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# **SNYDER'S CHURCH**

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***A Wesleyan Covenant Association Church***

***It's All About Jesus!***

***Mark 1:17 - Matthew 28:19***

***The Bible IS The Word Of God - Jesus IS The Only Way To Salvation***

***Prayer IS Essential - Evangelism IS Our Mission***

*Dear Snyder's Church Family and Friends,*

## **A NEW ENTITY AND VALUABLE INFORMATION**

**VOTE TO DISAFFILIATE** from the United Methodist Church was held on Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup> and by a vote of 97%+ we agreed to disaffiliate. The Disaffiliation Committee has been appointed: Darryl Graham, John Weldon, Barb Perkins, Sandy Graeff, Bev Zeigler, Gary Dunn and Pastor Bill & Pastor Jeff without vote. The Committee agreed to hire Mark Allshouse as our Attorney from Marysville. Mr. Allshouse has been working to complete the requirements to the Annual Conference. The final approval of Disaffiliation will be voted upon at the Annual Conference Session May 18 – 20, held in Williamsport. Final document signings, etc would be completed within sixty days of the Conference Session.

**DISAFFILIATION STATEMENT:** After our original disaffiliation statement was not accepted by the Conference, and two additional statements likewise were not acceptable; we did get approval to our statement of February 6<sup>th</sup>. The statement reads: **"Snyder's Church on Saturday January 14, 2023, voted to Disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church because it is our belief that the present Book of Discipline is not strong enough on its statements in regards to human sexuality where matters of ordination and marriage are concerned, creating a lack of accountability and enforcement within the denomination."**

**NEW ENTITY NAME:** At the Church Council meeting on Thursday February 2<sup>nd</sup>; we approved the official name for us will be Snyder's Church. Members/friends are encouraged to begin using that title about our church and especially in writing checks to help with tithes and offerings.

**NEW AFFILIATION VOTE:** On Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup> by a vote of members present 35 – 12, it was decided that we would apply to join the Global Methodist Church. Application and other paper work will be done shortly. That vote represents a 75% approval.

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# COMPASS

A Message from Good News

## A New Year's Challenge



There are many good people on all sides of the debate regarding what is best for the people called Methodist. And, honestly, not

everyone who shares our traditional beliefs has represented us well in tone or in content when they have spoken on our behalf. But some centrist leaders seem to be in a race to determine just how low they will go.

I had hoped we had reached the bottom when an active UM bishop dedicated a ten-minute video, seen by thousands of people, to calling me a racist. He purposefully misrepresented something I had written that had nothing to do with race to malign me and to disparage the Global Methodist Church. It was only after a number of communications that I convinced him to take down the video. Of course, he never issued a public apology or stated that he had been wrong to post it in the first place.

But that was a personal attack. Even worse was the action of the Arkansas Annual Conference last November when it refused to allow three of its churches to disaffiliate. These churches had met every requirement for disaffiliation. They had engaged in open dialogue, achieved the two-thirds super majority required by Paragraph 2553, and had been approved for disaffiliation by the conference's board of trustees. But the members of the annual conference refused to approve the decisions these congregations had made.

Worse yet is the recent action of the North Georgia Annual Conference's out-going bishop, trustees, and district superintendents. This past December they suspended the ability of its churches to proceed with the process of disaffiliation. Seventy-one churches had already left. Roughly 200 more were in the queue for exiting. Claiming that organizations, pastors, and others were giving out "misinformation," these conference officials rescinded their commitment to follow the *Book of Discipline* and to honor the decisions of churches that had followed the prescribed pathway for disaffiliation. The suspension of due process in North Georgia will last at least until General Conference in the spring of 2024, effectively closing the door to disaffiliation.

How low will centrist leaders go? Some, at least, will attack our leaders personally and unfairly. Others are willing to persecute individual churches. And others will change the rules they themselves set when they are not getting the results they desire. All this from people who have lectured the rest of us for years about having a heart of peace rather than a heart of war.

Though over 2,000 churches have exited and have begun a new forward-looking future, there are many more who are still struggling in very difficult circumstances that are becoming even more hostile and oppressive. The mission of Good News to help these churches, both here in the U.S. and around the world, continues. Thank you for your prayers and for your financial support that makes our work possible.

Rob Renfroe  
President and Publisher

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## Why I Am Leaving the United Methodist Church

By Mindy Dennison

The memories of the little United Methodist church of my youth are many and golden. There I wasn't just told what to believe, but why we believed, and how to apply tradition, reason, and experience to the study of God's Holy Word. You'd be hard-pressed to find somebody more Methodist than I am. Of all the cradle Methodists in the world, I'm among the most Methodist.

But my golden memories, my commitment to thorough Scripture study, my fierce, long-rooted loyalty to the United Methodist denomination cannot withstand the truth that the United Methodist denomination that raised me is gone. What remains of it has abandoned me and much of my traditional theology.

