



Messenger

Uniondale United Methodist Church May - June 2023

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 UniondaleUnitedMethodistChurch

Sunday Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, May 4 – National Day of Prayer
- Saturday, May 6 – Faith Circle - breakfast out and men's group meet at Crimson House in Ossian - 9 AM
- Sunday, May 7 – Communion Sunday
- Monday, May 8 – Wells County Cluster meeting @ Epworth UMC - 6:30 PM
- Sunday, May 14 – Mother's Day
- Thursday, May 18 – Ascension Day
- Sunday, May 21 – Food Bank Sunday-bring your food items
Last Sunday School class until September
- Sunday, May 28 – Pentecost Sunday – wear red,**
Kids Changing the World-bring your change
- Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day**
- Sunday, June 4 – Communion Sunday
- June 8-10 – Annual Conference – at Ball State, Muncie, Indiana
- Sunday, June 18 – Father's Day, Food Bank Sunday-bring your food
- Sunday, June 25 – Kids Changing the World-bring your change



May

- 2 – Gerry Houtz
- 2 – Bill & Connie Hix
- 4 – Coralee Bowley
- 19 – Kent & Mindi Herstad
- 23 – Bill Hix
- 26 – Steve Hix

June

- 4 – Madison Herstad
- 6 – Ron Nelson
- 7 – Larry & Elaine McAfee
- 16 – Connie Hix
- 18 – Larry McAfee
- 19 – Kent Herstad



****Don't forget****

- * Save your pop tabs and can tabs for Riley's Children's Hospital. Collection can at the back of the church.
- * Save your change for Children Changing the World on the last Sunday of each month.
- * To sign up for CHURCH DUTIES on sheets at back

A Word from Our Pastor

Our congregation has been busy the past two months. We had our church conference vote to determine whether we could move forward with our discerned future separated (disaffiliated) from the United Methodist Church. The vote passed unanimously to both disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church denomination and a second vote to become a member congregation of the newly created Global Methodist Church. Our active members are all involved in gathering information about what we own and what it's worth, and in digging out historical records of who have been church members, who has been baptized, confirmed, married, and buried by our pastors. We are moving forward with completing a two-page list of steps to complete before our disaffiliation can be affirmed and acknowledged by the Indiana Conference at our Annual Conference meeting June 8th through 10th. We have selected as our new name, effective July 1, 2023, Uniondale Community Church, Inc.

We are also working on a shorter list of things we must do to become affiliated as a member of the Global Methodist Church, abbreviated as the GMC. The mission and vision statements of this new denomination are as follows. "Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who **worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly**. Our Vision is to join God in a journey of bringing new life, reconciliation, and the presence of Christ to all people, and to helping each person reflect the character of Christ."

May we move toward recreating our congregation into a body of Christ that truly practices the mission of Global Methodist Church in Uniondale and the surrounding area. May we become more passionate in our worship of Jesus Christ our Savior, more loving, caring, and accepting of people who are not like us, and tell them how we have experienced God's love and forgiveness for all the wrongs all of us have ever done. Then let us welcome them into our fellowship with open arms.

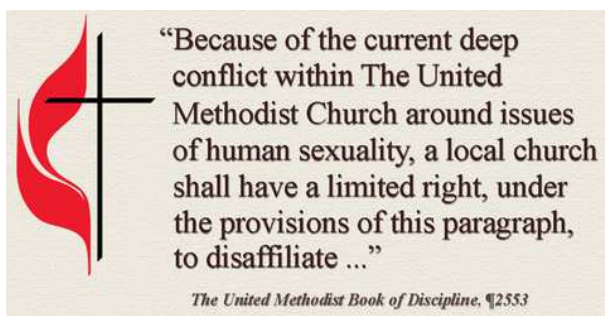
Take some time in the coming week to meditate on the words of this hymn and let it speak to your heart and form you as a disciple who witnesses boldly.

1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sin sick and sorrow worn, whom Christ doth heal.
2. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.

-- Samuel Wolcott, 1869, UM Hymnal # 568

Blessings and Shalom (peace),

Pastor Karen <><



Matthew

28:19

****Please remember****

Committee News

Faith Circle

Our next meeting, and last meeting until next fall, will be May 7, at 9 AM. We will meet for breakfast at the Crimson House in Ossian. The men will also meet at the same time and go to breakfast at a location of their choice. All are welcome!

SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee)

SPRC is happy, and sad, to report that Samuel Narath graduated from Huntington University and therefore, will no longer be playing the piano for us. We do wish Samuel the very best in his future endeavors and sincerely thank him for sharing his talents with us over the years. See pictures below from Samuel's send off.

Trustees

Spring has sprung, so many thanks to those keeping the grass mowed and the bushes trimmed. A small waterline leak in the basement has been repaired.

Wells County Cluster

The next Cluster meeting will be May 8 at Epworth UMC.

Barb Cook
100 Caylor Blvd. Apt. #100
Bluffton, IN 46714

Gary Cook
Markle Health & Rehabilitation
170 N. Tracy Street
Markle, IN 46770

Jeanette Gilbert
Golden Apple Unit
Christian Care
720 East Dustman Rd.
Bluffton, IN 46714
Or Mail to: c/o Jill Martin
2172 E US 224
Ossian, IN 46777

Margaret Hasler
37446 Carson
Farmington Hills, MI 48331



A watered down gospel may get a lot of people into pews, but it won't get anyone to the Cross.

