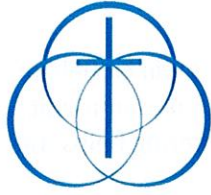


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A Wesleyan Covenant Association Church

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

January 2024 News and Notes For Snyder's Church Family,

NORTHEAST REGIONAL TRANSITIONAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZING FIRST SESSION SCHEDULED

The Northeast Region of the Global Methodist Church covers congregations from Maine thru Virginia and the transitional team has been meeting to organize a new conference. It has now been announced that the first Conference will be held Thursday thru Saturday April 11 – 13 at the New Life Christian Assembly Church at Camp Hill [near the state prison]. This large facility will be able to accommodate the lay and clergy delegates that will attend. We will elect a lay delegate from Snyder's Church to attend the sessions. From what I have been told the majority of the time will be spent in Worship and Praise to the Lord and will include an ordination service of Pastors for ministry. Business items will be minimal. The session will be presided over by Bishop Mark J. Webb and the planning committee. This is an exciting time for us as a New Church For A New Day! More details will be announced as they become available.

ENCLOSED IN THIS NEWSLETTER MAILING

- The **COMPASS** newsletter from Good News Featuring Article on Holy Responsibility for Africa and What Is A Methodist
- The Officers for Snyder's Church in 2024
- The Budget for Snyder's Church in 2024
- 2024 Policies For Use Of Snyder's Church
- Self-addressed Envelopes for mailing Tithes/Offerings
- The 2024 Tithe/Offering Envelope

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2024

The Church Council Meetings will be held Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM on February 1; May 2; September 5; November 7. The November 7th meeting will also be our Annual Church Conference, in accordance with our By-Laws. Reports for each meeting are due to Lisa the Sunday before.

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142 Emerson Drive, Carlisle, PA 17015-9185
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Jeff Brewster, Assistant Pastor
647 Newport Road, Duncannon, PA 17020
Phone: 717-834-9712

DCC FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

Sunday January 7th the Festival of Music sponsored by the Duncannon Council of Churches will be held at 3:00 PM in the Presbyterian Church. Come and enjoy the musical talents of folks from our community churches. There will be a time of refreshments and fellowship afterwards. The free-will offering helps the ministries of the Council of Churches.

LOOKING AHEAD TO SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY

Sunday February 11th bring your canned soup or money donations to fill the Soup Pot. All items donated will go to the Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank. Let us help someone in need and you are encouraged to give as you are able. Questions: Speak to Jeff. Thank-you.

ANNUAL LENTEN LUNCHEONS

Thursday February 22nd thru March 21st at 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm the Annual Community Lenten Luncheons are held at the Duncannon Presbyterian Church. A light luncheon is provided and a devotional by area Pastors is shared for this annual event.

WHAT DO WE DO IF IT SNOWS ON SUNDAY MORNING TO CANCEL SERVICES

If ice and/or snow occurs that would necessitate us not having services, what happens is that Darryl and/or Wayne call Bill and we make a decision hopefully before or around 6:00 AM on Sunday morning. If we cancel due to weather conditions we will activate the Prayer Chain and we will have George/Lisa put the closing on our website. You can also help if you see we are cancelled by calling one or two others that you know would benefit from the announcement. The point is we will do all we can to get our church family notified. If we have snow like Saturday and we know that Barry will have the snow removed then we can also announce that we will have services on Sunday morning.

2023 FINANCIAL GIVING STATEMENTS BEING PREPARED

Sandy Graeff, our Financial Secretary, is preparing the 2023 Financial Giving Statements and will be passing them out early in January so you have record giving for tax purposes. 2024 Envelopes have been distributed and there are a few extra packets on the stand at the entrance to the Church if you need them. We also include envelopes in each month's newsletter. Questions about your giving report can be directed to Sandy. This is truly another "labor of love" provided by our church family for which we are grateful.



COMPASS

A Message from Good News

Holy Responsibility for Africa



It's been hot in Houston. In fact, we have had fifteen straight days where the high has hit at least 100 degrees. But there's

sexuality. I can assure you that's not the case. There may be some bishops there who are willing to remain in a liberalized UM Church that pays their salaries and funds their projects, but the word we received while in Nairobi from African pastors and laypersons was clear: "The Gospel is not for sale, and neither are we."

something hotter than Houston. It's the fire that's burning in Africa. The spiritual blaze that is spreading the Gospel to people who need Jesus all across that continent. And it's burning in our Methodist brothers and sisters.

