

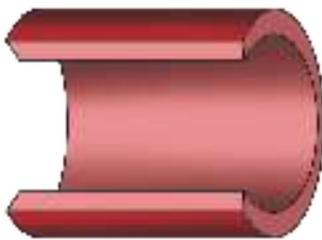
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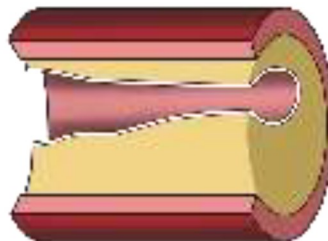
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April Budget Spending Summary

The Finance Committee appreciates your contributions and donations. With your support we will be able to continue sharing God's love with those around us.

Income

Total Income: \$72,608
Monthly Budgeted Goal: \$39,459
Income Over Goal: \$33,149

Expenses

Church Programs: \$481
Finance: \$174
Church Administration: \$1640
Facility Maintenance: \$12,520
Personnel: \$31,378
Conference Apportionments: \$3,598
Total Expenses: \$49,792

Income under Expenses: \$22,816

The budget for 2022 is **\$473,502** which, divided evenly, makes each month's goal \$39,459 rather than being weighted differently throughout the year. Although we have begun trying to cut expenses where we reasonably can, we are still feeling the financial pinch from the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are able to still contribute during these lean times, please help us to maintain our regular operating costs as you find you are able. Only with the generosity of our congregation have we been able to weather the storms of the past and even the current storm we are in.

Thank you for your loving generosity in keeping this church operating!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3 Ingrid Patterson	16 David Stephens	26 Enis Nathaniel
9 Michael Evans	18 Lois Garnett	29 Laurilee Thompson
10 Fred Henn	20 Jennifer Evans	29 Libby Cook
12 W.O. Brown	21 Fran Nolan	
15 Ed Grimes	23 Reba Howington	

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

9 Frank & Linda Russell	23 Mike & Judy Brooks
16 Wayne & Janet Cook	26 Jan & Fay Kikta
21 Truman & Barbara Scarborough	30 Jake & Debbie Huether

Evensong for Ukraine

NEW DATE

Sunday, July 24th @ 6:00pm

Please join us in an evensong church service filled with music and prayer for the citizens of Ukraine. We will be collecting an offering which will be sent directly to UMCOR specifically to benefit and assist the citizens of Ukraine.

We also encourage any and all singers to join us in the choir.

Rehearsals:

Every Thursday at 6pm
starting on June 23rd

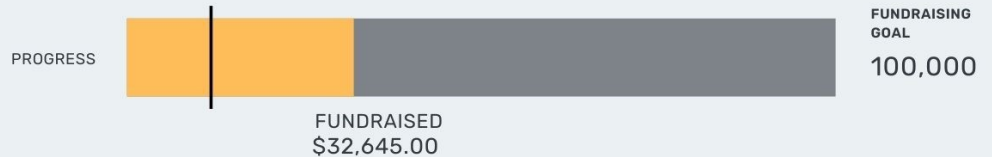
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Re-Roofing Campaign
May 1st - May 31st

RE-ROOFING UPDATE



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United Methodists will gather for worship, attend Bible studies and join in ministries such as housing the homeless and feeding the hungry on May 1 as they do most Sundays.

That same day, organizers of the Global Methodist Church plan to mark the official launch of their new, theologically conservative breakaway denomination. But don't expect things in the 13-million member, international United Methodist Church to look much different come Monday morning.

Both United Methodist and Global Methodist leaders agree that any separations from The United Methodist Church will take time to sort out.

After all, Methodism's founder John Wesley [instructed](#): "Do not rashly tear asunder the sacred ties which unite you to any Christian society."

The United Methodist Church by design makes breaking up — and especially taking church property — hard to do. [Wesley himself established the forerunner of the United Methodist trust clause](#), which states that all church property is held in trust for the entire denomination. That means congregations can't just leave and take church buildings with them.

However, the requirements of gaining release from the trust clause have become a source of contention and confusion as churches plan for the future.

Here is a look at some frequently asked questions on where things stand.

Wasn't a separation plan already in the works?

After decades of intensifying debate over same-sex marriage and gay ordination and a [tumultuous special General Conference in 2019](#), the coming General Conference — The United Methodist Church's top lawmaking assembly — faces multiple proposals to divide.

The most endorsed of these is the Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation, [negotiated by a professional mediator with a theologically diverse group of United Methodist bishops and advocacy group leaders](#). The proposal offers a [series of steps](#) that would enable churches and conferences that support restrictions on gay marriage and ordination to leave with church property and \$25 million in United Methodist funds to form a new traditionalist denomination.

However, the protocol has yet to receive a General Conference vote. Complications from the COVID-19

pandemic have led to [three postponements of the international legislative assembly](#), from May 2020 to now 2024.

