



1548 South Hart St Road Vincennes, IN 47591 812-882-2220

Sunday Worship 9:30am

Sunday School Classes 10:45am

Check out the [Church Calendar](#) on our website.



Public Wi-Fi: [communitychurchofvincennes](#) [Public Wi-Fi password:](#) CommunityChurch



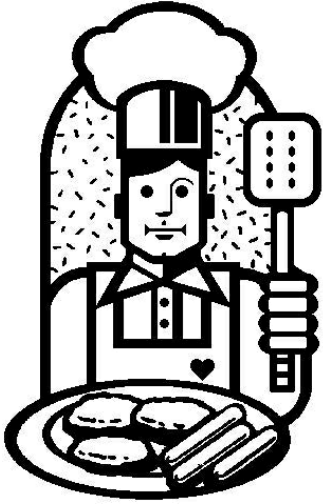
by Pastor Darren

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.

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

Going to lunch after church

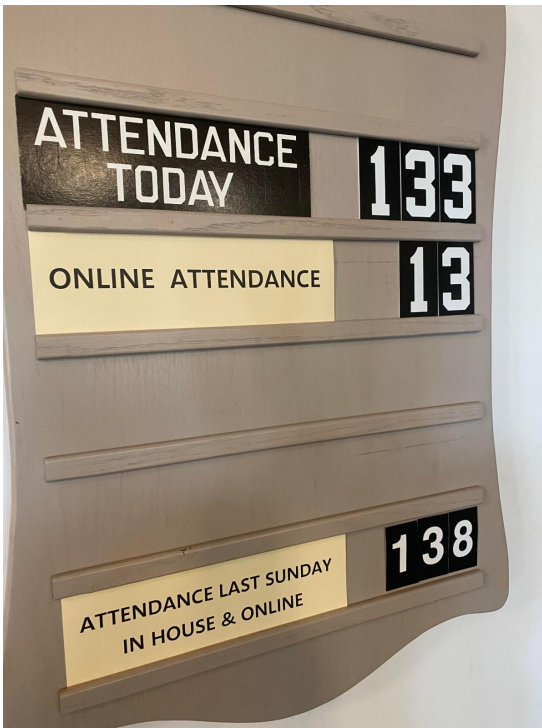


this Sunday?

Why not stay at church for a **FREE** lunch?

The ladies will be serving hot dogs, coneys, chips, applesauce, salad, cookies and ice cream. Drinks are included.

Did we mention...it's **FREE?**



### **The Attendance Board**

includes:

top line is the number of people attending worship in person.

Next line is those that view the worship service online during our normal worship time.

Bottom line is the previous week TOTAL of in-person and online people.

The total in-person number may vary from what you see on the board when you leave Sunday to what you see the following Sunday. The reason for this is if someone comes in after the count is complete, they are still added to the attendance sheet and therefore counted and the number on the board will be changed on Monday to reflect their attendance.

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT-PLEASE READ!!!**

**If you come into the church during normal office hours, please check in at the office so we know you are in the building. Likewise, please check out upon leaving the building. Thanks so much!**



**Acolyte Volunteer Schedule**

October 8: Lee Emma Dellinger & Alivia Flaningam  
October 15: Sophia Magruder & Maddux VanMeter  
October 22: Everett Dellinger & Daniel Mosher

Acolytes in Training!  
Thank you, Ellen, for  
helping the girls learn how to  
"Carry the Light"!



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### Prayer & Praise Volunteer Schedule



October 8: Alice Carrie &  
Alice Carrie  
October 15: Val Goodman  
October 22: Becky McDowell &  
Delaney Benock

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### Donut Ministry Volunteer Schedule

October 8: Lori Graham  
October 15: Dennis & Beth Chattin  
October 22: Ron & Virginia Argenta



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## Transportation MINISTRY

### Church Bus Ministry

October 8: Driver: Bruce Brown; Chaperone: Bonnie Brown  
October 15: Driver: Scott Goodman; Chaperone: Jim Wyant  
October 22: Driver: Frank Hays; Chaperone: Marcy Hays

If you would be willing to Drive the Bus or ride the Bus as a Chaperone  
on Sunday mornings, please contact Marcy Hays.

