

Dear Lillian Methodist Church family,

Last January, we were entering into a time of discernment over the future affiliation and direction of the Lillian Methodist Church. A near-unanimous decision to disaffiliate from the UMC and join the Global Methodist Church was the result.

Since then, the only noticeable change is our new signage and hymnals. We are still the same church, made up of the same people. We worship our same Lord, study His same word, and continue our same mission outreaches.

However, we are no longer connected with, nor compelled to financially support, a denomination that caused disunity within its own body. A self-inflicted schism caused by no longer adhering to orthodox Christian teaching, and a leadership that refused to stop it.

I thank God literally every day for our Pastor, Church Council, Trustees and other church leaders for the way they successfully guided us through that turbulent time. Other local churches did not fare as well.

Now we press on and faithfully fulfill our ministry in our community. I pray that God raises up additional servant leaders to assist those currently serving. Is God leading you to join our music ministry? Has God called you to teach? Do you have a burden for our children and youth? First pray. Then speak with Pastor Daniel as to how you can help build up this body of believers called Lillian Methodist Church.

2024 is here. (sounds like a date from science fiction) Will this be the year Christ returns? I hope so. But until He does, "Let us lay aside every weight and the sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Heb 12:1)

See ya'll Sunday!

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