The decision for me and other orthodox United Methodists is not just about staying or going – it's about accepting that we have already been cast aside by this institution and determining what we're willing to compromise moving forward. Ultimately, this is a battle to determine at what altar we will serve: that of the institution or The Kingdom of God. And even if we aren't a people called United Methodist anymore, it is more important to me that we be a people called "faithful."

*Mindy Dennison is a lifelong United Methodist and is active at Asbury Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. You can read her full article at [www.goodnewsmag.org](http://www.goodnewsmag.org).*

**2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL INFORMATION:** The VBS Committee has held their first meeting and selected "HERO HOTLINE – CALLED TOGETHER TO SERVE GOD" as this year's theme. Based on Romans 14:19 "So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up." This verse reminds us that God calls us to be part of a community – working to bring peace to the world is something that we are called to do together.

VBS this year will be held JUNE 12 – 16 from 8:45 to 11:30 AM Monday through Friday.

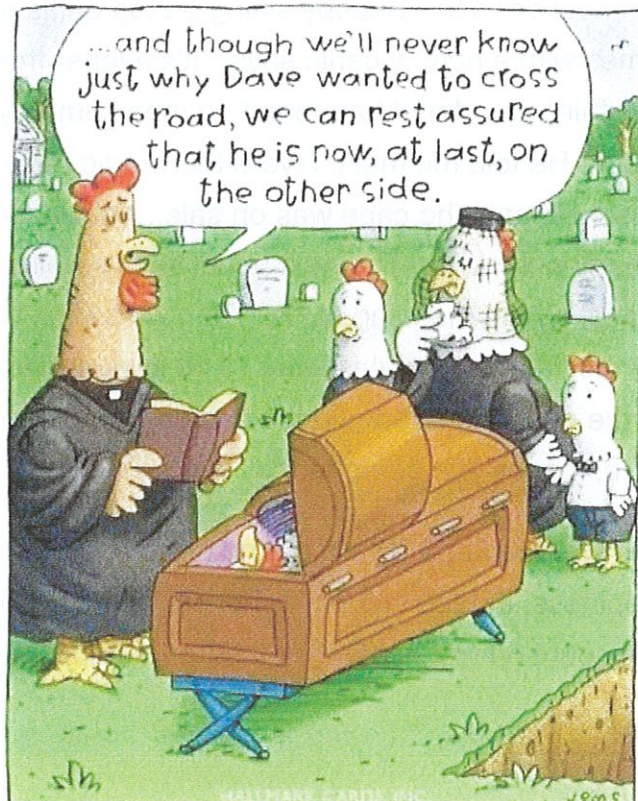
In planning for a successful VBS the most important need is staffing, teachers and helpers that love sharing God's Word with the children and youth. Contact Diana Payne to volunteer or if you have questions. This special outreach ministry combines Roseglen, Dellville and Snyder's each year and is a wonderful blessing to all who participate.

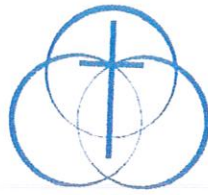
**SOME MORE INFORMATION ON THE GOOD NEWS SINGERS** – a reminder that this Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM we host the group. Formed in 1976 by Baird Collins and Rick Smiley with the primary goal to get young people "off the street" and into churches singing contemporary Christian music. Still going strong after 46 years this 40 voice ensemble is comprised of at least 12 different churches. Accompanied by piano, guitar, bass guitar and drums, the group is excited to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our church family at Snyder's.

A love offering will be gathered and at their request it will be divided 50/50 with our congregation. Invite your family and friends. Following the music program, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for light refreshments. Please plan to bring refreshments to share.

There is an old Peanuts cartoon - Snoopy sitting on top of his dog house when Charlie Brown comes with a note. Charlie says, "It's a letter from your brother Spike. Dear Snoopy, something wonderful happened...a man came by here and offered to sell me a magic cape. He told me that if I wore this magic cape I would be transported to a land of paradise. He said the cape was on sale...not wanting to miss such a bargain I gave him my only dollar. The next panel shows Spike spending his time in the desert contemplating the meaning of life. Then we switch back to Charlie reading to Snoopy: "So by the time you get this letter I'll be living in paradise." Then Spike is pictured again on the desert floor among the cactus, cape draped over his shoulders, saying, "Then again, maybe I've been had."

Too many people have been had. There are no magic capes. There is no one key that will guarantee happiness. In fact, that old aphorism about death and taxes being the only things we can count on would seem to insure UNhappiness.





## GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

The Global Methodist Church's logo brings together in its three circles the one God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – who alone we worship. **The circles intersect at the center of the cross of Jesus Christ, the symbol of our deliverance from our slavery to sin and fear of death. The outer circumference of the rings represents the globe.** As a whole, the logo communicates God's sending of the church into the world. The sky blue color reminds us that even though Global Methodists live all around the world, they are all united together in God's great creation.

