



WHAT'S LIMA CHURCH ALL ABOUT?

A LOOK AT WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE'RE DOING, AND HOW WE GOT HERE

3 QUESTIONS FOR YOU:

- 1. What brought you to Lima United Methodist Church?
- 2. What do you appreciate most about Lima United Methodist Church?
- 3. What are your dreams for Lima United Methodist Church?





THE LOCAL CHURCH IS...

*It is primarily at the level of the charge consisting of one or more local churches that the church encounters the world. **The local church is a strategic base from which Christians move out to the structures of society...** Therefore, the local church is to minister to persons in the community where the church is located...to cooperate in ministry with other local churches...and to participate in the worldwide mission of the church... (2012 Book of Discipline)*

MISSION OF LIMA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

- The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Local churches and extension ministries of the Church provide the most significant arenas through which disciple-making occurs. Book of Discipline, Par. 120
- We are a Christ-centered, faith-building, mission-minded community!



OUR UMC MEMBERSHIP VOWS



To renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of the world, and repent of their sin;



To accept the freedom and power God gives them to resist evil, injustice, and oppression;



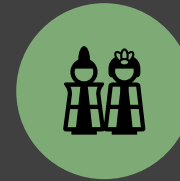
To confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put their whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as their Lord;



To remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world;



To be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church and do all in their power to strengthen its ministries;



To faithfully participate in its ministries by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness;



To receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

WHAT'S OUR STRUCTURE?

- **CHURCH COUNCIL:** The church council envisions, plans, implements and evaluates the programs and ministry of the local church as well as oversees the administration of the church.
- **Trevor Salla** is the head of our Church Council.
- All are welcome to attend and comment at meetings, but only members of the council have a vote.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- **Trustees:** The group charged with the responsibility for the supervision and care of all property and equipment owned by the local church. The Board is to plan and set policies for the maintenance and use of the property and equipment, and receives and administers all bequests to the local church. The Board of Trustees consists of three to nine persons and at its discretion may be incorporated.
- Currently led by **Gary Herman** and **Bill Thomas**.
- 1/3 should be women, 1/3 should be men, and 2/3 must be members of the local church.



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STAFF/PASTOR- PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- **SPRC:** It works closely with the pastor and staff concerning their relationship with the congregation and the entire work of the church. This committee is in essence the personnel committee of the local church. The committee is to be sensitive to the opinions and concerns of the congregation concerning the pastor and staff. It consists of from five to nine members of the local church.
- **Lloyd Noll** is our Chair of SPRC!!



NOMINATIONS/LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

- **Nominations Committee:**
Identifies and recruits volunteers to fill committees and other local church posts.
- **Pastor Dorry** heads this committee (It's always the pastor ;-)





FINANCE COMMITTEE

- **Finance Committee** develops the church budget for adoption at the Charge Conference. It also oversees church income and expenses.
- **Larry Bame** is the Chair of Finance.
- **Nancy Driscoll** is the Financial Administrator.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

