



The people of The United Methodist Church®



The New UMC.org

The Online Ministry of the People of The United Methodist Church

Welcome to the Redesigned Site

In January, The United Methodist Church will launch its redesigned Web site, www.UMC.org. The site uses innovative technologies to bring people of faith together in new ways. At UMC.org, you can connect with other people of faith anywhere in the world at any time of day and build relationships that enrich your faith. You can access the church's resources, find a church in your community, identify your personal spiritual gifts, and ask others to remember your needs in their prayers.

New Functions are Relevant to Your Life

United Methodist Communications designed UMC.org to meet the needs of a large global audience and to make people feel welcome, as if walking into a church. The redesigned site achieves this with a single entranceway that provides access to church resources and offers visitors a close look at who we are as a faith community. Whether you are a clergy member, church member, seeker, educator, parent, or youth, UMC.org offers a range of functions that are relevant to your daily life.

United Methodist Communications has added a diverse array of functions to the site. We've made it easier and more exciting to:

Meet the Real People of The United Methodist Church

Visit the "Our People" section of the Web site to meet other individuals of faith from around the world, hear their stories, and share your own experiences. Through UMC.org, you can establish new relationships with people of faith from outside your local church community and learn how they are making a difference in the world through service. Join one of our community groups to chat about one or more of our 60 faith-related topics. The spiritual gifts assessment tool can even help you find your unique spiritual gifts and suggest ways to use them to benefit others.

Get to Know Your Church

Visit the "Our Church" section of the Web site to learn how our work throughout the world is grounded in our Wesleyan heritage and United Methodist worldview. In addition to learning the rich history of the church, our global map will show you our footprint in the world today.

Put Your Faith into Practice

Visit the "Our Faith" section of the Web site to learn how we live, practice, and share our faith through action. The prayer center allows you to submit a prayer request to one of more than 300 Covenant Prayer Groups around the world, whose members will pray for your request for 30 days. Our online sermons enable you to learn, explore, and grow in faith.

Make a Difference in the World

Visit the "Our World" section of the Web site to learn how United Methodists are engaged in global issues and making a difference around the world. In addition to highlighting the accomplishments of our members, the site offers resources, volunteer opportunities and information for people who want to make a difference through their local church.

Visitors to "Our World" can also find the latest news and information on global issues and programs such as United Methodist global relief efforts and our HIV/AIDS and malaria prevention programs. And "Our World" is the home of the innovative "MethoPedia" – an encyclopedia format with resources and news stories about topical issues, all easily accessible in one place.

Find a Congregation

The redesigned "Find-A-Church" feature offers local churches an opportunity to showcase their primary ministries and add a personal welcome message, worship schedule and activities, photos of the church and its people, membership statistics, an interactive map and driving directions, and more. Users can search the database of churches by geographic location, congregation size, language and ethnicity to find a church that meets their needs.

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Get Answers to Your Questions

The “Ask InfoServ” section provides answers to frequently asked questions about the church and allows users to contact the denomination’s official information service by e-mail to get their questions answered directly.

Search the Site Easily

The new Search engine enables users to easily search UMC.org, as well as United Methodist annual conference and general agency Web sites. The new search tool is supported by Google.