Find-A-Church Guidance

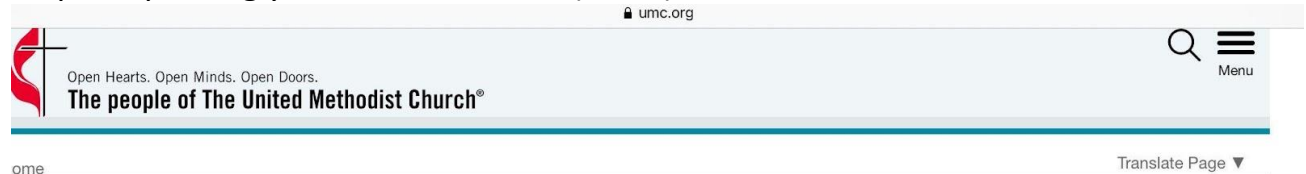**For Families and Individuals:**
Use the online Find-A-Church directory to locate a nearby church that best meets your accessibility needs.

Search by zip code to find features such as: Accessible Restrooms; Accessible Entrances; Accessible Parking; Large Print Bulletins/ Hymnals; Hearing Devices; American Sign Language (ASL) Interpretation (listed under languages).

For Congregations:
Promote your congregation's disability-friendly and accessible features on your Find-A-Church page.

United Methodist Communications has **video tutorials** to guide you through each step of updating your Find-A-Church (F-A-C) site.

FILTER RESULTS:

Users can check specific boxes to help find churches that are a good fit. Make it easy for them by promoting your accessibility and inclusion features. Your responses will be summarized in the upper right side of your F-A-C home page.

- **Ministries** – If the eight general categories don't work, be more specific in the Description section under **Upcoming Events** on your F-A-C home page.
- **Languages** – Check "American Sign Language" if your services are ASL interpreted.
- **Online Worship** – Check the box if your services are available virtually. Specific accessibility information needs to be in your **Welcome*** video.
- **Accessibility Services** - check all the boxes that apply:
  - Accessible Restroom
  - Accessible Entrance
  - Parking
  - Large Print Bulletin/ Hymnal
  - Hearing Device

Driving Directions - Describe where to find accessible parking and entrances. The **Get Directions** link just above this opens to your church location on Google maps.

*WELCOME:

This narrative section on your F-A-C home page will be deleted in the next site update. Instead, you will post a link to a Welcome video on your church's YouTube channel or Facebook page. Caption and narrate your video for full accessibility! This is the place to show photos of your accessibility features and to explain accommodations available.

Please see the UMC Disability Ministries and https://umdeaf.org/Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministries https://umdeaf.org/ websites for more ways to make your church and ministries accessible and inclusive.

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