

# What We Believe

An Adult  
Confirmation Class



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By Kathleen McMurray, Revised Fall 2024

# SCHEDULE

## **Week 1: Introduction**

- What is communal belief?
- Where our beliefs come from

## **Week 2: What do we believe about God?**

- God as Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

## **Week 3: What do we Believe about The Bible?**

- How The Bible came to be
- How we read the Bible

## **Week 4: What do we Believe about The Church Universal?**

- The church is not a building
- The History of the Church

## **Week 5: What do we Believe about The United Methodist Church?**

- The History of the United Methodist Church
- The Structure of the UMC

## **Week 6: What do we Believe about Baptism?**

- Definition of Sacrament
- Baptism

## **Week 7: What do we Believe about Communion?**

- Communion
- Means of Grace

## **Week 8: What do we Believe about a Life of Faith**

- Salvation
- This life matters: Three Simple Rules

## **Week 9: What do we Believe about the Life of the Church?**

- Mission & Ministry of the Church
- The Social Principles
- The Church Year

## **Week 10: What do YOU Believe?**

# Welcome!

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In the United Methodist Church, young people go through a process called "Confirmation" which invites them to confirm the vows made at their baptism, profess their faith before the church and become members of a local congregation. As adults, though, we may develop more questions about faith and belief and our denomination. Hence, this class "What We Believe!" I hope that this can be a learning experience for you and that you can develop a deeper connection to God and the Church through this journey.

— Pastor Kathleen

"Through confirmation, and through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church."

— *United Methodist Book of Worship*, p. 87

# What We Believe

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*noun*

a statement of the beliefs or aims which guide someone's actions.



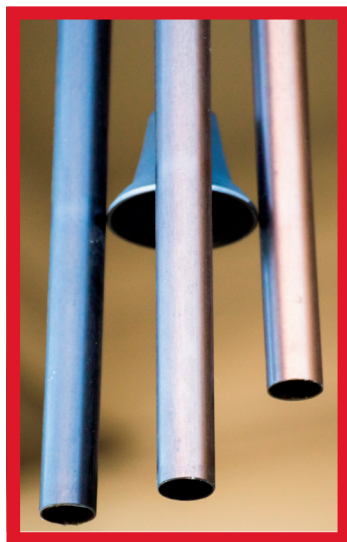
**Why are you here?  
What do you want to learn about belief?**

# The Wesleyan-ish Quadrilateral

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- from "Our Theological Task"

The United Methodist Book of Discipline



"A 'catholic spirit' is not an indifference to all opinions... Go first and learn the first elements of the gospel of Christ, and then shall you learn to be of a truly catholic spirit."

— John Wesley

"In essentials, unity;  
in nonessentials, liberty;  
in all things, charity."

— Rupertus Meldenius



**BIG QUESTIONS: WHAT ARE ESSENTIALS???**  
**HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT WE BELIEVE???**



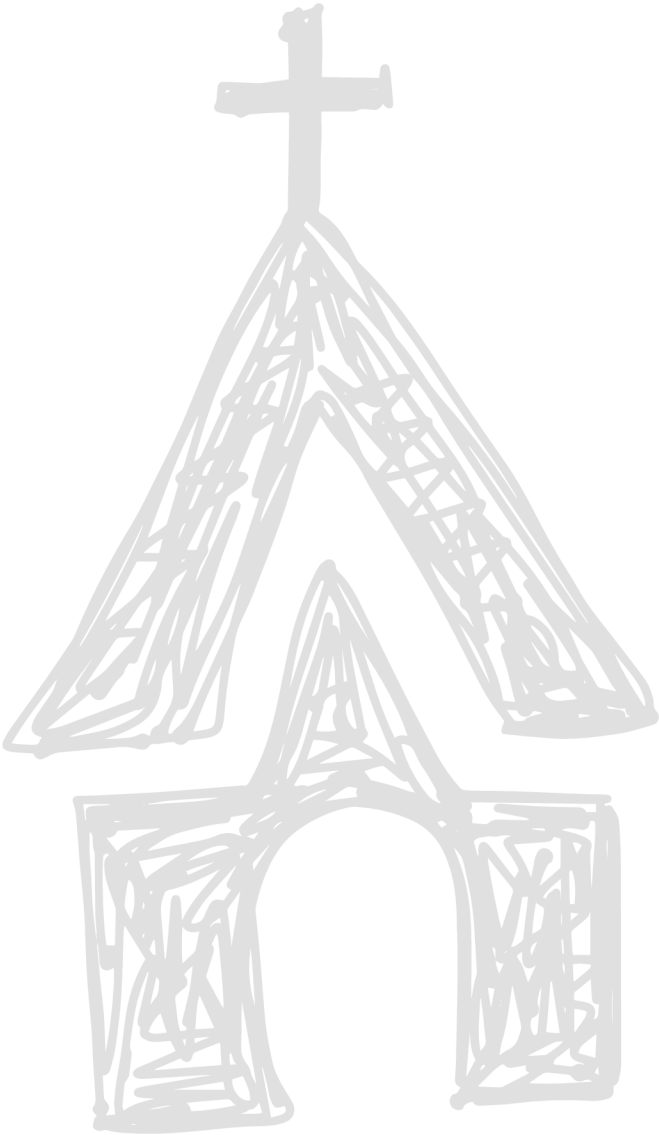
# HOW DO WE IMAGINE GOD?



WHAT ARE YOUR MOST FAMILIAR IMAGES OF GOD/CHRIST/BIBLE CHARACTERS? WHAT DO THOSE IMAGES SAY ABOUT GOD? WHAT DO THEY SAY ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?



# Notes for Further Reflection



# What We Believe

## ABOUT GOD

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I believe in **God, the Father Almighty**,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in **Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord**,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit**,  
the holy catholic\*\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*\*Catholic = Universal

- *The Apostles' Creed*

# TRINITY

ONE GOD | THREE PERSONS

Father | Son | Holy Spirit



"With Christians of other communions we confess belief in the true God - **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**. This confession embraces the biblical witness to God's activity in creation, encompasses God's gracious self-involvement in the dramas of history, and anticipates the consummation of God's reign."

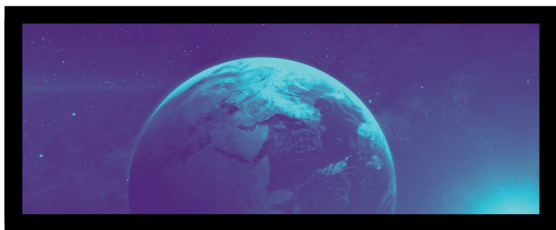
*The United Methodist Book of Discipline*



"[The Trinity] are **inseparable** in the **majesty of the Divinity**; because the Father is not without the Son, neither the Son without the Father, nor the Father and the Son without the Holy Spirit, neither the Holy Spirit without them, and **these three Persons exist one God in one whole divinity of majesty.**"

*- Hildegard of Bingen*

# Father



*"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."*

**- Genesis 1:1**

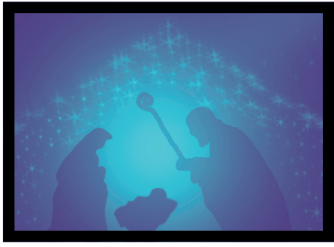
*"This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens."*

**- Genesis 2:4**

"God is the Creator of all that is... The truth is that we know nothing at all about the manner of God's initial creative act. We were not there when it happened, and the scientists cannot tell us. What we do know is that God created, and controls, and continues to create an infinitely complex world. About the various natural and biological processes in which His creativity is discerned, science can tell us much. What can be learned about God's ways of working through the regularities of nature, we ought gratefully to receive. What we must not do is to confuse ultimate causation with chemical, physical, or biological processes and try to make the latter a substitute for God. "