Bottom line: The protocol is not currently part of United Methodist church law, and it is not operative.

What is happening now?

After the third postponement, Global Methodist Church organizers announced they were no longer waiting for General Conference to act [and instead moving up their new traditionalist denomination's launch date to May 1](#). However, the organizers are doing so without the formal separation plan they hoped the protocol would provide.

The Wesleyan Covenant Association, a theologically conservative unofficial advocacy group in The United Methodist Church, has served as the main organizing force behind the new denomination. The WCA plans to mark the new denomination's launch at a legislative assembly May 6 and a global gathering May 7 near Indianapolis.

The Rev. Keith Boyette, WCA president and chairman of the new denomination's Transitional Leadership Council, has served as the designated spokesman for both groups but declined to be interviewed for this article.

[On its website under launch information](#), the Global Methodist Church announced that it would be a church in transition as it prepares for its own convening General Conference in 12 to 18 months.

Is there a way for congregations to leave with property?

With no protocol, congregations that wish to depart The United Methodist Church must do so using [already existing measures in the Book of Discipline](#), the denomination's law book.

In practice, that means annual conferences — church regional bodies — are responsible for handling church disaffiliations. There are 53 annual conferences in the U.S., and 80 spread across Africa, Europe, and the Philippines. A bishop presides over each annual conference.

[By an overwhelming majority](#), the United Methodist Council of Bishops has affirmed that conferences should use [the Discipline's Paragraph 2553](#) as the primary paragraph for disaffiliation and separation.

Passed during the special 2019 General Conference, the

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church law allows congregations to exit with property “for reasons of conscience” related to homosexuality.

Paragraph 2553 requires that exiting churches meet [certain financial and procedural obligations](#) to be released from the trust clause. It also states that annual conferences “may develop additional standard terms that are not inconsistent with the standard form of this paragraph.”

Ask The UMC, a ministry of United Methodist Communications, has [more information on the disaffiliation process](#).

Why specifically Paragraph 2553?

Council of Bishops President Cynthia Fierro Harvey said the paragraph is the only part of the United Methodist Book of Discipline that clearly spells out a disaffiliation process.

“This is an important decision that should not be taken lightly and it should carry with it a value proposition,” she said. “The future care for the pastors and churches who have given their life to the UMC must be considered.”

Global Methodist organizers have been pushing for disaffiliating churches to use another paragraph in the Discipline that allows churches to transfer to another denomination. However, that paragraph assumes there is a comity agreement between The United Methodist Church and the receiving denomination. Harvey said no such comity agreement currently exists with the Global Methodist Church.

[Already more than 130 U.S. congregations](#) have used Paragraph 2553 to part ways with The United Methodist Church. However, that is a small fraction of the more than 30,500 United Methodist churches in the U.S.

Most of the congregations that have already departed The United Methodist Church are conservative and could join the Global Methodist Church immediately after launch. However, the new denomination has not shared how many churches plan to join at the outset.

A number of bishops have scheduled special annual conferences for later this year specifically to take up church disaffiliations.

What does all this mean for clergy pensions?

As part of any disaffiliation, another part of the United Methodist Book of Discipline — Paragraph 1504.23 — requires the departing church to pay a fair share of its

annual conference’s unfunded liability for clergy pensions.

[Wespath Benefits and Investment](#) manages investments for pensions and other retirement-plan assets for United Methodist clergy and lay employees on behalf of conferences. Conferences are pension plan sponsors and legally responsible for paying benefits.

United Methodist clergy members currently are part of a retirement plan that [combines defined-benefit and defined-contribution components](#). A defined benefit plan provides a monthly pension payment for life, with the plan sponsor (in this case, annual conferences) assuming the investment risk. A defined contribution plan — like the 401(k) plans most corporate employees now have — provides an account balance to use during retirement.

For an exiting church, the biggest cost often will come from paying its share of unfunded clergy pension liability — that is, what conferences will owe retirees. Under Paragraph 1504.23, an annual conference has the final word in determining a local church’s share of the conference’s unfunded clergy pension liability.

Wespath is in discussions with the Global Methodist Church to provide clergy and lay employee benefit plans for the new denomination after it is formed. However, those discussions are still in progress. Any retirement plan for the Global Methodist Church would be different than and separate from the Clergy Retirement Security Program currently offered to United Methodist clergy.

Wespath has submitted legislation to the coming General Conference intended to help ensure pensions are covered in the event of a large-scale separation.

“In the meantime, Paragraph 1504.23 helps assure active and retired clergy pensions stay adequately funded,” said Dale Jones, Wespath’s managing director of church relations.

