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**Sunday Worship 9:30am**  
**Sunday School Classes 10:45am**

Check out the [church calendar](#)  
on our website.

**The new church web site: [www.communitychurchofvincennes.org](http://www.communitychurchofvincennes.org)**

### **New e-mail addresses:**

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### **Safe Sanctuary Refresher Training**

Training will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 22 immediately following the worship service. Anyone that works in any capacity with our church children and youth must attend this training. Please see Cheryl Williams with any questions.

### **Collecting "Walk Through the Word" Bibles**

The We Need Thee Class is considering starting a Bible Study Group. Some of you may remember a few years ago when Galen C. had a bible study text group going. Several people bought a bible named "Walking Through the Word" that was leather bonded. We are looking to use those bibles in the study.

If any of you purchased the bible and would loan their bible to us, please contact Bonnie Chattin.

## **Bottle Cap Sorting Day Planned**

Another bottle cap sorting/weighing day is scheduled for January 25, 2023 in the pavilion from 1pm to 3pm. Every is welcome to help!

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## **GMC Update in Indiana**

Hi Everyone, Pastor Darren Here.

I received this in an email last week from Rev. Scott Pattison, the lead organizer of our newly forming GMC conference here in Indiana, and wanted to share it with you so you can see what's happening here in Indiana as our new conference is coming together. The startup team he's leading is called the Transitional Conference Advisory Team (TCAT). There is a gathering event coming up in February that I and a few of our laity will be attending. If you're interested in attending let me know. So read on and please keep praying about all that is coming. In Christ, Pastor Darren

To read the article click [here](#).

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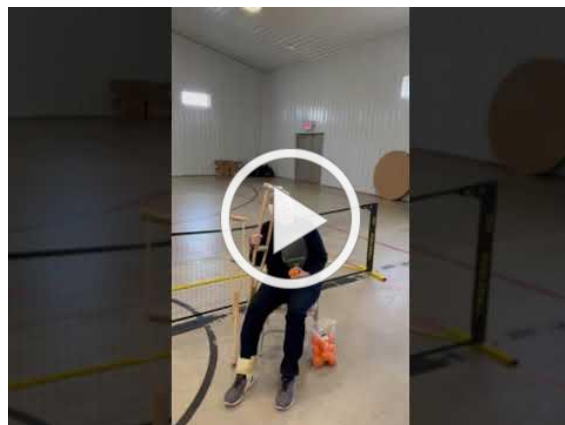
## **Mountain Mission Truck**

Once again the Mountain Mission Truck will be stopping by our church. It will be here on Tuesday, January 31. You can bring your donated items to the back corner of the pavilion Monday thru Thursday 8:30am until 4:30pm and Friday 8:30am until 1:30pm through Monday, January 30. Please do not bring old computers or printers.

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## **Pickleball**

For anyone wanting to play pickleball, meet in the pavilion on Tuesday evenings at 5:30pm. You will have to bring your own paddles. (although there will probably be an extra one available.) This is for fun and fellowship not a competitive, so if you haven't played before and want to try it, here's your chance. If you are interested e-mail [Susie](#) or call the church office 812-882-2220. If you have a friend you want to bring that's great, this is not for Community Church Members only. Below Alice Carrie is being interviewed about her experience playing pickle-ball for the first time. [k](#)



## **Winter Walk invitation**

The Holy Walkamolies from First United Methodist Church would like to invite anyone

interested to join us on Wednesday mornings at 9am for a short devotion and stroll that lasts approximately 1 hour. We began last May and like to walk outside (in town, at Gregg Park, etc.) when the weather is warmer. We took a break from Thanksgiving to now, but are ready to step out again. Currently, we are meeting inside the McCormick Pavilion while waiting on spring to arrive. Please contact Melissa Hendrix at 812-882-1211 if you are interested. Devotions and announcements about changes in meeting sites are sent via text or phone or email.

