October Volunteers

Greeters 5th Ryan & Meghan Arthur

12th Ryan & Meghan Arthur

19th Cris Fitzjarrald & Alane White 26th Cris Fitzjarrald & Alane White

<u>Liturgist</u>

<u>Ushers</u> Alane White, Evadene Crumrin, and Charlie & Diane Moore

Lobby Watch 5th Rick Manuell

12th Jim Arthur 19th Ryan Arthur <u>Counters</u> Bev Smith & Doris Ellington all month (except Oct 20th, which is Jan Ridgway)

26th

Nursery

5th Danielle & Liberty Cline

12th Jenna Morey

19th Adrienne & Evangeline
 26th Janet Eitel & Lindsey Welsh

Birthdays and Anniversaries in October:

Alta Vaunadahl	Oatabaroo
Alta Youngdahl	October 02
Kathy Brown	October 04
Max Schneider	October 04
Dawn Youngdahl	October 05
Isabel Arthur	October 07
Jacob Cannady	October 07
Chelsey Trudeau	October 09
Ty Bullock	October 10
Carole Henderson	October 11
Kayte Macke	October 12
Carrigan Crumrin	October 13
Jayseigh Veach	October 18
Ben Macke	October 20
Adam Crumrin	October 21
Morgan Macke	October 21
Lindsay Welsh	October 21
Steve Macke	October 23
Jan Ridgway	October 23
Chase Paulsen	October 24
Jayci Green	October 25
Lexi Mason	October 26
Nis Lovstad	October 29

October 31

Daisy Bloodworth



The Nurture committee is hosting a Church-Wide Birthday Party/Trivia night on October 18. Everyone is invited. There will be homemade cakes for each month, as well as ice cream and punch. Each month will

October 01 October 05

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have its own table with a special homemade cake to share, and each table will be a team to play trivia! We'll have both adult and kid trivia questions, so it will be fun for everyone! Bring a friend and join us!



	Tim & Hannah McConchie
	Keith & Diane Lindgren
£13	Jack & Lisa Davidson
(0)	Allen & Sue Boyer
	Daniel & Kaylee DeLisle
	David & Kim Macke
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THE MESSENGER



Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest, who calls us to bear fruit that will last.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

October brings with it the sights and sounds of harvest. Fields are gathered in, leaves are turning, and the air carries that crisp reminder that seasons are always changing. It is a time when we see the fruit of labor brought forth, and we are reminded of the goodness of God who provides seedtime and harvest.

Scripture often uses the language of harvest to describe the life of faith. Paul tells us, "Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9). And the fruit that God desires from us is not just in bushels and barns, but in lives transformed by His Spirit. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—these are the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23), the true harvest of a life rooted in Christ.

In this season, it is good to pause and ask: What is being cultivated in me? What is being sown through my words, my actions, my prayers, and my service? The truth is, what we plant today, whether seeds of grace or seeds of bitterness, will grow and bear fruit in due time. As followers of Jesus, we are called to sow generously in the Spirit, so that others may "taste and see that the Lord is good."

As the ministries of fall continue, let us not lose sight of this calling. Every act of kindness, every prayer lifted, every word of encouragement, and every moment of service is a seed planted in the Kingdom of God. You may not always see the fruit right away, but God is faithful to bring forth a harvest in His time.

We are also reminded that harvest is not only about what we receive, but what we share. Just as farmers bring in the crops to nourish many, so the fruit God produces in us is meant to bless others. When we forgive, when we serve, when we share the hope of Christ, we are scattering seeds that can take root in places we may never see. The joy of the Christian life is knowing that God multiplies even the smallest act of faithfulness for His Kingdom purposes.

My prayer for us as a church family this October is that we will be known as a people whose lives overflow with the fruit of the Spirit. May our love be abundant, our joy contagious, our peace steady, and our kindness unshakable. And may the harvest God brings through us be for His glory and the blessing of many.

With love in Christ,

Your brother and fellow servant,



Kid's Korner

I think I like FALL best of all! After a fun but crazy summer with the FUMC kids, we are ready to get into our fall/winter routine.

Power Lunch got underway on Sept. 3. We had 69 kids eat lunch on the first day! Thanks to everyone who donated food and helped cook and serve. Please keep checking the Power Lunch board each week for items needed.

