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Christ United Methodist Church Waynesboro, PA

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Church Family Newsletter

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The Rev. Dr. Karl R. Herman
Pastor David Deatrich

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Pastor/Staff Appreciation Sunday, October 11

This year we will honor both pastors and all staff at the second service on Sunday, October 11. A basket will be available for cards near the Second Street door.

Pastor Karl celebrates the 35th Anniversary of his ordination as an Elder in the United Methodist Church as well as the 25th Anniversary of receiving his Doctor of Ministry Degree. Pastor Dave has been with us as Director of Pastoral Care for 15 years now. Carl Henry also hit the 15-year mark this year in his role as Custodian.

The two newest members of our staff are Luke Spurgeon and Vanessa Murawski-Farrell.

Other staff members are Dan Deatrich, Lindsay Cook, Jane Kirkpatrick-Stephey, Beverly Robinson and Debbi Votral. We celebrated Beverly's 25 years of service as Secretary this summer.

Please join us in showing how grateful we are for all of the staff's sharing of their gifts and talents with us through their individual ministries to our congregation.

Sincerely, Cindy Gettins, Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair

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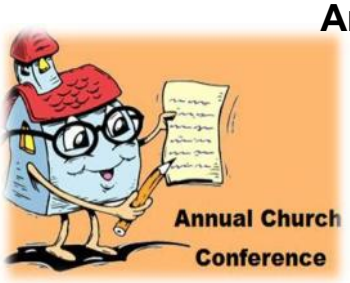
Ministry Funds Treasurer Position Available (Part-Time)
Contact Cindy Gettins at cindygettins@gmail.com

Bishop Visitation

Sunday, October 18

10:00 AM Service (one service only)
Fellowship Meal following service

Bishop Burgos-Núñez



Annual Church/Charge Conference

Sunday, October 18
at **4:30 PM**
at Marion First UMC
(94 Colorado Street, Marion, PA)

Conference Superintendent Lillian C. Smith will preside over the meeting.

Women's News

Bookworms will meet **Tuesday, October 6th** at 12:30 pm to discuss the book: "***North Woods***" by Daniel Mason. Plan to meet in the Frehn Classroom and bring your lunch.

Crafters will meet on **Thursday, October 1st** in the Frehn Classroom to continue with diamond dot ornaments. Bring your lunch. Arrive at 10:00 am.

Join us, won't you? Guests are welcome. Contact Colleen (301-797-9562) or Patti (717-655-5559)

CROP Hunger Walk

The CROP Hunger Walk will be **October 4**. Walkers will register at the soccer fields parking lot on Washington Township Blvd at 1:30. The walk starts at 2:00. Please walk or sponsor or both! Contact: Rev. Karl

Adopt-a-Highway Clean Up

Saturday, October 11

"weather permitting"

- 8 AM - Come for Dutch-treat breakfast at the Parlor House Restaurant
- 9 AM - Meet in Parlor House parking lot for planning and supplies distribution and then head over to our designated road area

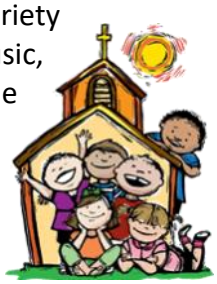
Help us pick up trash and clean Rt. 997 South - we pick up trash on **State Hill Road from Clayton Avenue to the Maryland state line**.

We could use your help - you are welcome help us "clean up".

Contact: John Forrester

CAMP Sonshine

Nursery and **Camp Sonshine** (children's church program) **are offered at the 10:45 service**.



Age-appropriate Bible lessons will be taught using a variety of methods including drama, art, science, puppets, music, and videos. There is a dedicated group of workers ready to get to know, care for, and teach the children of Faith in Christ UMC.

We hope to see ALL of our children ages 12 and under there! Please let your family members and neighbors know that we are waiting for them and we welcome them to our children's ministry.

To volunteer with this amazing ministry team, contact Tammy Montini, Karen Walters, or Michele Miller.

