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September 22, 2022
Newsletter



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

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

Coming up this week

Sunday, September 25

9:30am – Church Service
10:45am – Sunday School Classes

Monday, September 26

6:30pm - Woman's Chorale

Tuesday, September 27

9:00am – Prayer in the Chapel
11:00am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 28

Thursday, September 29

7:00pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm – AA Group (Pavilion)

Friday, September 30

Saturday, October 1

Sunday, October 2

Food Pantry Sunday
9:30am – Church Service
10:45am – Sunday School Classes

Updating Church Membership

As we move forward and join with the Global Methodist Church we want to do

so with our membership records up to date.

For everyone attending Community Church, your membership status, whatever it may currently be, will automatically transfer, as is, into the GMC. That being said, not everyone may want to be a part of this transfer while others have already moved on long before this change was even conceived. To help facilitate this update we are asking if anyone who would like to update their status to please click on the link below and fill out the online form found on our website.

<https://www.cumcvincennes.org/membership>

Thank you and God bless,
Pastor Darren
Administrative Board

Church Conference Results

Following our Church Conference on Sept. 11, 2022, led by our conference superintendent, Rev Mitch Gieselman, we have the following results.

- We approved to disaffiliate from the UMC with 90% in favor of the motion.
- We approved to affiliate with the Global Methodist Church with 84% in favor of the motion.
- We approved and selected by vote our new church name: Community Church of Vincennes. The effective date of all of these changes will be December 1, 2022.
- We approved the motion for the Finance Committee to secure a loan for up to \$300,000 to finance the disaffiliation process.

This will cover the disaffiliation cost to the conference as well as additional costs we will incur changing our signage, website/digital updates, etc. The Finance Committee is also looking for ways to borrow much less but this will ensure we have what we need.

On behalf of the Administrative Board and the Church staff we thank everyone for their faithfulness and prayers during this difficult time of discernment and decision makin

God bless you,

Administrative Board
Pastor Darren

Mountain Mission Truck will be here soon

The Mountain Mission Truck will be here on October 10th. This gives you a little time to start collecting your items for this mission. You can bring your donations to the pavilion Monday thru Thursday October 3 thru the 6th from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Friday October 7 from 8:30am to 1:30pm. Any questions, contact the [church office](#).

Transportation Ministry

It is always exciting when we get to begin a new ministry to meet a need. And now is the time!

It has come to our attention that there are people needing transportation to doctor's appointments out of town. Such as in Evansville.

So here's what we need:

#1. We need someone to head up this ministry. It could be a person who is not able to offer transportation themselves. Or it can be one that does. Male or female. It would be great if we could have a team working on this.

#2. We need people willing to do the transporting.

Please pray about this. Ask God, is it I?

A sign up sheet will be at the welcome center if you have more questions.

Thank you!

Happenings in the music department:

Join the Chancel Choir at church! There is room for YOU in the choir! Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7:00 in the sanctuary. It's not just for adults. It's open to high-school singers, too.

A community choir is forming to perform Mozart's Coronation Mass (K137) with orchestra on Sunday, November 13th. If you would like to participate, please contact Mark Snyder at mark.snyder@vinu.edu. Rehearsal details and more information will be forthcoming.

Attention ladies: join Shelly Bitner and collaborative pianist Brenda Cates on Monday evenings at 6:30. A new women's chorale, Bella Musica, is being formed. Women high-school age and on up are welcome. For more information, contact [Shelly](#).



From the
MUSIC DIRECTOR



By Elizabeth Fink

Would you believe me if I told you that from the age of 18 to the present, I have had at least 13 different addresses and attended eight different churches? I think it is safe to say that I had good reason to refer to myself as a nomad during my early adult years. Each place I lived offered its own unique experiences and has helped develop me into the person I am today. However, there is one challenge that presented itself everywhere I went, and that was the lack of a peer group or community of young adults that shared similar foundational beliefs. Many young adults find it difficult to cultivate that kind of formational community in or around the Church.

From my perspective, United Methodism does not offer a strong young adult ministry. The UMC's "Young People's Ministries" mainly focuses on children and youth. Young adults

are often tacked onto that group because they don't know where else to put them. In most churches, no one really knows what to do with young adults, so they either get ignored or attached to another group. There is a wide gap between youth ministry, college ministry, and young adult ministry, and yet churches often think of them in the same category.

What made it more difficult for me to find community was that even if I did find a young adult group, it either leaned theologically more progressive or functioned solely as a social club, with too much virtue signaling and not enough Jesus. I remember thinking to myself on a fairly regular basis, "Am I really the only traditional Methodist young adult around?" On occasion I did find another traditional young adult in UMC circles, and it was the Holy Spirit that led us to find one another. We were drawn to each other like bees to honey.

It wasn't until I joined the WCA and got more involved that I truly began to feel like I wasn't alone. I met more and more young adults who were seeking the same kind of community and foundation of faith I was. Many of these are spread out across the United States and even around the world, so when the idea of starting a young adult group was brought up in the WCA, I thought, "This is brilliant!"

We are in the beginning stages of creating a group called the Young Adult Methodist Connection. The Wesleyan Covenant Association sees and acknowledges the struggle for young adults to find and connect with one another and wants to help link those clergy and laity who are under the age of 40 and interested in joining the Global Methodist Church. By leaving young adults without a deep faith resource to turn to, the UMC has inadvertently stirred up a holy discontented generation of young adults who crave a deep relationship with the living Christ and are motivated to spread scriptural holiness throughout the land.

The WCA's hope is that no one will feel alone or isolated, and that young adults won't struggle to find others in the GMC like them who are strong in their foundation of biblical faith. This is especially important now because many of us are feeling the effects of being caught up in the toxic environment that is found throughout the UMC as it struggles with splitting. When it comes to what a young adult group needs to look like, some words that are familiar to a lot of us come to mind: "prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness." More than ever, young adults need a space where they are encouraged and can serve as an encouragement through prayer, testimony, and having a safe space to ask questions and to discern.

There will be opportunities for general group gatherings with the potential for events specifically geared towards young adult clergy, seminary students, and lay leaders. We will keep you informed on new developments and upcoming events. Be on the lookout for information regarding Zoom meetings, and There will be an in-person gathering next Thursday over lunch during the upcoming New Room Conference. RSVP for the lunch meeting [here](#).

One of the exciting parts of developing this fellowship from the ground up is that we have a chance to shape it from the beginning. It will be a global community of young adults formed and led BY young adults. If you'd like to be part of forming a movement from the very beginning, now is the time to get involved.

I'm looking forward to meeting and connecting with more young adults like me spread out over the connection. We are a generation of leaders ready to enter a new denomination with excitement about the future!

If you are interested in being a part of this group or have any questions, please contact me at youngadults@wesleyancovenant.org. The young adult Facebook page may be accessed [here](#). Feel free to share this article with young adults in your congregation or family!

Elizabeth Fink is a student at Asbury Theological Seminary and the secretary of the WCA's Global Council.



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.

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

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

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE :

[September 4, 2022 Worship Service](#)

[September 11, 2022 Worship Service](#)

[September 18, 2022 Worship Service](#)

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

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