

THE BROADCASTER

July 28, 2021

Pastor's Piece

Do you enjoy watching the Tokyo 2020 (2021) Olympic games? It's exciting to see the US getting medals and of course I enjoy watching the Korean athletes winning medals as well. There are great stories about the athletes and I read a story that caught my special attention. It was about a US woman swimmer. Her name is Lydia Jacoby from Alaska. She began swimming at the age of six and she broke her first Alaska state record for swimming when she was 12. And two years later, she first qualified for U.S. Olympic Trials. Amazing thing is Jacoby's town doesn't have an Olympic size pool (the standard is 50 meters), so she typically trained in a 25-meter pool. But during the COVID-19 the pool in Seward was closed so she and her mother rented an apartment in Anchorage to train because there is only one Olympic size pool in the state. She is now the only Alaskan swimmer to ever win an Olympic gold medal. It's an amazing story.

What is your favorite sporting event to watch? Did you know there are about 33 sports in Tokyo Olympic and 75% of Olympic events are individual events and 25% are team events? I am amazed that those athletes had put in 10,000 hours of practice before the Olympic Games.

Both individual and team sports are fun to watch but the team event is more fun to watch because I see harmony, unity and oneness of the team. When you put together as a team, your individual skill is important but the more important thing is since it's a team sport, you need to know how to work with other teammates. No matter your talent level in team sport, you must rely on your teammates. All the players must work together. I get excited to watch the Olympic events this summer, especially the team sports.

Those team sports remind me of how the church is supposed to be. We as believers are the body of Christ and Jesus wants us to be united, be one and love one another and really see the value in sharing our lives intimately with our brothers and sisters. In order to accomplish that oneness to be one in the Lord, this is what the scripture teaches us. Ephesians 4:2, "with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love." I believe that's how we make a good FUMCVC family. When each and every one of us takes on an attitude of humility, gentleness and patience, and begin to utilize gifts that God has given us and start functioning what we are called to do, that's when this body grows and develops healthy as the body of Christ.

Dear brothers and sisters let's keep that in mind as we come together as one to build, serve and honor the Lord together.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ji



OUR PRAYERS FOR

Those Within the Church

Vicki Arick, Dean Dellinger, Marci Law – Don and Susan Sayler’s daughter, Goldie Robinson, Lisa Santiago’s father, Sylas Spaulding – Terry Ishman’s grandson, Cheryl Ward and family at the death of Cheryl’s mother Coila

Our Leaders

Law Enforcement Officers in our community and in the nation, the persecuted Christians around the world. God’s Guidance and Strength for President Biden, Our Troops and their Families

Our Military

- † Michael Barbett – Darryl & Val Wall’s son-in-law
- † CPL Cody Blair – Judy Lann’s grandson
- † Dennis Burns Jr (DJ) – Dennis Burns Sr & Lisa Soetebier’s son
- † Lt. Col. Adam Coffman – Gladys Coffman’s grandson
- † Kristopher Dewitt – Mary Stout’s grandson
- † Chance Greenhoff – Army
- † James Harris (MP) – Bill & Joy Page’s grandson
- † Austin Kroeger
- † Sydney Lang – Navy
- † SGT Bryant Leinen – Warren & Jeanne Leinen’s grandson
- † Erik Nott & family – Doug & Gay Vannaman’s son-in-law
- † SGT Steven Pearce – Walt & Janet Southards’ nephew
- † Erik Ralsten
- † CPL Bethany Reeves
- † David Ruckman – Roy & Linda McFarland’s nephew
- † AIC Bradley Southards – Walt & Janet Southards’s grandson
- † CMSAF Jeffrey Stockwell – Melissa Lampe Stockwell’s husband



We welcome

Liam Blumanhourst

to the family of God.

Liam was baptized on Sunday, July 25. His parents Ben and Sammi also joined the church that day. Liam has two older brothers, Kade (5) and Asher (2).



