



## *A Word of Welcome*

*There is no end to the amount of information that is available to us today. It seems we live in a world of 24/7 non-stop information. We certainly don't want to add to your overload, but we would like to provide you some answers to those questions everyone likes to ask.*

*As you spend time with us it is my hope that you will discover this is a safe place to bring your questions about faith and life. We don't profess to know all the answers, but we do enjoy our time together discovering the answers.*

*If you have questions after reading through this, please feel free to contact us:*

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# Frequently Asked Questions



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### ***What is the mission of the Church?***

To make disciples who love God, love one another and serve the world.

### ***What time is your worship service?***

Worship begins at 10:15 a.m.

### ***What style is your worship service?***

We offer a blended worship experience. We build on the best practices of the past and add some of the best music and video of today.



### ***Is there childcare available for activities?***

Yes. We have infant and toddler care rooms located near the Sanctuary for Sunday services. Childcare is also provided during other church activities. If you have questions, contact the Church office.

### ***Is the building handicap accessible?***

Our Main entrances have handicap ramps. Our building also has an elevator to provide access to all of our building.

### ***Do you have children's programs?***

Yes. We are committed to providing a safe place for children to come and play and learn about God. Our Children's programs are designed to help children explore and grow in faith. We are committed to using the best curriculum and resources that uphold and teach a Methodist theology of grace.

### ***Do you have a youth program?***

Yes. We continue to build a program for middle and high school aged youth. We seek to provide fun and wholesome activities that challenge youth to dig deeper into the issues of faith in today's culture.

### ***Do you offer Bible studies?***

Yes. Bible studies are offered at various times during the week for men, women, and young adults. A listing is available in the weekly bulletin. Most classes can be joined at any time.

### ***Do you have Sunday School?***

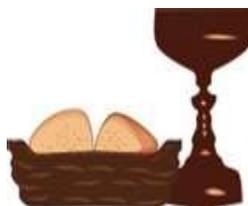
Yes, classes are offered for all ages. Our weekly bulletin *First things First* keeps a current listing of classes available with place and time listed.

### ***Does your church support missions?***

We give 10% of our offerings to mission work around the world. Check out the Mission's Brochure to find out which missions we directly support and how you can be involved.



### ***Can I receive Holy Communion?***



Yes. Anyone who wants to celebrate Communion with us is invited. You do not have to be a member of our congregation or meet any age requirements to share in this sacrament.

### ***Do I need to be baptized to become a member?***

Yes. Either as an infant or later, baptism joins you to the universal community of Christian faith. See the Membership Brochure for more information.

### ***How can I learn more about the church?***



Call the church office 765-489-4558  
Or visit our church website.

[www.firsthagerstown.org](http://www.firsthagerstown.org)

### ***How do I join the church?***

To be a member of the church, you must have publicly professed your faith and you must have been baptized. You can unite in membership with our church in one of two ways:

1. Confession of Faith.  
This is for people who are not a current member of any church.
2. Reaffirmation of Faith  
This is for people who are currently a member of another church

Membership in a United Methodist Church involves a commitment to support the church. This support is given in five different areas:

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- 1 Prayer
  - 2 Attendance
  - 3 Financial Giving
  - 4 Service
  - 5 Witness

We require that you attend a membership inquiry class where you will have the opportunity to learn more about the United Methodist Church.

Church membership is not the culmination of your faith journey. Membership is just one part of a life long pursuit of a life lived in faithful pursuit of Jesus Christ.

If you would be interested in learning more about becoming a member of our church, contact the church office (765-489-4558) or speak with our pastor on Sunday morning or during the week.

You can also learn more about the United Methodist Church by visiting the website :

[www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)