

## Lighthouse Congregation Bios

### **Ambia UMC**

Located in a small community of about 200 people, we are casual in attire and our worship style is relaxed. We sing traditional hymns accompanied on the piano. We are heavily involved in mission work with a local mission project in our community or the food pantries each month. We also help financially with state and national mission concerns. Worship begins at 11:00 a.m. and is shared weekly on Facebook at 11:15 a.m. after a time of sharing announcements, joys and concerns and other news within the congregation.

Senior Pastor: Anne Kumeh ([annekumeh@gmail.com](mailto:annekumeh@gmail.com))

### **Anderson New Horizons UMC**

New Horizons came through the unification of three churches in Anderson that wanted to make a difference together. We are dedicated to reaching out to our community. We serve Madison County through A Better Life Brianna's Hope (an addiction recovery group) and Madison Coalition of Mental Health. We have given a portion of church property to Turn Away No Longer to construct a house for foster children. We welcome and accept all who wish to serve or learn about building the Kingdom of God in Madison County and beyond.

Senior Pastor: Bob Case ([bob.case@inumc.org](mailto:bob.case@inumc.org))

### **Bicknell Asbury Chapel**

Asbury Chapel is a country church. We sing traditional hymns from the hymnal to piano and organ accompaniment. Our worship service is online and posted to watch live or at a later time. What distinguishes our ministries includes:

- We support spreading the Gospel locally through our participation in North Knox Ministries.
- We create a loving, caring place for those who are hurting in life and seeking a place of refuge.
- We firmly believe that all people should receive the Word of God and support missionaries through Christian Fellowship.

Senior Pastor: Darrel Weaver ([pastor.darrel.weaver@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.darrel.weaver@gmail.com))

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AsburyChapel/>

### **Bradley UMC**

Bradley UMC is an inclusive downtown congregation. We have a preschool and enjoy ministering to children in our community. The children are welcome to participate in worship. Bradley offers a blended service of organ music, hymns, a small chancel choir, handbell choir and special music of diverse genres. We are ready to listen to your faith story and journey with you in LOVE.

Our ministries and core values are distinguished through:

- Caring ministries for the homeless
- Relational ministry with youth
- Online worship in real time on Facebook

Senior Pastor: Steve McPeek ([smcpeek@bradleyumc.org](mailto:smcpeek@bradleyumc.org))

Facebook: [Bradley United Methodist Church](#)

### **Calvary UMC**

Calvary is nestled by the river in the Waynedale area of Fort Wayne. Sunday School follows a traditional worship service. The contemporary service, [Lighthouse](#), includes open discussion and is followed by a meal. We believe we need to worship together with Word and food. The building is easily accessed for those with mobility issues and has lots of room for children to play.

We have an active Missions Group and a long-standing t-ball program reaching children in the community, along with Easter egg hunts, a fall festival and Christmas with Santa. Our church grounds provide a safe walking area for nature and solitude.

Senior Pastor: Chris Rowlett ([info@calvaryum.church](mailto:info@calvaryum.church))

### **Chandler UMC**

Chandler UMC is a traditional United Methodist Church committed to serving our community through traditional worship. We preach/teach from the Bible and offer weekly Sunday School for adults and children. We serve our community through a dinner church called The Beacon (twice a month) and hosting a Girl Scout troop. We want everyone to feel at home, part of a family, and loved with Christ's love.

Senior Pastor: Christena Poehlein ([christena.poehlein@inumc.org](mailto:christena.poehlein@inumc.org)); 812-686-0116

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/umc.chandler>

### **Elwood First United Methodist Church**

Worship with us Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in person or streaming through Facebook and YouTube. Elwood First UMC is a community-engaged church that puts Jesus first in how we worship, learn, and offer Christ through our Wesleyan service. Since the 19th century, our historic downtown church has served the community of Elwood, most recently with our community meals, laundry days, little free pantry, and Live Nativity event. The church is well known for its beautiful stained-glass windows, pipe organ, and amazing acoustics which provide an inspirational setting for worship and fellowship. We have a passion for education which you can find through our studies and our ministries to support Elwood's students and teachers.

