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Dear Friends,

"Blessed Assurance" is one of the beloved Fanny Crosby hymns of the church, and it turns 150 years old this year! We all recognize it, many of us can sing along to it without a hymnal...but do we know what it's talking about?

"Assurance" is, in fact, a theological word. It is a word which not every Christian shares in their belief system. In fact, as a young man, even as a young preacher, it is not a word that John Wesley could have embraced.

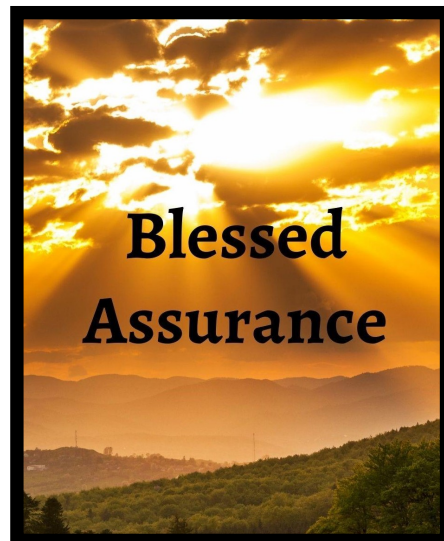
"Assurance" has to do with assurance of salvation. Have you ever been asked the question, "Do you know that you'll be going to heaven?" Being able to answer "yes" to that question means having assurance.

Catholic and Anglican theology does not teach assurance as we believe in it. The believer continues sinning and continues to need continual, renewed forgiveness, while also doing works of righteousness and piety to outnumber their acts of sin. There is only a limited certainty as to the believer's eternal salvation.

Wesley experienced this firsthand and spent hours in prayer, study, and fasting, in the mistaken belief that he could work his way to heaven. However, through his own personal feelings of forgiveness from God, his interactions with other Christians (such as the Moravians) who were assured that they were saved, and from his study of scripture, Wesley came to make assurance a foundational part of the theology he taught – the theology which Methodists worldwide have adopted.

In Romans, Paul says, "The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children." This is just one example of how the New Testament teaches us that we can have an assurance of our salvation, that it is a gift that is not easily ripped away from us. The believer who has been saved can and should *know* that heaven is their destination. This is what Fanny Crosby knew, in her heart and soul, when she gave us these words: "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God. Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood."

Blessings,
Pastor Bill



Pastor's Office Hours:

Thursday, February 9th & 16th from 6:30-8:30PM or by appointment

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Holy Communion

Sunday, Feb 5, 10:45AM

Prayer Meeting

Mondays, 4:00PM

United Methodist Women

Wednesday, Feb 8, 7:00PM

United Methodist Men's

Sunday, Feb 8, 7:00PM

Administrative Council

Wednesday, Feb 15, 7:00PM

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

Greeter

Cathy Pointer

Usher

Sheila Chadd

Sylvia Green

Liturgist

5th Dan Welliever
12th Marcia Shaw
19th Dixie Ruggles
26th Marci Welliever

BY THE NUMBERS

ATTENDANCE & GIVING UPDATE

January 1

Sunday School Attendance:
Sunday School Offering: \$ 2.76
Worship Attendance: 30
Sunday Offering: \$ 300.00

January 8

Sunday School Attendance:
Sunday School Offering: \$ 15.00
Worship Attendance: 25
Sunday Offering: \$ 760.00

January 15

Sunday School Attendance:
Sunday School Offering: \$ 25.00
Worship Attendance: 30
Sunday Offering: \$ 200.00

January 22

Sunday School Attendance:
Sunday School Offering: \$ 7.20
Worship Attendance:
Sunday Offering: \$ 351.11

We will be collecting for FISH
during the month of February

PRAYER REQUEST

- Airey
- Mike & Marjorie Bowman
- Dick Chadd
- Connie Cleek
- Sally Dill
- Jameson Dolan
- Dolores Farley
- Lizzie Fisher
- Ken Harlan
- Mike Hopkins
- Larry & Louise Hulse
- Sue Kinman
- Chelsea Leonard
- Baby Samuel Leonard
- Gerald Rasmussen
- Ruthann
- Norma Sillery
- Kristy Lowe Sowder
- Joan Vessel
- Dave Williamson
- Ukraine Crisis
- Wisdom for our church's future

*Our deepest
sympathy to the
families who have lost*

VALENTINE'S POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Sunday, February 12th, 12:00PM

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men held their annual meal-on-the-town at The Forum on January 11th, with six in attendance. A brief business meeting followed the meal, during which Dan Welliever reviewed an impressive list of the group's activities during the last year. Tom De-Busk was also impressive, in that he managed to eat his entire wall-eye dinner special!