*-Georgia Harkness*





Son



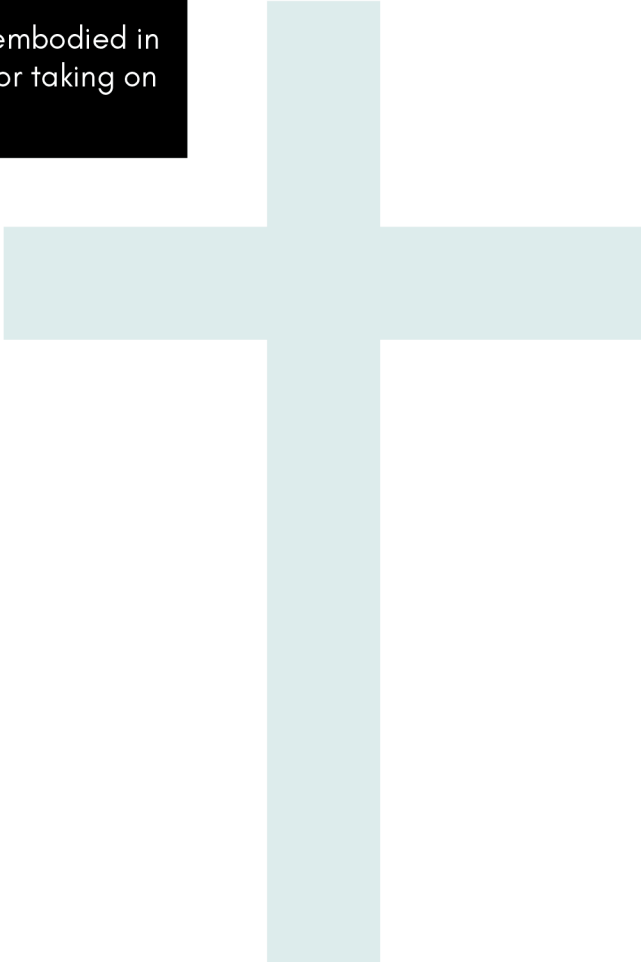
*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

**- John 1:1, 14**

### **Incarnation**

/,ɪnkər'nāSH(ə)n/  
noun

One embodied in  
flesh or taking on  
flesh



# DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES OF JESUS IN THE GOSPELS

## MATTHEW

*"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet."*

**- Matthew 1:22**

*"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."*

**- Matthew 5:17**

## LUKE

*"I decided to write down an orderly account for you... so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught."*

**- Luke 1:3-4**

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has annointed me to proclaim good news to the poor."*

**- Luke 4:18**

## MARK

*"The good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God"*

**- Mark 1:1**

*"Jesus said 'Let us go somewhere else - to the nearby villages - so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.' So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons."*

**- Mark 1:38**

## JOHN

*"These are written so you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."*

**- John 20:31**

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

**- John 3:16**

*"By willing to become man, God clearly displayed the immensity of his love for men, so that henceforth men might serve God, no longer out of fear of death, which the first man had scorned, but out of the love of charity."*

*Thomas Aquinas*

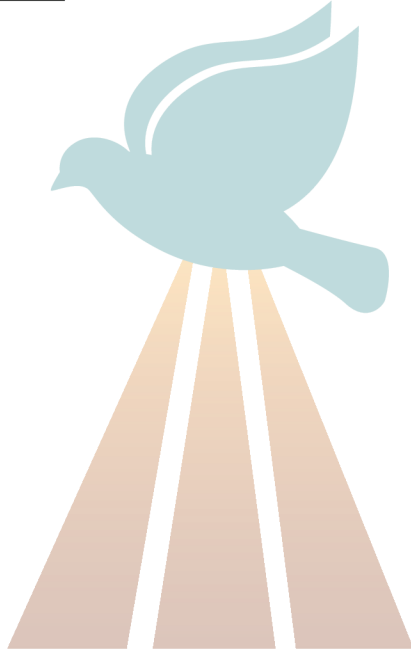
*"Jesus is willing to lose his life for the sake of life. Jesus can do this because Jesus, the Word of God at creation, is life and the very power of life is in Jesus."*

*Karen Baker-Fletcher*

# Holy Spirit

***ruach*** (Hebrew)  
***pneuma*** (Greek)  
wind/breath/storm

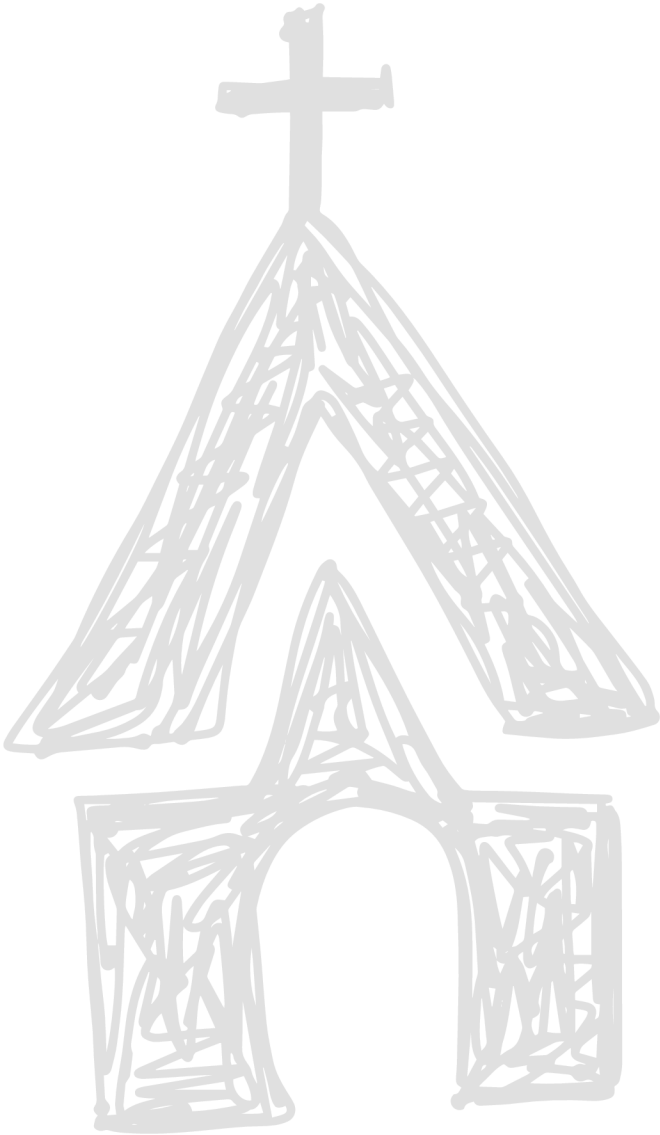
***paraclete*** (Greek)  
advocate/helper/comforter/counselor



"The Spirit himself is the God who is love. If among God's gifts there is none greater than love, and there is no greater gift of God than the Holy Spirit, we naturally conclude that he who is said to be both God and of God is himself love. And if the love whereby the Father loves the Son and the Son loves the Father displays beyond the power of words, the communion of both, it is most fitting that the Spirit who is common to both should have the special name love."

