

Welcome!



We are so glad you are with us today and we hope that your experience here is relevant & meaningful.

The only thing you need to do is relax. You will not be pointed out or in any way made conspicuous but if you would like to introduce yourself to the congregation, please feel free to do so during the announcements. Don't feel obligated to make a contribution. This service is our gift to you.

You are with people who are like you, seeking to make Christ the center in our lives. Whether you have never been to church, were raised in the church but haven't been lately or are a regular church goer, we welcome you and hope you are blessed by our service and fellowship as we are blessed by your presence here.

WHAT TO EXPECT IN WORSHIP

Our Sunday worship service is called Traditions. At Corydon United Methodist Church, we follow a pattern of worship that has existed in the church from its very beginning. You can follow the service on the paper bulletin you were given when you entered the Sanctuary and on the screens at the front of the Sanctuary. Bible readings, words to songs and responses will be shown on the screens. We hope this guide will explain what happens during worship, and why:

First is our entrance into the sanctuary and announcements. You can choose to engage in conversation with other worshippers, or you can choose to prepare your heart for worship through personal silence.

Approximately five minutes before announcements, music will begin playing. As soon as the music ends, the pastor will make announcements, and will then encourage people to welcome one another.

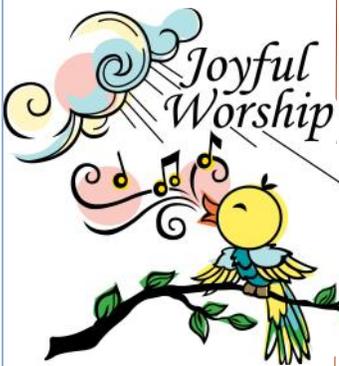
Second is our formation around the Bible. At the beginning of the Worship service, the pastor, the lay reader and the acolytes (candle lighters) come down the aisle. The lighting of the candles symbolizes the light of Christ entering our Worship.

This second stage is one in which we focus on reading the Bible and hearing the Bible preached. We also have a children's message and hymns.

The third step is response. On the first Sunday of the month we will have a service of the Lord's Supper. Our Communion is open to all and the congregation comes forward to receive the elements. Please feel free to participate or remain in your pew as you wish.

We also share our joys and concerns with one another. After each concern is raised Pastor Adam will say "Lord in your mercy" and the congregation responds "Hear our prayer." We will take up an offering during this part of the service. God has given us so much that we enjoy the opportunity to give a portion back.

Finally, and fourthly, we go into the world. We believe that it is not enough to receive God's blessing. During the last hymn, the acolytes will take the light from the altar candles. This symbolizes our commitment to carry the Light of Christ into the World. Through the worship of the church we have been filled with God's love, and we now get to share that love with the world around us.



Please leave this card in the pew for others.

There are copies available in the Visitor Bags and from the Church Office.

*The Mission of The
Corydon United
Methodist Church
is to pursue,
personify, and
practice as United
Methodists the
good news of
salvation in Christ
through worship,
education,
fellowship, and
outreach to our
congregation and
our community.*



WHO ARE WE?

Our church has been serving the community in Corydon for over 200 years. We are proud of our history here but are especially excited about what is happening now.

We have several committees that concentrate on Mission, both to our local community and to national projects like Church World Service and Heifer, International. We have an active Youth Missions group. We also care for the needs of our congregation with Fellowship activities, pitch in dinners and Fun activities like our annual picnic and chili cook off.

We have an active United Methodist Women's group that focuses on mission to women, girls and families in our nation and around the world. We have a choir that is open to anyone who wishes to take part. The choir has weekly practices and offers special music during the worship service.

We have adult Sunday School classes that are held before the worship service. These classes are not only for further education but also provide opportunities for discussion and fellowship.

***There are many opportunities to participate and serve
at the Corydon United Methodist Church!***

TELL ME ABOUT THE SANCTUARY

The two large screens at the front of the sanctuary will have information for the congregation throughout the Worship Service, the words of Hymns, Bible readings and responses.

Colors. There are cloth coverings at the front of the church. They are different colors, symbolizing the seasons of the church year:

White for Christmas and Easter, the great celebrations of the church,

Green for the time of year we study the life of Christ,

Purple for Lent, the period leading up to Easter,

Red for Pentecost, the Birthday of the church.

Blue for Advent, the time preceding Christmas,

Banners — There may be banners at the front or sides of the church illustrating a time of the Christian year, a sermon topic or a special part of worship like the Lord's supper or baptism.

At the back of the sanctuary is our library where we can gather before and after the worship service.

Our Historic Church

The pulpit (on the left as you face the front of the church) is about 150 years old and has been in two of our three church buildings on this site. The current church was built in 1924 and has been substantially remodeled three times, most recently 2005.

Why is there a flag in the front window.

The window in the front of the church is part of our church's history. It was originally in our second church building on this site and was given to the church in 1902 by the local members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Union Veterans Organization from the Civil War. This was the only window saved and reused when this church building was constructed in 1924.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

There is more information available, both on line and in print. Contact the church office or Pastor Adam .

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