From the Roost

Harry Hoosier

Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
- Psalm 51:12

Looking at the historical information to be available on our Anniversary Sunday, October 18 (Please come if you can! Bishop Hector Burgos Nunez and Superintendent Lillian C. Smith will be there!) I noticed one historical figure on the Methodist side not mentioned, Harry Hoosier. W. Philip Wagner and Wikipedia were very helpful to me in putting together the following:

When Methodist Bishop Francis Asbury traveled around the US in the late 1700's, he often had Harry Hoosier with him. Hoosier had been born a slave in North Carolina, but obtained his freedom toward the end of the American Revolution. The first recorded Methodist sermon by an African American was Hoosier's The Barren Fig Tree. Though Hoosier was illiterate, his preaching was very popular. Asbury remarked that while large crowds gathered to hear him preach, even larger crowds gathered for Hoosier. One of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, Dr. Benjamin Rush, stated that if you took into account Hoosier's illiteracy, Hoosier was, "the greatest orator in America."

There are several theories as to where the term "hoosier" came from in reference to the people of Indiana. Some say it comes from the Cumberland-area British term "hoo," meaning high hill. The people that settled in the hills of Indiana were then hoosiers. Others say the term came from people crying out, "Who's there?" William Piersen, professor of history at Fisk University, is one of several who believes the term "hoosiers" for people in Indiana may have been taken from the name of Harry Hoosier. Indiana was against slavery and was the first Western State to mobilize for the North in the Civil War. According to this theory, the pro-slavery critics of Indiana were also critical of Harry Hoosier and thus began referring to Indiana's people as "hoosiers" as an insult.

One evening when Hoosier found himself far from God's will he struggled with God in prayer under a tree. He desired to be back to his old righteous self. It was a situation like that of the psalmist in Psalm 51:12. Hoosier regained his old form and his relationship with God. Even the most committed Christians have times of difficulty. Consider Harry Hoosier and Psalm 51:12 if you ever consider yourself falling out of God's touch and God's will for your life. May you then be restored to divine . . .

Grace and peace, Karl R. Herman

Christian Education

Adult Education: Classes meet on Sundays at 9:30 AM …

- The **Frehn class** meets in the West Wing (old Parsonage), first room on the right. They are continuing their in-depth review of "***The Chosen***," exploring subsequent seasons to gain a deeper understanding of Jesus, his closest followers, and their amazing faith journey in the first century. Contact Peter Walters.
- The **New Beginnings Class** meets in the Education office off of Frank Hall. Beginning October 4, the class will study "***Genesis, A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning*** " by Amy-Jill Levine, which invites readers into the foundational stories of the Old Testament with clarity, depth, and imagination. Contact: Pastor Dave.
- The **Upper Room Small Group Class** meets in the Parlor. Everyone interested is welcome. If you like, feel free to bring coffee and/or a snack. The discussion focuses on the ***Upper Room Devotional*** from the previous Wednesday. Contact: Rita Kugler.

Teaching Moments: Doxology

The dictionary defines a doxology as "*an expression of praise to God, especially a short hymn sung as part of a Christian worship service.*" While that is true, the ancient roots of the word paint a much bigger picture. Born from the Greek doxa ("*glory, splendor, grandeur*") and logos ("*word*" or "*speaking*"), a doxology is the act of speaking God's absolute glory out loud — any short song or spoken word of praise to God. Doxologies are sung because they are an easy, holy, uplifting way to praise God as one people, all of us lifting our voices in gratitude and praise for the One who made the universe and who gives all our blessings.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (UMH #95) is the most famous Protestant version, and it is the setting we most frequently sing on Sundays. However, our hymnal includes other beautiful options. ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow / The Alleluia Doxology*** (UMH #94) uses our familiar lyrics but pairs them with a soaring, joyful tune where celebratory "Alleluias!" are added between the lines. Another option is **The Gloria Patri** (UMH #70 & #71), which proclaims glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost forever.