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| 2 Ryder Neally | 3 Nancy Lafferty | 3 Julie Schultz | 4 Morgan Wiebe |
| 5 Rusty Southards | 5 Joe Dessenberger | 5 Kristi Kennedy | 6 Rhonda Clark |
| 7 Ashley Wingate | 8 Cris Brownlee | 9 Addison Voth | 10 Kathy Frazier |
| 10 Rebecca Schultz | 11 Elisha Stone | 12 June Fike | 12 Lilee Ortega |
| 12 Slayde Spaulding | 12 Gabriel Waite | 13 Erin Tormey | 13 Carson Neally |
| 14 Brilee Holle | 15 Adam Dunn | 15 Avery Williams | 16 Steve Holmes |
| 16 Mike Neal | 17 Blaine Clark | 17 Jane Diehl | 18 Amy Edwards |
| 19 Mike Smith | 20 Jeffrey Ju | 21 Adrian Stockdale | 21 Maggie Spratt |
| 22 Edna Jane Hofflinger | 23 Virginia Jost | 24 Jonathan Girtz | 25 Don Myers |
| 26 Duane Carlson | 27 Gregg Howell | 28 Connie Davis | 28 Erin Reffner |
| 29 Jeffrey Stockwell | 31 Sue Blickenstaff | 31 Roy McFarland | |



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| 1 Marvin & Marilyn Hatch | 4 Phil & Sondra Lampe | 7 Craig & Susan Scribner |
| 8 Dick & Ethel Bartel | 8 Chuck & Feryl Potter | 8 Wayne & Joan Sawyer |
| 9 Dale & Judy Wilson | 12 Steve & Sue Livengood | 14 Mike & Charla McNown |
| 14 Tony & Olivia Wilbur | 16 Brad & Lisa Diehl | 20 Bill & Vicki Arick |
| 24 Gary & Judy Long | 27 Jack & Anne Wilson | 30 Bruce & Lynne Chappell |
| 31 Ron & Jeanette Stanley | | |



Thank You To...

Thank you to our church friends for the beautiful cards and prayers for mother.

Cheryl Ward

August

WEEKLY:

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
Traditional Worship 9:00a	Morning Exercise 8:30a		Morning Exercise 8:30a		Morning Exercise 8:30a
Sunday School 10:00a			JOY Group 9:30a		
Contemporary Worship 11:00a					

SPECIAL:

Trustees
Wednesday, August 4 6:00p FS

Middle School Girls' Book Club
Wednesday, August 11 12:00p FS

UMYF HS & MS Fall Kick-Off
Sunday, August 15 5:00p WCC

Administrative Church Council
Thursday, August 19 6:00p FS

Book Club
Wednesday, August 25 6:00p FS

Fellowship & Missions Team
Thursday, August 5 6:00p FS

Valley Center Schools First Day
Thursday, August 12

Staff Parish Relations Committee
Thursday, August 18 5:30p FS

FUMCVC Family Fun Fest
Sunday, August 22 5:00p WCC

WOW ZONE! Classes Begin
Wednesday, August 25 6:00p

Finance Committee
Tuesday, August 10 6:00p FS

Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever
Friday, August 13 11:00a WCC

Pizza with the Pastor
Wednesday, August 18 6:00p FS

Widowers Group
Sunday, August 22 10:00a Chapel

Chancel Choir Resumes
Wednesday, August 25 7:15p SAN

WOW ZONE! Classes begin Wednesday, August 25 at 6:00p. Classes are for those 3 years old through fifth grade.

Valley Center Hornet Hanger's Back-to-School Fair

Each church in Valley Center is being asked to provide one school supply that will then put in book bags for distribution. FUMCVC has volunteered to donate tissues. We are asking for 225 boxes of tissues (rectangle) OR \$2.00 to purchase a box. Donations can be brought to the church any time before **Sunday, August 1.**



Sunday School Electives

(during the Sunday school hour in the WCC):

- **Sunday, August 1** – Val Wall will speak about Friendship Fields at Friends University. Friendship Fields is a program associated with Friends University that allows college-age adults with disabilities to experience college life while also offering Friends University students the opportunity to work with special needs students.
- **Sunday, August 8** – Missionary to China – We are working on having a family friend of Pastor Ji's parents share about his experiences as a missionary to China. Details of this event will be provided as they are known.

