

CrossWay Covenant Church

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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Dear Friends,

On February 18th – Ash Wednesday of this year – the Global Methodist Church (GMC) announced that it had reached a new milestone of 7,000 congregations, worldwide.

This new number is indicative of an extraordinary rate of growth. The denomination officially began on May 1, 2022, less than four years ago. A “surge” occurred over the following year and a half as the disaffiliation process unfolded, with thousands of congregations leaving the United Methodist Church, often through great expense and drama. Our own church voted to disaffiliate in April 2023, was welcomed into the GMC in May, and our transition was legally official on July 1st. By January 2024, the GMC maintained 4,200 member churches.

With disaffiliation effectively over, the rate of growth changed, as did the focus of growth. While some congregations across the globe continued to leave the UMC for the GMC, new congregations began to join from church plants and from congregations in other parts of the world finding that the GMC was a good fit for them. By October of last year, the GMC had reached 6,000 churches. It has taken only four months for that number to reach 7,000.



The GMC now consists of 48 Annual Conferences and four “emerging areas.” Only 19 Annual Conferences are in the United States (such as our own Great Lakes Conference); the rest are international. As the GMC stated in a recent press release: “Much of the church’s growth over the past year has occurred internationally, with meaningful expansion across Africa, Asia, Eurasia, the Philippines, Europe, and Latin America, along with emerging presence in South America and the Caribbean.”

Christianity has struggled globally over the past twenty years, but renewal and growth are again surging in the church in every corner of the world. We can be thankful that God is using the GMC as one of His tools in spreading the gospel to all peoples. I hope we are all excited to be a part of this new era.

Blessings,
Pastor Bill

Pastor’s Office Hours:

Thursday, March 12th and 26th from 6:30-8:30PM or by appointment

VOLUNTEERS

Greeter
Lana Welliever
Usher
Jamie & Marci Welliever

Liturgist
1st Mary Ann Lowe
8th Rhett Welliever
15th Marcia Shaw
22nd Dan Welliever

Nursery
Marcia Shaw
Volunteer needed

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Prayer Meeting
Fellowship Hall
Every Monday, 4:30PM

Holy Communion
Sunday, Mar 1, 10:45AM

The Women's Group
Wednesday, Mar 4, 7:00PM

Men's Fellowship Group
Sunday, Mar 11, 7:00PM

Administrative Council
Wednesday, Mar 18, 7:00PM

PRAYER REQUEST

- Mike Bowman
- Ted Common
- Jim Conrad
- Sue Foy
- Gary Fruits
- Matt Green
- Glenellen King
- Jessica Leahy
- Miranda Leahy
- Nuper Motycka
- Patricia Pruett
- Barb Runyon
- Jay Strickland
- Steve Williamson
- Church Growth
- Our Country's Leader
- Global Christians

Our sympathy to the family & friends of
Kim Cline
Judy Estep



Women's Lenten Breakfast & Christian Men's Breakfast Series Saturday Mornings thru March 28th

Women's Schedule 8:00AM Breakfast 8:45AM Service	Dates	Men's Schedule 8:00AM Breakfast Service to follow
First Christian	March 7	The Ingathering
St John's Episcopal	March 14	First Baptist
Liberty Chapel	March 21	Darlington Christian
New Ross Christian	March 28	Liberty Chapel

BY THE NUMBERS - ATTENDANCE & GIVING

January 25
Church Cancelled

February 1
Sunday School Attendance: 20
Sunday School Offering: \$ 14.00
Worship Attendance: 41
Sunday Offering: \$ 2,326.00

February 8
Sunday School Attendance: 20
Sunday School Offering: \$ 13.00
Worship Attendance: 41
Sunday Offering: \$ 912.00

February 15
Sunday School Attendance: 20
Sunday School Offering: \$ 21.00
Worship Attendance: 37
Sunday Offering: \$ 746.00

February 22
Sunday School Attendance: 26
Sunday School Offering: \$ 12.00
Worship Attendance: 41
Sunday Offering: \$ 2,160.00

The Women's Group

Five women met in fellowship hall February 4, 2026. President Marci Welliever opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Correspondence: Marci mentioned that the Mother/Daughter banquet will be on a Tuesday, May 5, not Wednesday, May 6.

New Business: A menu for the 50+ luncheon in March was distributed.

Marci Welliever then led the discussion of Chapter 10, "I Beg Your Pardon", from the study book. An unnamed sinful woman attended the dinner hosted by a Pharisee where Jesus was also in attendance. She was not invited, but the less fortunate at the time were allowed to attend such meals to pick up leftovers. The woman did not speak but she cleaned Jesus's feet with her tears, dried them with her hair, poured expensive perfume on them and finally kissed them. The others in attendance were appalled. Jesus reminded the others of their hypocrisy and explained that the woman was showing her love for Jesus. The lessons from this chapter that people will talk, not matter what a person does. Some people think they are the "good guys" when they are not and they see ugly when someone else sees beauty. Finally, silence speaks volumes. When a person talks to Jesus, he can sometimes hear better when he is listening in silence and worshipping.

The meeting ended at 7:50 PM. The next meeting is March 4 at 7:00 PM in fellowship hall. It will be the conclusion of the study book, Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgins. A new study book will be selected. The women of the church are invited to attend.

The CrossWay Covenant Men's Fellowship

The CrossWay Covenant Men's Fellowship met on February 11th with four present. Dan Welliever provided refreshments and Larry Hulse shared a devotion. Tom DeBusk announced that the men's account stands at \$1,479.79. Dan then went through the calendar to plan ahead for meetings through the course of 2026. The next meeting will be on March 11th at the church, at which point Easter eggs will be filled for the annual Easter egg hunt.

First Day of Spring is Friday, March 20th

ALL ARE WELCOME



Palm Sunday
March 29th at 10:45am

Easter Sunday
April 5th at 10:45am



SPRING WORD SEARCH

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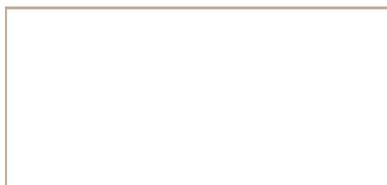
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TULIPS
UMBRELLA
WARM





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Holy Communion	2 Prayer Meeting 4:30PM	3	4 Women's Meeting 7:00PM Stan DeBusk & Jacob Pike Birthday	5	6 50 Plus Luncheon	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Children's Church Cathy Pointer & Jean Bratton Birthday	9 Prayer Meeting 4:30PM	10 CrossWay Racing League 6:00PM	11 Men's Fellowship 7:00PM Lyle Bratton Birthday	12 Pastor's Office Hours 6:30-8:30PM	13 Lauren Bartlett Birthday	14
15 JoElla Haffner Birthday	16 Prayer Meeting 4:30PM Owen Buck Birthday	17	18 Ad Council Meeting 7:00PM	19	20 Gary Fruits Birthday	21 Ann France Birthday
22 Children's Church	23 Prayer Meeting 4:30PM	24 CrossWay Racing League 6:00PM	25	26 Pastor's Office Hours 6:30-8:30PM Erika Jones Birthday First Day of Spring	27	28
29 Palm Sunday	30 Prayer Meeting 4:30PM	31 Dan Welliever Birthday				

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Come Worship With Us

Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Worship Gathering: 10:45 AM



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Just go to www.crosswaycovenantchurch.com or google CrossWay Covenant, New Market, Indiana
If you have any thing you would like to put on the church website, please contact Rachel Welliever