

CrossWay Covenant Church

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

**July
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Dear Friends,

I was honored to represent our congregation at the Great Lakes Annual Conference from June 11-13. More than 800 delegates gathered at Spring Arbor University in Michigan for this annual event. Our Annual Conference is comprised of Global Methodist Churches in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

The Annual Conference basically consisted of worship sessions, business sessions, and break-out sessions. The central worship session was the ordination service held on Thursday evening, in which 33 candidates for ministry were ordained.

Business sessions included the election of delegates to the next General Conference, to be held in South Africa in 2026. Our district's presiding elder, Chris Gadlage, was among the 18 delegates chosen (9 clergy and 9 laity). Other business included reports on missions, budgets, and other activities of the Great Lakes Annual Conference. It is important to note that nothing controversial occurred in these sessions, and there were no arguments. The spirit of unity, trust, and cooperation was infused in everything being done.

The Great Lakes has partnered with a consulting group called Church Answers to help foster growth. Sam Rainer, a member of the Church Answers team, provided an interesting talk to delegates about current and future trends. He provided an encouraging maxim that, "If God can save any person, he can save any church." Nevertheless, our reality is that over the last 25 years the median American church size has dropped from 137 to 65, and only 25% of church members now attend weekly (down from 31% in 2008). Despite these trends, he encouraged churches to focus on growth through evangelism, explaining that outward-focused practices done in faith still produce church growth.

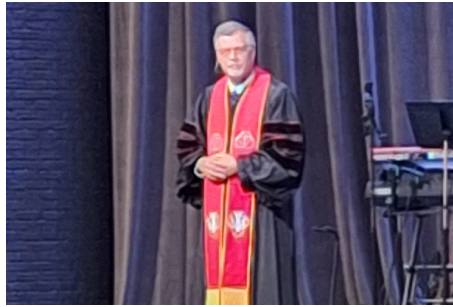
During his ordination sermon, Bishop Mark Webb noted that whereas we tend to ask, "How do we grow the church?" the real question should be, "How does the Holy Spirit grow people." His point was that church growth is empty without a focus on discipleship and growth in believers' maturity.

Next year's Annual Conference is slated to be held in Green Lake, Wisconsin. If this is an event you might be interested in attending, please let me know.

Blessings,
Pastor Bill

Pastor's Office Hours:

Thursday, July 10th and 24th from 6:30-8:30PM or by appointment



Mark Webb, Bishop of the Great Lakes Annual Conference

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Prayer Meeting

Fellowship Hall
Every Monday, 4:00PM

The Women's Group

Fellowship Hall
Wed, July 2nd, 7:00PM

Holy Communion

Sun, July 6th, 10:45AM

Men's Fellowship Group

Ice Cream Meeting
Wed, July 9th, 7:00PM

Administrative Council

Fellowship Hall
Wed, July 16th, 7:00PM

The Christian Church has invited us to participate in two of their missions:

They are distributing hygiene bags to New Market students K-12 on July 12 from 10-3PM at their church. It is first come, first served. We can donate to help fill the bags. Bring any hygiene products to our church or to the Christian Church before July 12.

Donate used plastic pill containers with labels removed to their church. These are sent to countries where people have to carry and store meds without the convenience of these containers. This is an on going missions so you can donate until they tell us the project is done.



BLESSINGS & JOYS

- Luke Hurt graduated from high school
- Jessica Chadd had a baby girl, Layken Jo, on May 30.
- David Duncan's triple by pass surgery went well.
- Sue Foy is doing better.
- Yancie Welliever is doing well after his surgery.
- Cathy's sister, Suzi, was home for a visit.
- Jacob Pike was home for a short visit.
- Hunter Hite married on June 22.

PRAYER REQUEST

- Jean Bratton
- Dick Chadd
- Allen Cline
- Dave & Melanie Duncan
- Sue Foy
- Gary Fruits
- Larry & Louise Hulse
- Glenellen King
- Korhorn family
- Vera McAlister
- Jamie McCormick
- Patricia Pruett
- Barb Runyon
- Bill & Billie Ann Thomas
- Church Growth
- Our Country's Leader
- Our Military
- Israel
- Global Christians

Our sympathy to the family & friends of
Dan Burns
Janina "Jina" Gaskill-Cloud
Kelsey Bonebrake
Sandy Hockersmith

BY THE NUMBERS - ATTENDANCE & GIVING

May 25

Sunday School Attendance: 18
Sunday School Offering: \$ 26.00
Worship Attendance: 23
Sunday Offering: \$ 1,586.00

