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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)**

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### **REMINDER!**

Please turn in Financial Pledge Cards by June 30.  
They can be placed in the Offering Plate or dropped off at the Church Office.  
Thank you for your prompt response.

### **Festival Choir of Praise Concert**

On Sunday, June 25, 3:00 PM, at the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center, members of the larger community will present a choral concert. At the helm will be renowned composer, conductor, and humorist Pepper Choplin. There is no charge for the concert.

## Bus Ministry Trip

Saturday, July 15, 2023 The Dailey and Vincent gospel and blue grass singing group will be performing at Montgomery, IN. This is a popular group that performs across the country including the Grand Ole Opry. We will leave the church parking lot at 4:30pm. A sign up sheet will be at the welcome center. Tickets are \$30. each. If you have questions, contact Bonnie Chattin

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## Facing Your Jericho

June 16, 2023

By Stephen A. Seamands

Jericho is staring Joshua in the face, with its imposing, impenetrable walls towering over him. This was a fortified city if there ever was one, armed with all the sophisticated weaponry of that day. It was in lockdown because they knew the Israelites were going to attack.

More than any other obstacle, Jericho was standing between Joshua and the people of God, preventing them from taking over and occupying the land God had promised them. (You can read the story in the book of Joshua.) If they could take Jericho, the rest was sure to follow.

What is the equivalent of Jericho in your life today? What's keeping you from your promised land? We all have them, don't we? Imposing obstacles that stand in the way. Yours may relate to your job, your finances, your ministry, your marriage, your children, your family, your physical health, your relationships, your stage in life. But we all have them, don't we?

Well, as the old African-American spiritual said, "Joshua fought the battle of Jericho and the walls came tumbling down." They certainly did. The Bible says, they "fell down flat" (Joshua 6:20) – like a pancake.

But what about your Jericho? The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 8 that in all things we can be "more than conquerors" through Christ. What do you need to do to win the battle?

[Well, let's look at what Joshua did.](#)

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## THANK YOU COMMUNITY CHURCH OF VINCENNES!!!!!!

Community Family, what a wonderful week we had last week at VBS! God blessed us with wonderful weather, we had an awesome turnout of adult and youth volunteers and the snacks, crafts, story time, tribe time, music and fellowship were God-ordained and amazing! Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the blessing you are to this CCV ministry. Thank you to all my volunteers for my generous gift! Please continue to keep track of your God sightings and keep doing those random acts of kindness. We know that God is watching over all of us and He is with us in whatever we do. I pray He continues to keep you in His care to infinity and beyond! *Cheryl Williams*

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## Updated Budget Narrative

Attached is the corrected budget narrative for your review. Please

read as this contains vital financial information regarding our church.

## Budget Narrative

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June 20, 2023

By. Rev. Jay Therrell

Over May and June, the American annual conferences have their regular meetings. One of the most significant agenda items has been voting on the ratification of disaffiliating

congregations. The meetings are not complete, but as of this writing, there

have been 5,861 churches approved for disaffiliation. By the end of June, we expect to be approaching 6,000 disaffiliated churches which will represent approximately 20% of the denomination in the United States. One of the best places to track disaffiliations across annual conferences is the tracker the United Methodist News Service has put together.

Special Annual Conferences in the Second Half of 2023

While we believe there may be one or two additional special annual conferences called before the calendar year ends, as of now, we know of 17. The first begins on August 5 (Florida) and the last is December 9 (Mississippi). It is difficult to know exactly how many churches will be approved at those special annual conferences, but we think it could be as many as 1,000. If that estimate comes to pass, then approximately 7,000 churches will have disaffiliated by the end of 2023 representing approximately 23% of the U.S. congregations.

The Usage of 2549

Four annual conferences have stated they will allow churches to continue to disaffiliate using the closure provisions found in paragraph 2549 of The Book of Discipline. Those annual conferences include South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama-West Florida, and South Georgia. South Carolina's usage of the paragraph seems to be open-ended. Mississippi is allowing it through the adjournment of its annual conference in 2025.