When Bishop Thomas Ken wrote the words to our familiar Doxology back in 1674, he intended it as a profound expression of praise to the Trinity. Rather than just understanding a concept, we live this out each week. We don't just speak these words; we sing them. Singing ***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*** brings us all together, blending our individual voices into a single, uplifting song of deep gratitude. It allows our church family to step outside ourselves, join with ***all creatures here below***, and the ***heavenly host*** above, and loudly proclaim our thanks to the Creator from whom ***all blessings flow***.

The Beautiful Backstory of Our Praise …. Doxology (UMH #95)

The ***Doxology*** (UMH #95) wasn't originally written as a standalone song for Sunday church services. Instead, Bishop Thomas Ken envisioned it as a deeply personal rhythm of daily prayer. He penned three long hymns to guide Winchester College students in their private devotions. He intended for them to sing the first hymn upon waking (***Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun***), the second before sleeping (***All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night***), and the third during quiet hours of the night (***Lord, Now My Sleep Does Me Forsake***).

To anchor their days, Bishop Ken intentionally placed those four familiar lines — what we now call the Doxology — as the concluding verse of all three individual hymns. Whether welcoming the dawn, resting at twilight, or praying in the dark, every devotion gently led the students to the exact same place: praise to the Trinity. In his devotional manual, he lovingly encouraged the boys to step away from the day's distractions and sing these hymns in their rooms with a devout and open heart.

Over the centuries, the long, multi-verse hymns slowly drifted from common memory, but the global church fell in love with that final stanza. Drawn to its simple power, congregations eventually lifted those four lines from the private dorm rooms of 1674 and brought them into the sanctuary, creating the timeless moment of shared gratitude we still cherish every Sunday.

Missions

The Missions Team voted to support WCHS with the 2026 balance of Flower Alternatives.

Also, we agreed to gift the Lunch Place with $1,000 as a parting gesture.
(The Lunch Place plans to move to their new location at 42 W. Second Street soon.)

Other projects are on hold, including a flier to post in the mailboxes of new apartments inviting them to pop in to FiCUMC.

The team will meet next at 1 PM on Tuesday, October 13, in the Parlor.
Interested persons are encouraged to attend with ideas.

Fifth Sunday Fellowship - Chrismon Tree Celebration

Join us as we decorate our Chrismon Tree with beautiful handmade symbols that tell the story of Jesus' life and promise.

Date: On the 1st Sunday of Advent - November 29, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM (*Fifth Sunday Fellowship – Only service*)

Location: Faith in Christ United Methodist Church Sanctuary

Enjoy Scripture readings, carols, and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for the Advent season. A Brunch will be served following the program.

Please visit the display in Frank Hall between October 18 through November 8 to sign up to be a part of this special worship service.

Susanna's Food Pantry: Extending Christ's Love Through Food Assistance

At FiCUMC, we offer immediate food support to neighbors in need — sharing Christ's love in action. Through **Susanna's Pantry**, we provide groceries to Waynesboro community members who come seeking help. This ministry is rooted in faith, trusting that God will continue to provide as we share with others.

You can make a difference! Donations of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items are especially appreciated. Examples include: spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, mac-n-cheese, canned ham /chicken /tuna, beef stew or similar, soups, vegetables, fruit, peanut butter, jelly, side dish (noodles, rice, or potatoes), crackers, granola bars or similar, cereal.

We could use side dishes, canned fruits, spaghetti sauce, and **spaghetti noodles.**

For our "Side Pantry", we could use personal care items -- such as **toothpaste**.

You're welcome to make a monetary donation (please note: Susanna's Pantry).
We'll use it to purchase items in bulk at discounted prices, or to restock as needs arise.

Susanna's Pantry Hours (Usually)
Monday – Friday , 10 AM – 4 PM

Thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry to our community!

Please check the "Best By" dates — we're unable to distribute expired items.
Your generosity ensures safe, quality meals for those in need.

Think Green - Recycling

FiCUMC participates in several recycling efforts as part of caring for God's creation — and we welcome your involvement. Please bring the following items to the church so they can be kept out of landfills and properly recycled. Recycling containers are located beside the counter near the Second Street main entrance.