- St. Augustine

# Notes for Further Reflection



# What We Believe about THE BIBLE

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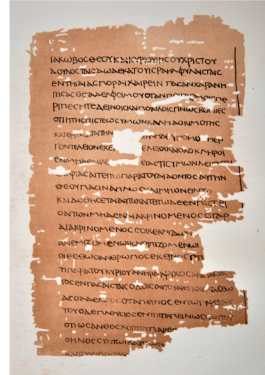
"At any price, give me the Book of God!  
I have it: here is knowledge enough for me.  
Let me be homo unius libri [a man of one book.] "

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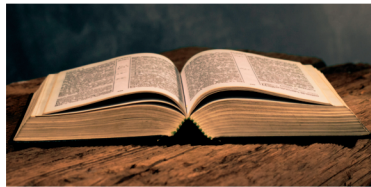
John Wesley

" The Holy Scripture containeth **all things necessary to salvation**; so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man that it should be believed as an article of faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation. In the name of the Holy Scripture we do understand those **canonical books of the Old and New Testament** of whose authority was never any doubt in the church..."

- The Articles of Religion  
of the United Methodist Church



ויהו בימי אחשורוש הוזה אחשורוש  
 כוש שבוע ועשרים ומאה מדינה ביב  
 המלך אחשורוש על כסא מלכותו  
 הבירה בשנת שלוש למלכו עשה מ  
 ועבדיו חיל פרס ומדי הפרתמים וש  
 בהראתו את עשר כבוד מלכותו ואת  
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 האלה עשה המלך לכל העם הנמצא  
 למגדור ועד קטן משתה שבעת ימי



## Canon

From Hebrew-Greek word meaning "cane" or "measuring rod," passed into Christian usage to mean "norm" or "rule of faith."

Used to describe the texts which a religious community considers authoritative.

For Christians, the "canon" is the collection of books which are included in the bible.

# MANY BOOKS WITHIN ONE

## How the Bible fits together

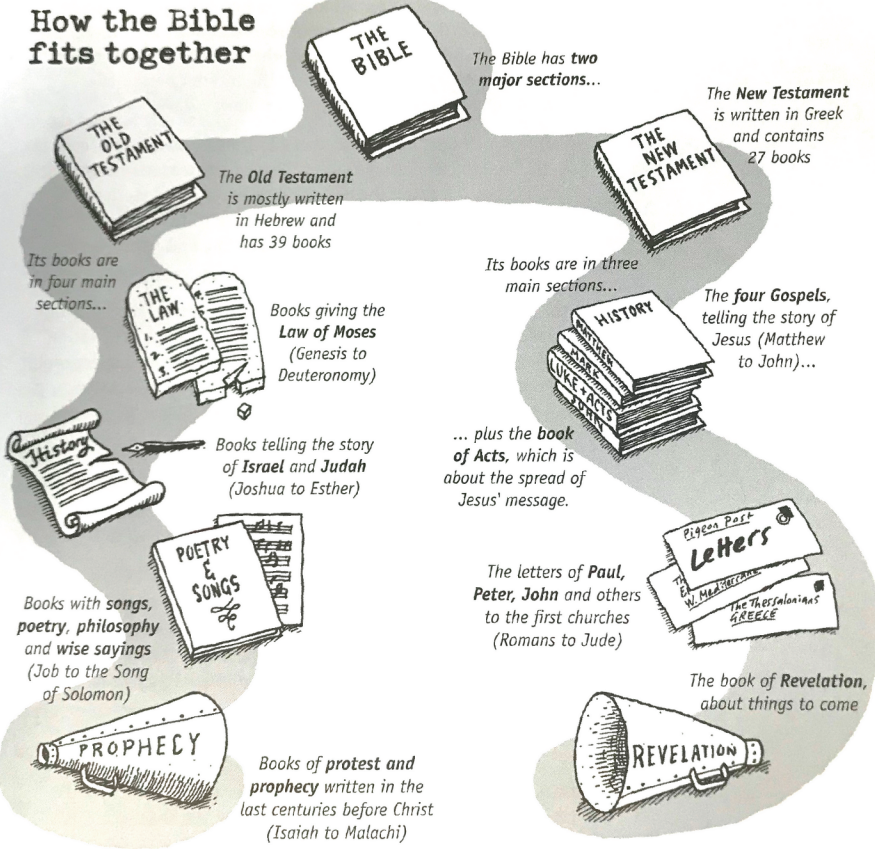


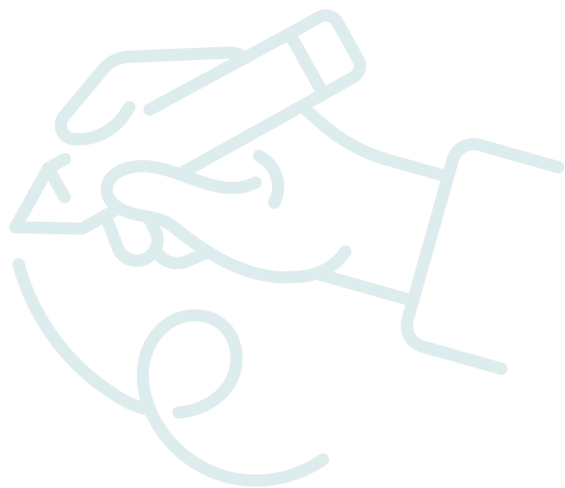
CHART FROM SIMON JENKINS "THE BIBLE FROM SCRATCH"

How much of the Bible have you read?  
What's your favorite verse?  
Favorite type of scripture?  
Favorite book?

"All scripture is **inspired by God** and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work."

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

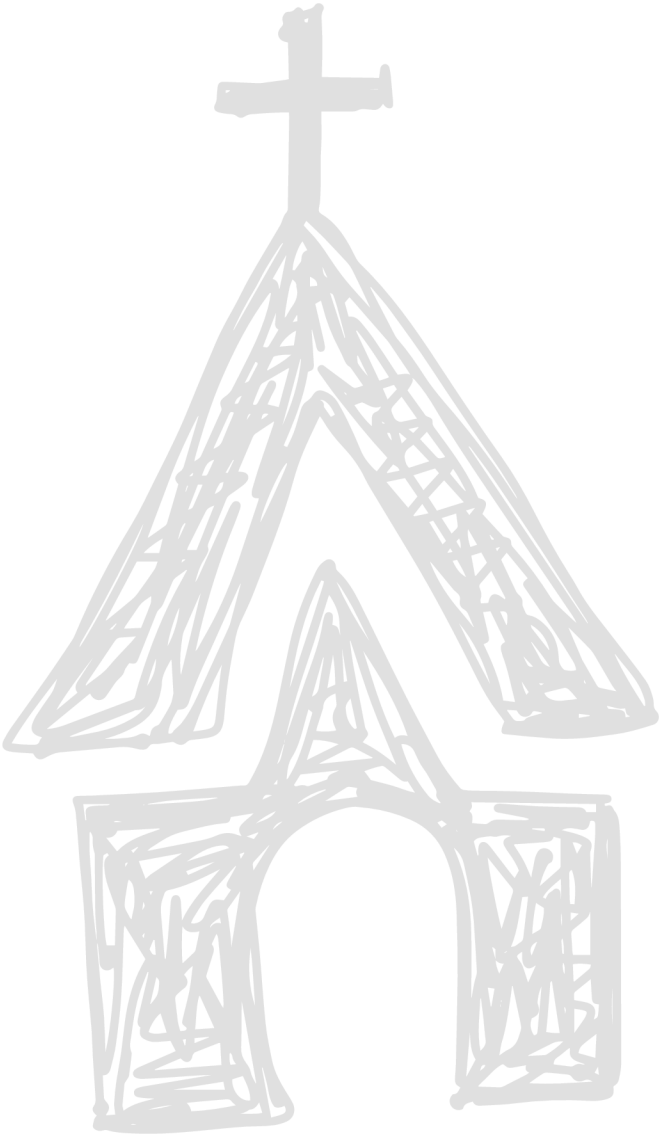
What does  
this mean???



