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September 1, 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 4

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

Monday, September 5

Labor Day - church closed

Tuesday, September 6

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

Wednesday, September 7

Thursday, September 8

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

Friday, September 9

Saturday, September 10

9:00am - Pavilion (Richardson)

Sunday, September 11

9:30am – Church Service
10:45am – Sunday School Classes
2:00pm - Church Conference

This Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday

Don't forget to bring your non perishable items to church this Sunday for the food pantry. Place your items in the grocery cart located at both entrances of the church.



Missions Traditional Christmas Dinner being offered

The Mission Committee would like to have a traditional Christmas Dinner like we have had in years past. The free meal will be at 11am until 1pm on Christmas Day in the CUMC Fellowship Hall. This would provide food and fellowship for those who might be alone and/or lonely at Christmas time. Your help would be appreciated. Sign-up sheets are located at the welcome center and class rooms.

New Vincennes Women's Chorale!

Calling all ladies from high school and on up who like to sing!

We will be forming a new women's chorale, called **Bella Musica.** The group will begin rehearsing on Monday, September 12 from 6:30-8:00 PM at Community UMC, 1548 S. Hart Street Rd., Vincennes. **No audition** necessary at this time—just a love of singing! Music will include everything from classical to modern to sacred in SSA or SSAA choral format. Director is Shelly Bitner, and collaborative pianist is Brenda Cates. If you are interested (or for more information), please contact [Shelly Bitner](#) and leave your name, phone number, email address, and which part you typically sing by September 1 so that we will be able to have a packet of music for you at the first rehearsal. Music will include everything from classical to modern to sacred in SSA or SSAA choral format. Director is Shelly Bitner, and collaborative pianist is Brenda Cates. If you are interested (or for more information), please contact [Shelly Bitner](#) and leave your name, phone number, email address, and which part you typically sing by September 1 so that we will be able to have a packet of music for you at the first rehearsal.

Save the Date! Noodle time is approaching

Beginning Friday October 14 thru Friday November 18 noodles will be made in the church Fellowship Hall. Please mark the dates on your calendar to help out as you can. This is a very worthwhile and profitable project for the church with a bonus of fun and fellowship.



On Separation, Schism, and Seasons

By the time the 2019 General Conference rolled around, I had begun to hope that some form of Chris Ritter's plan to divide the UMC into theologically defined jurisdictions would gain traction. The two main options before the delegates were the One Church Plan and the Traditional Plan. I opposed the One Church Plan for theological—specifically, ecclesiological—reasons and did not think it had the votes to pass. As for the Traditional Plan, even if it passed, it was far from clear that it would do what so many traditionalists hoped it would: restore discipline to the UMC, prevent ecclesiastical disobedience, and preserve denominational unity. As the vote came up for the traditional plan, I sat beside a friend, a more progressive Christian who works at another theological school. The vote

tally appeared on the screen indicating that the Traditional Plan had passed. He looked at me with tears in his eyes. I told him I was sorry, and I meant it. He hugged me and told me he loved me. I told him the same.

After the General Conference, I resolved that I would never support any plan except a separation plan. The human cost of this internecine conflict was too great. Most people I knew who attended the conference, regardless of theological position, were devastated. This was a battle of sincere convictions entirely at odds with one another. There was no easy path before us. Whatever we chose would be painful, but separation would be less painful than a fruitless and prolonged war of attrition. Whichever side “won,” it would be a Pyrrhic and hollow victory.

Click here to [read](#) the whole article

Judicial Council Eliminates another Disaffiliation Route

By Thomas Lambrecht

In a [newly released decision](#), the Judicial Council states, “the process in Par. 2548.2 may not be used as a pathway for local churches to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church.” This decision responds to a May request from the Council of Bishops to rule on whether Par. 2548.2 can be used by local churches to disaffiliate from the UM Church. It comes on the heels of an [earlier decision](#) that ruled out the ability of annual conferences to disaffiliate from the UM Church.

read the article [here](#)

New Church Name

Our preliminary vote, taken Sunday evening August 21, on a new church name, returned these top four contenders.

Community Church of Vincennes
Vincennes Community Church
Grace Community Church
Hart Street Community Church

The Administrative Board has agreed to accept a few more possibilities from our youth and anyone who didn't submit one already. These new submissions must be in by September 6th .

Once our list is complete we will inform every one so we can continue praying for God's guidance to select the right one. Our final vote will be taken on Sept. 11 following our disaffiliation vote.

Thank you and please keep praying for this whole process.

Your Servants in Christ,
The Administrative Board

Disaffiliation Update

Church Conference: Sunday September 11, 2022 a t2pm.

- Conference Superintendent Rev. Mitch Gieselman will be presiding over the vote.
- After the tally and announcement of the vote outcome the superintendent will close

our Church Conference.

□ Following our church conference we will take a short break and then Administrative Board Chairman, Jim Farris will reconvene our meeting to vote on a new church name and our future affiliation.

Suicide Prevention Walk

Join us for the Knox County Suicide Prevention Walk at 9:00 am on Saturday, September 17, 2022! To sign up use this link <https://tinyurl.com/4wcawm55> or contact Kathy Evans by texting or calling 812-396-8808.

The families of Delilah Mae Johnson would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the thoughts and prayers during our tragic loss. We are so grateful and felt those prayers. A big thank you also to the ladies who prepared the bereavement luncheon. It was a large group and we certainly appreciated it. Please continue praying for Delilah's family members as we adjust to the life without her little smile.



Blessings,
The Johnsons
The Lannings

Global Methodists, Methodically Organizing for a Faithful Future

August 24, 2022

By Walter B. Fenton

Less than four months from its origins, the Global Methodist Church continues to welcome local churches into the new denomination and is now witnessing the coalescing of congregations into provisional annual conferences. Two provisional annual conferences have already formed, one in Bulgaria and another in South Georgia, U.S., five transitional conference advisory teams are exploring the creation of provisional annual conferences in their areas, and additional teams are coming together in eleven other regions.

to read the full article click [here](#)



A weekly video devotion 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.

Staying Up to Date on the UMC and Church Disaffiliation

Everything you need to know concerning these issues can be found on our website ([Community United Methodist Church \(cumvincennes.org\)](http://Community United Methodist Church (cumvincennes.org))). As new information is available it will be added, so check back now and then to see if anything new has been posted.

Click on the link at the top of the home page - **Denomination Issues** ([Denominational Issues — Community United Methodist Church \(cumvincennes.org\)](#))

Once there you can find information on the following areas . . .

Why Separation is Unavoidable ([Why Separation is Unavoidable — Community United Methodist Church \(cumvincennes.org\)](#))

The Postponement of General Conference 2020/2022 ([General Conference Delayed — Community United Methodist Church \(cumvincennes.org\)](#))

The Council of Bishops Future Vision for the UMC ([UMC Perspective on Church Separation — Community United Methodist Church \(cumvincennes.org\)](#))

The Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation ([The Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation — Community United Methodist Church \(cumvincennes.org\)](#))

About the Global Methodist Church ([Information on the Global Methodist Church — Community United Methodist Church \(cumvincennes.org\)](#))

The Disaffiliation Process — ([Community United Methodist Church \(cumvincennes.org\)](#))

As you explore and read through these documents, websites, and videos please be in prayer for the denomination and our congregation.

Thank you and God bless,
Administrative Board

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 :

[August 7, 2022 Worship Service](#)

[August 14, 2022 Worship Service](#)
[August 21, 2022 Worship Service](#)
[September 28, 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.
