

Baptism



SUNDAYS & SPECIAL DAYS

2022 Calendar

SUNDAYS DETERMINED BY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- Christian Education
- Disability Awareness
- Golden Cross Sunday
- International Day
- Rural Life

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| <p>JANUARY 1 New Year's Day (White or Gold) Eccl 3:1-13; Ps 8 (UMH 743); Rev 21:1-6a; Mt 25:31-46</p> | <p>MARCH 27 4th Sunday in Lent, UMCOR Sunday (Purple) Josh 5:9-12; Ps 32 (UMH 766); 2 Cor 5:16-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11b-32</p> |
| <p>JANUARY 02 2nd Sunday After Christmas (White or Gold) Jer 31:7-14; Ps 147:12-20; Eph 1:3-14; Jn 1:(1-9), 10-18</p> | <p>APRIL 03 5th Sunday in Lent (Purple) Isa 43:16-21; Ps 126 (UMH 847); Phil 3:4b-14; Jn 12:1-8</p> |
| <p>JANUARY 06 Epiphany (White or Gold) Isa 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795); Eph 3:1-12; Mt 2:1-12</p> | <p>APRIL 10 Passion/Palm Sunday (Purple) <u>Palms Lit:</u> Lk 19:28-40; Ps 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839) / <u>Passion Lit:</u> Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 31:9-16 (UMH 764); Phil 2:5-11; Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23:1-49</p> |
| <p>JANUARY 09 Baptism of the Lord (White or Gold) Isa 43:1-7; Ps 29 (UMH 761); Acts 8:14-17; Lk 3:15-17, 21-22</p> | <p>APRIL 11 Monday of Holy Week (Purple or Red) Isa 42:1-9; Ps 36:5-11 (UMH 771); Heb 9:11-15; Jn 12:1-11</p> |
| <p>JANUARY 16 2nd Sunday After the Epiphany, Human Relations Day (Green) Isa 62:1-5; Ps 36:5-10 (UMH 771); 1 Cor 12:1-11; Jn 2:1-11</p> | <p>APRIL 12 Tuesday of Holy Week (Purple or Red) Isa 49:1-7 (UMH 794); Ps 71:1-14; 1 Cor 1:18-31; Jn 12:20-36</p> |
| <p>JANUARY 23 3rd Sunday After the Epiphany (Green) Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19 (UMH 750); 1 Cor 12:12-31a; Lk 4:14-21</p> | <p>APRIL 13 Wednesday of Holy Week (Purple or Red) Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 70 (UMH 793); Heb 12:1-3; Jn 13:21-32</p> |

The Baptism of Jesus (Luke 3:21-22)

- 21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Old Testament References

Psalm 2:

7 I will tell of the decree of the Lord:
He said to me, “You are my son;
today I have begotten you.

Isaiah 42:

1 Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.







“Christ among the Doctors”, c. 1560, by Paolo Veronese



“Baptism of Christ”, by Perugino 1482

Discussion

- What does baptism mean to you?
- Do you remember your own baptism?
- If you were baptized as an infant, how can we faithfully remember our baptism?
- Have you been a part of someone else's baptism that was meaningful to you?
- What was it like for John to baptize Jesus??

UMC Baptism Quiz

1. The United Methodist Church recognizes two sacraments. They are:
 - a) Baptism and communion
 - b) Baptism and confirmation
 - c) Baptism and marriage
 - d) Choir and potluck dinners

UMC Baptism Quiz

2. In the sacrament of baptism, we are:
- a) Initiated into Christ's holy church
 - b) Incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation
 - c) Given new birth through water and the Spirit
 - d) All of the above

UMC Baptism Quiz

3. How many times can a person be baptized?
- a) Multiple times, depending upon your age
 - b) Multiple times, with approval from a bishop
 - c) Only once
 - d) Depends on how well you swim

UMC Baptism Quiz

4. The accepted age to receive the sacrament of baptism is:
- a) Birth to 3 years
 - b) School age (5+ years)
 - c) When someone can recite a Profession of Faith
 - d) There is no accepted age – baptism is open to all ages.

UMC Baptism Quiz

5. Water is used in baptism because it symbolizes:
- a) The waters of creation
 - b) New birth
 - c) Cleansing us from sin
 - d) All of the above

(Plus; wine is too expensive...)