Walk with FUMCVC Staff

Join Pastor Ji, Amy, Mike, and Phoebe on **Saturday, August 7** at 7:00a at the VC Intermediate School track and walk around the track for about one hour.



Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 8 at both worship services. Administrators, board members, teachers, and of course students of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks, tote bags, briefcases, etc to be blessed before the school year begins.

Card Shower

- Bill Wilbur turned 85 years young on **Tuesday, July 27**. If you'd like to send him a birthday card to help him celebrate - it would be appreciated! Bill Wilbur, C/O Presbyterian Manor, 1200 7th Street, Utz Hall #22, Newton, KS 67114.
- June Fike will celebrate her 89th birthday on **August 12, 2021**. To help her celebrate, the family has requested a card shower. Cards can be mailed to June at her new address: Wichita Presbyterian Manor, 4700 W 13th St N #45, Wichita, KS 67212.



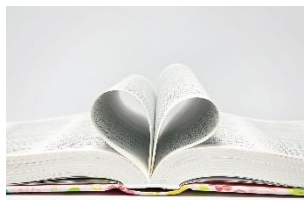
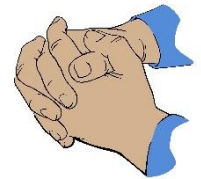


Pizza with the Pastor

Wednesday, August 18 at 6:00p in the Fireside Room – This is a way to talk with Pastor Ji in a smaller setting. Contact the office by Monday, August 16 if you would like to attend.

Widowers Group

We are starting a group for the widowers in the church. The group will meet **Sunday, August 22** in the chapel immediately following the 9:00a worship service.



Book Club

Have you ever wanted to join a book club, but weren't sure how? Well, you are in luck! We are going to start a Women's Book Club in the fall! We will meet one Wednesday each month at 6:00p in the Fireside Room. Books have been chosen that are on the United Methodist Women's Reading Program Book List for 2021/2022. Please contact the office and let us know if you would like to join! The first book we will read is *The Girl with Seven Names: Escape from North Korea* by Hyeonseo Lee with David John. Our first meeting will be **Wednesday, August 25**.

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Wednesday Night Activities

All regular Wednesday night activities begin **Wednesday, August 25**.

- WOW ZONE! 6:00p-7:00p in the basement rooms
- Chancel Choir 7:15p in the Sanctuary

Kick-Off Sunday

Kick-Off Sunday is scheduled for **Sunday, September 12**. We will have one worship service that day at 11:00a and a meal following. Watch for more details!

Lunch & Learn

Join us for our first ever Lunch and Learn! We'll meet **Wednesday, September 15** at noon in the Fireside Room for a quick lunch, then pile into Mike Neal's bus, and have Vince Marshall guide us on the VC Historical Tour. Lunch will be sandwiches, chips, and bananas. Cost is \$5. Want to join in the fun? Just contact the office.





Children's Church is returning August 15!

Here is the new plan:

- Children's Church will be open to Kindergarteners through Fifth Graders.
- Children will leave the sanctuary after the children's sermon and go with Phoebe and another adult or youth to a room in the children's area of the basement.
- There, they will have a lesson, sing some songs, and do a craft.
- Children can be picked up in the children's area of the basement, Room 9B, after church.
- If children are staying for Sunday School (*only applicable for those at the 9:00 a.m. worship service*), they will be taken to the appropriate Sunday school room.

This format will happen two times a month during each worship service:

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	First and Third Sundays
11:00 a.m. Worship Service	Second and Fourth Sundays

No Children's Church on Fifth Sundays!

August 15 is the third Sunday of the month, so our first Children's Church will be during the 11:00 a.m. service on that day.

The hope is to have more kids to participate in Children's Church, hear lessons on their level about God's love, and continue to participate in worship services.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Phoebe

ASK THE UMC

Does The UMC fund...?

One of the more frequent questions Ask The UMC receives is about whether The United Methodist Church funds particular non-United Methodist organizations. We also find some people are surprised by the United Methodist-related entities their apportionments fund partially or not at all.