Tom Lambrecht and I recently returned from Nairobi, Kenya, where we met with leaders representing most of the annual conferences there. You may know that more United Methodists live in Africa than live in the United States. It was my fourth trip there. Every time I go, I am reminded of the passion African believers possess for Jesus, the power of their worship, their commitment to taking the Gospel to others, and their willingness to sacrifice what little they have for the cause of Christ.

Africa is a complicated place. Its peoples come from different ethnic lines, have different national histories, and speak many different languages. But they are united in believing that Jesus is Lord, the Bible is the word of God, and his church must be obedient to what the Scriptures teach.

Some have claimed that our African brothers and sisters are waffling – that they may be open to remaining in the UM Church even if it compromises what the Bible states about marriage and

Many of my colleagues in the United States have left the UM Church and have moved into the Global Methodist Church. They ask why I haven't joined them. They tell me the new GMC is a place of joy, peace, and excitement where the Spirit is moving. "Why haven't you jumped in with us? You really should. The water is fine!"

Why haven't I? Why hasn't Tom Lambrecht? Africa, that's why. The churches there have not been allowed to exit the UM Church in the same way churches here in the US have. Good News is still helping churches here to leave, but most that will disaffiliate have already done so. So, the answer is Africa and the Philippines and other places around the world that have not been given an opportunity to seek God and leave the UM Church if that's his will. We feel a holy responsibility to prepare for, attend, and work at one last General Conference so our brothers and sisters who have given us so much will have our support in making their way out. And it will be a cold day in Houston before we turn our backs on friends and partners who need us one last time.

Thank you for supporting our work with your prayers and your financial support. I am grateful for you.

Rob Renfroe
President and Publisher

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What is a Methodist?

By Thomas Lambrecht

I have argued before that a consistent Methodist identity has been blurred and obscured in The United Methodist Church. What it means to be United Methodist varies from church to church and conference to conference. A wide latitude in what we believe, even to the point of accommodating teaching that contradicts our doctrinal standards, makes it difficult to say with any confidence what United Methodists believe. Regulating the *Book of Discipline* to the status of "guidelines" instead of church law to be followed makes it apparent that United Methodists do not even share common practices in many cases.

The launching of the Global Methodist Church signals a desire to reclaim a consistent Methodist identity. While we may express our ethnically diverse faith in different ways based on individual personality, age, culture, or location, there is a hunger for the common thread or the strong foundation of Methodism.

John Wesley, Methodism's founder, was faced with the need to define what the Methodist movement was all about. Within four years of his heart-warming experience of assurance on Aldersgate Street, Wesley was beset by criticism and misunderstanding (misinformation?) from the established Church of England. In response, he wrote a short pamphlet, *The Character of a Methodist*, to answer his critics and define his expectations for what is a Methodist. Revisiting his definition of Methodism can help us recover and clarify our Methodist identity.

Thomas Lambrecht is a United Methodist clergy person and the vice president of Good News. His full article can be read at www.goodnewsmag.org.

SNYDER'S CHURCH
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OFFICERS 2024

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Sharon Graham	Chair, Church Council, Lay Leader
Wayne Perkins	Chair, Trustees
George Stuck, Jr.	Chair, Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
Darryl Graham, Gary Dunn	Co-Chair, Finance Committee
Barbara Perkins	Treasurer
Sandra Graeff	Financial Secretary
Diana Payne	Church School Superintendent
Kay Anderson/Linda Morrow	Co-Secretary Church Council
Lisa Stuck	Church Secretary, Membership Secretary
Bev Zeigler	Chair Worship Committee, Ladies Aide President
Paula Stiffler	Chair, Missions Committee
Pastor Jeff Brewster	Assistant Pastor

COMMITTEES

TRUSTEES

Gary Dunn, Vice-Chair
 Tom Weldon, Bev Zeigler
 Wayne Perkins, Chair; Dwayne Beaston