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- from "Our Theological Task"  
The United Methodist Book of Discipline

# Notes for Further Reflection



# What We Believe about THE CHURCH

*I am the church! You are the church!  
We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus,  
all around the world!  
Yes, we're the church together!*

## **I AM THE CHURCH**

**BY RICHARD KINSEY AVERY  
& DONALD MARSH**

United Methodist Hymnal #558

*1. The church is not a building;  
the church is not a steeple;  
the church is not a resting place;  
the church is a people.*

*2. We're many kinds of people,  
with many kinds of faces,  
all colours and all ages, too  
from all times and places.*

*3. Sometimes the church is marching;  
sometimes it's bravely burning,  
sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding;  
always it's learning.*

*4. And when the people gather,  
there's singing and there's praying;  
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes,  
all of it saying:*

*5. At Pentecost some people  
received the Holy Spirit  
and told the Good News through the world  
to all who would hear it.*



# A PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

*Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord. Grant us grace so to follow your holy saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which you have prepared for those who sincerely love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**United Methodist Hymnal #713**



WHO ARE SOME SAINTS YOU HAVE KNOWN WHO  
HAVE REPRESENTED THE CHURCH TO YOU?

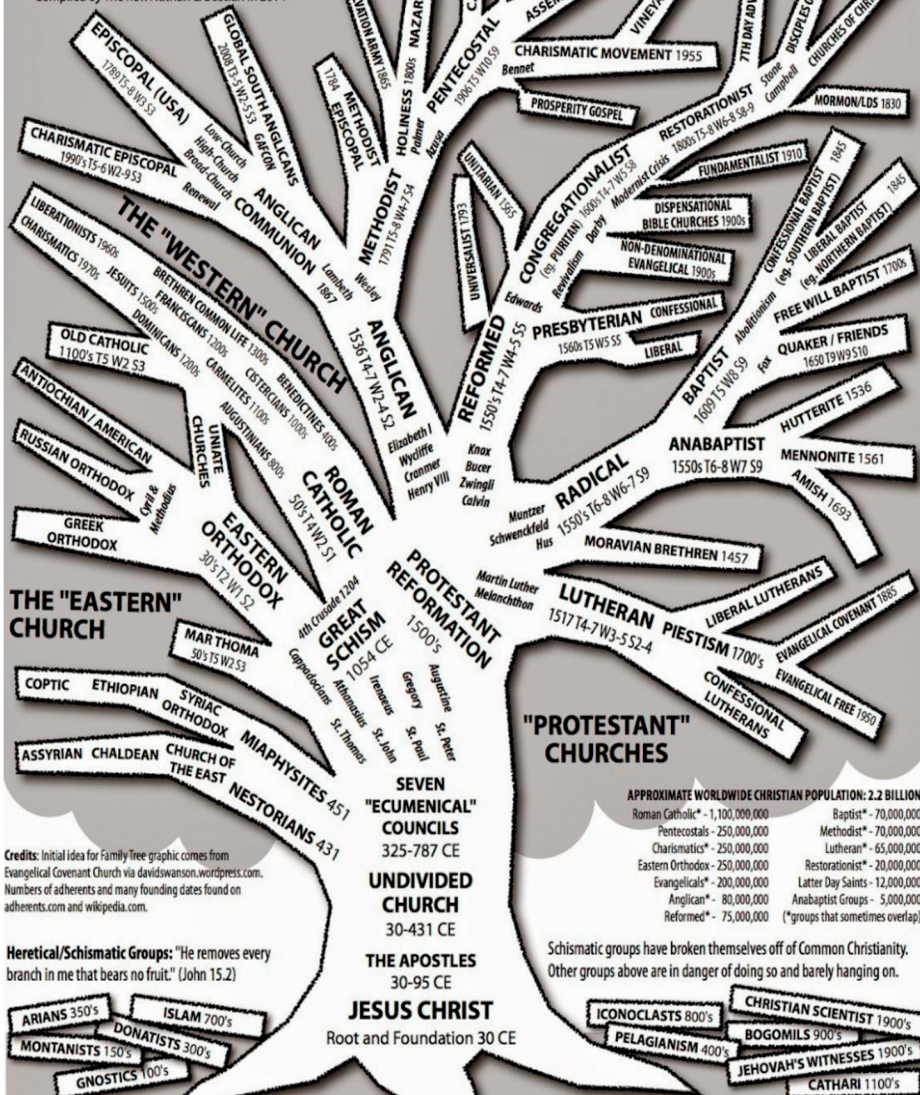
# All who Follow Jesus...

## THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY TREE\*

"I am the Vine, you are the branches" (Jesus in John 15:5)

\*From an American Perspective

Compiled by The Rev. Nathan L. Boston in 2014



Credits: Initial idea for Family Tree graphic comes from Evangelical Covenant Church via david.watson.wordpress.com. Numbers of adherents and many founding dates found on adherents.com and wikipedia.com.

Heretical/Schismatic Groups: "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit." (John 15:2)

- ARIANS 350's
- ISLAM 700's
- MONTANISTS 150's
- DONATISTS 300's
- GNOSTICS 100's

Nourished in the soil of:

**JUDAISM:**  
Laws of Torah  
God of Faithful Love  
Expectations of Messiah

**GRECO-ROMAN:**  
Shared Koine Greek / Culture  
God of Universal Reason  
Mode of Philosophical Inquiry

**JESUS CHRIST**  
Root and Foundation 30 CE

**Key to Denomination Ratings:**  
# = Approx. Year(s) of founding  
T = Use of Tradition: Conservative 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
W = Style of Worship: Sacramental 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
S = Structure: Hierarchical 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**CHURCH NAME**  
## T# W# S#

**ANGLICAN**  
1536 T4-7 W2-4 S2

**APPROXIMATE WORLDWIDE CHRISTIAN POPULATION: 2.2 BILLION**

- Roman Catholic\* - 1,100,000,000
- Baptist\* - 70,000,000
- Pentecostals - 250,000,000
- Methodist\* - 70,000,000
- Charismatic\* - 250,000,000
- Lutheran\* - 65,000,000
- Eastern Orthodox - 250,000,000
- Restorationist\* - 20,000,000
- Evangelicals\* - 200,000,000
- Latter Day Saints - 12,000,000
- Anglican\* - 80,000,000
- Anabaptist Groups - 5,000,000
- Reformers\* - 75,000,000

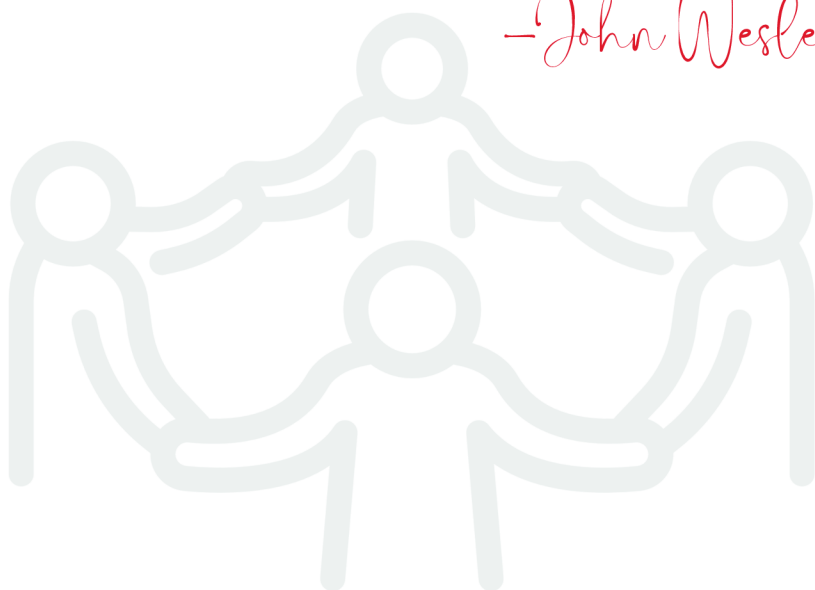
(\*groups that sometimes overlap)

Schismatic groups have broken themselves off of Common Christianity. Other groups above are in danger of doing so and barely hanging on.