Understanding the UMC Budget

The United Methodist Church budget supports seven general apportioned funds. Local church giving to these funds provides for the global mission and witness of our church.

General Apportioned Funds

- 1) Africa University Fund - Supports education efforts on the continent of Africa
- 2) Black College Fund - Supports 11 historically Black church-affiliated schools
- 3) Episcopal Fund - Supports active and retired bishops in their episcopal leadership for the denomination
- 4) General Administration Fund - Supports General Conference, the Judicial Council, Archives and History and the church's finance agency
- 5) Interdenominational Cooperation Fund - Supports the church's ecumenical work
- 6) Ministerial Education Fund - Supports United Methodist seminaries and clergy development
- 7) World Service Fund - Supports the diversity of mission through the work of church agencies and the Connectional Table

General Conference approves a budget to support vital international, national, and regional missions and ministries. The general church budget is proportionally allocated (apportioned) to annual conferences, which in turn ask each local church to contribute a portion of its tithes and offerings to support these ministries. In this way, each congregation gives a fair share to support the church's work worldwide.

The Financial Commitment Booklet includes a listing and explanation of the general church budget and how it is allocated each year.

Here are some of the non-UMC organizations asked about most frequently, listed in alphabetical order.

DOES THE UMC FUND... THESE NON-RELATED ENTITIES?

Advocacy groups (such as Good News, Institute on Religion and Democracy, Methodist Federation for Social Action, Reconciling Ministries Network, The Confessing Movement): No. These are independent organizations funded by their members and participants.

Black Lives Matter organizations: No. The United Methodist Church addresses anti-racism work primarily through the General Commission on Religion and Race and annual conference commissions on religion and race. The apportionment your congregation sends to your annual conference funds both your annual conference commission on religion and race and the General Commission. The denominational budget funds no Black Lives Matter organizations.

March of Dimes: No. The United Methodist Church has never funded this organization.

World Vision and Samaritan's Purse: No to both. The United Methodist Church has never funded these organizations.

National Council(s) of Churches (and similar ecumenical bodies outside the US): Yes. The United Methodist Church, through its predecessor bodies, was a founding member of the National Council of Churches and its predecessor, the Federal Council of Churches. The ecumenical commitment of The UMC, however, extends beyond the United States, and includes a financial commitment to support these bodies that bring Christians of many denominations together in common efforts. See page 35 of the Financial Commitment Booklet to learn more, and page 38 to find out how much funding can go annually to support these organizations when 100% of apportionments are paid.

Planned Parenthood: No. The United Methodist Church has never funded this organization.

Political Parties or Political Candidates: No. The United Methodist Church does not fund political candidates or political parties. This is a prohibited activity under U.S. non-profit law for churches and other charitable organizations which qualify for exemption from federal income tax. Churches may jeopardize or even lose this status if they engage in “political campaign activity.” Learn more about the Church’s involvement in politics.

Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice: Not as of 2017. The United Methodist Church was a founding member of this coalition and advocated for the Church’s life-centered position on abortion in dialogue with other member bodies, many of whom hold choice-centered ethics. The 2016 General Conference instructed The UMC to exit the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice and eliminate all funding for it.

World Council of Churches: Yes. The United Methodist Church, the largest Protestant denomination that functions as a worldwide church, is committed to witnessing to the gospel and extending the mission of Christ in partnership with Christian bodies on a worldwide basis. As a founding member of The World Council of Churches through its predecessor bodies, The United Methodist Church continues its presence, witness, and collaborative work in the World Council of Churches through the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, one of the apportioned funds. United Methodist funding supports the participation of United Methodists and Christians of many denominations from developing countries in the worldwide assemblies of the Council, as well as the Council’s ongoing work of promoting initiatives to build justice and make for peace. See pages 35 and 38 of the Financial Commitment Booklet for more information.

DOES THE UMC FUND... THESE UM AND UM-RELATED ENTITIES?