UMC Baptism Quiz

6. The approved method(s) of baptism is/are:
- a) Pouring
 - b) Sprinkling
 - c) Immersion
 - d) An “ice bucket” challenge
 - e) a, b and c

UMC Baptism Quiz

7. Following the act of baptism, the pastor then offers:
- a) A reading of the Gospel when John the Baptist baptized Jesus
 - b) An invocation with the laying on of hands
 - c) A moment of silent prayer
 - d) Lunch together with the family at the Fish Shack

UMC Baptism Quiz

8. If you are baptized as an infant you should be baptized again when older.

True

False

UMC Baptism Quiz

9. Those baptized in a United Methodist congregation are also baptized members of:
- a) The Church universal
 - b) The denomination of The United Methodist Church
 - c) The local congregation
 - d) All of the above

UMC Baptism Quiz

10. When churches report membership statistics, they report the number of:

- a) Everyone baptized in their church
- b) Everyone attending church throughout the year
- c) Everyone who was baptized and publicly professed both the baptismal and membership vows
- d) Attendees at pot luck dinners



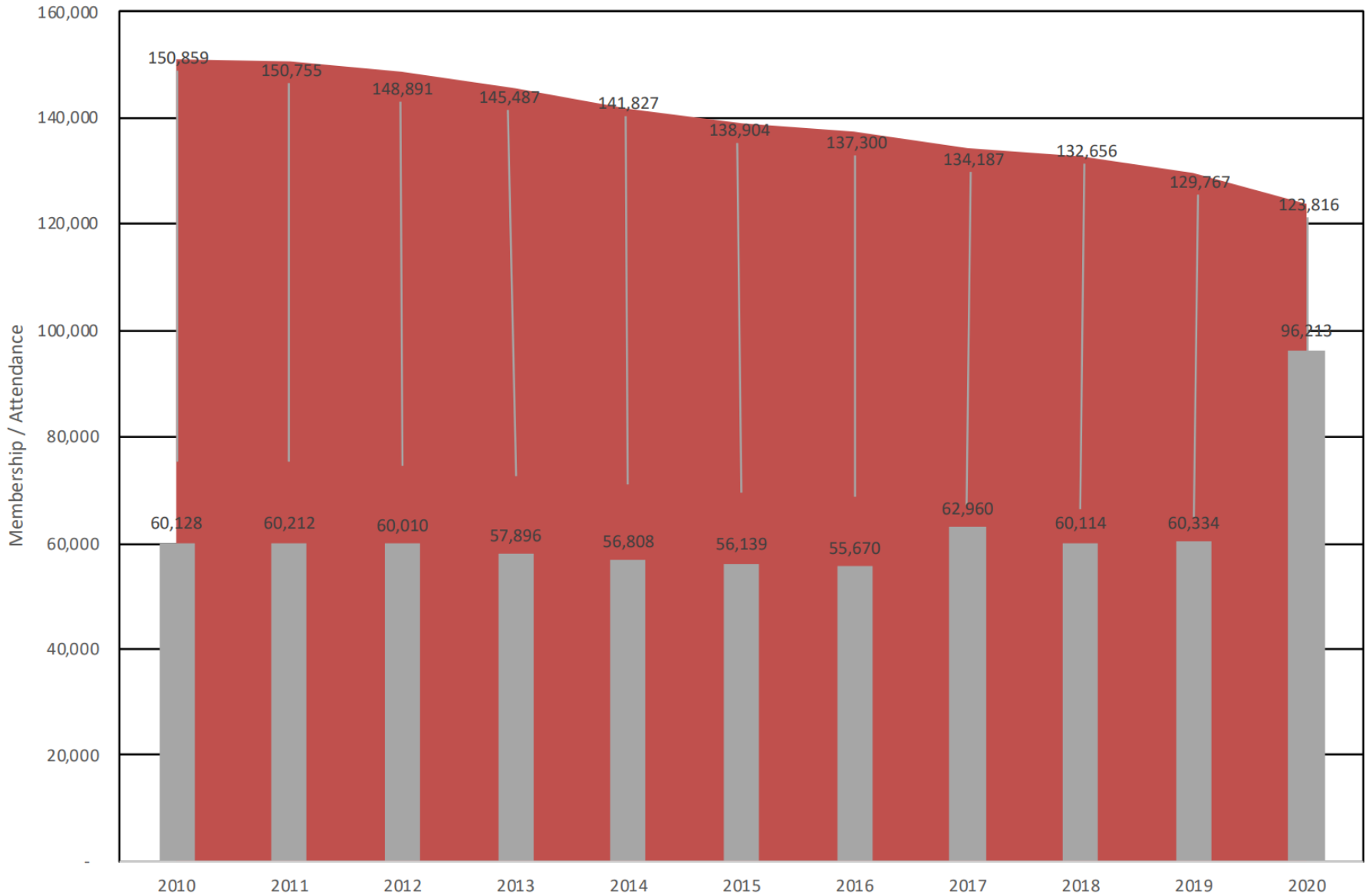
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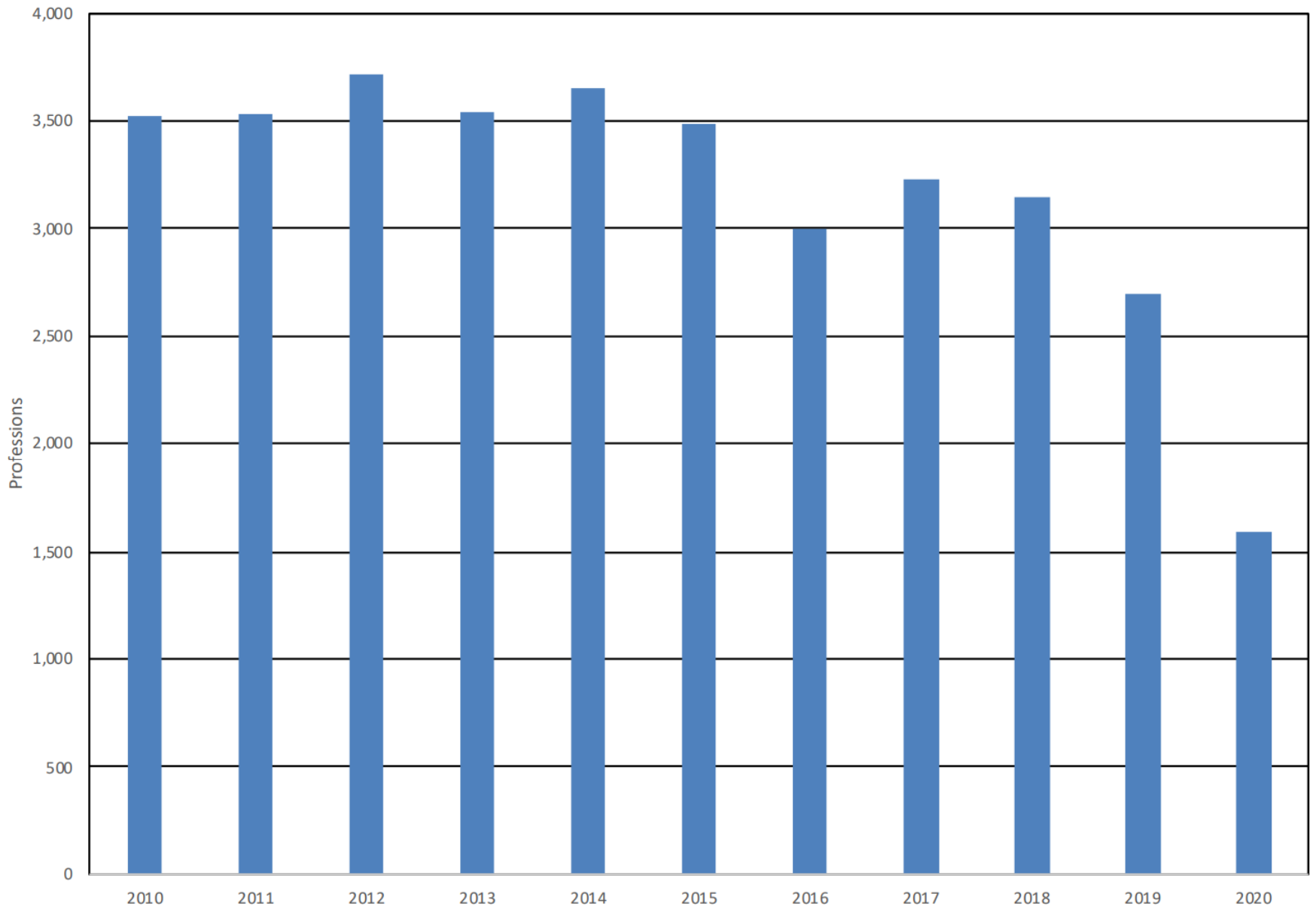


