

September 13, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



GMC GENERAL CONFERENCE AUG. 30 – SEPT. 5, 2026, JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA
A HISTORIC MOMENT FOR THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH



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Unable to attend in-person service, join us at 10:00 am:

<https://www.youtube.com/@MaxwellGlobalMethodistYouTube>

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Pastor: Robert Bacon; Lay Speaker: Carol Bacon

Pianist: Deb Mitchell

***Please stand if able**

Prelude. Deb Mitchell

Welcome/Announcements

We Worship as We Gather

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Come, people of faith, trusting not in your own righteousness.

People: But in the mercy and grace of God.

Leader: God has called us, like Abraham, to journey by faith.

People: God desires steadfast love, not empty ritual.

Leader: Come and worship the one who brings healing, hope, and life.

People: We lift our voices and our hearts to the Lord!

***Prayer of Confession**

God of bread of the earth and fruit of the vine, we confess that we have failed to love one another as You have loved us. We consistently turn away from the gospel truth and seek our own comfort. Forgive us, Lord, and teach us to follow Christ's example of humility, sacrifice, and love. We pray this in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We are Led in Worship

Praise Team

We Worship in Song

*Opening Hymn "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus". Hymnal #146

We Worship in Prayer

Praise Offerings / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

We Worship in Giving

Offering plates are at both doors as you enter or leave and will not be passed.

***Doxology / *Offertory Prayer**

We Worship by Hearing the Word

Scripture: Luke 22:14-20

¹⁴ When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table.

¹⁵ And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

¹⁷ After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸ For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

¹⁹ And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

We Worship in Learning the Word

Message: "Let's Remember" Pastor Rob Bacon

We Worship at the Lord's Table

Communion Song. "We Come as Guests Invited" Hymnal #424
Communion

We Worship in Song

*Closing Song. "In Christ Alone" Green Book #3105
(First Verse Only)

Closing Prayer

Postlude. Deb Mitchell



A HISTORIC MOMENT FOR THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

With overwhelming support, the 2026 General Conference has OFFICIALLY ADOPTED the Articles of Faith, affirming our Wesleyan heritage and establishing a shared expression of the faith that unites us in Jesus Christ. Together, these Articles speak to who we are, what we believe, and the faith we carry forward as one global connection. May we hold fast to:

- this faith,
- walk together in the power of the Holy Spirit,
- and faithfully proclaim Jesus Christ to a world in need of His grace.

More details, including the full adopted language, will be released soon.



Announcements

- **Pastor's Office Hours** : By appointment. Rob 515-460-8885; Carol 515-460-8969
- **Bulletin Announcements**: Please forward bulletin announcements to office@maxwellmc.org by Wednesday.
- **Fellowship Sign-up**: Please sign up to bring refreshments for fellowship
- **September 13 Following Worship**: Ad Council Meeting
- **September 16 @ 6:00 – 7:00 pm**: SSNOW Classes begin
- **September 17 @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**: Women's Bible Study "Breathe" every week from September 10, 2026, through the end of May 2027 in the lower level.
- **September 26 @ 8:30 am**: Men's Breakfast
- **September 27 @ 5:15 pm – 7:00 pm**: Youth Group with Lee & Sheri Sharp at the church.
- **September 29 @ 9:00 am**: Volunteer Sewing Group

Coloring pages are on the table in the back of the sanctuary if your child would want one.

News from the Global Methodist Upper Midwest Conference



The second well from the Upper Midwest Conference Blessman Wells Challenge was recently drilled in rural Limpopo South Africa! Soon day care children and their community will have clean, safe water to drink. Filthy water jugs were also exchanged for clean ones. 13 more wells to drill and counting... Thank you local churches for answering the call. To God be all the glory!

The challenge was \$37,500 for 3 wells and we raised almost \$170,000... enough for more than 13 wells with more still coming in!