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## The United Methodist Church

Some of you have heard a story from TV or newspapers that a new Methodist denomination (GMC) has launched starting in May. Last Sunday I have received questions and concerns from our church members about this situation. To answer those questions, I would like to share with you an article from UMNews. This is a brief summary of the article. If you want to read the full article, please visit our church facebook or follow this link.  
<https://www.umnews.org/en/news/what-happens-when-a-new-denomination-launches>

### **What happens when a new denomination launches?**

**By Heather Hahn ~ April 28, 2022 | UM News**

*A new theologically conservative denomination, the Global Methodist Church, is launching on May 1. What does that mean for United Methodists?*

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."

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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.

### **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.

### **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 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."

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.

### **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."

Blessings,

*Pastor Doh*

*Printed copies of this article alone are in the Narthex.*

# Church & Community News

## May Birthdays

- 5/1 Keta Lindstrom
- 5/5 John Tschopp
- 5/6 Lana Stafford
- 5/6 Sandy Yenerich
- 5/8 Presley Olson
- 5/10 Bonnie Eigenheer
- 5/12 Joyce Williams
- 5/15 Levi Ridenour
- 5/16 Austin Poore
- 5/17 Mary Easton
- 5/18 Laurie Raeburn
- 5/21 Michelle Blazekovich
- 5/27 Matt Jones
- 5/28 Travis McConnaughay
- 5/29 Ellery Olson
- 5/30 Michael Fletcher
- 5/31 Paxton Hogg

## May Anniversaries

- 5/1 Rick & Michelle Lyman
- 5/24 Jason & Rachel Kulisek
- 5/26 Chip & Joyce Williams
- 5/27 Mark & Mary Baker
- Mark & Keta Lindstrom
- 5/31 Tom & Kathy Leatherwood

*If we have missed your birthday or anniversary and you would like it to be added to the weekly bulletin announcement and monthly Circuit Rider calendar, please contact the church office at 815-467-5275 or email: [Office@channahonumc.org](mailto:Office@channahonumc.org)*

## Our Deepest Sympathy

*Lamentations 3:21-23*

*Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed. For his compassions never fail.*

Prayers for Glen & DeAnn Meadows for the recent passing of Barbara Joy Meadows, Glen's sister

Prayers for Jon & Cindy Larons for the recent loss of their niece's husband Jeff Smeets. Prayers for their family, friends and children Brett & Kelly.

## CUMC Good Samaritan Ministry

Received a scholarship award from the The Three Rivers Festival Organization in the amount of \$500.

Thank you to Donna Szoke for submitting the application.

CUMC Good Samaritan Ministry is funded by our congregation and outside contributors to help and assist those in the Channahon and Minooka community in times of hardship.

For more information about this ministry, please contact Kris in the office.

Pictured below: Pastor Doh and Donna Szoke receiving the award on behalf of the church's Good Samaritan Ministry.



*Happy Mother's Day  
to all moms, both  
here on Earth and  
up in Heaven.*

Proverbs 31:28-31

*"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."*

**PRESENTING !!!**  
**Community Blood Drive**

Everyone is Welcome  
Free Admission

**Watch as Versiti Blood  
Center Prepares to Save  
Hundreds of Lives**

Free Refreshments

At: St Ann Catholic Church  
When: Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 7am to Noon  
Hosted by: Channahon & Minooka  
Knights of Columbus  
Appointments: [Versiti.org/IL](http://Versiti.org/IL)

Remember to bring a photo ID and  
eat a good meal before donating

**Walk-ins Welcome**



*'Care Enough to wear pink !'*

Register now for the PINK HEAL's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Mother's Day Walk - May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Channahon. For ALL ages!  
Online Registration link : [Pink Heals 8th Annual Mother's Day Walk 2022! Online Registration \(runreg.com\)](http://PinkHeals8thAnnualMother'sDayWalk2022!OnlineRegistration(runreg.com)) ([www.runreg.com](http://www.runreg.com))

**MEMORIAL DAY**  
OFFICE CLOSED  
Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>



**Matthew 28:18-19**  
*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*

**Sunday Morning Worship**  
 9am - In-Person and Online  
 Communion celebrated 1st Sunday of each month!

**OUR CHURCH IS OPEN.**

As long as Covid-19 levels in Will & Grundy Counties remain low masks are NOT REQUIRED at this time. However, people may CHOOSE to mask at any time, especially if you are immunocompromised. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 must wear a mask and/or isolate. If the COVID-19 levels increase, masking may be recommended and/or mandated again.

Our ONLINE worship videos will continue to be available as they have been: after our worship service on our church website/ Worship Service tab and sent via EMAIL.

The church is open and available for use for meetings, groups and events. Please be sure to confirm all usage and availability with the church office.

Join us as we gather for fellowship after our worship service.

Our Nursery Room (rm 117 off the Narthex) has been cleaned and sanitized for anyone who needs to step out of service with their child for any reason. Infant changing table and supplies are available in this room.

