing the fund to grow over time.

What is the potential return on investment?

We cannot know how much someone will bid for the property, nor do we know how the market will perform, so as an example, we will use the conservative estimated value of \$300,000 coupled with the NUMF Equities Fund actual net return on investment for the past decade.

| POTENTIAL TEN YEAR RETURN ON \$300,000 UTILIZING HISTORIC NUMF EQUITIES FUND PERFORMANCE |                   |                    |                  |                  |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| Year                                                                                     | Annual Net Return | Value After Income | Annual 4.5% Draw | Value After Draw |  |
| 2016                                                                                     | 9.11%             | \$327,330          | \$14,096         | \$313,234        |  |
| 2017                                                                                     | 19.43%            | \$374,096          | \$15,125         | \$358,971        |  |
| 2018                                                                                     | -10.04%           | \$322,931          | \$14,706         | \$308,224        |  |
| 2019                                                                                     | 23.94%            | \$382,013          | \$15,506         | \$366,507        |  |
| 2020                                                                                     | 5.44%             | \$386,445          | \$15,682         | \$370,763        |  |
| 2021                                                                                     | 17.76%            | \$436,611          | \$17,348         | \$419,263        |  |
| 2022                                                                                     | -16.30%           | \$350,923          | \$16,861         | \$334,061        |  |
| 2023                                                                                     | 17.21%            | \$391,553          | \$16,919         | \$374,634        |  |
| 2024                                                                                     | 13.97%            | \$426,970          | \$16,783         | \$410,187        |  |
| 2025                                                                                     | 16.17%            | \$476,514          | \$18,640         | \$457,874        |  |

In the first year, the church would receive over \$14,000, and the fund would be worth over \$313,000. In 10 years, the fund balance would grow to \$457,874, and the annual distribution to the church would be \$18,640. For every \$10,000 invested the annual distribution to the church increases by \$470 to \$620, and the 10-year fund value increases by 52% beyond the initial deposit. Just like the disclaimer on a brokerage advertisement, past performance is not indicative of future returns, but it is a guide.

If the church adopts this kind of an investment/distribution plan, can it be changed?

- We would adopt the investment plan at a Church Conference where all full members of the church are eligible to vote. The policy would stipulate that it may only be amended by the same. Because of this, the Foundation would not be able to approve any request for funds beyond the automatic annual distribution without a set of Church Conference minutes.

Our generation chose to continue investing in our current facility. A future generation could choose to purchase land and relocate. By protecting and growing the fund, we provide them with meaningful options, while utilizing a portion of the income in the meantime.

In summary:

- If we keep the land, it will likely increase in value and could generate up to \$4,000 in usable income.
- If we sell the land, the investment will likely increase in value and reasonably generate over \$14,000 in usable income.

**PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE, AND NO SALE OF THE PROPERTY CAN TAKE PLACE WITHOUT A CONGREGATIONAL VOTE.**

We will conduct a survey during worship on Sunday, September 27 to gauge the congregation's inclination regarding the property. The survey is not a final vote, but will help church leadership determine readiness to proceed before requesting that the District Superintendent convene a special Church Conference to consider the sale.