- **Metal Recycling:** Aluminum and steel cans **must be cleaned/rinsed**.
  Small metal items may also be brought to the church. Please place these by the garage in the parking lot.
- **Aluminum Can Pull-Tabs:** Collected pull-tabs are delivered to the **Ronald McDonald House** in Hershey.
- **Empty Printer Cartridges:** We recycle toner and inkjet cartridges. These are taken to **Staples**, where the church receives reward points that help with future purchases.
- **Paper:** Please place bulletins and other paper in a blue recycling container.

When Care Matters Most

Our church family is at its best when we support one another through illness, surgery, recovery, and major life changes — but we can only help when we know a need exists. Because hospitals no longer notify churches and privacy laws limit what staff can share, we rely on you or someone close to you to let us know when pastoral care is needed. Pastoral care is the ministry of presence: prayer, listening, encouragement, and companionship. Pastor Dave is committed to offering this support.

To request a visit or prayer support, contact Pastor Dave at 717-420-6283 or PastorDeatrich@gmail.com with the person's name, the need, the location, and — for surgeries — the date and time. Thank you for helping us care well for our church family.

Memorial Candles for All Saints Sunday, November 1, 2026

On All Saints' Sunday, we will honor and remember members of our congregation who have passed into God's presence over the past year. A memorial candle will be lit during the service in their honor and gifted to their family as a special remembrance.

We also welcome memorial candles for your loved ones who were not church members and passed away during the past year. If you'd like to sponsor a candle in memory of a loved one, please complete the form below and return it to the Church Office with a suggested donation of $10 per candle by Sunday, October 18th.

During the service, the names of loved ones will be read aloud as their candles are lit.

Please remember to take your memorial candles home with you following the 2nd service.

Please return the completed form and donation to the Church Office no later than **Sunday, October 18th**.

Memorial Candle 2026 Order Form

Suggested Donation: $10/Candle

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of Loved One: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____

*** Return to Church Office no later than Sunday, October 18 -- please include payment**

Why Give to Faith in Christ UMC?

Giving to the church supports its mission, community, and essential ministries. It reflects our gratitude and commitment to God's work, allowing us to make a lasting impact and contribute to something greater than ourselves — furthering love and service through generosity. Your donations help keep our church open and well-staffed, enabling us, as the body of Christ, to continue ministering to the community and the world. Without your support, this would not be possible.

Ways to Give to Faith in Christ UMC

- **Offering Plate (Sundays):** Place your donation (cash or check) in the Offering Plates located at the back of the sanctuary.

- **Offering Envelopes:** Personalized envelopes with your giving number are available. They can be dated weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, or left undated — whatever works best for you. If you would like envelopes, please contact the Church Office (Financial Secretary).

- **Mail:** Send checks to: *Faith in Christ UMC*, 100 S Church St, Waynesboro, PA 17268
- **First *Fruits* Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):** A safe, confidential way to send offerings directly through your bank. Sign up by completing the form and returning it to the Church Office (Attn: Financial Secretary). Forms are available on the 2nd Street bulletin board or from the Church Office. For more information, contact the Church Office or Michele Miller.

- **Online Bill Pay:** Set up the church as a payee in your bank's bill-pay system and have your bank mail the checks directly.

- **Online Giving via PayPal:** Donate securely with your credit/debit card or checking/savings account. Please note PayPal charges a 2% + $0.03 fee per transaction (e.g., we receive $9.48 from a $10 donation). To give through PayPal, click the link below or scan the QR code: www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=EKTXEDQSW7HYJ

Please note: With new software and the merger and related transitions, these numbers may change if any info was entered incorrectly. Small rounding differences may also cause some totals not to match exactly. We are still learning and refining our reporting during this transition, and we appreciate your patience!