KFC begins on Oct. 1. We'll meet each Wednesday after school until 5:00. KFC is open to all students from kindergarten through 5th grade. (If 6th graders want to attend, we'll be glad for their help.) The first KFC and church family dinner will be October 22 at 5:00. Susannah Wesley Circle will host the meal. All KFC kids, their families, and all church members are welcome. PLEASE COME!

Our kids and youth are going to take part in this year's Marshall's Trunk or Treat. The event is Oct. 25. If you are willing to help with our display, please let me know. We'll begin collecting candy on Oct. 1. Please drop it by the church office. Thanks!





Mark Your Calendars:

October 7th
October 9th
October 20th
October 30th

UWF Board Meeting 4:00 PM Esther Circle 7:00 PM Susannah Wesley Circle 11:30 AM Sisters in Faith Circle 6:00 PM in the Chapel

Thank you for all your wonderful donations of school supplies for Midwest Mission Distribution! We filled 105 bags at our annual meeting.

Chili Day is coming! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 4th, and plan to be there. If you are willing to help, look for the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. Meals will be served from 11:00AM – 1:00PM and from 4:00PM – 6:00PM. Invite your friends!



Holy Grounds Coffee Group meets every Tuesday. All are welcome to join! Here's where you'll find us:

7th - Marshall Family Restaurant 9AM

14th - Holly Brook 2PM

21st - Lunch Outing to Traverse Pie Company! Meet us at the church at 11:45 to ride in the Church van with us, or you can meet us in the back room at the Pie Company at 1:30 Terre Haute time.

28th - Gypsy Queen 9AM

Mission Highlights:

During October we celebrate World Communion Sunday. There will be a special offering to help provide scholarships for students around the world. Since the first

Sunday of the month is going to be UWF Sunday, we will collect this special offering on Sunday the 12th.

On another note, it's time to start thinking about the One Stop Community Christmas 2025.

For the past 14 years, over 200 area organizations have joined hands to bring joy, hope, and essential items to more than 1,000 vulnerable families across our region.

As we have done in the past, Marshall First will be collecting 4-packs of toilet paper. Our Church goal is 155 four-packs by December 2. More information will be posted outside the office. Thank you for partnering with this valuable mission outreach!

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. In honor and in memory of our past and present pastors, we are asking for donations to the Preachers' Aid and Benefit Society. (PABS). This fund helps retired pastors when they are in need. One of our Marshall First retired pastors was given funds from this agency to help cover medical co-pays that occurred during his wife's severe illness. Through the years many other retirees have also received financial aid for various life problems that have occurred. By giving to this fund, you are expressing thanks to our pastors for their spiritual guidance and are helping ensure a less stressful retirement for them. Make checks out to MFUMC.



October 2025 Stewardship Report

At Marshall First, we believe in clear communication and faithful stewardship. That's why the Unified Leadership Council shares a monthly giving report—to help you see how your generosity supports the life and mission of our church. In addition to funding our local ministries, we are asked each year to contribute \$31,956 to the

broader work of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. These apportioned gifts, given only through designated giving, help support leadership and ministry across our region. It's important to note that your regular, undesignated tithes and offerings are what keep our local ministry moving—from worship and children's programs to pastoral care, outreach, and daily operations. Right now, we're facing a shortfall in our general fund, and your consistent, prayerful support is more vital now than ever. Let's continue working together to fuel the mission God has given Marshall First.

	2025 Local Church Budget	Conference Apportionments	Faith Promise & Missons	
Budget	\$344,662.00	\$31,956.00	Faith Promise, Missions, Scholarships & Memorial are supported by designated giving.	
Needed Monthly	\$28,721.84	\$2,663.00		
Needed Weekly	\$6,628.12	\$614.54		
Given Year to Date	\$171,428.28	\$13,655.57	\$9,981.00	
Given in Sep 2025	\$17,374.46	\$750.00	\$1,721.00	



Online Giving

We have two ways that you can give online. You can go to our website and give online, or you can log in into Breeze. If you login into Breeze, you can track your giving and adjust what has been scheduled. If you would like to get a login for Breeze, please speak with the office.