**Thank you for your continuous and generous support of our church.**

**There are 3 ways to give:**

**In-Person Worship** ~ Offering plates are now in the Sanctuary as you walk in. Place offerings as you enter.

**MAIL** - you can mail in or drop off your offerings to the church (Mail is picked up daily and monies are counted weekly. Please do NOT send CASH through the mail)

**Online Giving** - safest and easiest (Please contact the office for more information and details for online giving and a form can be mailed to you or check with your bank for auto-payment/billing)

*2 Corinthians 9:6-8*  
 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 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.

**Weekly Giving (General Fund)**

Apr 3 - \$16,145	Apr 10 - \$3,645
Apr 17 - \$5,059	Apr 24 - \$3,058

**United Voices for Children**

Affiliated Agencies: Kids Above All • MYSI • Rosecrance

**The Fifth Sunday Appeal for Children**  
**Sunday, May 29th -**

Special envelopes will be available in the Narthex. Contribution gifts can be placed in the offering plate, dropped off or mailed to the church or scan the QR code to give online!  
 Please mark as 'United Voices for Children'.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Children's Sunday School is HERE!**

For ages **Pre-School to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**45 minute classes**  
**10:15am to 11am**

We have just a few weeks left of Sunday School before we wrap up for our Summer Break! We hope you will join us these next few weeks for tons of fun!

**Stay connected in God's Word**

There are many online daily devotionals. Finding the right one for you is important. Find suggestions and links here each week to feed your SPIRIT - Spiritually!

**A great resource:**  
 Bible Verse of the Day, Encouraging Daily Reading (biblestudytools.com)

May/June devotional books are available in the Narthex, on card ministry table. Be sure to pick one up or call the office to have one mailed to you.



**Colossians 3;16**

*Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*



**United Women in Faith**

**YOU'RE INVITED**

The invitation is always open...

**TO JOIN A Channahon United Women in Faith CIRCLE!**

Perhaps you are ready to get connected and get involved and join a UMW circle.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following UMW members:

*Dottie Priddy, Lana Stafford, Anita Young or call the church office.*

**Channahon United Women in Faith Circle Groups**

**Ruth Circle** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday's, 10am in Fellowship Hall - May Meeting - May 9

**Rachel Circle** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 10am in Fellowship Hall - May Meeting - May 10

**Circle of Hope** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 1pm in Fellowship Hall - May meeting - May 18 with Children's Blanket Ministry 3p

**Ladies Aid** - (Thrift Shop) 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday shop is open - 9a



**Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

The Men of the church meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 7:45am at Grandma's Pancake House 669 Minooka Rd. - Minooka

*Men Sr. High School and older are invited!*



**Classes are in session Monday-Friday with am & pm classes**

3yr - Tue/Thur 4yr - Mon/Wed/Fri

Registration is now open for 2022-2023 school year!

For enrollment and registration information call 815-467-4708 or email ~

[ChannahonUMPreschool@gmail.com](mailto:ChannahonUMPreschool@gmail.com)

New and Great things being offered in the 2022-2023 year

Call today for more information, tour and registration!

Channahon United Methodist Preschool is hosting a

## Used Book Sale!

Please consider donating your gently used books. All genres, types, and age groups will be accepted to help our families and the community share the love of reading!

We will be accepting donations through May 31. The book sale will be held on Saturday, June 11 from 10-2. Books will cost 25 cents and the proceeds will be used to purchase science materials for the classroom.



**May Shop Dates**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 1</b>	<b>10a - 11a</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 2</b>	<b>6p - 8p</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 12</b>	<b>10a - 2p</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 16</b>	<b>6p - 8p</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 26</b>	<b>10a - 2p</b>
<b>May 30th - Closed (Holiday)</b>		
<b>Great Treasures Await!</b>		

**Calling All Graduates for GRADUATE SUNDAY**

*Congratulations Graduates*



If you or someone in your household is graduating from Preschool, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, High School, College, Trade School or Military, please contact the church office so we can honor each of them on our Graduate Sunday (date-tbd)

**NEED PRAYER?**

*We are here to pray for you.*



We now have an online-prayer center on our church website - request prayer or pray for others now online and shared on Sunday and Mid-Week. They can be labeled: to share, or private (for Pastor), name or anonymous. [www.channahonumc.org/prayer-requests/](http://www.channahonumc.org/prayer-requests/)

# Serving GOD



During Communion each month we give an offering as part of our mission giving in connection with the Northern Illinois Conference Rainbow Covenant.

May 1<sup>st</sup> was our Communion Sunday and our Communion

Mission Offering supported  
**UMIM NCJ - Volunteers in Mission  
 North Central Jurisdiction**

UMVIM is a grassroots movement of United Methodists who put their Christian love into action by organizing and implanting short-term Mission projects, locally, nationally and globally.

**Please mark all monetary donations and checks payable to CUMC -memo: UMVIM-NCJ**

Communion Offering collection baskets are in the back of the Sanctuary and in the Narthex.