NEW MARKET UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Opening: Five women met January 11, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in fellowship hall. President Brooke Pike called the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the December 14, 2022, meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: no report Sheila is in Hawaii.

Correspondence: A thank you was read from Through the Gate for the UMW's continued support. Their new address is 811 Whitlock Avenue, Crawfordsville.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: The next 50+ luncheon will be in March. The menu will be beans and cornbread. The April 7 menu will be ham balls. After March, when some members' calendars get clear, the group plans to go out to eat. Before the March luncheon a day is planned to wash the tables and chairs in fellowship hall. This did not get done in the fall. A new study book will be needed since there are only two chapters left in the one being used. Ideas are welcomed.

Closing: Brooke closed the meeting at 7:55 P.M. The February meeting will be February 8 instead of February 1. The program is chapter 13 of the study book, Laugh Again by Charles Swindoll.

2022 OUTREACH SUMMARY

Matthew 7:12 "In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you...."

The Outreach/Missions committee provides the congregation with the opportunities to actively participate in mission activities on a local, state, national and international level. It educates the laity on missions. Included in this ministry category are Church World Service projects, local needs, and national and international projects sponsored by the United Methodist Church.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:

Sponsored three blood drives collecting a total of 38 donations which will impact 114 lives.

Collected monetary offerings for Habitat, FISH, Blanket/Tool (CROP walk donation was given to the FISH food pantry.)

Delivered Amerigas coupons to New Market Elementary.

Collected food, clothing, and linens for the FISH pantries throughout the year.

Worked regularly at the local FISH clothing pantry.

Collected Christmas gifts for Montgomery County Mental Health Christmas Program.

Coordinated the congregation's schedule to ring the Salvation Army bell. The ringers collected \$607.85 in one day.

Volunteered in different areas in the community (free clinic, schools, Christmas dinner in Crawfordsville, Wesley Thrift Shop, etc.)

Coordinated donating money to UMCOR.

There are other mission projects that are not coordinated by the Outreach committee.

UPDATE ON DISAFFILIATION

Our New Market UMC congregation has been in a discernment period since August 2022 regarding the vision of our church and our alignment with the United Methodist denomination. Following many prayers, congregation meetings & discussions and more prayer; the Administrative Council voted 6-0 to proceed with the disaffiliation process as outlined by the 2023 Disaffiliation Process for June 2023 received from the West District Superintendent. Please continue to pray for our congregation, denomination and fellow Christians.

Here are some frequently asked questions and responses regarding the discernment and disaffiliation processes.

Q: What is the vision of our church / who are we?

R: We are a small community church that believes the Bible is the inspired Word of the One True God. We believe that Jesus Christ is our Savior; the Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary and resurrected from the dead and seated at the right hand of God. We are a spirit led congregation with a big heart for giving and serving in our church and community. This is considered traditionalist beliefs.

Q: Why are we concerned about our alignment with the United Methodist denomination?

R: Throughout the past few years, Pastor Bill has been informing us of the more and more progressive happenings in the UMC leadership, seminaries and in the media. Through our discernment period we discovered even more of these progressive ideas being preached and lived out within the hierarchy of the denomination and some churches which are in direct conflict of the denomination's Book of Discipline (BOD) and no one is being held accountable to the standards in the BOD.

Q: Is it necessary to disaffiliate if we want to maintain a traditionalist approach?