- ICONOCLASTS 800's
- CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST 1900's
- PELAGIANISM 400's
- BOGOMILS 900's
- JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES 1900's
- CATHARI 1100's

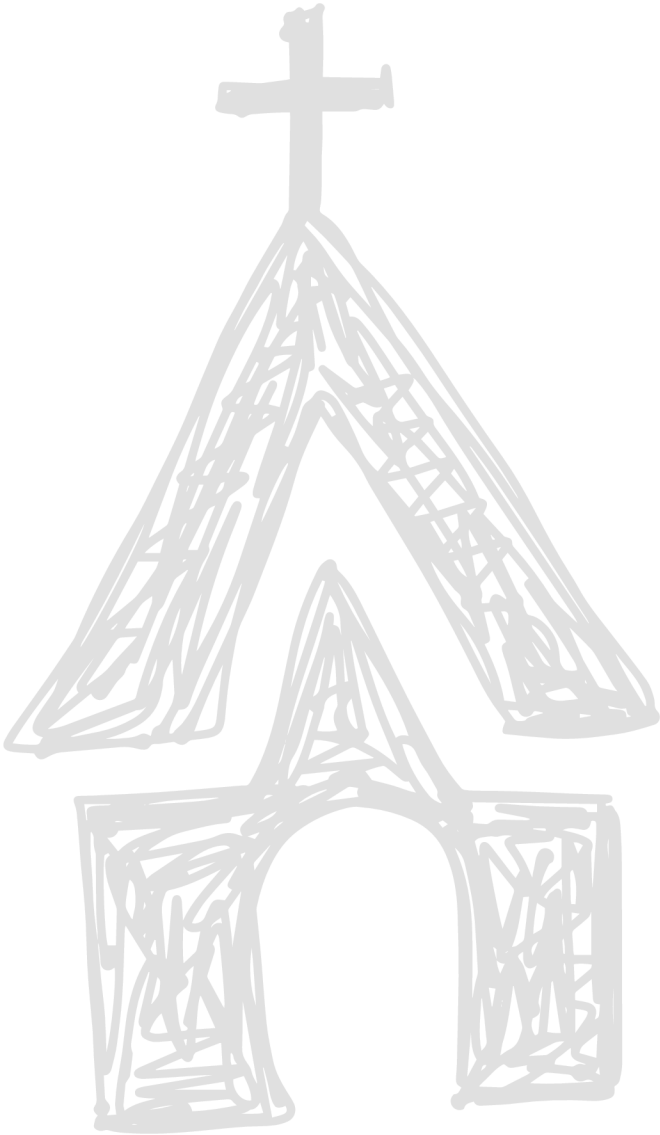
"Though we can't think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences."

*-John Wesley*



DO YOU AGREE WITH WESLEY? IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE OF ONE HEART IF WE AREN'T OF ONE MIND?

# Notes for Further Reflection



# What We Believe about THE UMC

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On April 23, 1968, The United Methodist Church was created when Bishop Reuben H Mueller, representing The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of The Methodist Church joined hands at the constituting General Conference in Dallas, TX. With the words, "Lord of the Church, we are united in Thee, in Thy Church and now in The United Methodist Church," the new denomination was given birth by two churches that had distinguished histories and influential ministries in various parts of the world. Theological traditions steeped in the Protestant Reformation and Wesleyanism, similar ecclesiastical structures, and relationships that dated back almost 200 years facilitated the union.

- "Historical Statement"  
*The United Methodist Book of Discipline*



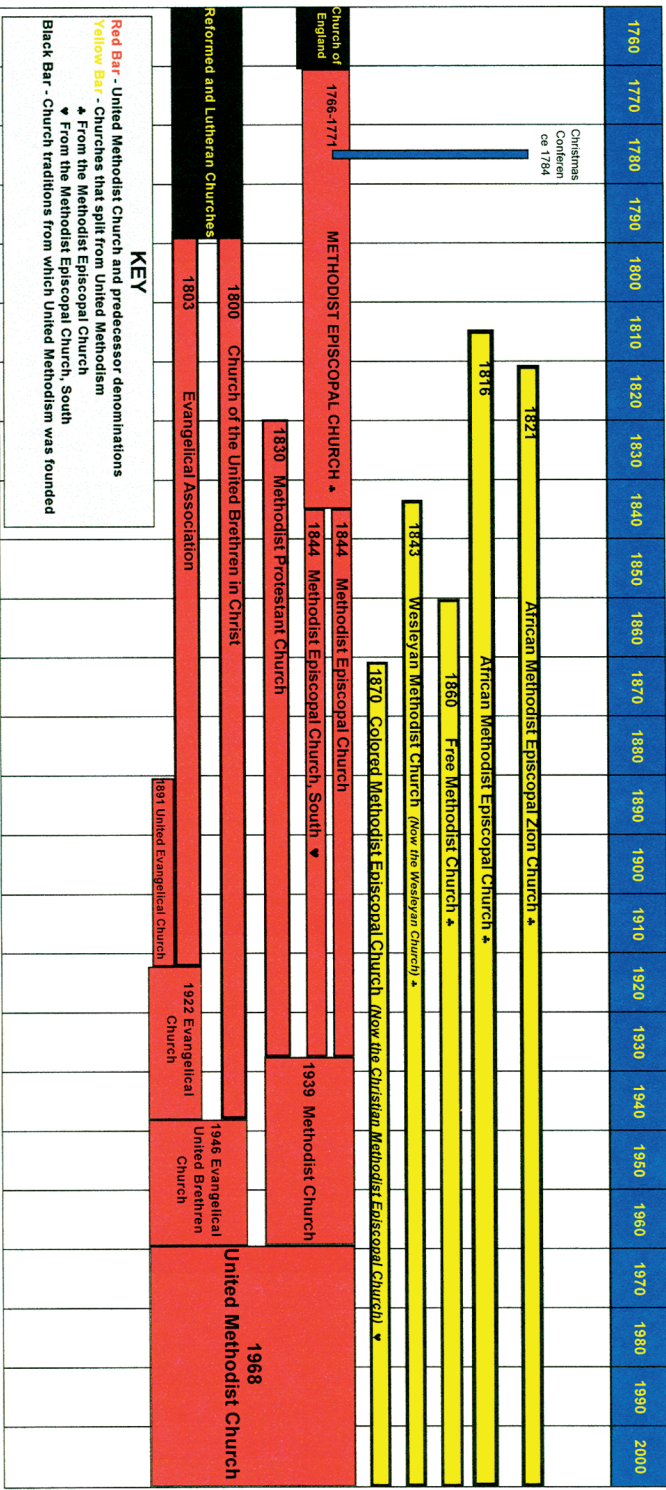
# Methodism began as a movement...



“In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther’s preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.”