“It’s important to remember this human aspect — that a disaffiliating local church is leaving full responsibility with the annual conference and its former sibling churches for pension benefits earned by active and retired pastors in years past.”

Andy Hendren, the pension agency’s top executive, said Wespath seeks to be a calm, bridge-building presence in this time of uncertainty.

“We are committed to supporting the continuing UMC and available to serve all Methodist expressions, including the GMC and other Methodist-rooted

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expressions, organizations and churches,” he said. “We are in dialogue with conference leaders and other groups and stand ready to have conversations with others to discuss their unique circumstances.”

Wespath has [published documents](#) that address more frequently asked questions related to pensions and disaffiliations.

Can clergy be part of both denominations in this transition period?

No.

“If a clergy person joins the GMC, they will have to surrender their conference membership and their orders in the UMC,” Bishop Harvey said. “You cannot hold membership or be ordained in more than one denomination.”

The Judicial Council — The United Methodist Church’s top court — [ruled in 1993](#) that the Discipline has no provision allowing an ordained United Methodist

minister to hold membership simultaneously in another denomination.

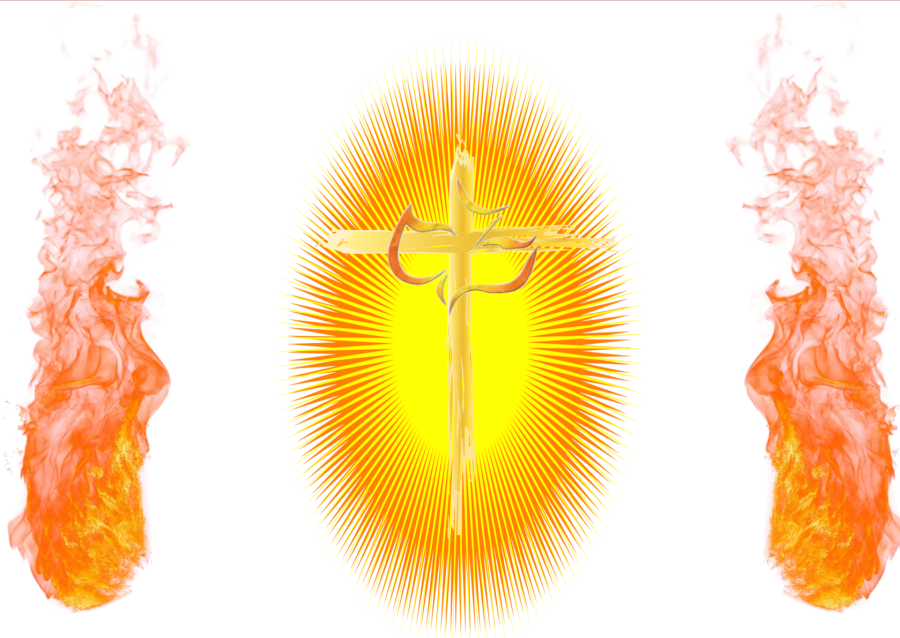
When ordained clergy members surrender their credentials in The United Methodist Church, they keep their accrued pension benefits. However, Wespath is required by the terms of the plan to convert the pension benefit of any active elders or deacons who surrender their credentials into an individual account balance in a defined-contribution plan.

This rule does not apply to active clergy members who are licensed local pastors, provisional members or associate members. In addition, the rule does not apply to retired clergy members who are receiving pension benefits.

Can United Methodist annual conferences move to the GMC?

The Council of Bishops has asked the Judicial Council to decide if annual conferences can leave The United Methodist Church under the current Discipline.

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Note from Debbie Grimes

Dear Congregation,



A great thank you for your donations to our outreach to Apollo Elementary. From August 2021 our church has provided goodie bags monthly to the entire staff of 90+. Coffee and donuts helped welcome staff back in August. Then each month, several of us gathered to pack items to brighten their days. Kleenex, hot chocolate, water, cookies, chips, etc. were given. Along with a note and a smile, our church gave a needed lift to their days! Thank you all!

Debbie Grimes



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The church court, which is meeting periodically online because of the pandemic, [has agreed to take up that question in its current docket.](#)

Earlier this month, [the Bulgaria-Romania Provisional Annual Conference voted to leave](#) The United Methodist Church and join the Global Methodist Church. Bishop Patrick Streiff, whose area includes the conference, said conference members took the vote “without legal basis in the Book of Discipline.”

Streiff’s decision of law also will go to the Judicial Council for review.

How does all of this affect LGBTQ people?

The United Methodist Book of Discipline commits the church “to supporting those rights and liberties for all persons, regardless of sexual orientation.” However, it also bans clergy from officiating at same-sex unions and prohibits the ordination of “self-avowed practicing” gay clergy. Only General Conference can change the Discipline.