United Methodist General Agencies: Varies. Among the agencies primarily funded by the general church budget are Archives and History, Church and Society, Communications, Discipleship Ministries, Finance and Administration, Global Ministries, Higher Education and Ministry, Religion and Race, and the Status and Role of Women. Some United Methodist agencies are not funded or not fully funded through local church giving to the general church budget.

Mission and Mission Support

The General Commission on United Methodist Men is partly supported (up to 20%) by local church *giving through the World Service Fund. The majority of its funding comes from its members.*

United Methodist Women is 100% supported by its own membership. It receives no funds from the General Church budget. While the World Service Fund underwrites part of the work of Global Ministries and its international relief unit, UMCOR, much is funded through additional giving by individuals and annual conferences through the Advance, a way to direct support to specific missionaries, mission projects, and disaster relief. UMCOR often provides grants to and collaborates with other partner relief organizations on the ground, especially in areas where there are few or no United Methodist congregations present.

Publishing

- Discipleship Resources and Discipleship Resources International, the publishing units of Discipleship Ministries, are funded with support from the World Service Fund.
- The United Methodist Publishing House receives no funding from the General Church budget. Instead, it is funded through subscription services and sales of their publications and other items. The United Methodist Publishing House is required to produce and publish the official documents of the denomination (including the Book of Discipline, Book of Resolutions, all official materials of the General Conference, and the hymnal and ritual of the Church) and to return profits from its overall operations to support retirement funds for United Methodist clergy.
- Upper Room Ministries, like United Methodist Publishing House, is funded entirely through sales and subscriptions. It receives no funds from the general church budget.

Retirement and Health Benefits

- Wespath, the church's pension and health benefits agency, is funded by those who participate in its benefit plans and through returns on investments using those funds. It is not supported through the General Church budget.

United Methodist-Related Institutions: Varies

Higher Education and Clergy Formation

Directly Funded Colleges and Universities

The general church budget provides some direct funding through The Black College Fund for eleven Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) related to The United Methodist Church. It also provides substantial funding for Africa University, founded by the 1988 General Conference, through The Africa University Fund. This fund also enables bishops in Africa to provide a limited number of full scholarships to students in their episcopal areas each year.

Seminaries in the United States

Thirteen United Methodist seminaries offer graduate-level programs for those called to ordained ministry, Course of Study for local pastors, and continuing-education opportunities for pastors across the connection. Scholarship support for these students comes through The Ministerial Education Fund.

Seminaries and Theological Education Institutions outside the United States

The Central Conference Theological Education Fund, created by the 2012 General Conference as a part of the World Service Fund, supports theological schools, courses of study, libraries, scholarships, and faculty development for the training and educational support of clergy outside the United States.

Hospitals and Health Care Systems

Within the United States

United Methodist-related hospitals within the United States were originally started by annual conferences. Some annual conferences own or have oversight over such hospitals through participation in their boards of directors. Most maintain an ongoing relationship through a variety of other means. None are funded by the General Church budget.

Outside the United States

Global Ministries has helped launch and continues some funding for many hospitals and health care sites, in part through the World Service Fund and in part through individual and conference giving to the Advance (Abundant Health).

Children's Homes and Eldercare

Within the United States

As with hospitals, most United Methodist-related children's homes and older adult facilities in the United States were founded by annual conferences, and some remain owned by the annual conference. For the most part, they are independent institutions that maintain a relationship with their founding conference, but raise their own funds through the services they provide. Some annual conferences provide some funding in their budgets. None of these facilities are supported by the General Church budget.

Outside the United States

Some children's homes, orphanages, and related ministries outside the United States are supported in part through the World Service Fund under the direction of Global Ministries. Most, however, receive funding from individuals or conferences through the Advance under the Impact Area of Education.

Surprised by what The United Methodist Church does or does not fund through your local church offerings? Now you know more and where to look to find the answers.

As always, if you have more questions, just Ask The UMC, your apportionment dollars at work to help you find the answers!

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FUMCVC FAMILY FUN FEST

Sunday, August 22 * 5:00 PM * WCC

Fun Run and Games for Children & Youth!

We will have a fun run around the church building, yard games on the east lawn, and a light meal.



The fun run will include a stroller race, a kid race, and a youth race!



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