— John Wesley

## Historical Timeline of the United Methodist Church



**KEY**

- Red Bar** - United Methodist Church and predecessor denominations
- Yellow Bar** - Churches that split from United Methodism
- ▲ From the Methodist Episcopal Church, South
- ▼ From the Methodist Episcopal Church, South
- Black Bar** - Church traditions from which United Methodism was founded

*As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

**1 Peter 2:4-5**

*How are we being built today?*

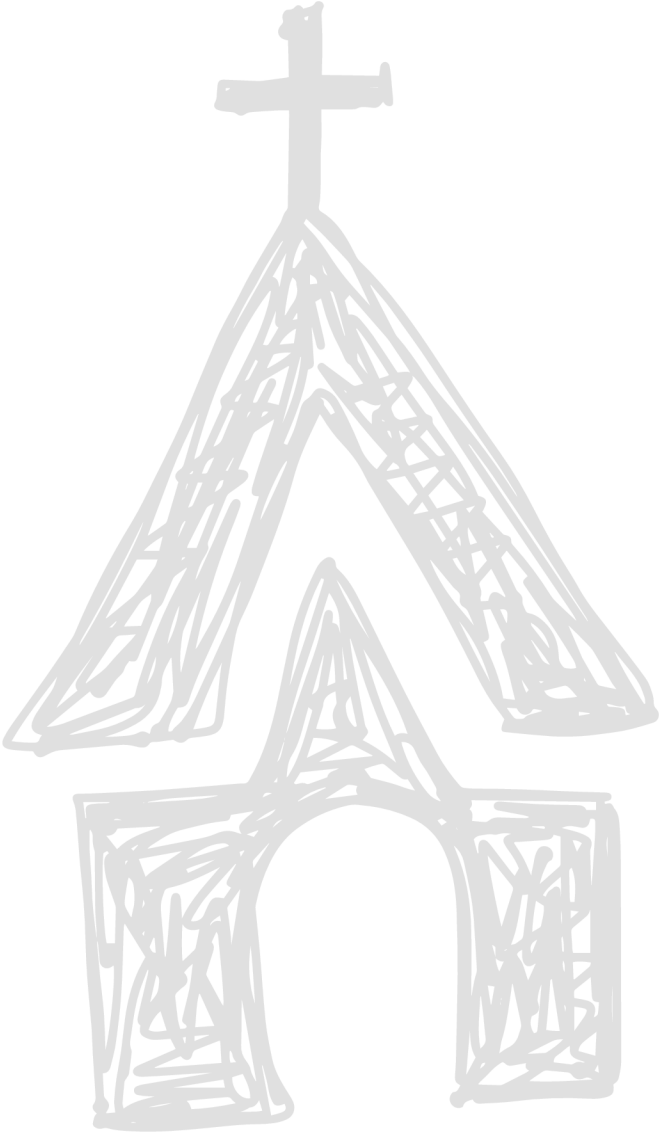


# UNITED METHODISM TERMS TO KNOW

- Connection
- Annual Conference
- General Conference
- Central Conference
- Jurisdictional Conference
- Judicial Council
- Episcopacy
- Clergy
- Laity
- Bishops
- Ordination
- Elder
- Deacon
- Licensed Local Pastor
- Lay Speakers
- Lay Leaders



# Notes for Further Reflection



# What We Believe about BAPTISM

## SACRAMENT

"An outward and visible sign of inward grace, and a means whereby we receive the same."  
- John Wesley

## UM SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM  
COMMUNION

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By 'means of grace' I understand outward signs, words, or actions ordained of God, and appointed for this end - to be the ordinary channels whereby he might convey to men **preventing, justifying, or sanctifying grace.**

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*John Wesley, The Means of Grace*



# BAPTISM

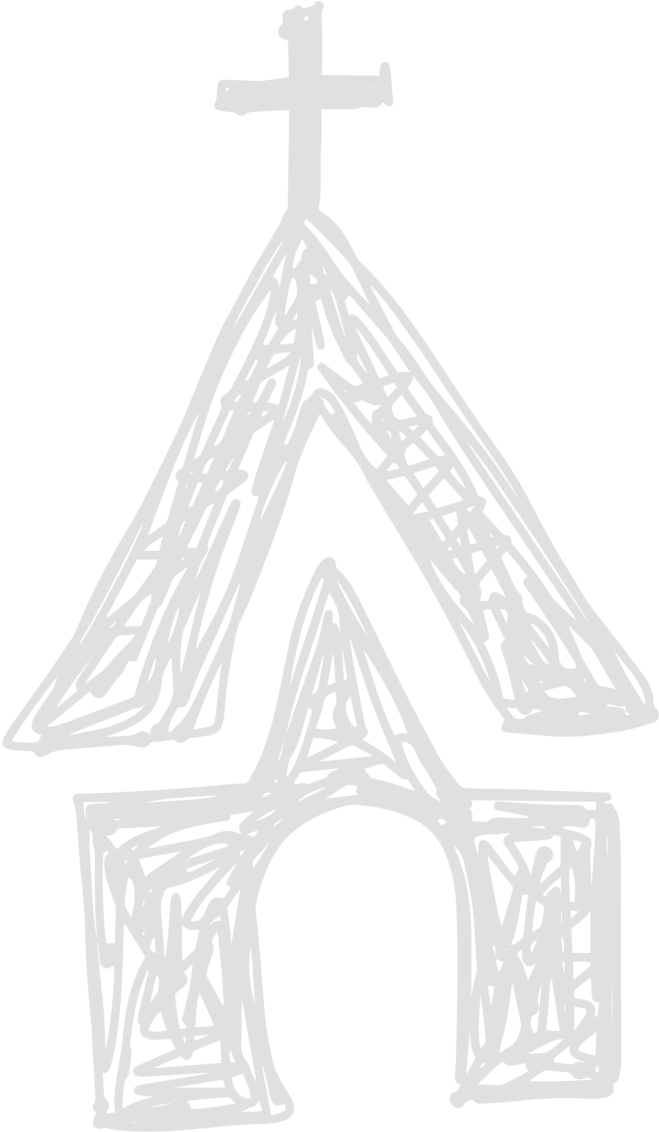
"Through the sacrament of baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price."

*Baptismal Covenant,  
United Methodist Hymnal, P. 33*

"Because the redeeming love of God, revealed in Jesus Christ, extends to all persons and because Jesus explicitly included the children in his kingdom, the pastor of each charge shall earnestly exhort all Christian parents or guardians to present their children to the Lord In Baptism at an early age."

*United Methodist Book of Discipline,  
Paragraph 221*

# Notes for Further Reflection



# What We Believe about COMMUNION

## SACRAMENT

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## UM SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM  
COMMUNION

## COMMUNION | EUCHARIST | LORD'S SUPPER

"Provides spiritual nourishment for the life of faith"

*Gayle C. Felton, United Methodists & The Sacraments*



## COMMUNION

"Holy Communion focuses on the holiness of the gathering and sharing as the body of Christ"

## EUCCHARIST

"Eucharist, from the Greek word for "gratitude," emphasizes giving thanks as Jesus gave thanks for the bread and wine with his disciples at the Last Supper."

## LORD'S SUPPER

"Lord's Supper was used by Paul and refers to the Last Supper (1 Corinthians 11:20-26) as he recalled it."



Felton, Gayle C.