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## Volunteer Nursery Attendant Schedule

October 8: Michelle Dellinger

October 15: Rachel Hayden

October 22: Rebecca Boxley



Our Kids Hope Program is in need of ONE MALE MENTOR to visit a male preschool student either during lunch or after school (one day a week).

If you are willing to fill this need, or if you have questions, please see Val Goodman.



**It's Church Noodle time! If you would like to order Noodles, please see Sue Seitzinger at the Welcome Center before or after church or call 618-928-3038 (Rex's cell phone).**

**Noodle orders will be taken until November 5.**

## **CORRECTION:**

Adam Chamber's mailing address is:

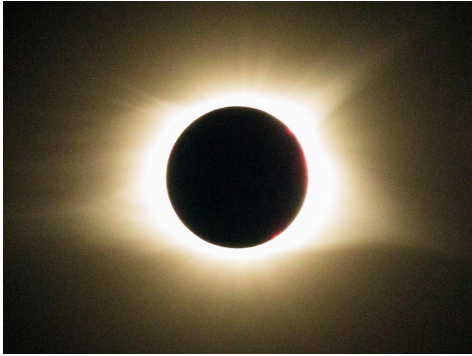
1601 E. Ramsey Road Vincennes IN 47591

Please make the correction in your directory.



**Mountain Mission Truck will be here next week!**

**Please have your items dropped off in the Pavilion on our before Sunday October 8.**



Jeff Dreiman is looking for a few more people to serve on a committee regarding the Eclipse in April and how our church will be involved. If you are interested in helping, please see Jeff ASAP. Thanks!

Autumn Ridge  
October 1, 2023

Serving our community and shining His light!  
It was a beautiful evening full of fun, food, laughter and His love!  
Thanks to all who donated & shared their time with those from Autumn Ridge that stopped by.





September 20, 2023

Community Church of Vincennes  
1548 S Hart Street Rd  
Vincennes, IN 47591

Dear Community Church of Vincennes:

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$ 2,227.75 to the Global Methodist Church's Disaster Relief Fund for the wildfires in Maui, received on September 12, 2023. Your gift makes possible an immediate response of compassion and love to those most impacted. One hundred percent of your donation, after the credit card processor deducts their fee, is being used to provide concrete relief to churches and persons who have suffered significant losses.

Funds contributed have already been disbursed to our ministry partners in the impacted areas providing critical resources for emergency needs such as the purchase of generators and gasoline to enable provision of hot meals to community members and first responders, food and water, and supplies for initial clean up and protection of damaged homes and businesses.

Each new day brings news of additional needs in areas impacted. Responding quickly to needs in areas impacted by disasters is an important way that each of us and the Global Methodist Church can love generously as we grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Global Methodist Church is a 501(c)(3) organization, and your gift is deductible as permitted by applicable laws. No good or services were provided in exchange for your gift.

May God bless you for your generosity.

In Christ,

Keith Boyette  
Transitional Connectional Officer



## Donation Drive:

OCTOBER



### NEW Infant/Toddler Socks

**Drop spots:**

Sunsational Tans all locations,  
Community Church Vincennes, Dot's,  
Wild Rose Boutique,  
Zip n Sip/♥Icecream, South Knox HS,  
Living Gateway Church,  
Nicole's Restaurant in Bicknell , Monroe City RV

**Additionally, the Isaiah 1:17 Project is always looking for Restaurant Gift Cards. Those can also be dropped off in the Donation Box or at the church office.**

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### **Change for Life: Baby Bottle Campaign Give Change Save Lives**

Please bring cash, change or a check  
and fill the big baby bottle located on the Welcome Center!