Senior Pastor: Rev. Wynn Stenftenagel ([wynn.stenftenagel@inumc.org](mailto:wynn.stenftenagel@inumc.org))

(765) 552-5483

Facebook: [Elwood First UMC](#)

### **First United Methodist Church**

First UMC is in the center of Mount Vernon. We worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Worship includes hymns on organ and piano and the weekly celebration of Holy Communion. Once monthly, our Praise Team provides music (typically the 3rd Sunday). We offer vibrant ministries including:

- Adult and children's Sunday School classes
- Opportunities for local, interstate, and international missions
- Susanna Wesley Nursery School
- A partnership with Thrive Afterschool, serving local youth from West Elementary and Mount Vernon Junior High. (<https://www.facebook.com/thriveafterschool>)
- Church Breakfast on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month
- Bridges of Hope, a fair-trade store with world-wide reach

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Millay

Contact Person: Aldora Davis, Church Secretary ([secretary@firstumcmv.com](mailto:secretary@firstumcmv.com))

Website: <http://www.firstumcmv.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068918958312>

### **Lanesville**

Lanesville is an historic downtown congregation seeking to impact our community through words and actions. We have been serving the community since 1859, engaging and encouraging others through a life-changing Christian journey. We love events that help us partner in bringing Heaven down to earth, especially involving homemade ice cream. The making of the ice cream is an event itself, bridging the generational gaps. We place high priority on teaching from the Bible and following the example of Jesus. We open our doors to the community, hosting AA and Boy and Girl Scouts. We offer weekly studies for men and women.

Senior Pastor: Elizabeth Lukemeier

For additional information, contact Martha Harris: [marthandcharleyharris@yahoo.com](mailto:marthandcharleyharris@yahoo.com)

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/lanesvilleunitedmethodistchurch>

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/LUMCPrayerGroup>

### **Pittsboro UMC**

Pittsboro UMC is an established rural community committed to loving, connecting, and serving Jesus. We're an active group of imperfect people striving to be a blessing to one another and our neighbors. We serve the surrounding community and beyond through many outreach efforts, partnerships, and our preschool program which has a long history of excellence. We invite you to be our guest. You'll be greeted with a warm welcome and a blend of traditional and contemporary worship styles. All are welcome. We look forward to meeting you.

Senior Pastor: William Nickrand ([williamn@pittsboroumc.org](mailto:williamn@pittsboroumc.org))

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Website: [www.pittsboroumc.org](http://www.pittsboroumc.org)

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/love.connect.serve>

### **Plymouth Trinity UMC**

Trinity is committed to remaining United Methodist and living out the mission of Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World. We are people with open minds, open hearts, and open doors. We strive to live out Wesley's simple rules: do good, do no harm, stay in love with God. We love to be the hands and feet of Christ, loving everyone equally. We

offer ministry opportunities for all ages. Located at the corner of Michigan and Williams Streets in Plymouth, our Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. with Sunday School at 9.

Website: [www.plymouthtrinityumc.com](http://www.plymouthtrinityumc.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityUMCPlymouth>

### **Radnor UMC**

Radnor is a congregation that strives to Love All and to serve God in Carroll County. Our Sunday services are traditional. We use Facebook Live (see below to view services) and have Wednesday Bible study via Zoom. Our Christian Center is for activities and local community use. We serve Carroll County by working with Children and Family Services, Food Pantry, Local Teacher supplies support and Carroll Manor.

Senior Pastor: Branden Scott, 574-721-9897 ([Branden.scott@inumc.org](mailto:Branden.scott@inumc.org))

Website: <https://radnorchurch.net/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@radnorunitedmethodistchurc5383>

### **Royal Center UMC**

RCUMC is a welcoming and inclusive congregation that strives to Love All, seeking to serve God's will. Services are mixed, traditional and contemporary worship styles. Using a screen, prerecorded media, hymnals and Bibles. Our single level facility is easily accessible by all. Our Sunday morning service takes place 11:00 a.m. (ET) and is also streamed on Facebook Live. Our nursery is available during Sunday service. We also offer small group or fellowship options Sunday morning. Wednesday nights we offer live Bible Study, via Zoom.