Alabama-West Florida and South Georgia, both led by Bishop David Graves, are allowing it through the end of 2024, however, that recently has been called into question. At its recent meeting, the Alabama-West Florida Conference adopted new rules for disaffiliation that include a church demonstrating its reason of conscience for using paragraph 2553. The specific new language includes the following:

"The Church Conference of the local church that seeks to disaffiliate must adopt a statement of eligibility that demonstrates the current and specific disagreement(s) that the local church has with the changes to the Book of Discipline made in 2019. This statement must specifically say what "change in the requirements and provisions of the 2019 Book of Discipline related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing homosexuals as resolved and adopted by the 2019 General Conference", delineated above, and/or their 'reasons of conscience' related to the 'actions or inactions' of the AWF Annual Conference related to the ordination or



marriage of self-avowed practicing homosexuals. Eligibility cannot be based on other reasons not specified in ¶2553.”

These changes call into question whether additional churches will be able to use paragraphs 2553 or 2549 in Alabama-West Florida. South Georgia has not adopted such a provision, but one wonders since Bishop Graves leads both annual conferences, if that might not be in the works.

#### Unfairness Continues

With the large number of disaffiliations, we must not forget our brothers and sisters who continue to face onerous and punitive disaffiliation provisions. One example includes the Cal-Pac Conference which is charging a requirement of 50% of the church's fair market value of its real estate. With the prices of California real estate, so far, no churches have been able to disaffiliate. At their annual conference over Father's Day weekend, multiple traditionalist churches and laity peacefully protested the requirements so far to no avail.

The Eastern Pennsylvania and Greater New Jersey Conferences are more such examples. Both conferences are led by Bishop John Schol and both conferences have set disaffiliation requirements that are so outrageous that only five and eight churches, respectively, have been able to complete the 2553 process. WCA Global Council member, the Rev. Jo DiPaolo, recently [wrote an article](#) detailing the heavy-handedness of this year's Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. A lawsuit by multiple churches in Eastern Pennsylvania continues to move forward in Pennsylvania courts.

Churches in the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference also have an ongoing lawsuit because of that conference's high bar to disaffiliation. So far, only 25 churches in that conference have been able to afford its high costs.

#### The Job Isn't Over

With more special sessions of annual conferences coming up and the UMC General Conference being only 10 months away, our job isn't over yet. We have more churches to assist including our brothers and sisters overseas who have been unfairly denied the ability to use paragraph 2553. Please continue to pray and support the Wesleyan Covenant Association as we carry out our mission of contending for the faith entrusted to us and helping churches to get to the theological home that fits them best.

*The Rev. Jay Therrell is the president of the Wesleyan Covenant Association and an ordained elder in the Global Methodist Church.*



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For those who want to know...

Here is a breakdown of the recent disaffiliations and churches joining the GMC and becoming a part of our newly formed Great Lakes Provisional Annual Conference (GL PAC).

In Illinois Great Rivers, 29 churches approved to disaffiliate in May, with 14 churches joining the GL PAC.

Northern Illinois had 8 approved to leave this month, with 5 joining the GL PAC.

Indiana had 174 churches approved for disaffiliation this month, with 74 churches joining the GL PAC.

Michigan had 60 churches approved to leave this month, with 47 joining the GL PAC.

Wisconsin had 47 approved to disaffiliate this month, with 18 joining with the GL PAC to

date.

Both Illinois Great Rivers and Michigan will have another called session for disaffiliations in November and December 2023, respectively. At this time, Indiana, Northern Illinois, or Wisconsin churches will not have another opportunity to depart from the UMC.

Serving with you!  
Scott Pattison  
Pro-Temp President GL PAC

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## Churches in Indiana our new Global Methodist Great Lakes Conference

Our Leadership: <https://greatlakesgmc.org/leadership>  
Our Churches: <https://greatlakesgmc.org/our-churches>  
Our Region: <https://greatlakesgmc.org/our-region>

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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.

# Get Connected!



Looking for ways to get connected to church ministries? Click on this [link](#) and find many ways to be involved/volunteer in the life of the church.

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**For guides to help you in your  
time of prayer**

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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 :

[June 18, 2023 Worship Service](#)

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

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Check out the [church calendar](#) page on the web site for meetings and happenings around the church.