

## HOW DO I JOIN?

### ***I AM NOT A MEMBER OF ANY CHURCH***

We will be glad to receive you into membership upon your profession of faith and affirmation of the membership vows of The United Methodist Church. We do not require you to be baptized again. If you have never been baptized, the Pastor will be glad to arrange a time for your baptism.

### ***I AM A MEMBER OF ANOTHER DENOMINATION***

Upon your request, we will gladly write for your transfer of membership and upon your affirmation of our membership vows welcome you into The United Methodist Church.

### ***I AM A MEMBER OF ANOTHER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***

You are already a member of The United Methodist Church. Upon your request, we will write your present home church for a letter of transfer of membership to St. Luke's United Methodist Church.



**Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors. The people of The United Methodist Church**

## **What's so great about being a United Methodist?**

**By Rev. Dr. James W. Moore**

### **Number 10**

We are a church that encourages a strong pulpit. The people come expecting to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ proclaimed powerfully.

### **Number 9**

We are a church that encourages a strong warmhearted personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Jesus Christ is at the heart of everything we do.

### **Number 8**

We are a world-wide, mission, school, hospital or clinic in many villages, hamlets, towns or cities around the world.

### **Number 7**

We are an open, inclusive church. Our members come from every culture and every socio-economic group and all are embraced. We have more Asian-American and Native-American members than any other denomination. We are second in number of Hispanic-American members than several other denominations combined. In addition, we have been at the forefront in encouraging women to give strong leadership in the church and therefore we have more women clergy than any other denomination.

### **Number 6**

We are a giving church. Every person who joins the United Methodist Church promises to serve God and support the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service, and that pledge of loyalty enables us to give generously to benevolences and mission efforts.

### **Number 5**

We are a church with a family spirit. That family spirit enables us to be there for each other in our joys and sorrows from the cradle to the grave.

### **Number 4**

We are a church that owns and operates many colleges, hospitals, children's homes and homes for the elderly; plus we operate the oldest church-owned publishing house in the world.

### **Number 3**

We are a church that reaches out with deep compassion to help hurting people. Our UM Committee on Relief is quickly on the scene all over the world wherever there is a natural disaster or any kind of pain of heartache to provide aid and love and care. We feed more than a million children every day.

### **Number 2**

We are a church with a great social creed that has been an inspiration to all in Christendom.

### **Number 1**

We continue Christ's ministry of preaching, teaching, healing and caring.

**That's what's great about being a United Methodist!**



## **ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

P O Box 2779  
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## **Your Invitation To Become A Member**



The United Methodist Church, a fellowship of believers, is a part of the Church Universal. Therefore all persons, without regard to race, color, national origin, or economic condition, shall be eligible to attend its worship services, to participate in its programs, and, when they take the appropriate vows, to be admitted into its membership in any local church in the connection.

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# UNITED METHODIST MEMBERSHIP VOWS

## The Meaning of Membership

When persons unite with a local United Methodist Church, they profess their faith in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son, and in the Holy Spirit.

They covenant together with God and with the members of the local church to keep the vows which are a part of the order of confirmation and reception into the church.

## WILL YOU AFFIRM THESE VOWS?

**I confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and pledge allegiance to His Kingdom.**

**I receive and profess the Christian Faith as contained in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.**

**I promise, according to the grace given, to live a Christian life and always remain a faithful member of Christ's Holy Church.**

**I promise to be loyal to The United Methodist Church and uphold it by my prayers, presence, gifts, and service.**

[If you will so affirm, please sign and date]

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2023\_\_

## Information Needed by Church Office

PLEASE PRINT  
Title \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

### PRIMARY RESIDENCE

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

P O Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Marriage Date \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation/Profession \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

### Talents, Hobbies, Interests

Please list in the space below any special talents, hobbies, and interests you would be willing to share with us. Also, share any offices held or volunteer work you may have done in another church.

## SECONDARY RESIDENCE

911 Address \_\_\_\_\_

P O Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Please Check What Applies To You

☐ I am not now a member of any church. I want to join St. Luke's United Methodist Church by profession of faith.

☐ I have never been baptized and need to arrange a time for my baptism.

☐ I have been baptized.

☐ I am a member of another church. Please write for my transfer of membership to St. Luke's United Methodist Church from:

\_\_\_\_\_  
[ NAME OF CHURCH ]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[ ADDRESS OF CHURCH ]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[ CITY ] [ STATE ] [ ZIP ]

I will be present for the worship service on Sunday

\_\_\_\_\_, 2023\_\_

at which time my uniting with St. Luke's United Methodist Church may be acknowledged.

**PLEASE FILL OUT ONE FORM FOR EACH PERSON AND GIVE IT TO THE PASTOR OR PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE.**