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## “A Spirit of Governance”: On Bishops in the Global Methodist Church



*Editor's note:*

*Today we're introducing the Firebrand Big Read. Each month we will publish one Big Read article that goes into greater depth than our typical articles. The Big Read will tackle a topic by delving into the finer nuances of the issue, presenting more sustained argumentation, and providing thought-provoking analysis. We hope you will enjoy this new feature!*

I've heard it said that generals always fight the last war. Perhaps churches do, too. Within the ranks of those disaffiliating from the United Methodist Church, I hear rumblings that we do not need bishops in the Global Methodist Church. Some suggest that if we have them, we should so limit their scope and authority that they can do no harm (and probably no good).

These attitudes are understandable. A number of UMC bishops have acted in bad faith. They have rejected the authority of the General Conference and become a law unto themselves. They have lashed out at those who oppose them. Some have helped to create insurmountable obstacles for churches that wish to leave. Not all UMC bishops have done this. Some have behaved honorably. We should give credit where it is due. Nevertheless, episcopal malpractice has been sufficient to destroy trust not just in individuals, but in the office itself.

To reject the office of bishop, however, would be an exercise in fighting the last war. There are two main problems with the office of bishop in the UMC, and both can be remedied in a new denomination. The first is that the UMC has turned bishops into managers, and it has lodged them within a vast and top-heavy bureaucracy that directs them away from matters of spiritual leadership. Additionally, it has saddled them with responsibility for an antiquated and untenable appointment system. The “bishop-as-manager” model is a failed modernist experiment. If we look back to the New Testament and the early church, we see the development of the office of bishop as a necessary one for the care of the spiritual life of the church. The bishop was a pastor, evangelist, and defender of the faith. Certain administrative duties necessarily attended this work, particularly in the bishop's pastoral role. This administrative work, however, directly served the church's evangelistic mission.

To read the complete story, click [here.](#)

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### **HAVE A FAVORITE HYMN?**

*It has come to my attention that some of you have favorite hymns you would like to have sung during our worship services. If you have a favorite and would like to make a request, please [email me](#). During the first week of January, I will also place a box in the front*

office where I will collect your suggestions. I will keep a list in my office and plug them into the worship services when appropriate. (Your suggestions do not have to be from our blue hymnal.)

Please note that when music is selected, it is carefully thought out and prayed about. Even though about 95% of the hymns chosen are from our blue hymnal, there is a myriad of wonderful sacred music, hymns, and choruses out there. It is my job as your music director to not only help the worship services flow by planning appropriate music, but also to act as an agent to help you grow in your walk with Jesus. One way this can be done is to introduce you to a variety of music or hymns you might not be familiar with. Yes, we all love the old favorites, but we might even find some new favorites!

Thank you for your support and encouragement!

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### WE COULD STILL USE A FEW MORE SINGERS!

Community Church will be doing an Easter Cantata in the spring. It's a choir favorite: *Written in Red*. We really need YOU to come and sing with us. If you want a short-term commitment to choir, this is your chance. On Thursday evenings, we will begin rehearsal with Cantata music, and those singing only the cantata will be dismissed. All part types are needed—especially altos. Cantata rehearsals will begin January 19.



A BIG Thanks to everyone who helped take all the many Christmas decorations down. It was amazing how quickly it was all neatly packed up.

Thanks so much for all your help  
Decorating Committee



The memorial Service for Nelda Ruth Frederick will be held on Saturday, Jan 21, 2022 at Coldwater United Methodist Church  
26 Marshall St. Coldwater, MI  
Visitation will begin at 10am  
The service is at 11am.

Memorial Donations may be made to either:

Branch County Commission on Aging  
65 Grahl Drive, Coldwater, MI 49036

or

Coldwater United Methodist Church  
26 Marshall St.  
Coldwater, MI 49036

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A weekly video devotional designed to challenge and encourage believers in their daily walk with the Lord.

Thanks for stopping in and may the Spirit of God be with you as you seek his face and grow in the Spirit

"Word for the Week" by Pastor Darren.

Click [here](#) to watch this weeks word.

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For online giving click the [Vanco link](#)

You are welcome to mail contributions to the church at 1548 S Hart St Rd, Vincennes, IN 47591 Atten: Cindy

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Sign the online [Pew Pad](#) in our website by clicking [here](#)

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ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE :

[January 1, 2023 Worship Service](#)

[January 8, 2023 Worship Service](#)

[January 15, 2023 Worship Service](#)

To view past Worship Services and Sermons, go to [Community Church web page.](#)

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