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Pastor's Pen.....

What do United Methodists believe?

September 2022

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This is a question that all Christians wrestle with from time to time. Some Christians spend their lives working through the nuances of this seemingly simple question.

Imagine that you are approached by a stranger and asked, "What do you believe, spiritually speaking?"

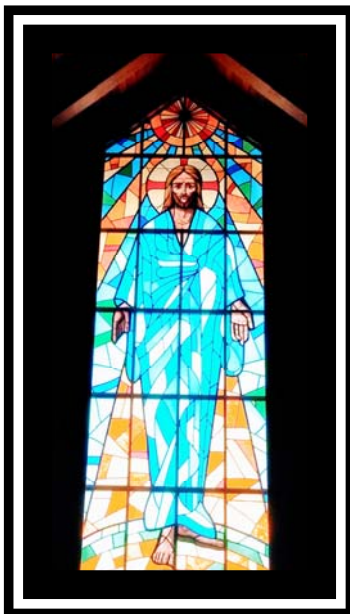
Could you articulate your beliefs to another individual? Could you talk with some confidence about the United Methodist Church, how it operates, it's polity (Church organizational structure), and the church's theology (the spiritual lens by which United Methodists view the world)?

For most Christians, and especially for most United Methodists, knowing how the church operates and what spiritual truths we espouse, seems superfluous and unnecessary. After all, unless it interferes with our ability to sit in the pew and listen to the sermon on Sunday Morning, we don't really pay attention to anything.

But what about the committees and the business of the church? How do things get taken care of in the church? There has to be a process of deciding how to spend the church's income, a method of deciding what decorations and banners are on display in the sanctuary. Where and how does all of that get taken care of? Do you know?

How do we get pastors? Where do our offering funds go?

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Who's in charge of buying the offering envelopes or stocking the kitchen?

And what about the beliefs of the United Methodist Church? Do you know who the "official" United Methodist Church spokesman or spokespeople are? What do we believe about Baptism; Communion?

Could you explain any of this to someone who asked you about your church?

See, part of the reason we don't want to participate in Evangelism (telling others about our church) is that we don't feel that we are equipped to answer basic questions about our church, its beliefs and its practice.

Which is why we are going to offer a class on United Methodist Beliefs and Practice here at St. John this fall. This is your opportunity to learn how the United Methodist Church operates and what we profess.

There will be three classes in total. The first class we will cover information on the General Conference and its agencies, the Annual Conference and its associated councils, and the operation and administration of the local church.

The second class will cover major United Methodist beliefs and theology and the last class will focus on St. John and its administration and ministries.

Below are the meeting dates and times. The classes are completely free, but we ask that you sign up for the class so that we know how many books and curriculum to order. Classes will be offered both in the morning and in the evenings to accommodate everyone's schedule.

Light refreshments and snacks will be offered.

You can sign up by calling the church office at 270-683-6326 or by emailing the church office at office@stjohnum.org.

This would be a great class for those who are looking at membership at St. John or for those who never attended UMC Confirmation as a youngster.

Thursday October 13th

10:30AM-12:00 Noon — Class I General and Annual Conference

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4:30PM-6:00PM — Class I General Annual Conference

Thursday October 20th

10:30AM-12:00 Noon — Class II Major United Methodist Beliefs and Practice

4:30PM-6:00PM — Class II Major United Methodist Beliefs and Practice

Thursday October 27th

10:30AM-12:00 Noon — Class III St. John UMC Administration and Ministry

4:30PM-6:00PM — Class III St John UMC Administration and Ministry



Submitted by
Beverly Plain

The Craft Fair returns Oct 29th ! We need everyone to help to make this event a BIG SUCCESS !! We will have bean soup and corn bread , hamburgers , and hot dogs . We need lots of helpers the week before to make soup ! Plus we need items or baskets for the silent auction . If you know a Crafter that would like a booth have them call Beverly Plain . Mark this date down to help, have fun and welcome lots of visitors to our church . Questions call me

Submitted by,
Dorothy Koepplinger

Family Life

Is 9:00AM too early? Not for the Seekers Sunday School Class. The members of the class provided a continental breakfast for our church on Sunday August 28th. About 30-35 worshipers enjoyed the food and fellowship. Pastor Mickey invited everyone to join with them on Sunday Mornings before church. She is looking forward to seeing new faces. 9:00Am is not too early for donuts and coffee and a great class!

More good food and fellowship is coming in September. An ice cream social is tentatively in the planning for September 11. Watch for a sign-up sheet for ice cream and goodies for a “Sunday” bar with syrups, sprinkles, etc
Yum! Yum!

Have a wonderful and blessed September.



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Announcements

September 4 Discipleship Dialogue @ 5PM

September 6 The Women's of Faith @ 4PM

September 6 Family Life Meeting @ 5PM

September 6 Boulware @ 6:30PM

September 7 Prayer Meeting @ 10AM

September 7 Bible Study @ 4PM

September 7 Choir Practice @ 5PM

September 7 Nominations Committee Meeting @ 5PM

September 11 Ice Cream Social @ 2PM

September 11 Discipleship Dialogue @ 5PM

September 12 Worship Committee @ 4PM

September 12 Admin Board @ 5PM

September 13 Boulware @ 6:30

September 14 Prayer Meeting @ 10AM

September 14 Bible Study @ 4PM

September 14 Choir Practice @ 5PM

If you have any announcements for the next newsletter please call the church office or email office@stjohnum.org.

Thank You

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St. John Choir Notes

Submitted by

Sarah Elliott

(choir director)

This month is Grow the Choir. We are welcoming new members to the church choir group but also will welcome anyone that is interested in singing in the choir.

The Hand Bell Choir is starting up again this month so get your hands and bells ready to start singing. I'm also looking forward to starting Christmas music this month as well. Even though it is not Christmas time and we still have 3 months away before Christmas I want to get a head start on things for Christmas.



Labor Day

word search

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and diagonal.

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AMERICAN
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Open minds.

Open doors.

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