*United Methodists & The Sacraments*



# Means of Grace

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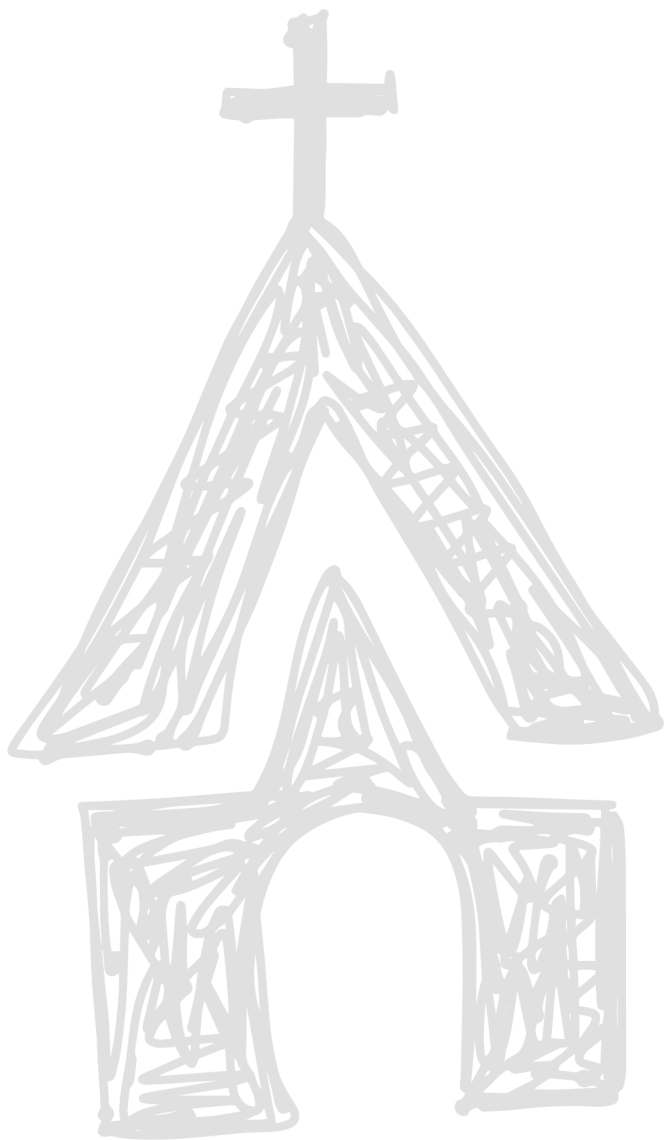
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John Wesley  
*The Means of Grace*

# Grace



# Notes for Further Reflection



# What We Believe

about  
A LIFE OF FAITH

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*"We are accounted righteous before God only for **the merit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, by faith,** and not for our own works or deservings."*

Article IX,  
"The Articles of Religion"  
*The United Methodist Book of Discipline*

*"For it is by **grace** you have been **saved**, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the **gift of God.**"*

Ephesians 2:8

## ATONEMENT

/ə'tōnmənt/

noun

reparation for a wrong  
or injury.

"The cross... is the central symbol of the Christian faith.

But what does it mean? What exactly did Jesus do to save us from our sins? Why was the cross necessary, and what does it mean to us today? What is it about the way Jesus died that offers salvation for us? Why did Jesus do what he did, and what does that mean for us? And how can answers to these questions help us as our faith stretches and grows?"

**Magrey DeVega, *Savior***



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"What is **salvation**? The salvation which is here spoken of is not what is frequently understood by that word, the going to heaven, eternal happiness. It is not the soul's going to paradise, termed by our Lord 'Abraham's bosom'. It is not a blessing which lies on the other side of death, or (as we usually speak) in the other world. The very words of the text itself put this beyond all question. 'Ye *are* saved.' It is not something at a distance: it is a present thing, a blessing which, through the free mercy of God, ye are now in possession of. Nay, the words may be rendered, and that with equal propriety, 'Ye *have been* saved.' So that the salvation which is here spoken of might be extended to the entire work of God, from the first dawning of grace in the soul till it is consummated in glory."

John Wesley  
*The Scripture Way of Salvation*

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# DIFFERENT BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDINGS OF

*Salvation*



*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

**John 3:16**

*At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

**Philippians 2:10-11**

*When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.*

**Matthew 25:31-32**



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“By salvation I mean not barely according to the vulgar notion deliverance from hell or going to heaven but a present deliverance from sin a restoration of the soul to its primitive health its original purity a recovery of the divine nature the renewal of our souls after the image of God in righteousness and true holiness in justice mercy and truth.”

- *John Wesley, A Further Appeal to Men of Reason and Religion*

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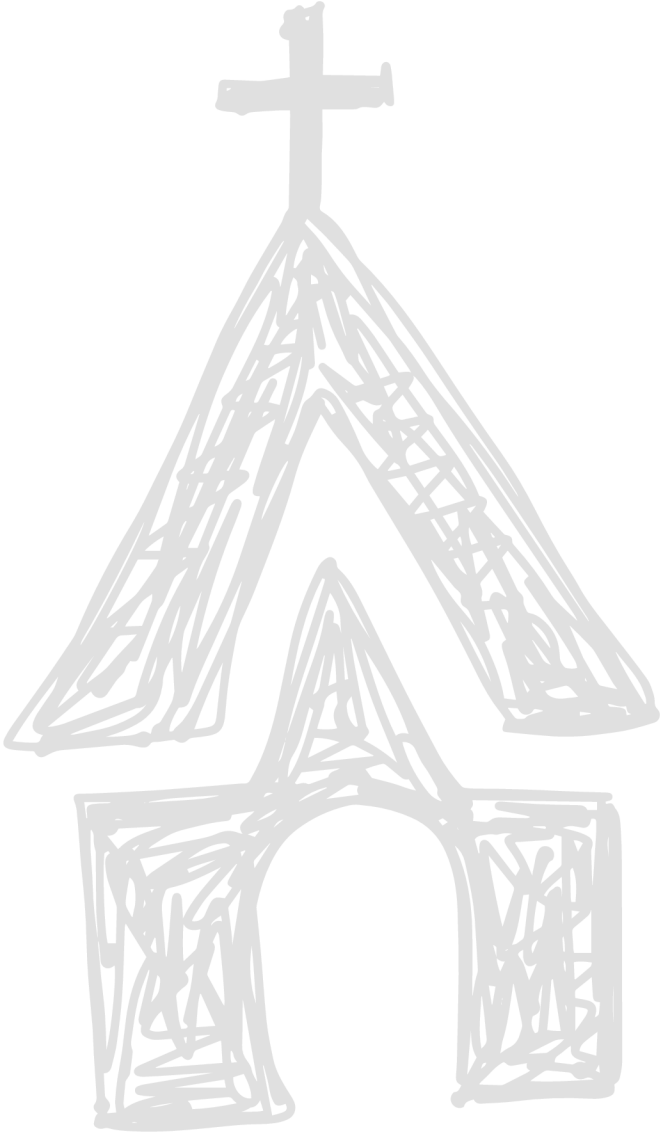


# SIMPLE RULES

1. Do no Harm
2. Do Good
3. Attend Upon the Ordinances of God (Stay In Love with God)



# Notes for Further Reflection



# What We Believe

about  
THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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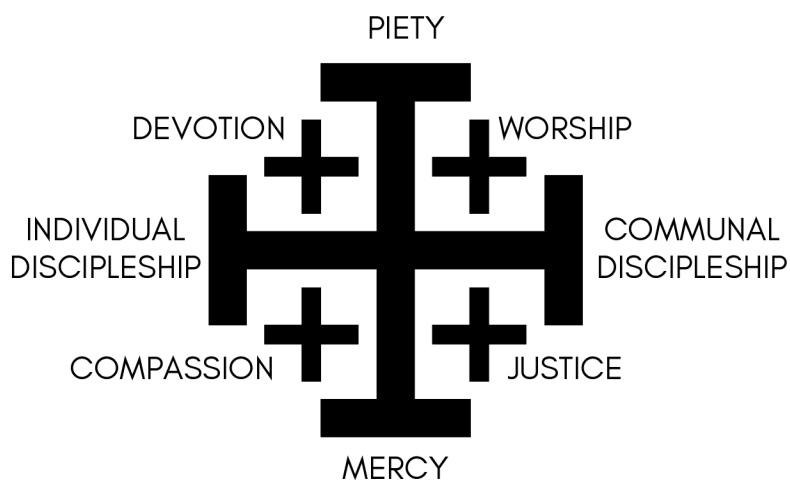
Our Mission as United Methodists:  
**To make Disciples of Jesus Christ for  
the Transformation of the World**