Attendance and Offering Report **Operations & Ministry Support**	Operations & Ministry Income	Total Income	Attendance No Services on 1/25 & "23" No count for 10:45 Serv. 3/8		Operations & Ministry Expenses	Merger - Related Expenses	Total Expenses
January — July 2026		**$ 197,406**			$ 223,188	$ 49,889	**$ 273,077**
8/2/26 Offering	$ 8,315		**81**	**81**			
8/9/26 Offering & Paypal	$ 2,880		**80**	**80**			
August 2026 First Fruits	$ 2,290						
8/16/26 Offering	$ 3,578		**80**	**80**			
8/24/26 Offering	$ 2,348		**78**	**78**			
8/30/26 Offering	$ 11,657		**52**	**52**			
Allocations & Interest	$ 1,409				$ 57		**$ 57**
August 2026		**$ 32,477**	Counting "0" & "23"		**$ 30,290**	**$ 4,661**	
January — August 2026		229,883	**79.42**	**83.41**	$ 253,740	$ 54,550	**$ 308,085**

Faith in Christ UMC has implemented our Program of Giving for our church's current Operation and Ministry Budget. We have a deficit of $100,000 per our 2026 budget. With your help we are closing our deficit budget balance, and we Thank You. Our formula of Giving is 100 members X $100 for 10 months, this equates to $100,000. (2 Corinthians 9:7) "*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*"

Please mark your check or envelope "Program of Giving" when giving to this special offering.

Difference	
w/out Merger Expenses	$(23,652)
w/ Merger Expenses	$(78,202)

Serving This Month

Ushers/Greeters

8:15 AM Service

Oct. 4 Pat Wolff
11 Debbie Mauss
25 Steve Martz

Ushers/Greeters

10:45 AM Service

Oct. 4 Barb Gaydick and Bill Hovis
11 Jim and Diane Finneyfrock
25 Patti Lewis

10:00 AM Service

Oct. 18 Peggy Etter and Joe Appolonia

Acolytes

10:45 AM Service

Oct. 4 Bill Hovis
11 Joe Appolonia
25 Dorothy Kugler

10:00 AM Service

Oct. 18 Roy Eyler

Altar Guild October Jamie Pearson

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are presented to the Glory of God …

(all Sundays - Open)

Sponsoring Altar Flowers is a meaningful way to give thanks to God for someone special in your life — past or present. **Dedications and remembrances** will be acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin and monthly newsletter (if received in time). The **2026 Altar Flowers Chart** is posted on the bulletin board at the Second Street entrance (near Frank Hall). To sponsor flowers, simply check the chart for available dates and write your information directly on it. A yellow **"How To" guide** is posted beside the chart to help with the process.

Guidelines for Sponsoring/Ordering Flowers

- You may order flowers from the florist of your choice.
  Most local florists are familiar with our building and can deliver on Saturday.
- Payment is made directly to the florist; the church does not handle these transactions.
- Flowers may be placed in the church's **two brass vases with liners** (available to florists on Monday), **OR** delivered in a **self-contained arrangement** (*easy to take home or share*).
  - *The brass vases remain at the church. "Juice cans" are provided for taking flowers home.*
- Flowers should be picked up by sponsoring persons/families by **noon on Monday**.
  Remaining flowers will be delivered to hospital patients and/or shut-ins.
- For bulletin wording ("in memory of" / "in honor of"), please **write your information on the chart** or contact the **Altar Guild** / **Church Office (717-762-7042)** at least **two weeks in advance**.

Changes?

Have you moved? Changed your phone number or email address? Heading south for the season? Please let the church office know of any updates so we can keep our records accurate. Thank you!

Church Leaders: Please be sure all meetings and events — including outdoor activities — are added to the **master church calendar** in the **Church Office** as early as possible, even during the planning stages.
Thank you for helping us keep everything organized!

Newsletter Deadline

November 2026 Newsletter deadline is October 17,
with all deadlines on the 17th of the prior month.

Please email articles, announcements, and calendar dates to **FaithInChristUMC@gmail.com** by the deadline. *Please **include "Newsletter"** in the subject line. (Email reminders will **not** be sent.)*

Newsletters will be emailed, posted, and mailed by the **24th** of each month.