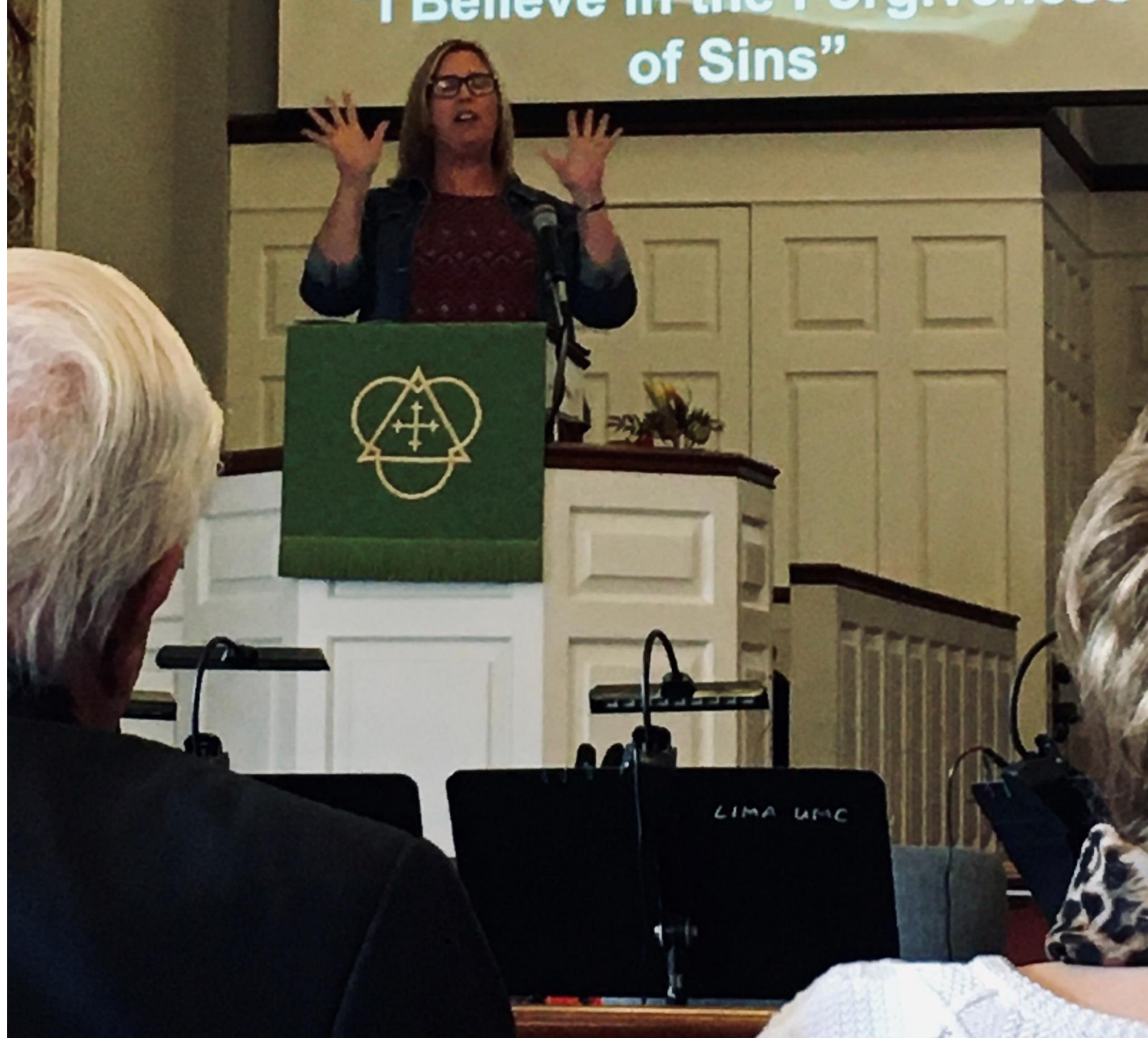
- Charge Conference is the annual business meeting of the local church. Voting members come from various committees and other posts. All members of the local church are welcome to attend and comment.
- Charge Conference passes the church budget, affirms candidates for ministry, and sets the pastor's compensation.



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LAY LEADER

- **The Lay Leader** is elected by the Charge Conference to be the primary lay representative of the local church. The lay leader may attend any meeting of a church committee and is a voting member of the Church Council.
- **Sabrina Daluisio** is our energetic lay leader.





AND SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY...

- Music: Choir, Bell Choir, Praise Band, Lima Brass
- Stephen Ministers
- Quilters
- Youth Fellowship
- Sunday School (children & adults)
- Worship: lay readers, ushers, audio/video booth
- United Methodist Women
- United Methodist Men
- Prayer Shawl & Fidget Quilters
- Mission Trips
- Oyster Supper
- Grandma's Attic
- Rummage Sale
- Tuesday Night Bible Study
- Prayer Ministry
- Reconciling Team
- Homeless Dinner Ministry – 69th Street
- Community Concerts
- Disciple Bible Study
- Vacation Bible School

LIMA CHURCH – HOW WE GOT HERE

- 1809- Mount Hope Church began
- August 1832, Mira Johns, Ellen Hughes and William Fox joined Mount Hope Church.
- Fall of 1832, class meeting in William Fox's home
- "I opened my house for preaching, and the people came and looked and gaped and looked amazed. For these men who had turned the world upside down had come hither also, swearing dancing...But glory to God, the prayers of the people and the prayer of God drove the fiddle and dancing out of the neighborhood."
- 1833- Rented a log schoolhouse (at the intersection of Middletown and Rose Tree Roads)
- 1835- First permanent building was constructed on our current site
- 1892-1873- rebuilt the church (cost \$1900)
- March 9, 1878- horse sheds built
- May 19, 1898- fire bell "loaned" to the church for the bell tower. It remained there for 64 years!
- 1905- interior of church enlarged
- 1908- Sunday School addition (space between old Sanctuary and old Fellowship Hall)
- 1922- First Parsonage completed
- 1914-1921- electric lights added and a new heating system (cost \$600)

More Lima Church History...

- 1935- extension of education building (raised section of old fellowship hall and stage area)
- 1939- Phoebe Engle Room built
- 1948- Eight stained glass windows added to sanctuary
- 1959-1960- Current sanctuary built and dedicated (cost \$156,000)
- 1962- New Parsonage built
- 1963- Bell removed from the tower placed in the arch in the field
- 1964- Lima Christian Nurse School established
- 1967- Addition of the Christian Education Wing (current Fellowship Hall)
- 1971- Dedication of the “Judy Gould Spahr Memorial Window”
- 1976- Sanctuary Mortgage burned

More Recent Lima Church History...

- 1990- Narthex redesigned
- 1991- Bus Stop program licensed
- 1994- Garage built
- 1997- Purchased bus for Seniors
- 1999- Added offices and conference room
- 1999- Memorial Garden dedicated