# HOW TO WE DO THIS?

*Book of Discipline Par. 122*

- Proclaim the gospel, seek, welcome and gather persons into the body of Christ;
- Lead persons to commit their lives to God through baptism by water and the Spirit and profession of faith in Jesus Christ;
- Nurture persons in Christian living through worship, the sacraments, spiritual disciplines, and other means of grace, such as Wesley's Christian conferencing;
- Send persons into the world to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, caring for the stranger, freeing the oppressed, being and becoming a compassionate, caring presence, and working to develop social structures that are consistent with the gospel; and
- Continue the mission of seeking, welcoming and gathering persons into the community of the body of Christ.



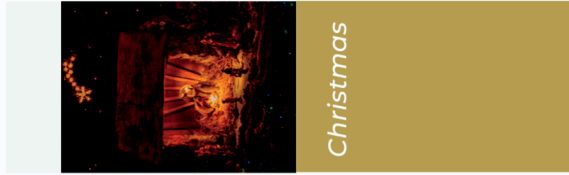


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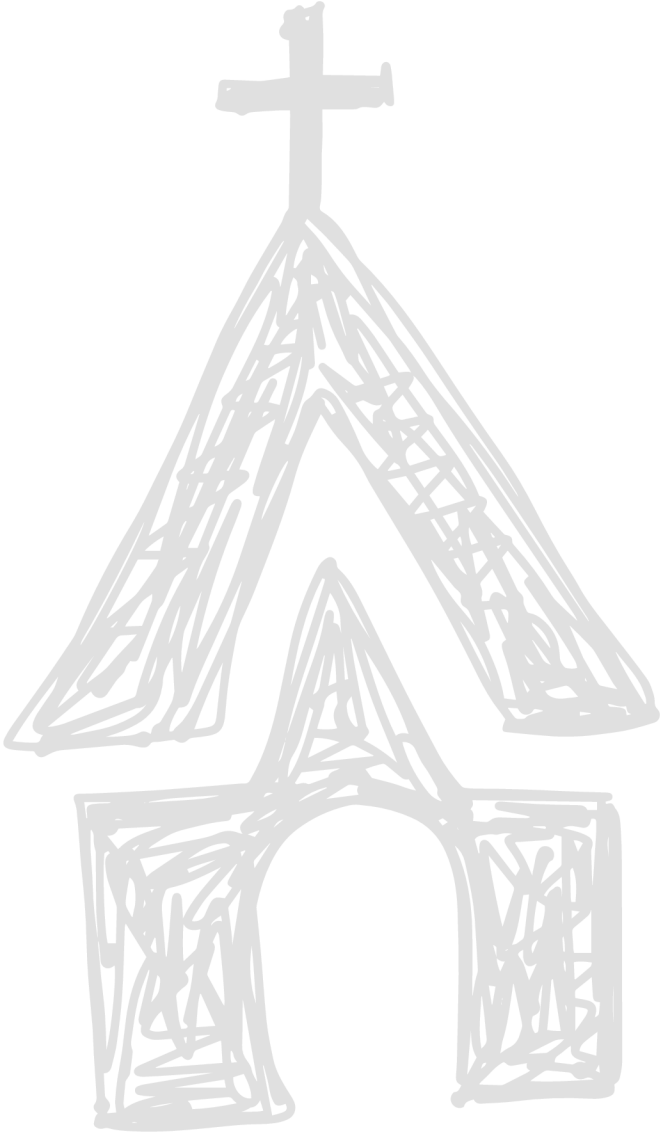
The Social Principles, while not to be considered church law, are a prayerful and thoughtful effort on the part of the General Conference to speak to the human issues in the contemporary world from a sound biblical and theological foundation as historically demonstrated in the United Methodist traditions. They are a call to faithfulness and are intended to be instructive and persuasive in the best of the prophetic spirit. The social principles are a call to all members of the United Methodist Church to a prayerful, studied dialogue of faith and practice.” - *Book of Discipline Social Principles Preface*

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# Liturgical Seasons



# Notes for Further Reflection



# What do you Believe?

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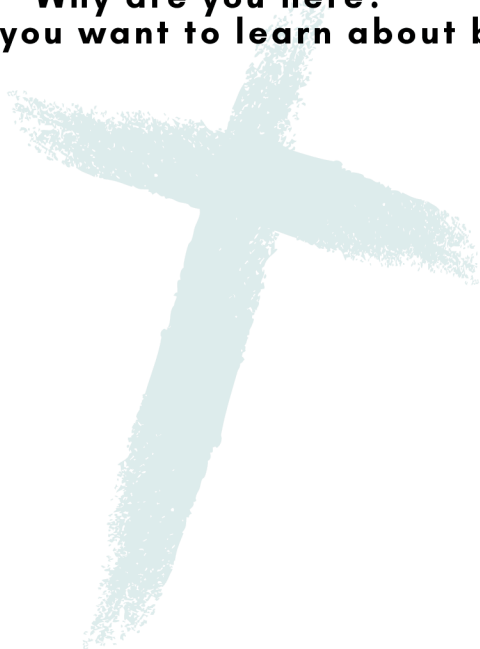
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a statement of the beliefs or aims which guide someone's actions.



**Why are you here?  
What do you want to learn about belief?**



# UMC MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS

Do you **renounce** the spiritual forces of wickedness, **reject** the evil powers of this world, and **repent** of your sin?

*United Methodist Hymnal, P. 34*



Do you **accept** the freedom and power God gives you to **resist** evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

*United Methodist Hymnal, P. 34*



Do you **confess** Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole **trust** in his grace, and promise to **serve** him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

*United Methodist Hymnal, P. 34*



Will you faithfully participate In the ministries of  
the church by your **prayers**, your **presence**,  
your **gifts**, your **service**, and your **witness**?

*United Methodist Hymnal, P. 38*

**PRAYERS**

**PRESENCE**

**GIFTS**

**SERVICE**

**WITNESS**



# Resources

- *Amplify Media* - [amplifymedia.com](http://amplifymedia.com)
- *Christian Believer: Knowing God with Heart and Mind* by Abingdon Press
- *Constructive Theology* by Serene Jones & Paul Lakeland
- *Disciple Bible Study: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study* by Abingdon Press
- *John Wesley's Sermons: An Anthology* by Abingdon Press
- *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton
- *Saving Grace: A Guide to Financial Well-Being* by Abingdon Press
- *Savior* by Magrey DeVega
- *The Bible*
  - Translations Recommended: NRSV & NRSVUE (Updated Edition), NIV (Post 2011), CEB
- *The Bible from Scratch* by Simon Jenkins
- *The United Methodist Book of Discipline*
- *The United Methodist Book of Worship*
- *The United Methodist Hymnal*
- *Three Simple Rules* by Reuben Job
- *United Methodist Doctrine* by Greg Jones
- *United Methodists and the Sacraments* by Gayle C. Felton



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