Class of 2024
 Class of 2025
 Class of 2026

PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS

George Stuck, Jr. Chair
 Sue Reisinger
 Kay Anderson; Sharon Graham

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Bill Pipp, Chair

Class of 2024	Kay Anderson, Bonnie Sanno
Class of 2025	Darryl Graham, Dan Payne
Class of 2026	Linda Morrow

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Bev Zeigler, Chair. Diana Payne,
 George & Lisa Stuck, Sharon Graham,
 Paula Stiffler

EDUCATION AND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Diana Payne, Superintendent, Sue Reisinger
 All Sunday School Teachers

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Paula Stiffler, Chair; Sharon Graham,
 Barb Perkins, Sandy Graeff, Linda Pipp

PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT

Sue Reisinger

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

George & Lisa Stuck

SAFE SANCTUARIES COMMITTEE

Sharon Graham, Diana Payne

CHURCH HISTORIAN

Gary Dunn

"A New Church For A New Day!"

2024 Policies For Using Snyder's Church

[Adopted By Church Council November 2, 2023]

USE OF THE SOCIAL HALL

1. Permission for use of the Building/Pavilion will be secured through the Chair of Board of Trustees in consultation with the Pastor
2. After special permission has been granted, Trustees Chair shall mark the Church Calendar with the date and time
3. Anyone who is not a member of Snyder's Church will be charged a fee of \$175 for use of lighting, heating, air conditioning and gas. Fee is paid prior to use of the facilities, given to Chair of Trustees
4. ALL furniture that is used during the use of the building should be returned to its original position
5. NO tacks or tape or wax candles may be used on the walls, floors, ceilings
6. Use stepladders; Do NOT use chairs or tables
7. Sitting on tables is not permitted
8. This is a **Non-Smoking Campus** which means smoking is not permitted anywhere on our church property
9. Use a dry mop to clean up
10. Use of alcohol and other drugs is not permitted on church property
11. Shoes with roller blades are not permitted inside church property
12. All trash and garbage must be removed from church facilities and disposed of. **NOTE:** trash bags are available at current rate [*see Custodian for these and pay for them*]. Bags of trash must be removed and may be set out on Sunday evening for pick up
13. If you use the church's paper goods, then please replace them
14. A generous donation is expected/appreciated from members. Give to Trustees Chairman

USE OF SANCTUARY

1. Non-members will be charged \$125 for use of the sanctuary to be paid in advance of use; given to Chair of Trustees
2. A generous donation is expected/appreciated from church members. Give to Trustees Chairman

USE OF PAVILION

1. Non-members will be charged \$100 for use of the pavilion to be paid in advance; given to Chair of Trustees. Special arrangements will need to be made for Restroom use.
2. A generous donation is expected/appreciated from members. Give to Trustees Chairman

USE OF CHURCH PROPERTY

1. The Chairperson of the Trustees is to be notified before borrowing any church property including tables, chairs, coffee pots – to receive permission for use first
2. A generous donation is expected/appreciated from members. Give to Trustees Chairman

Please refer any questions to the Pastor, Youth Pastor or Church Council Chair. We thank-you for your support and faithfulness as always.

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BUDGET 2024

General/Conference Ministry

Northeast Provisional Conference	\$ 620.00	
Global Methodist Church	\$ 620.00	
Total		\$ 1,240.00

Local Church Obligations

Pastor's Salary	\$13,650.00	
Social Security Assistance	\$ 1,045.00	
Housing Allowance	\$ 4,200.00	
Insurance Support	\$ 7,800.00	
Travel Support	\$ 2,400.00	
Books/Supplies	\$ 555.00	
Total		\$ 29,650.00

Worship And Music	\$ 350.00	
Sunday School	\$ 750.00	
Vacation Bible School	\$ 500.00	
Bible Studies	\$ 300.00	
Total		\$ 1,900.00

Electric	\$ 6,500.00	
Telephone	\$ 1,500.00	
Custodian	\$ 3,500.00	
Grounds Keeper	\$ 3,000.00	
Maintenance/Garbage Removal	\$ 750.00	
Office Expense/Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	
Property & Casualty Insurance	\$ 6,000.00	
Total		\$ 22,750.00

<u>Youth Assistant Salary</u>	\$ 5,500.00	
Total		\$ 5,500.00

Total Budget and Youth Support \$ 61,040.00

Weekly Needed Total Budget \$ 1,174.00