

How to Use Interactive EBulletins

To fill in the note sheet during service, download the Adobe Acrobat Reader app. Open the note sheet in the Adobe Acrobat app. You can fill in the notes by clicking in the blank and typing.

You can also fill in sermon notes on your phone by downloading NMC's app. Just search Nappanee Missionary Church in your app store.

Welcome to Nappanee Missionary Church! We are so glad you are here. If you are new here, please stop by the Ministry Center in the Grand Hall. We would love to meet you!

2023 Giving Envelopes

2023 Giving Envelopes are available on the tables in the Grand Hall. Please feel free to pick them up at your earliest convenience.

Hygiene Project for WaNee Schools

NMC is partnering with WaNee Community Schools to assist students with personal hygiene products. There is a tree located on the south end of the Grand Hall with tags. Each tag has an item that can be donated. Please take a tag or two, purchase the item, and return the unopened item back by January 8. Thank you!

TODAY | NMC Choir Christmas Concert

Join us as the NMC Worship Choir presents, "Glorious Light of Christmas," at 3:30 and 6:00 PM in the Worship Center. Join us before each performance for cookies, coffee, and wassail in the Grand Hall!

December 14 | Congregational Meeting

At 6:00 PM, NMC members will meet in Courtyard Commons to vote on appointments to various committees & boards and the proposed 2023 general budget. Anyone is welcome to attend.

December 18 | The Hallelujah Chorus

Everyone is invited to join in the singing of *The Hallelujah Chorus* during our Worship Center services on December 18. Pastor Don Rohrer will be conducting. Don't miss it!

December 18 | Christmas in the Grand

Come join us at 6:00 PM in the Grand Hall for a carol sing-along, wassail, and cookies! Special music from Luminos and NorthWood High School Main Street Voices.

January 4 | Financial Peace University Class Begins

Registration is open for Financial Peace University! If you want to learn how to live debt-free, invest, and make wise spending decisions, FPU is the class for you! This session is Jan. 4-March 1. Cost is \$59 until December 24 and \$69 until January 4. Register at nmc.church/FPU.

January 14 | Membership Seminar

If you are interested to know more about NMC or explore membership, this seminar is for you. We will meet on Saturday, January 14, from 7:30-11:00 AM. Breakfast is provided. Register at nmc.church/membership no later than January 8.

Change 

Grow 

Connect 

Serve 

Multiply 

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Christmas Events

DECEMBER

- 11 Choir Concert** | 3:30 & 6:00 PM, Worship Center
Join us for cookies, coffee, & wassail beforehand in the Grand Hall!
- 18 Christmas in the Grand** | 6:00 PM, Grand Hall
Come join us for a carol sing-along, wassail, and cookies! Special music from Luminos and NorthWood High School Main Street Voices!
- 24 Christmas Services**
4:00 & 6:00 PM (Worship Center), 5:00 PM (Connection)
- 25 Christmas Services**
9:30 & 11:00 AM (Worship Center), 11:00 AM (Connection)
- All services on December 24 & 25 will be the same in each venue. Nursery & PreK rooms are open. Check at the Ministry Center for Small Church schedule.*

For details on all Christmas events,
visit nmc.church/christmas.

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day Sunday Services**
9:30 & 11:00 AM (Worship Center), 11:00 AM (Connection)



Use Your IRA to Support Ministries and Save on Taxes

The IRA Charitable Rollover, originally enacted in 2006 and extended several times, has been made permanent.

If you have an IRA and need to take a Required Minimum Distribution, the IRA Charitable Rollover can help you decrease your tax liability and support NMC or other ministries. Here are the details:

Benefits:

- The gift counts towards the minimum required distribution.
- You can give up to \$100,000 per year to qualifying charities from an IRA, and the distribution does not count as taxable income to you.
- Even if you don't itemize deductions on your tax return, you can benefit from the IRA Charitable Rollover. The gift decreases income (instead of increasing deductions like most charitable gifts).

Requirements:

- You must have reached age 70 ½.
- Gift must be made directly from your IRA to the charity.
- This opportunity is only available for IRA's. It can't be used with a 403(b), 401(k), or other retirement plans.

Please be sure to check with your accountant about the IRA Charitable Rollover. If you would like more information, please contact Margie Helmuth in the Church Office at 574.773.7773 or MargieHelmuth@nmc.church.

2. Now and Not Yet

December 11, 2022 / Isaiah 52:7, Jeremiah 29:7

Have you ever said to yourself, “What in the world is going on?” Do you find yourself shaking your head in disbelief at what is happening in the world today? What emotional response does this draw out of you? Anger? Fear? Sadness? In what seems to be an increasing feeling of lostness and darkness in the world today, what is the response of the follower of Jesus in the now and not yet?

Biblical Story of Flourishing

Edenic
Flawless
Flourishing

Not yet
but coming

Now and
not yet

Future
Flawless
Flourishing

The Fall

Jesus

Jesus

Leader Who has God created us to be?

Congregation *The royal priesthood of God.*

Leader What is God's given purpose for our lives?

Congregation *To live as his royal priests, being the presence of God to and for the world. We bring the praises of creation before the Creator, and we reflect God's wisdom and justice into this world.*

Leader What is our ultimate aim as the people of God?

Congregation *To reign on earth with King Jesus in the consummated Kingdom.*