R: We do not have to disaffiliate but here are some major concerns going forward:

- The UMC is becoming more progressive. In 2022, the Indiana Annual Conference delegates were split 50/50 between traditional and progressive delegates. During the annual conferences held in 2022, 134 churches disaffiliated taking with them any traditional delegates that were members of the churches. Therefore, in 2023, the conference will have a solid progressive majority, allowing more progressive laws/rules to be passed by the Indiana General Conference in the future.
- We currently give 11.5% of our offerings through our tithe (apportionments) to the UMC. Last year we tithed \$4,762. The use of these funds may be used in support of initiatives that do not align with our local church's values.
- As the UMC becomes more progressive, this will be their "brand" and it will be harder for us to share our differing local values within our community. People outside our church will assume we share the same values as the denomination.

Q: How will disaffiliating change our every-day life at New Market UMC?

R: Day-to-day you will notice very little change. We will continue to worship, fellowship, and be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. Some changes that will take place:

- Our church name will change.
- We will keep more of our offerings in the local church/community instead of supporting the UMC conference structure
- We will own our church building and parsonage (currently the conference owns our properties under a trust clause)
- We will potentially be able to join a denomination that aligns with our church values or become independent.

Q: What are the next steps in this process?

- R: 1. We are in a waiting period for the DS to review our request. If our request to disaffiliate is approved, we will receive the disaffiliation costs and a draft contract.
2. The Administrative Council will review costs and contract and vote on whether to proceed, the conference must be notified of our vote by Feb 28, 2023.
3. The DS will call a Church Conference for all members to vote. The date of this conference will be between March 1 and April 16 (but not during Holy Week). The vote is via ballot by all members present at the meeting. A 2/3 majority of those casting ballots will be required for the vote to pass.
4. Upon passing, there will be many additional steps of information, paperwork and decisions to be made prior to the Annual Conference meeting in June 2023.

Q: What are disaffiliation costs and why must we pay them?

R: Disaffiliation Costs include our share of:

- Unfunded Pension Liability
- Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy
- Prior 12 months unpaid tithe (we are current on our tithes and will not owe this)
- Additional 12 months tithe
- Unpaid loans/grants (we do not have any loans or grants)
- Conference Legal Expenses – they estimate at \$5,000
- (Even though we have a part time pastor, we will owe the Pension and Health fees because we had full time pastors in the past and they are still eligible in the plans.)
- We estimate the cost to be in the \$50,000-\$70,000 range. We currently do not have on hand the funds needed to disaffiliate, but the Administrative Council will prepare a funding plan that could include fundraising, extra mile giving, or a loan. We believe that God will provide the funds if it is His will for us to move in this direction.

For more information you may contact the office or the Discernment Committee: Lori Hedrick , Rachel Welliever, Rhett Welliever, Marcia Shaw, Marci Welliever

VALENTINE'S DAY WORD SEARCH



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Arrow

Be mine

Bouquet

Candy

Card

Chocolate

Cuddle

Cupid

February

Flowers

Friend

Hearts

Hug

Kiss

Love

Pink

Red

Romance

Roses

Sweet

Valentine





February

2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Bill & Billie Ann Thomas Anniversary	3	4
5 Holy Communion	6 Prayer Meeting 4pm	7	8 UMW Meeting 7pm UMM Meeting 7pm	9 Pastor's Office Hours 6:30pm Joe Newton Birthday	10	11 Blood Drive 8:30am-1pm
12	13 Prayer Meeting 4pm	14 Valentine's Day	15 Ad Council 7pm Larry & Louise Hulse Anniversary	16	17 Boone Welliever Birthday	18
19 Kelly Clifton Birthday	20 Prayer Meeting 4pm	21	22 Ash Wednesday	23 Pastor's Office Hours 6:30pm	24	25
26	27 Prayer Meeting 4pm	28				

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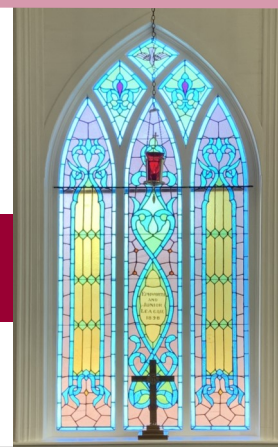


FEBRUARY 2023

Methodist Messenger

COME WORSHIP WITH US

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



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If you have any thing you would like to put on the church website, pleas contact Rachel Welliever