



CROSS TALK

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Last month, I attended a talk given by retired bishop, Michael Coyner. He gave a concise history of the United Methodist Church as a way to give some broader context to all that has happened to lead to this moment we are in as a denomination.



In February 2019, a special session of General Conference will meet in St. Louis and could choose to keep disciplinary language prohibiting full LGBT inclusion in the life of the church, allowing it, allowing individual churches and ministry areas to decide for themselves, or – as Bishop Coyner very astutely-if-depressingly pointed out – choose to do nothing at all.

He spoke about a few other times in our history where we faced the possibility or actuality of schism. In 1939, the churches in the North and South merged to create a new, united Methodist denomination. Or, more specifically, a new, WHITE, united denomination. The merger also created a wholly other denomination expressly for our sisters and brothers of color, codifying racism in the Methodist pantheon. A sad chapter in our history, to be sure. Additionally, in the 1840's, the church split over the same issues that led the entire country to civil war.

It appears – from these and many other, credible examples – that the current strife the church faces is neither new, nor spells the end of the church itself.

The only thing to figure out is what we do in the meantime.

First, be in prayer. For yourself. For your family. For your community. For your church, both here in Wabash and for United Methodism the world over. Second, remember that we are keepers of a spiritual heritage that embraces a unique and particularly poignant view of grace. For ourselves and the world around us.

In a time of strife for the church, I thought we could use a reminder of where we have been and a reminder of how we should handle ourselves now.

Peace,



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

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New World Outlook Readers!



For 107 years New World Outlook has been a communication channel that helped to sustain Methodist commitment to mission. This year the General Board of Global Ministries has decided to end the publication of this print resource at

the end of 2018. The final issue—published in October 2018—will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of the first missionary society in the lineage of the General Board of Global Ministries. What comes next is a matter of serious,

prayerful consideration by Global Ministries’ directors and staff. Be sure that the church will not be left without sources of easily available and inspiring mission information in this age of multiple media options.

*Fun,
Food, and
Fellowship*

Church Family Events

The Missions Committee will sponsor a **Crockpot Dinner on Sunday, October 14** after the 10am service. *Everyone is welcome* to attend...and for those who plan on coming, please bring a crockpot meal or a favorite

dish to share. Table service and drinks will be provided. A free will donation will be accepted upon admittance to pay the cost of mailing the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

On **Sunday, October 21**, the United Methodist Men’s Group is sponsoring an **All-Church Fish Fry & Carry-In** immediately following the 10 am service. *Everyone is welcome!* Please bring a dish to share.

Crazy for Noodles



Well, it’s that time of year...the ladies and gents of the church will gather **three** times this month to make noodles to sell to anyone in the congregation and also during the annual

Fall Festival in November. The **noodle making days** are as follows: **October 1; October 15; and, October 29.** If you would like to help out, please arrive at 8:30am.

Anyone who would like to contribute monetarily, please contact Carol McDonald, Shirley Woodward, or Ruth Biggs.

Attention Ladies of the Church!

The United Methodist Women invite all ladies of the church to come to a **Retreat** at **The Woman's Clubhouse** in Wabash on **Saturday, October 27** from 9 am—2 pm.



Emily Tiedeman will lead the Retreat and Kortnee Singer will be a guest

sharing her experiences from Limitless Mission Crawl.

Cost is \$6 per person and includes lunch. Reservations are due to Carolyn Eppley by Tuesday, October 23.

Dear Jesus, as I carve my pumpkin, help me pray this prayer:

Open my **MIND** so I can learn about you.

Take away my sin and forgive the wrong that I do.

Open my **EYES** so you love I will see;

I'm sorry for times I've turned up my **NOSE** at what you've given me.



Open my **EARS** so your Word I will hear;

Open my **MOUTH** to tell others you're near.

Let your light shine in all I say and do. Amen.

**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**



**Christ Church
Parking Lot
5pm—8pm
October 31**

Serving for October 2018

8am Greeter — Laura Thomas

10am Liturgist — 10/7 & 10/14: Melanie Penn;
10/21 & 10/28: Mary Ellen Clark

10am Greeters

10/7 Betty Middleton, Connie & Ernie Passwater

10/14 Betty Middleton, Connie & Ernie Passwater

10/21 Linda McCaslin, Connie & Ernie Passwater

10/28 Linda McCaslin, Connie & Ernie Passwater

10am Ushers — TBD

Scripture Reading for October

10/7 Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26;

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

10/14 Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15;

Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

10/21 Job 38:1-7; Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c;

Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

10/28 Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8;

Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

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Sunday 8 am & 10 am
Sunday School for all ages 9 am

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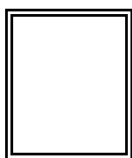


Items for the next newsletter should be submitted to the church office by **October 19th**.

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