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New Market United Methodist METHODIST MESSENGER

OCTOBER
2022

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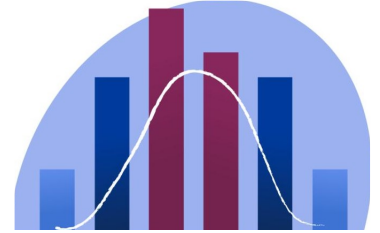
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Dear Friends,

You may have heard about a recent study by the Pew Research Center finding that "America could no longer be a majority Christian nation by as early as 2045." The study shows that the percentage of Americans who identify themselves as "Christian" has been in freefall since the early 1990s. And according to Pew, that trend isn't changing soon.



Up until about 1990, the percentage of Americans identifying as Christian hovered at 90%. Most of the remaining 10% were of other religions. But those identifying as "no religion" or "none" has grown ever since then. As of 2020, 64% of Americans identified as Christian, 6% were of other religions, and 30% were "nones" – religiously unaffiliated. That means that nearly a third of all Americans have no religious identity at all.

The recent Pew study tried to track what this trend means for the future. Depending upon various mathematical possibilities, Pew estimates American Christians could be a minority as soon as 2045, and could drop as low as 35% by 2070.

The very existence of these polls and studies points to the troubled world we live in, and also demonstrates how many people in our midst need to be introduced (or reintroduced) to God. Digging in further we learn what may seem obvious to us: most of the "nones" are young, especially 30 and under.

I can't help but notice that the fall in religious affiliation almost perfectly paralleled the rise of the internet, and eventually its companion, the smart phone. The world has changed drastically in the past thirty years, and in a society full of entertainments and distractions, perhaps religion always gets squeezed out to some degree.

But my hope is in the innate human need for meaning, and the need for answers, a need that grows with age. The fact is that our many electronic entertainments, from social media to streaming television, are not fulfilling in the end. Eventually they have no choice but to leave us empty, because they themselves are empty. They are not meaning itself, and rarely do they ever point to meaning, or even to the meaningful.

And that is why the church never dies. The church, as the community of God, the body of Christ, *is* meaning. Only in the church and in what it represents do we find answers to the big questions, and hope for the future. So don't let today's trends scare you; we are part of the ultimate trend. The statistics of the church always lead to heaven.

Blessings,
Pastor Bill

Pastor's Office Hours:

Thursday, October 6th & 20th from 6:30-8:30PM or by appointment

TAX EXEMPTION

If you need to purchase items for the church, please stop by the office and pick up a Tax Exempt Form. We also have store exemption cards for several businesses that require you to use their card to receive the exemption. For more information please contact the office.

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

Greeter

Sue Howell

Usher

Sheila Chadd & JoElla Haffner

Liturgist

2nd	Marcia Shaw
9th	Dan Welliever
16th	Lori Hedrick
22nd	Marcia Shaw
30th	Rhett Welliever

MEETINGS & EVENTS

United Methodist Women

Wednesday, Oct 5, 7:00PM

Holy Communion

Sunday, Oct 2, 10:45AM

United Methodist Men's

Wednesday, Oct 12, 7:00PM

Administrative Council

Wednesday, Oct 19, 7:00PM

OCTOBER MISSIONS: We will be collecting monetary donations for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) during October, to help with the flood victims. Thanks in advance for any help you can give.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men met on September 14th with five in attendance. Bill Pike was the host and provided a devotional. Tom DeBusk provided the new account balance of \$2,112.92, including the profits from the food court of \$407.00. Dan Welliever gave a full report on the food court, which was staffed by 13 workers through the day. The annual outing and pitch-in will be on Sunday, October 9th after church at Jamie and Marci's property. Meat and drinks will be provided.



*Celebration
of Life*

in loving memory of
GLENDA KAY DOVE DEBUSK
AUGUST 23, 1938-MARCH 8, 2022

Sunday, October 23, 2022
refreshment & fellowship 12:00PM followed by
memorial service at 1:00PM at New Market UMC

Halloween Pit Stop

Monday Night
October 31st
6:00PM-8:00PM

In the Basement of
New Market
United Methodist Church
101 East Main Street

Candy
Hot Chocolate
Public Restrooms

BAKE SALE:

Thank you everyone for donating the delicious baked goods and produce. We made \$437.45 and that money will go into the church maintenance fund.

UMM FOOD COURT:

The United Methodist Men made \$407.00 at the food court. Thank you everyone for coming and supporting the UMM. A special thank you to all the volunteers that helped.

RUMMAGE SALE:

This years rummage sale raised \$1,275.00. We appreciate everyone's donations and all the hours it took to setup, clean and work the rummage sale. All of your help made this years rummage sale possible.

BLOOD DRIVE:

Thank you New Market and the surrounding area for giving to help others. The Versiti Blood Center of Indiana appreciated all of the donors. The total unites given was 16 and 1 deferral.

