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What Is the Trust Clause?

As we prayerfully discern whether to separate from the United Methodist Church, one of the questions that pretty quickly comes up is: What is the Trust Clause?

I'm guessing most of us had never heard of it before very recently. So what is it? And what does it mean for us?

In short, the trust clause means that we as a local church don't own our church property free and clear. We own it *in trust* of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. That is, we have a *trust clause* inserted into all of our property deeds saying something like this:

"We hold this property in trust, that said premises shall be kept, maintained, and disposed of for the benefit of The United Methodist Church and subject to the usages and the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church."

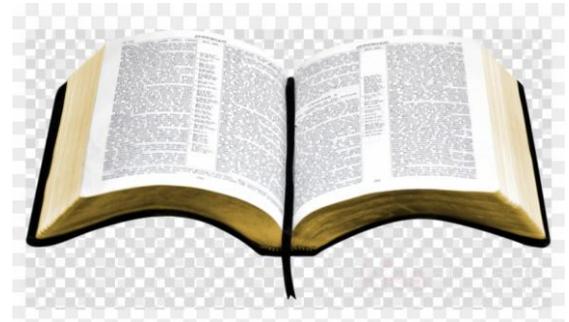
This means that if we ever cease to be a United Methodist Church, technically all of our property reverts back to the Mississippi Annual Conference. That includes the church building and grounds, the parsonage, all possessions in them, and all money in the church bank accounts.

So, what we're really seeking with *disaffiliation* is a release from the trust clause. We're meeting certain financial conditions so that the Conference will release its claim to the property, and we will then own it free and clear. Hope this helps.

Brother Lauren



Bro. Lauren's Bible Study



Starts Sunday, September 11th
and Wednesday, September
14th at 6:00 pm.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 5:15 p.m. W.O.W. Wednesday
Children's Bible study
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



Congratulations to Parker & Whitney Adcock on the birth of their son, Jack Wilson Adcock who was born Sunday, Sept. 4th. We also extend our congratulations to grandparents, Paige & Clay Adcock, and to great grandparent Joy Boyd.



With
Deepest
Sympathy...

Sympathy and love is extended to Kathryn Phillips and family in the death of her brother Will Pace who passed away Sept. 2nd.



- 11. Warner Adcock
- 13. Rosemary Knox
Hayes Bardwell
Emmalynn Hicks
- 14. Michael Newman
- 15. Lettie Terrell
- 16. Emily Poe
Annsley Smith

Children's Page

HISKIDZ W.O.W. Wednesday:

Last Sunday we began a new series for the month of September. *Escaping Egypt*. This series focuses on how God used Moses even though he hesitated at first. Moses had to trust God each step of the way. Lesson 2, "God's Power for Us", takes us to Moses while he is tending sheep. We will discuss what happened when God appeared to Moses near Mount Sinai.

W.O.W. Wednesday is our mid-week Bible Study for K – 6th grades. Along with Bible Study, we will have snack supper at 6:00 p.m. We will have many fun games and activities planned for this year. Invite a friend and get ready for our first fun Bible Study about **BIBLE HEROES**. For the first 5-6 weeks, we will be "unmasking the true hero behind well-known Bible characters." Last Wednesday we talked about David – The Underdog. Next Wednesday night we will learn about Ruth – The Faithful Friend.



Youth Sunday School

As we move into the month of September, we will begin a new series. This series focuses on Moses' faith and leadership and how God uses him to achieve what appears to be impossible. This week's lesson, "Prized by God", shows God's plan for Moses. Moses doubted himself and felt he was not capable or even feared being used by God. However, God had a plan from the beginning, and He had specifically chosen Moses. God has a plan for each of us, and it is important that we seek Him and His plans for our lives.

Youth Bible Study and Small Group

Sunday Night Bible Study is back underway. We will meet every Sunday night in the Youth Basement at 6:00 p.m. Our Bible Study for Sunday nights will be a series on the book of James. Last week we did not meet due to Labor Day Weekend. This week we move to lesson 3 in the series, **Faith in Action**.

Wednesday Night Youth Group will meet every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. with snack supper in the Fellowship Hall followed by Bible Study in the Youth Basement. Our topics on Wednesday night will vary but will focus more on everyday life experiences, life application, and testimonies.

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Greeters	De & Julie Paul/Denny & Brenda Paul
Scripture	2 Kings 4:42-44
Sermon	“Potluck Faith”
Flowers	Byron & Robyn Kelly

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SEPTEMBER

11. 15th Sunday after Pentecost	Matthew 18:21-35
12. Rich in good works	1 Timothy 6:17-19
13. Should I not care?	Jonah 3:10-4:11
14. Generations declare your mighty acts	Psalm 145:1-8
15. God’s answer to grumbling	Exodus 16:2-15
16. Delivered with joy	Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
17. Firm in one spirit	Philippians 1:21-30