



The people of The United Methodist Church®



## Top 10 Reasons to Visit the New UMC.org Web Site

**1. You want to enrich your faith by making meaningful connections with other people of faith online anywhere in the world at any time of day.**

The new UMC.org Community is a pioneering social networking site among faith-based organizations. Similar to MySpace, Facebook, and other online social networks, UMC.org's Community section will allow users to establish a profile page with photographs and personal information, to name others as "friends," and to participate in safe online discussion forums.

**2. You want to volunteer your time, but you don't know where.**

UMC.org encourages local and global volunteerism, helping people connect with opportunities through the "Serve" section of the Web site. Those looking to volunteer can find opportunities through the needs registry, a searchable database where churches post the resources and assistance they need to meet their goals.

**3. You're curious about what spiritual gifts you may have.**

In the "Our People" section of the new site, you can identify your personal spiritual gifts—such as healing, helping, discernment, evangelism, wisdom, and teaching, to name a few—to see how you can use your individual talents to make a difference through the church.

**4. You're interested in locating church resources and stories.**

The UMC.org MethoPedia, or United Methodist encyclopedia, allows you to search for all stories, resources and discussions relating to a specific topic.

**5. You've moved to a new area and need to find a local United Methodist Church.**

More than 35,000 churches are listed in the "Find-a-Church" page of UMC.org, allowing users to locate churches and access driving directions with an interactive map. It also offers churches the opportunity to welcome people to their congregation, introduce their members, post their worship schedule and activities, and even show a picture of the church and its people. In the last year, it has directed thousands of people to a church for worship or other services.

**6. You would like to submit a prayer request.**

By clicking on the "Pray" tab on the Web site, visitors can submit a prayer request asking others to remember their needs in their prayers.

**7. You want to learn more about who United Methodists are and what they believe.**

UMC.org welcomes visitors to its online community, offering resources to help them learn about and interact with the church and its members. By merely browsing the Web site, visitors can get a real sense of the United Methodist community, but in addition, UMC.org is a venue for people of all beliefs to engage in safe online faith discussions at their convenience.

**8. You're looking for a job with the church.**

The UMC.org Jobs Board is a service of The United Methodist Church that is made available free of charge to job seekers. Any local United Methodist church, agency, or official organization may submit job listings, and job seekers may search for jobs by keyword, field or specialty, location, or date listed. The Jobs Board is available by clicking "Jobs" at the bottom of all pages of the site.

**9. You'd like to inspire others with your story of faith.**

In the "Our People" section of the Web site, visitors can read inspirational stories of faith about members of The United Methodist Church, or submit their own stories.

**10. You'd like to be part of the exciting new online community of people who share your faith!**

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