Treasurer's Report

March 2023 Budget Summary	March Actual	March Budget	March Variance	Year to date Actual	Year to date Budget	Year to date Variance
TOTAL INCOME	2,160.62	5,651.25	(3,490.63)	15,684.53	16,953.75	(1,269.22)
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	4,291.38	3,951.22	(340.16)	13,015.60	11,853.66	(1,161.94)
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	(2,130.76)	1,700.03		2,668.93	5,100.09	

Uniondale United Methodist Church

To Soon Become

Uniondale Community Church

March and April proved to be not only pivotal, but very busy months for our church.

According to the UMC's Book of Discipline, churches can disaffiliate "for reasons of conscience regarding a change in the requirements and provisions of the 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, or the actions or inactions of its annual conference related to these issues which follow." Additional guidelines and instructions have been laid out by the Indiana Conference, and the Northeast District, about how churches wishing to disaffiliate should proceed.

Before the church could hold a Church Conference and officially vote on disaffiliation, the church conducted a period of discernment which included several meetings held to address questions and concerns. After the Church's period of discernment, a Congregational Meeting (CM) was scheduled. The CM was held on February 9, 2023, overseen by Pastor Jean Ness. Immediately after the CM, the Church Council met and voted to move forward with the disaffiliation process.

The Church Conference was held on March 8, 2023. The Conference was overseen by Northeast District Superintendent Russ Abel. After an informational period, a vote of the professing members present took place. The results of the vote were unanimous for the Uniondale UMC to disaffiliate from the United Methodist denomination. After the Church Conference concluded, the congregation then voted unanimously to join the Global Methodist denomination, once the disaffiliation from the UMC is complete, expected to be July 1, 2023.

After the Church Conference, activities got into high gear, because almost everything to be done must be completed prior to May 11, 2023, and some items

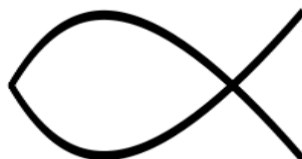
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even sooner. Most members of the congregation have pitched in and helped where and when they could. Already completed are: an inventory of all of the Church's personal property, including all furnishings and supplies, securing an attorney to help guide the church through the disaffiliation process, a title search of the church's real property, the church filing to become incorporated and establish a new entity (Uniondale Community Church, Inc.), a Disaffiliation Form filled out and submitted, and establishment of a new federal tax ID.

Several items still in the works are, completing the various Agreement Exhibits: Exhibit A, copy of the Church Conference vote, Exhibit D, listing the Church's real, personal and bank account inventory, Exhibit G, the Church's financial statements, and Exhibit H, pertaining to the Church obtaining new property insurance. Additionally, the Church's historical records such as membership rolls, documents related to funerals, baptisms, and weddings, Council and Trustee meeting minutes, and pictures of church activities and other historical events.

Over the next couple of weeks, as the May 11 deadline inches closer, a fully executed Agreement with exhibits and other required documents will be completed and submitted. The next important date will then be June 10, 2023. That is the date that the Indiana Annual Conference will vote on all Indiana UMC churches that are disaffiliating, including Uniondale UMC. After the disaffiliation is approved by the Annual Conference, there will be only a few items left to complete, such as recording a quit claim deed and submitting the disaffiliation payment to the Indiana UMC.

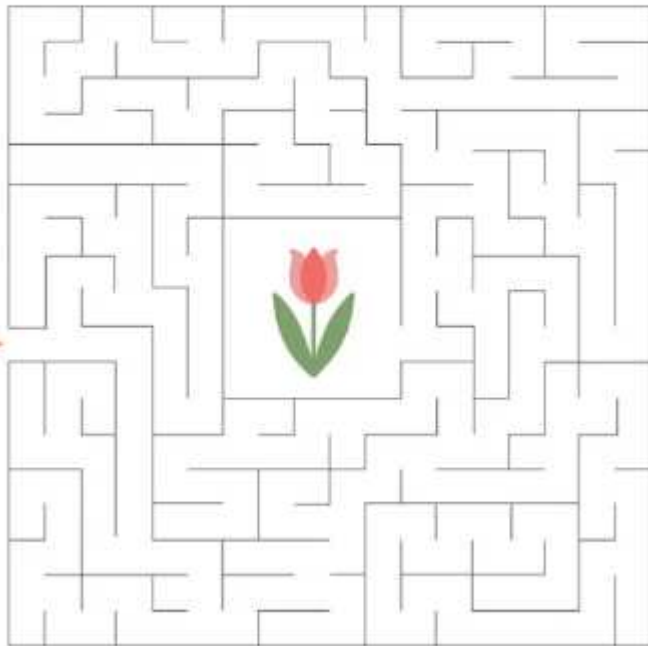
If, over the next several weeks, you are called upon to assist with something associated with our disaffiliation process, if at all possible, please offer your assistance. Whether or not you are called upon to assist in some way, please do what we do best, pray! Pray that everything we have been working toward goes smoothly and that as we start a new era for our church, that Uniondale Community Church will continue to survive, prosper and make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.



♥ Mother's Day ♥

MAZE

Find your way through the maze to reach the flower in the center.



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Father's Day

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