More information is located at the Welcome Center.

This fundraising campaign ends Sunday, October 29.

Thank you in advance for your support of the Heart to Heart Womens' Center.



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*Rev. James F. Bitner  
Pastoral Counselor*

*Appointment: call or text 715-581-1981  
email: [jfbcounselor@yahoo.com](mailto:jfbcounselor@yahoo.com)*

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

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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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**American Red Cross**

*Give blood.* Help save lives.



**Blood Drive**  
**Community Church of Vincennes**

Pavillion  
1548 South Hart Street Road  
Vincennes, IN 47591

**Tuesday, October 17, 2023**  
**1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

To schedule an appointment, please log on to [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org)  
and enter sponsor code: CUMCVIN or call 1-800-RED CROSS.



Fall into giving blood Oct 1 thru 20 get \$15  
Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See  
[rcblood.org/together](https://rcblood.org/together)



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**"ANOTHER MAINSTREAM MISUNDERSTANDING"**

It is instructive to hear how others perceive what one is saying or doing. Having an alternative perspective often sharpens up the message and enables corrections to misunderstandings. Such is the case with the most recent Mainstream UMC newsletter. (Mainstream UMC is a self-identified “centrist” caucus group within The United Methodist Church.)

Mainstream’s newsletter accuses the Global Methodist Church and traditionalists of “abandoning” Africa. This charge comes in response to the note in last week’s Perspective that the 40 percent reduction in the UM denominational budget proposed for the 2024 General Conference means less

funding for the church in Africa. In fact, information coming out of the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters indicates that Africa is likely to receive only two of the five new bishops they were promised in 2016. And that comes over eight years after that promise was made. (The slowness with which the UM Church is able to respond to critical needs is one source of frustration leading congregations to disaffiliate.)

Our argument has been that United Methodists in Africa cannot depend upon financial support from the UM denomination at the same level as before, due to the loss of funds through disaffiliating congregations, closed churches, and rapidly declining membership. Those who would contend for African United Methodists to remain in the denomination to continue receiving important missional support may be disappointed in the future at the shrinking level of that support.

### ***Will the Global Methodist Church have enough money to support Africa?***

In response, the Mainstream newsletter compares apportionment funding in the UM Church with apportionment funding in the GM Church. They point out that, since the GM Church will have only 15 to 20 percent of the number of congregations as the UM Church, it will have only 15-20 percent of the apportionment funding. Furthermore, the GM Church has capped general church apportionments at 1.5 percent of local church income, which is a little more than half of what churches now pay to the UM denomination through apportionments.

Bottom line, Mainstream's article says the GM Church will have an annual budget of around \$10 million, while the UM Church had a pre-Covid budget of \$133 million. It is premature to fix on a GM Church annual budget number at this point, but we can grant it for the sake of discussion. Of course, with the 40 percent reduction proposed in 2024, the UM Church's annual budget would go to around \$80 million. That still means the UM Church will have roughly eight times the apportionments of the GM Church.

But this conclusion only paints part of the picture. The GM Church is not the UMC 2.0. It plans to do mission and ministry and denominational funding differently from how the UM Church has done it.

### ***A different way of doing mission.***

Apportionments in the GM Church are designed to support the structure of the denomination, which will be lean. This frees up more money at the local level to be spent on mission support for projects locally, nationally, and around the world. The pool of money devoted to missions will undoubtedly be much larger than the total of apportionments. So, one cannot measure the denomination's financial capacity by apportionments alone.

The GM Church conceives mission as an equal partnership between various parts of the denominational family. To foster that partnership, annual conferences with financial resources will be linked to annual conferences with other resources but lacking in finances. Instead of local churches sending money off to New York or Nashville to be distributed by denominational bureaucrats, in the GM Church money will be sent directly to partner annual conferences with whom those churches will have a personal relationship. Such mission money will be over and above apportionments, based on the free-will

giving of congregations, which tend to give more to missions than to denominational structures.