Total Conference Membership & Average Worship Attendance

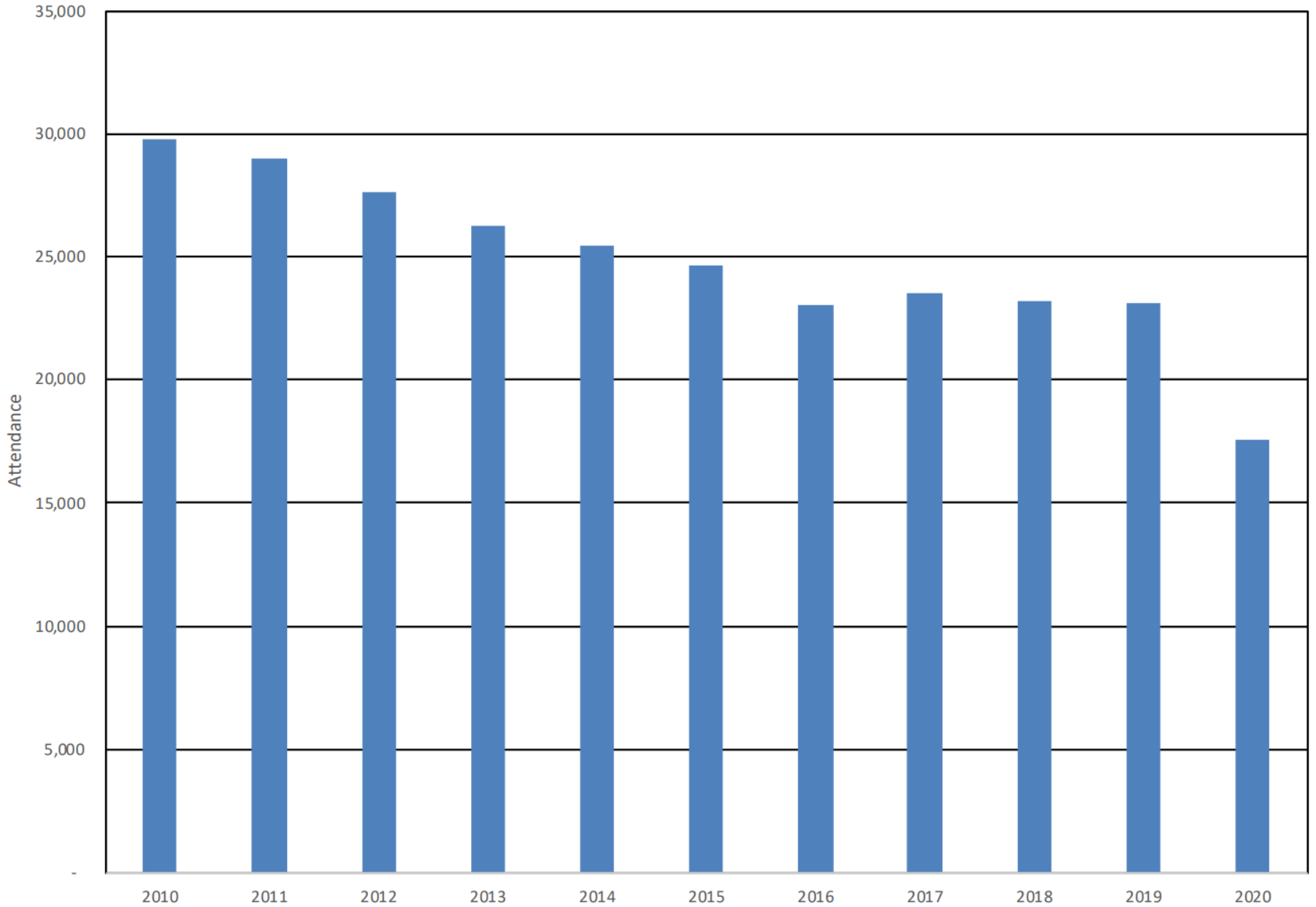
■ Total Membership ■ Avg. Worship Attendance (includes online 2017-2020)