Thank you for your contributions.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
(Regular) **Church Office Hours:** Mon. – Fri. 10 AM – 4 PM Rev. Karl's (Regular) day off is Friday			**Sunday Schedule** **Worship** 8:15 AM **Sunday School** 9:30 AM **Worship** 10:45 AM *In Person & Online*	**1** Crafters in Frehn classrm. 10 AM - 3 PM	**2** **Rev. Karl on Vacation** (Weekend)	**3**
4 *White* WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY *CROP Walk* starts at 2 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM	**5**	**6** Bookworms 12:30 PM	**7** N.A. in Sanctuary 10 AM Bells Rehearsal 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM	**8**	**9**	**10**
11 *Green* **Pastor/Staff Appreciation Sunday** Bible Study 6:00 PM	**12**	**13** Missions Mtg in Parlor **1:00** PM	**14** N.A. in Sanctuary 10 AM Bells Rehearsal 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM	**15**	**16**	**17** Highway Clean-Up *meet at Parlor House* 8 AM *Breakfast* 9 AM *Parking Lot* NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
18 *Green* **Laity Sunday** **Bishop Visitation** **10 AM** Service & Fellowship Meal *-Anniversary Task Force* **Church Conference** at Marion 1st UMC 4:30 PM	**19**	**20**	**21** N.A. in Sanctuary 10 AM Bells Rehearsal 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM	**22**	**23** 	**24**
25 *Green* **Stewardship / Consecration Sunday** *(Tentative)* Bible Study 6:00 PM	**26** SPRC Meeting in West Wing 1:00 PM	**27**	**28** N.A. in **Sanctuary** 10 AM Bells Rehearsal 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM	**29**	**30**	**31** **Trunk or Treat** *6:00-8:00 PM* *(Same day & time as the W-boro's Trick or Treat)* *-Anniversary Committee*

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Watch our LIVE events

(our 10:45 AM Worship services):

www.facebook.com/UMCChrist

www.youtube.com/UMCChrist

Our three windows remind us of our mission:

Hear the Good News.
Follow the Shepherd.
Pray to seek God's will.

October 2026

Sunday Schedule

Worship 8:15 AM

Sunday School 9:30 AM

Worship 10:45 AM
In Person & Online

Pastor/Staff Appreciation Sunday - October 11

Bishop Visitation Sunday - October 18 at **10 AM** (one service only)

Annual (Cluster) **Church Conference** - October 18 at 4:30 PM at Marion 1st UMC

Church STAFF

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Carl Henry .....Custodian
Vanessa Murawski-Farrell ..... Choir Director
Dan Deatrich..... Bell Choir Director
Luke Spurgeon.....Organist-Pianist-Accompanist
Lindsay Cook ..... 40NoahsArk@gmail.com .....N.A. Child Care Center Director
Debbi Votral... NoahsArkOfficeManager@gmail.com .. N.A. Office Manager & Financial Admin.
Jane Kirkpatrick-Stephey..... Endowment/Foundation Funds (Trustees) Treasurer

LEADERS

Administrative Teams

Church Council..... Pat Wolff
Lay Leader..... Colleen Middour
SPRC..... Cindy Gettins
Trustees ..... Steve Beck
Finance .....Terry Reiber
Nominations ..... Pastor
Noah's Ark Board..... Sarah Pentz
Stewardship, Chair .....*(Open)*
Audit ..... Yonnie Slimmer, Margaret Eier, Donna Brandmeyer
Counting Team, Chair .....Alice Summers
Honors & Memorials..... *(Open)*
Membership ..... Beverly Robinson

Program Teams

Child Advocate..... Dave Deatrich
Health/Wellness, Chair .. Donna Brandmeyer
Hospitality, Chair ..... Karen Walters
Media, Chair ..... Carl Henry
Missions, Chair..... *(Open)*
WAFC Rep ..... Patti Lewis
Women's Group, Chair ...Lewis & Middour
Worship, Chair .....Tammy Montini

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Our mission statement reflects the mission teaching of *The United Methodist Book of Worship* (para. 121):

The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by proclaiming the good news of God's grace and by exemplifying Jesus' command to love God and neighbor, thus seeking the fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world.