June 1

Sunday School Attendance: 19
Sunday School Offering: \$ 26.75
Worship Attendance: 29
Sunday Offering: \$ 1,993.00

June 8

Sunday School Attendance: 19
Sunday School Offering: \$ 30.50
Worship Attendance: 29
Sunday Offering: \$ 1,185.00

June 15

Sunday School Attendance: 20
Sunday School Offering: \$ 25.00
Worship Attendance: 31
Sunday Offering: \$ 835.00

June 22

Sunday School Attendance: 16
Sunday School Offering: \$ 26.00
Worship Attendance: 25
Sunday Offering: \$ 655.00



WOMEN'S GROUP

Seven women met June 4, 2025, at noon at the Mustard Seed Restaurant in Waynetown. President Marci Welliever gave the table blessing and the women shared friendship and fellowship while they enjoyed the meal.

The Mustard Seed supports women going through recovery at Through The Gate, a Christ centered home for women struggling with addiction.

The plans for the 50+ luncheon on June 6 were finalized as well as the contributions for the Father/Son

Kendra Swick was the first recipient for the CrossWay Covenant Church Women's Group Scholarship. She is a Southmont graduate planning to study at Ball State University.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The men have planted a new tree behind the church to replace the one which was destroyed by a storm last year. Dan Welliever and Jack Howell, with the assistance of Debbie Froedge, chose a red maple to plant in that spot.



CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

It's time to start going through your basement, attic and closets to look for your unwanted treasures to donate to our Church Rummage Sale. The Town Wide Rummage Sale is August 24th. If you have any question you can contact Marci Welliever at 918-7332.

BLANKET PROGRAM

Thank you to the congregation. We sent \$200 to the blanket program through Church World Service. The blankets provide comfort, warmth and hope to people around the world who are facing challenges.

VOLUNTEERS

Greeter

Cathy Pointer

Usher

Kelly Clifton

Lori Parks

Liturgist

6th Sheila Chadd

13th Dan Welliever

20th Lori Parks

27th Dixie Ruggles

Nursery

Sheila Chadd

Kelly Clifton

SUMMER CELEBRATION

New Market Proud is hosting another summer celebration July 19. There will be vendors, entertainment, and tie dye, foam party and a bicycle parade for the youth. The firemen are serving breakfast and dinner. Lunch will be provided by the vendors.

Just a reminder that we will have a table at the New Market Proud summer celebration on July 19. Please consider donating homemade items (not baked good since the Baptist Church is doing that) to sell. Garden items are welcome too. Any money we earn will go to the maintenance fund. Consider sitting at the table during the day to help or just to visit with the community. They need volunteers at the Tie/dye Tee shirt table so let Bion know if you can help there for a while.

4TH OF JULY

WORD SEARCH

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America

Blue

Britain

Celebrate

Declaration

Fireworks

Flag

Fourth

Freedom

Holiday

Independence

July

Liberty

Parade

Picnic

Red

Sparklers

Stars

Stripes

Summer

United

White



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Jordache DeBusk & Jerilyn Mitchell Birthday	2 Women's Group 7:00PM	3	4 	5
6 Holy Communion	7 Prayer Meeting 4:00PM	8	9 Men's Fellowship 7:00PM	10 Pastor's Office Hours 6:30PM David Shaw Birthday	11	12
13	14 Prayer Meeting 4:00PM	15 Sheila Chadd & Deneen Bartlett Birthday	16 Ad Council Meeting 7:00PM	17	18	19 New Market Summer Celebration Gracie Kraynak Birthday
20	21 Prayer Meeting 4:00PM	22	23	24 Pastor's Office Hours 6:30PM	25 Judy Welliever Birthday	26
27 Nathan Hedrick Birthday	28 Prayer Meeting 4:00PM	29	30	31		

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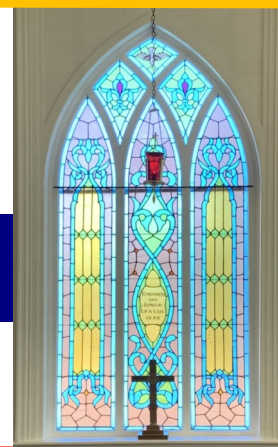


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Come Worship With Us

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



Find Us On Facebook!

Just search CrossWay Covenant, New Market, Indiana and select Facebook.

If you have any pictures or events you want posted, please contact Lori Hedrick.

Find Us On Our Website!

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