John 12:26

*Whoever wants to serve Me must follow Me, so that my servant will be with Me where I am. And my Father will honor anyone who serves Me.*



Will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month in Fellowship Hall.

Bring your scissors!!!

NOT MEETING IN MAY

Prayer Blanket Ministry for



WILL COUNTY  
**Children's  
 ADVOCACY CENTER**

HOPE, HEALING, AND JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN.

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 3pm in Fellowship Hall!

Meeting May 17th



MAY

## CRAFT & MOVIE NIGHTS

In Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm  
 Ages PreK & Up

Open Invitation for ALL!  
 Invite Family & Friends!!!

**Craft Night ~ Friday, May 6<sup>h</sup>**  
*All needed supplies will be provided*

**Movie Night ~ Friday, May 20<sup>h</sup>**  
*Popcorn and refreshments served.*



*for the broken hearted, lost and suffering!*

'Broken to Beautiful' is a new support group here at CUMC for our members, families, friends and community - for anyone suffering a loss. A loss of any kind is GRIEF, and we come together as ONE to support ONE another!

JOIN US - Tuesday, May 24th at 2:00pm  
 in Fellowship Hall.

All are invited and Everyone is Welcome!

The point is NOT, (and it NEVER will be) to STOP the Grief. That's like stopping the Ocean. The point is to find WAYS to SWIM!

## GOT TALENT?

Musical, Vocal, Dance  
 Solo, Duet, Group

Contact the church office to sign up for Summer Special Music on Sunday mornings, June-August



Many thanks to all who donate and help when help is needed - These Vets are so grateful for each one of you!

**We continue to collect:**

Little Debbie snacks, canned soda and bite-size candy bars are always a favorite!

Outreach Team



**Wednesday Mornings at 9:30am**

*In Fellowship Hall*

**Check our website calendar for any changes or updates.**

**All are welcome.**

**Please bring a matt.**

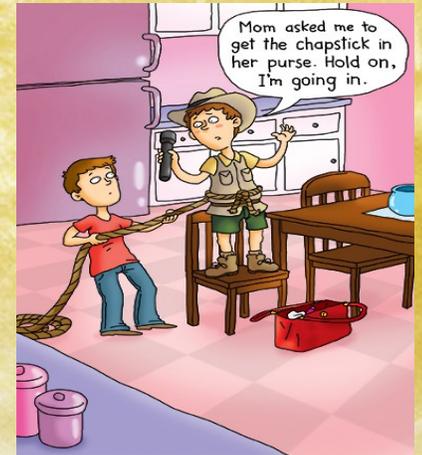
**NO YOGA May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**YouTube** Find us on **YouTube** and **subscribe!!**

Please subscribe to our YouTube channel! Go to our YouTube Channel and click the red **Subscribe** button!

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/CrRpWkahqtG\\_YXTO00RQSuQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/CrRpWkahqtG_YXTO00RQSuQ)

After 100 subscribers we can have our own channel URL address, which can be used in various ways. It is another small milestone for our online ministry, so please help us!



Narcotics Anonymous recovery group meets here at the church on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in room 143.

Enter around back through door #4.

For more information, contact NA Rep. Axel 708-262-9242



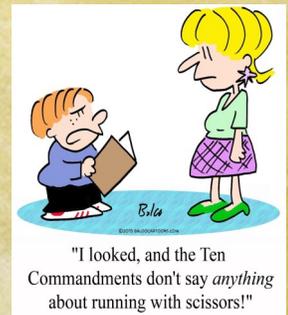
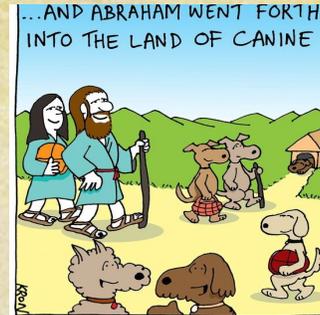
Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA) support group has begun meeting here at Channahon UMC every Saturday Morning 8a-9:30a in room 143. (unless otherwise posted).

CoDA is a fellowship of people who seek healthy relationships.

More information about CoDA can be found at [www.CoDA.org](http://www.CoDA.org)  
CUMC contact person is Nancy G. 708-912-3056

The only requirement for membership is the desire for improved relationships.

Group members support each other on their individual journeys as they learn to love themselves. CoDA therapy relies upon a set of 12 steps for recovery.



**I Love You Mom!**



♥ *Mother's Day* ♥

**WORD SEARCH**

H	W	F	A	J	B	K	S	P	E	C	I	A	L	X
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BEAUTIFUL  
BOUQUET  
CARING  
CELEBRATE  
CHILDREN

FAMILY  
FLOWERS  
GRATEFUL  
HOLIDAY  
HUGS

KISSES  
LOVE  
MOTHER  
PARENT  
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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

<b>Sunday Worship Service</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>10:15am</b>

*Children's Sunday School is offered for  
pre-school – 5<sup>TH</sup> grade (Sept. - May)*



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