Doxology/Prayer for the Offering UMH 94

Hymn *Great is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140

Sermon Series "This is Home: Belong. Believe. Become."
Week Three: *You Don't Live There Anymore* Pastor Tennille Power

Closing Hymn *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* UMH 206

Benediction/Recessional

Postlude *A Joyful Song* Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

Prayer Concerns

×Condolences to the family of Barbara Bilas on her passing	˚ Mary B.
Christine A., daughter of Carole A. & Dick S.	˚ Pegi C., best friend of Liz L.
Barb S.	Bill and Marilyn R.
+Guylene H.	˚ Bob K., BIL of Alex E.

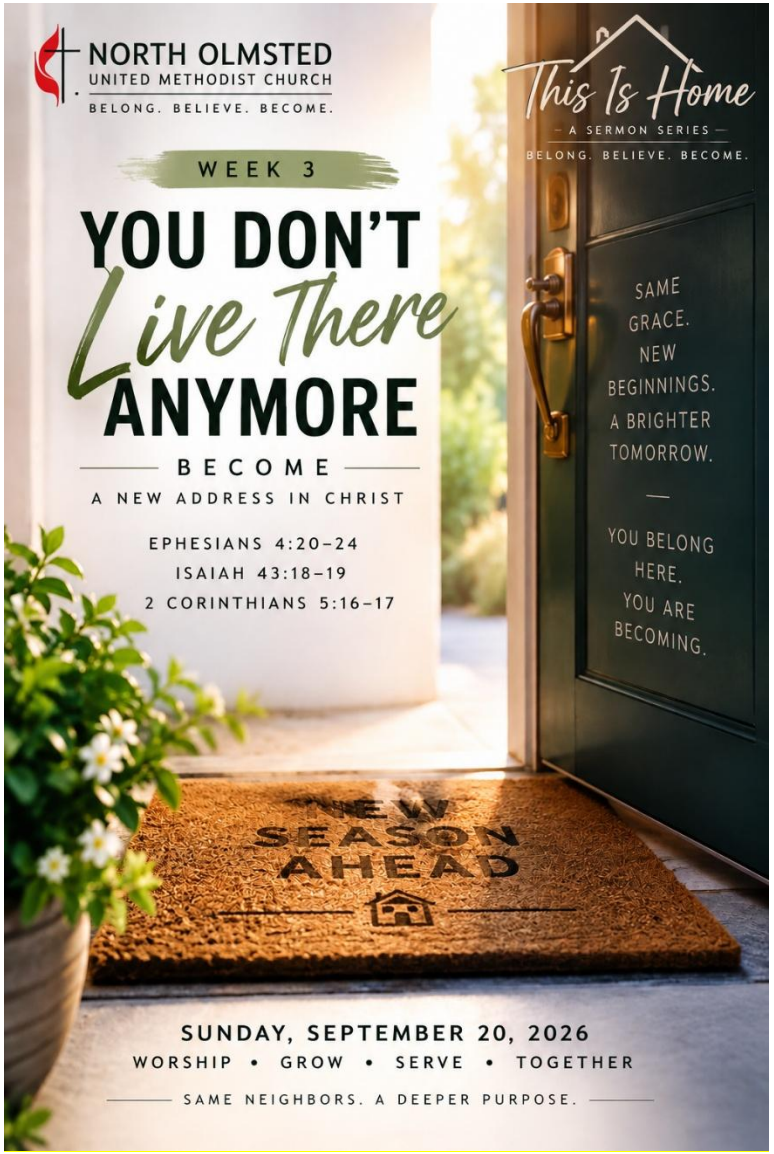
**=1 week ˚=2 weeks +=3 weeks ˣ=4 weeks on prayer list*

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

9/22 Toni Jackson
9/23 Rebecca & Kevin Weihrouch
9/25 Jim Elliott
9/25 Judy Lachvayder
9/26 Andy & Alice Walsh

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Tennille Power
Organist: Javier Gonzalez
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez
Liturgist: John Wolter
Greeters: Barb Andrews, Greg Lavelle
Usher: Liz Lavelle
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 20, 2026 11:00 am

Processional/Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Andante Sostenuto on "Deep River"* Martin Ellis

****Call to Worship***

L: God has carried us through places we thought would break us.
P: And by grace, we are still here.
L: God has met us in seasons of joy and seasons of struggle.
P: And by grace, we are still becoming.
L: The past has shaped us, but it does not have to imprison us.
P: God is doing a new thing!
L: Old things are passing away.
P: In Christ, there is new creation!
L: So bring your story. Bring what you have learned. Bring who you are becoming.
All: We belong. We believe. We are becoming. Let us worship the God who makes all things new!

****Unison Prayer***

God of new beginnings, You have loved us through every version of ourselves. You have met us in places of joy and places of pain, places we chose and places we never expected to find ourselves. Today, remind us that we do not have to remain where we once were. Give us courage to release what no longer gives life, wisdom to carry forward what has taught us, and faith to recognize the new thing You are doing within us. Don't allow us to become so comfortable with yesterday that we miss Your movement today. Renew our minds. Transform our hearts. Reorder our lives until we look a little more like Jesus. We belong to You. We believe Your grace is still at work. And we trust You with who we are becoming. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43: 18-19
New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16-17

Hymn *And Are We Yet Alive* UMH 553

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

Responsive Prayer

L: God of new beginnings, when shame tries to convince us that our worst moment defines us,
P: By Your grace, we don't live there anymore.
L: When fear tells us that we cannot move forward—
P: By Your grace, we don't live there anymore.
L: When bitterness invites us to make a permanent home in yesterday's hurt—
P: By Your grace, we don't live there anymore.
L: When old habits and familiar patterns call us back to the people we used to be—
P: By Your grace, we don't live there anymore.
L: When we are tempted to believe that change is impossible—
P: Remind us that You are doing a new thing.
L: When we cannot yet see who we are becoming—
P: Help us trust the work of Your grace.
L: Clothe us with compassion instead of indifference—
P: God, help us become.
L: Clothe us with forgiveness instead of resentment—
P: God, help us become.
L: Clothe us with courage instead of fear—
P: God, help us become.
L: Clothe us with love until our lives look more and more like Jesus—
P: God, help us become.
All: We thank You for who we have been, we trust You with who we are, and we give ourselves to who You are calling us to become. The old address does not define us. Your grace is making all things new. Amen.

Choir Anthem

Penny Sunday/Offering Invitation

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