BY THE NUMBERS

ATTENDANCE & GIVING UPDATE

August 28

Sunday School Attendance: 17
Sunday School Offering: \$ 25.00
Worship Attendance: 25
Sunday Offering: \$ 732.00

September 4

Sunday School Attendance: 14
Sunday School Offering: \$ 24.00
Worship Attendance: 23
Sunday Offering: \$780.00

September 11

Sunday School Attendance: 16
Sunday School Offering: \$8.00
Worship Attendance: 23
Sunday Offering: \$470.00

September 18

Sunday School Attendance: 16
Sunday School Offering: \$ 6.00
Worship Attendance: 20
Sunday Offering: \$ 1,120.00

PRAYER REQUEST

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| •Janet Bennett | •Brian & Megan Hester | •Beverly Reed |
| •Heather Billard | •Larry & Louise Hulse | •Brenda Rice |
| •Pete Billings | •Luke Hurt | •Barb Runyon |
| •Heidi Bonwell | •Seth Hutchison | •Dean Richmond |
| •James Bosworth | •Christopher Johnson | •Jenny Saylor |
| •Marjorie Bowman | •Glenellen King | •Charlotte Shortridge |
| •Gloria Brand | •Donna Lideski | •Norma Sillery |
| •Teresa Brook | •Barb Lidester | •Wanda Lee Smith |
| •Mary Evelyn Bruin | •Steve Lidester | •Angie Staggs |
| •Judy & Byron Butler | •Glenn Livesay | •Clifford & Janet Staggs |
| •James Caldwell | •Joan Livesay | •Mallory Stripling |
| •Dick Chadd | •Payton Long | •Melvin Sturgeon |
| •Rodney Coffman | •Eladio Lopez | •Talia |
| •Marci Conkright | •Mike Marcel | •Billie Ann Thomas |
| •Dan Cramer | •Sally McGill | •Dion Thomas |
| •Patty Curry | •Mary Jane Meadows | •Jean Thomas |
| •Jameson Dolan | •Jan Minnick | •Denisa Timberman |
| •Judy Eads | •Denise Morse | •Bill VanBebber |
| •Mindy Eddie | •David Myers | •Joan Vessel |
| •Kennedy Ellis | •Wallie Nichols | •Jan Watson |
| •Bud Farmer | •David Nicholson | •Will Watson |
| •Sue Foy | •Kim Oliphant | •John & Karen Wilbur |
| •Doug Fry | •Judy & Kevin Payne | •Edna Williams |
| •Steve Grey | •Bill Pike (Pastor's Bill father) | •Ukraine Crisis |
| •Ken Heller | •Wilma Quigg | •Kentucky Flood Victims |

*Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Danny Howell, Dave Johnson, Betty Parker & Larry Wiatt*

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Opening: Five women met September 7, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. in fellowship hall. President Brooke Pike opened the meeting with prayer.

Correspondence: President Brooke Pike discussed some written requests for donations that will be discussed in October and asked members to think of other charities the women might help.

Unfinished Business: October 50+ luncheon menu was planned. . The table and chairs will be cleaned some time in September or October since they were in use for the sesquicentennial and the rummage sale.

New Business: It was discussed and decided to purchase gift cards for Austin Bartlett and Bella whose wedding is approaching and for Nathan and Charli Hedrick, whose wedding was last weekend. These will designate as gifts from the church.

The UMW will furnish the rolls for the Thanksgiving dinner served at the church.

Brooke had received a letter from Southmont Future Farmers of America asking for volunteer opportunities for the members. Brooke will send them the time schedule for the community Thanksgiving dinner. The extra help will be appreciated.

Cards were signed for Sue Foy, Norma Sillery, and Jacob Pike. Marci will also inform the congregation that the church will be sending Jacob Pike a care package since he is now a freshman at Patrick Henry College. Items will be due October 9.

Sheila's group, the Fellowship of Christian Ladies, plan to ask to use the church again for a meal and meeting.

Closing: Brooke closed the meeting at 8:05 P.M. The October 5 meeting will be at Rhett Welliever's home. Program is Chapter 12 of study book, slate of officers and budget.



FALL WORD SEARCH



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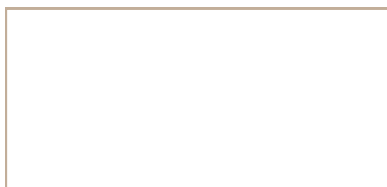
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| chestnuts | football | migrate | red | Thanksgiving |
| chilly | gourds | November | scarecrow | wagons |
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October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Holy Communion Bion Ruggles Birthday	3	4	5 UMW Meeting 7PM	6 Pastor's Office Hours 6:30-8:30PM	7 50 Plus Luncheon	8 Wright/Lambka Wedding
9	10 Bill Guffey Birthday	11	12 UMM Meeting 7PM	13	14	15 Brian Foy Birthday
16	17 Kaiti Chadd Birthday	18	19 Ad Council Meeting 7PM	20 Pastor's Office Hours 6:30-8:30PM Taylor Burkhart Birthday	21	22
23 Kay DeBusk Celebration of Life 12PM Susie Groves Birthday	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Collin Bartlett & Dixie Ruggles Birthday	31 Halloween Pit Stop 6-8PM					

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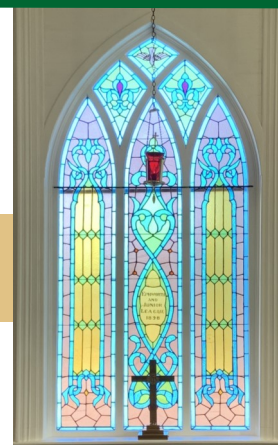


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Methodist Messenger

COME WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Worship Gathering: 10:45 AM



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Just go to www.newmarketumc.org or google New Market United Methodist Church Indiana
If you have any thing you would like to put on the church website, pleas contact Rachel Welliever