Missional partnerships enable the forming of relationships between people in one conference and another. Money is being given to people we know personally, not just a cause or a project described in a brochure.

The funding pattern of the UM Church has in some instances created unhealthy dependency and one-way relationships in the church. Missional partnerships recognize that there are more resources than just money. They enable people in conferences that do not have a lot of money to share the resources they do have, including time, love, prayer, faith, experience with God, ministry strategies, and ways of interacting with their culture. Such partnerships foster mutuality and respect, learning and sharing.

### ***A different way to do denominational structure***

The article criticizes the fact that the GM Church will not have a Board of Global Ministries, a United Methodist Committee on Relief, or a Board of Higher Education and Ministry. This amounts to saying that if the GM Church does not do things the way the UM Church does, they will not get done.

The GM Church's approach is not to build large bureaucratic organizations that carry out ministry on behalf of the denomination. Instead, the GM Church will seek to partner with already established and effective ministries to accomplish the same goals. That way, the GM Church does not have to spend oodles of money building ministry infrastructure, being able to use organizational infrastructure that already exists. It will make the new denomination much more nimble to respond to evolving ministry contexts by simply changing the mix of partner ministries to favor ones that can more effectively meet the missional needs of the moment.

There will still be a board of ministry that vets theological schools to identify those most conducive to equipping the ministry leaders of the future. But the denomination will be supporting students' educational expenses, not subsidizing schools. And it will probably not be founding and supporting "official" denominational schools, unless there is simply no viable alternative. Again, the focus will be on facilitating quality, theologically compatible education, not on building infrastructure.

This is a new way of doing denominational structure. It is a repudiation of the heavy emphasis on institution building characteristic of the post-World War II generation. By getting the right people with the right equipping and the right process in place, the church can accomplish great ministry without having to first build an exclusive ministry and organizational infrastructure that then needs to be supported with high overhead expenses for the next 50-100 years. It is not the United Methodist way, but we believe it can be more effective and more cost-efficient.

### ***Moving toward self-sufficiency***

The GM Church is working with African and other non-U.S. contexts to create a pathway toward the church becoming (in the words of the recent Africa Initiative [statement](#)) "a free, self-governing, self-supporting, self-propagating and self-theologizing church, that will take its destiny in its own hands." This

will not happen immediately, but the goal is to enable this self-sufficiency within a few years of implementing the plan.

The GM Church is not about subsidizing the African church, but about empowering the African church. That is not abandonment, as the Mainstream article charges. Rather, it is about moving toward a more healthy, mutually interdependent relationship between the different parts of the church. This may be a different approach from that taken by the UM Church, but we believe it to be healthier and more effective.

The Mainstream article says that the GM Church is not committed to connectional ministry. However, the article seems to define connectionalism primarily in terms of money and secondarily in terms of bureaucratic structures. The GM Church defines connectionalism as relationship – personal relationships between people and mutual ministry relationships between different parts of the church. We believe this is more connectional and more empowering to all involved than what could be considered a kind of paternalistic, denominationally dominated connectionalism espoused by Mainstream.

The distortions about the GM Church promoted by the Mainstream article are unfortunate and probably the result of ignorance and misunderstanding. It points out the need to fully understand something before one begins to critique it. On the other hand, responding to the distortions enables the GM Church to further clarify and define itself in the minds of readers.

Hopefully, this response has made it clear that the GM Church is fostering a new kind of connection, one that is based on mutuality, relationship, and empowerment. It is certainly not a connection built only for U.S. Methodists, nor one that abandons Africa. Rather, it is a connection that respects the voices and contributions of all parts of the church, both geographically and economically. After all, that is how one builds a truly global denomination.

Thomas Lambrecht is a United Methodist clergyperson and vice president of Good News.

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## ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE :

[October 1, 2023 Worship Service](#)

[September 24, 2023 Worship Service](#)

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

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