Community Service:

- Working with our Food Pantry to provide needed supplies.
- We sponsor local teachers monthly, purchasing needed supplies.
- Potter's Wheel, a Christian-teaching based preschool.
- Monthly events for community.

Senior Pastor: Branden Scott, 574-721-9897 ([branden.scott@inumc.org](mailto:branden.scott@inumc.org))

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064627571572>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@royalcenterunitedmethodist8667>

### **Sandy Hook UMC**

Located in the Sandy Hook neighborhood of Columbus, we are creating a safe space for ALL people to be loved, to belong, and to thrive. Our missional heart is for serving and loving our city, building God's Kingdom in Columbus as it is in Heaven. The worship services are a blend of tradition and modernity, featuring contemporary worship led by our band, and hymns accompanied by an organ and choir. Sunday worship begins at 11:00 a.m. in-person and online. Our Hispanic congregation meets at 2:00 p.m. At Sandy Hook UMC, *everyone is welcome, nobody is perfect, and anything is possible!*

Senior Pastor: Paul Dazet ([pastorpaul@sandyhook.org](mailto:pastorpaul@sandyhook.org))

Website: <http://www.sandyhook.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sandyhookumc>

### **Scottsburg UMC**

SUMC is a small-town congregation in Southern Indiana. We offer traditional worship with accompanists. What distinguishes our ministries and identity includes:

- Thriving visitation ministry
- Scott County Institution for 150 years
- Members are part of multiple other civic organizations showing our love of the community

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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/sc0ttsburgumc](http://www.facebook.com/sc0ttsburgumc)

### **Sellersburg UMC**

We have stood as a beacon of faith in Sellersburg for over 150 years. While firmly rooted in our United Methodist traditions, we are an open and inclusive community where all are welcome. Our community is diverse, with people of varying ages and backgrounds coming together to worship and serve. Sunday mornings, we have several adult and children Sunday School classes at 9:00 a.m. followed by worship at 10:15 a.m. Whatever your background or situation, you are welcome at Sellersburg UMC.

Senior Pastor: Rev. John Demaree ([john.demaree@inumc.org](mailto:john.demaree@inumc.org))

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sellersburgumc/>

### **Shoals UMC**

Shoals is a traditional United Methodist Church who, in the midst of the challenges facing our denomination, remain dedicated to providing a place for all who seek to live in Christ's love and fellowship. We are a central church in a rural small town. We offer mostly traditional worship with a small chancel choir and hymns. The fact that many of our leadership left the congregation in a split means those coming to us will sense the feeling of a "new church start" with the opportunity to be heard, understood and loved.

Senior Pastor, Rev. Patrick Sinnott welcomes you to connect with him directly at

[Patrick.sinnott@inumc.org](mailto:Patrick.sinnott@inumc.org); 812-653-0222.

### **Washington Christ UMC**

Christ UMC is in the heart of the community with the community at heart. We offer traditional worship with pipe organ music each Sunday at 9:30 a.m., which is live-streamed on Facebook. It is followed by an adult Sunday School hour. The church's main entrance faces Walnut Street and is accessible to those with physical limitations. Ample parking is available. We welcome all persons. In addition to Sunday services, the church offers:

- Fellowship opportunities, including Games Day, Quilting Ladies, and Knitting Together to connect with friends and make new ones
- Blossoming music ministries that include a handbell choir
- Community outreach
- Learning opportunities, including Bible study

Senior Pastor: Rev. Jennifer Weaver ([jennifer.weaver@inumc.org](mailto:jennifer.weaver@inumc.org))

*For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/ChristUMC.Washington>*