# Neighbors News

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NEIGHBORS CHURCH

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**Join us this Sunday (July 5) for Pastor Jay's first official worship services at Neighbors!**

Imagine if just one friend had let go of their corner of the mat. Would the man have ever made it to Jesus?

This Sunday, we'll discover how God uses ordinary people who faithfully carry their corner to make an extraordinary difference. Each corner of the mat matters as it provides us wisdom on how we are to live our lives for God. You may feel that your role may seem small, but when everyone does their part, lives are changed. Your holding the corner of the mat allows for people to encounter Christ.

Come discover why every corner of the mat matters—and why your corner matters, too.

See you at 9:00 or 10:30!

~Pastor Jay Stewart

(See Jay's "Welcome to Neighbors United Methodist Church" on page 3)

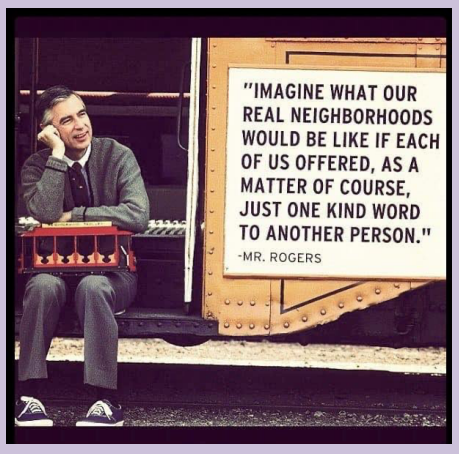
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***Watch for info on children's and youth ministry in the August newsletter!***

## Our Staff:

***Pastor:*** Jay Stewart
***Worship Leader*:** Orion Walsh






## Around the Table

**A place to eat, laugh, play, and belong.**

Join us for ***Around the Table*** on **Wednesday, July 22nd from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m**. at Neighbors. This will be an evening of **delicious food, board games, laughter, and meaningful conversation.** Bring a favorite dish to share and invite a friend or neighbor. Whether you're competitive or just enjoy spending time with others, there's a seat for you at the table. All ages are welcome!

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## The Good Neighbor Project

*Loving our neighbors. Serving our community. Sharing the hope of Christ.*

**Serve at Matt Talbot—Beginning August 2026**

One of the ways we live out our faith is by serving our neighbors in the community. Beginning in **August 2026**, Neighbors UMC will serve a meal at **Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach** on the **third Tuesday of every month** from **5:00-6:30 p.m.**

We are looking for **6-8 volunteers each month** to help prepare, serve, and clean up. If you're interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Pastor Jay at jay@neighborscommunity.org or sign up on Sunday morning! This is a wonderful opportunity to share Christ's love through simple acts of kindness while building relationships with others from our church.

Whether you can serve regularly or just once in a while, we would love to have you join us.

Here are the dates we will serve in the Fall:

**August 18th**
**September 15th**
**October 20th**
**November 17th**
**December 15th.**

Together, let's be good neighbors by serving our community with compassion, hospitality, and the love of Christ.

LOST!!

I loaned my Messiah book to someone who was performing with another group, but I can't remember who! I'd like to get it back, so please call/text me at (402) 902- 9235 so we can figure out a time to meet. Thank you!

Amanda Kenney

# A Message from Pastor Jay:



Welcome to **Neighbors United Methodist Church**!

I'm really glad you stopped by. Whether you're looking for a church home, exploring faith, or simply wanting to learn more about Neighbors, I hope you'll discover a community where you are welcomed, valued, loved, and invited by God to live out the words of the Lord's Prayer: "THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN."

I am incredibly excited to serve as the pastor of Neighbors United Methodist Church. Beginning this new chapter with this church family is one of the greatest joys of my life. I love helping people discover God's grace, grow in their relationship with Jesus, build meaningful friendships, and find ways to make a difference in our community. No matter where you are on your faith journey, there is a place for you here.

If we meet on a Sunday, there's a good chance we'll end up talking about music, movies, and especially sports! I'm a lifelong fan of the Nebraska Cornhuskers, the Kansas City Royals, and especially the Kansas City Chiefs. I love the excitement of game day, the lessons that come from teamwork, and the way sports bring people together. Win or lose, you'll usually find me cheering on my teams and enjoying the conversations, memories, and connections that come with them.

I also love being outdoors. Whether I'm playing tennis or pickleball, shooting hoops, riding my bike, walking my dog, Colby, or simply enjoying God's beautiful creation, being outside helps me recharge, reflect, and remember the many blessings God has given me.

My greatest joy, though, is my family. My wife, Molly, and I are blessed with four wonderful children—Stella, Theodore, Preslee, and Analeigh. They keep life exciting, keep us laughing, and remind us daily of God's faithfulness. We are so thankful to call Neighbors United Methodist Church our church family and to serve alongside each of you.

I would love the opportunity to meet you, hear your story, and welcome you in person. Whether you come with questions, doubts, excitement, or simply a desire to belong, you'll find open hearts, open doors, and a place to belong at Neighbors.

I hope to see you soon!

Grace and peace,

**Pastor Jay Stewart**




As we transition into this new era in the life of Neighbors, we must look to ourselves to ensure Neighbors Church continues to grow and continues to live its mission. As of Sunday, June 24, we have received **$78,373 of the $244,000** in financial contributions needed to balance the 2026 budget.

We ask each of you to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider how you might contribute to Neighbors through the rest of the year. Whether that be $5, $50, $500, every donation makes a difference.

Share your Generosity

You can share through our giving box at Neighbors, by clicking on our website at neighborscommunity.org, or by mailing checks to 575 Fallbrook Boulevard, Suite 102, Lincoln, NE 6852

## Quarters from Heaven

Got any spare change? Bring it to Neighbors Church! We're collecting coins to help us build a steady fund to be used for people in need. Just bring your change and drop it off by our Generosity Table.






## Cans for Kids

Bring your cans to Neighbors Church! We are collecting aluminum to help fund special programs. Bring your shopping bags filled with clean aluminum, drop them in the bin down the hall, and we'll take care of the rest!




**Neighbors Prayer Team** would be honored to pray for you and for others who need special prayers. On Sundays, you can fill out a green prayer card on your table and either leave it on the table or drop it in the prayer box on our Generosity Table. You also can send a prayer request to: info@neighborscommunity.org.

## Neighbors Connect

Scan here to find out about opportunities to connect with your Neighbors Church community!

## Spread the Word

Another way you can help is to spread the word about this wonderful church. Like and subscribe to our Facebook and YouTube pages and invite your friends and family to join you at Neighbors Church!