Professions of Faith



Sunday School Attendance





Brothers and sisters in Christ:
Through the Sacrament of Baptism
we are initiated into Christ's Holy Church
We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation
and given new birth through water and the Spirit.
All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

The Baptismal Covenant:

1. Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?
2. Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?
3. Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church, which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?



- *Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.*

(Acts 2:38-39, NRSV)

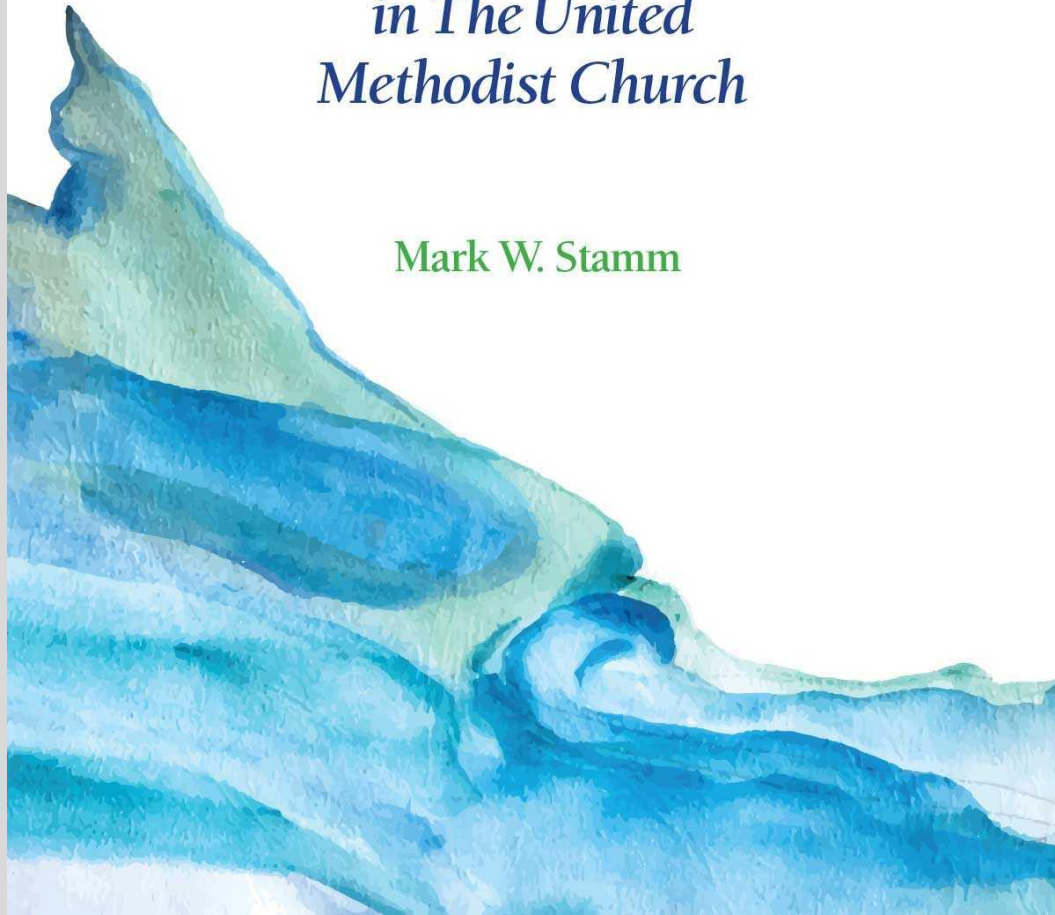
- *And that day about three thousand persons were added.*

(Acts 2:41, NRSV).

THE MEANING OF
Baptism

*in The United
Methodist Church*

Mark W. Stamm



Other great UMC resources:

- www.umc.org
- www.umcdiscipleship.org
 - By Water and the Spirit: A United Methodist Understanding of Baptism
- <https://ntcumc.org>