Those denominational bans have faced [increasing defiance in recent years](#), especially as countries including the U.S. have legalized same-sex marriage. Tensions reached a breaking point after the special 2019 General Conference, [by a relatively narrow 438-384](#) vote, strengthened the church restrictions, hastening resistance and talk of a denominational divorce.

For the most part, the people who want to eliminate The United Methodist Church’s bans are not those planning to leave the denomination.

In this transitional time, a number of United Methodist bishops have decided to hold in abeyance complaints related to church law on homosexuality. Abeyance means these cases will be delayed until a later time, not dismissed.

The Council of Bishops also has published [a narrative that casts a vision for an inclusive church](#). “We cannot be a traditional church or a progressive church or a centrist church. We cannot be a gay or straight church,” [the bishops’ narrative says](#).

The Global Methodist Church organizers have long championed maintaining the restrictions around homosexuality. The new denomination’s [Transitional Book of Doctrines and Disciplines](#) says that sexuality only should be expressed in “a loving and monogamous marriage between one man and one woman.” The transitional book also defines gender as “a person’s immutable biological traits identified by or before birth.”

The United Methodist Book of Discipline is silent [on the matter of intersex, transgender and non-binary people](#).

Does this mean all conservatives are leaving The United Methodist Church?

No. A number of theological conservatives have plans to stay United Methodist for the foreseeable future.

Good News, a longtime unofficial conservative advocacy group, plans to continue advocating for fellow conservatives in the church.

“Our task is to inform churches and pastors about the options available to them in moving to the Global Methodist Church and to advocate for a fair and practical exit path for local churches and annual conferences to make that move,” said the Rev. Thomas Lambrecht, the group’s vice president and general manager.

He added that Good News and other groups in the Renewal and Reform Coalition “will continue to advocate for the protocol and for other fair withdrawal pathways at General Conference 2024.”

What is the hope for the future?

United Methodist bishops have repeatedly expressed hope that they can serve a big-tent church where conservatives, progressives and those in-between can find a welcoming church home.

Nevertheless, bishops also have acknowledged that some will want to move to the Global Methodist Church.

“My prayer still is that we can bless and send and not burn the house down on the way out,” said Harvey, Council of Bishops president. “There is clearly a process that needs to be followed that protects the future of the UMC. We are the stewards of the past, the present, and the future UMC. Mutual recognition is critical so we do not disparage one another in this process.”

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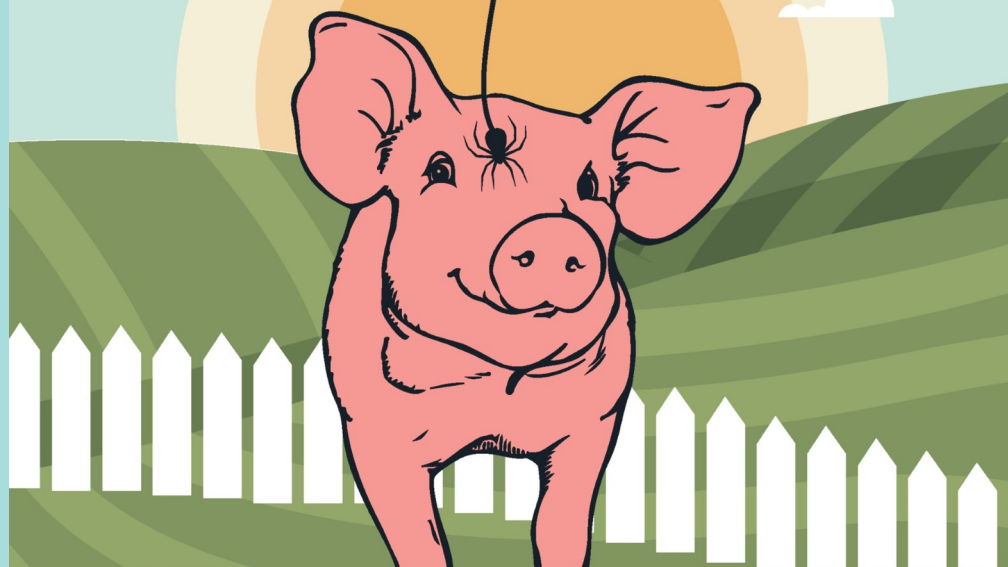
Wednesday, May 25th @ 6:00pm

You are invited to join us in the sanctuary for a presentation by the District Superintendent of the Atlantic Central Conference of the United Methodist Church, Dionne Hammond. She will be discussing the future of the UMC Church and taking questions from those who are attending.

Based on the book by E.B. White

Charlotte's Web

Adapted by
Joseph Robinette



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Monday, June 27th @ 6pm

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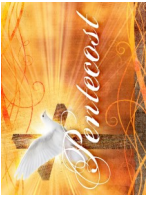

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