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## ABOUT OUR NAME & LOGO

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, proclaimed, "The world is my parish." Ever since, the people called Methodist have committed to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with people all around the world.

**In that spirit, faithful Methodists have been praying and working to discern God's will for a new church rooted in Scripture and the historic and life giving teachings of the Christian faith.** Given that those called to this new denomination are from many countries, speak many languages, and yet share one faith, the name "the Global Methodist Church" seemed fully appropriate.

**Methodists in Africa, Europe, Eurasia, the Philippines, and the United States have warmly embraced the name.** It simultaneously states who we are and who we aspire to be: faithful Christians in the Methodist tradition dedicated to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with people all around the world.

# MISSION

**Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.**

In our worship, we desire to surrender to and be fully devoted to one God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We are passionate about what is important to God.

Jesus calls those who follow Him to love God wholeheartedly and love their neighbors as themselves. Our desire is to demonstrate to the world the extravagant love of God in the person of Jesus Christ.

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We have been entrusted with a lifesaving and transforming message that we must share with others. Our witness is bold, compelling and fearless. Our mission advances when individuals become disciples of Jesus Christ and join God's mission to make more disciples.

**NEW EMAIL AND WEBSITE INFORMATION:** Effective immediately here is the new e-mail address for Snyder's Church: [SnydersChurchOffice@gmail.org](mailto:SnydersChurchOffice@gmail.org) Our website is: [WWW.SNYDERSCHURCHNB.ORG](http://WWW.SNYDERSCHURCHNB.ORG)

**BIBLE STUDY ON REVELATION:** We are continuing our study in the Book of Revelation for the Monday evenings in March; then we will take a "little break" due to warmer weather and people wanting to be doing many items around their homes, etc. Plan to be with us Monday March 6, 13, 20, 27 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. IF we get snow/bad weather we will call the list we have by 5 PM.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** The GOOD NEWS CLUB meets at Carroll Elementary School on Wednesday after school. Additional volunteers to help interact with the children are welcome and needed. Please call Lisa D at 717 758 2018 for information and to volunteer.

**FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Enclosed you will find the two self-addressed envelopes that you can use to send your tithes and offerings to the church if unable to be with us. This reminder also that starting July 1<sup>st</sup> we will NO LONGER be able to use the current offering box envelopes as we disaffiliate. Below you will see a copy of the new envelopes that we will be providing to you to use for the remainder of 2023 and then a new supply of these will be forthcoming for 2024. We continue to count on the faithful and generous support of our members to help us meet all of our financial obligations at Snyder's Church.

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## Snyder's Church

### Tithes & Offerings

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ General Fund

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth Ministry

\_\_\_\_\_ Building Fund

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mission Sunday

(Please specify)

*The Lord told Malachi: "Bring in all your tithes..., if you do this, I will pour out upon you a blessing so great that you won't have enough room to take it all in. Try me in this! Let me prove it to you!" Malachi 3:10*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**DUNCANNON COUNCIL OF CHURCHES LENTEN LUNCHEONS AND GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** Once again this year you are invited to the Thursday Lenten Luncheons held from 12 to 1 PM at the Presbyterian Church. Lunch is served at noon and is provided by the church who volunteered for that particular date. The theme this year is "Jesus Fulfills The Old Testament Prophecy." The schedule is as follows:

- March 2 – Pastor Jeff Brewster
- March 9 – Pastor Cece Novinger
- March 16 – open
- March 23 – Pastor Randy
- March 30 – Pastor Jennifer Toburen

The Community Good Friday Service will be held 12 to 3 PM at Christ Reformed Church with the Last Seven Words of Jesus. You are invited to come and go as you need.

**GOOD NEWS SINGERS** are beginning their annual spring tour of area churches. We are blessed at Snyder's Church to be the welcoming congregation on Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM. There will be a love-offering received for the singers and a local mission project. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the program. Plan to be with us and of course invite others to be with us.

**WEBSITE INFORMATION FOR JANUARY** – During the month of January a total of 1,838 visits were made to our church website. In the bulletin each week when we report the previous week's attendance and income figures we also report those from Facebook/You Tube that viewed our service. A special thank you again to George and Lisa for tracking this information weekly and reporting to us.

**BEING RE-CONNECTED** is a phrase we are using each week in our Service. During COVID-19 we were really dis-connected in every way. One of the reasons we come to church is to be connected as part of the family of God. We want all who have been dis-connected to know that they are welcome and needed in our church fellowship.....we welcome all with no negative comments, we just want you to know you have been missed and we need you to be part of our connected fellowship. And it's working....because we are seeing a significant increase in attendance. So come on home and know that you are welcomed and needed.

**NEW BIBLE READING PLAN** is to read the entire New Testament in a year. Each Sunday in the bulletin there is the listings for Monday – Friday of the coming week and you can contemplate and catch-up on the week-end if needed. Plan to join us and read the New Testament in the year 2023.

#### **OUR PURPOSE**

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