Prayer List

Joys And Concerns: Diana Bailey, Aaron Brush, Dave Culbertson, Rev. John Davis, Mike Delp, Gail Glick, Darrell Kirby, Molly Macke, Tiffany Macke, Candy Painter, Joe Sipes, Joyce Smithson, Sharon Welliver, Karen Wheat

Our Church and her leaders:

Marshall First UMC

Pastor Bill

Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai

Lewis Sanborn

Bishop David A Bard

Our District Superintendent, Sarah Isbell

Connie Wieck and other Missionaries

Our Military Personnel:

Chris Bradford John Flowers

Daniel Gard

Michael Holmes

John Kuhn

Music Notes

Shelby Sanborn Chaplain Jonathon Maloney Our Nation, Our Nation's Leaders, and our Armed Forces

Our Homebound & Health Care Facility Residents

Phyllis Boatright

Gordon & Carolyn Clark

Jake Hoalt

Violet Cook

Dan Flowers

Sharon Miller

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Newly married and setting up house with his young bride, Haldor Lillenas wondered how he was going to provide for his family after barely pulling together enough money to finish building their home. Music composition was his passion, but he didn't have a piano in his tiny new abode.

When a neighbor offered a dusty organ with cracked leather and stiffened stops for the price of five dollars, Haldor eagerly bought the wheezy organ and set about composing. As he settled into family life, he wrote many songs on that first, imperfect instrument.

One of the early compositions Haldor wrote on that five-dollar organ was "Wonderful Grace of Jesus," which he, in turn, sold for five dollars (Brown 117). This small investment helped him write more songs, better songs—over 4,000 hymns in his lifetime—and he went on to found his own music publishing company.

"Wonderful Grace of Jesus" is a triumphant song about the abundant grace of Christ (1 Timothy 1:14), one that is deeper than the sea and higher than the mountains. It is a beautiful picture of God's mighty grace in our times of want and His generous mercy in seasons of blessing.

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

1. Wonderful grace of Jesus, Greater than all my sin; How shall my tongue describe it, Where shall its praise begin? Taking away my burden, Setting my spirit free; For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain:

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus, Deeper than the mighty rolling sea; Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain, All-sufficient grace for even me! Broader than the scope of my transgressions, Greater far than all my sin and shame; Oh, magnify the precious Name of Jesus, Praise His Name!

- 2. Wonderful grace of Jesus, Reaching to all the lost, By it I have been pardoned, Saved to the uttermost; Chains have been torn asunder, Giving me liberty; For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.
- 3. Wonderful grace of Jesus, Reaching the most defiled, By its transforming power, Making him God's dear child, Purchasing peace and heaven For all eternity— And the wonderful grace of Iesus reaches me.

OCTOBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EVERY SUNDAY: 9:00am Morning Worship Family Fellowship 10:15am Sunday School for all ages!			1. Weave from 10am-Noon Power Lunch KFC 3:00 – 5:00pm No choir practice today	2.	3. Exercise- 8:30am	4.
5. Youth Fellowship 5pm	6. Exercise- 8:30am	7. Holy Grounds - 9am @ Marshall Family Restaurant UWF Board Meeting 4pm	8. Weave from 10am-Noon Power Lunch KFC 3:00 – 5:00pm Choir 5:30pm	9. Esther Circle 7:00pm	10. Exercise- 8:30am	11.
12. Communion Sunday Charge Conference at Paris First UMC 2:00PM Youth Fellowship 5pm	13. Exercise- 8:30 am	14. Holy Grounds - 2pm @ Holly Brook	15. Weave from 10am-Noon Power Lunch KFC 3:00 – 5:00pm Choir 5:30pm	16.	17. Exercise- 8:30am	18. Come volunteer at the Thrift Shop from 8:30-12 Church-Wide Birthday Party Game Night 7:00-9:00PM
19.	20. Exercise- 8:30am Susannah Wesley Circle 11:30am	21. Holy Grounds - noon @ Traverse Pie Company Come volunteer @ the Food Disbursement Center from 12-4:30pm Unified Leadership 6PM	22. Weave from 10am-Noon Power Lunch KFC 3:00 – 5:00pm Family Dinner at 5pm! Choir 6:00pm	23.	24. Exercise- 8:30am	25. Trunk or Treat at the Courthouse Lawn from 2:30-3:30PM Rotary "Jack-O-Jog" registration church parking lot 5:30PM
Pastor Appreciation Pot-Luck Lunch 11:00 AM	Exercise- 8:30 am	28. Holy Grounds - 9am @ Gypsy Queen Come volunteer @ the Food Disbursement Center from 12-4:30pm Unified Leadership Team Meeting at 6pm	29. Weave from 10am-Noon Power Lunch KFC 3:00 – 5:00pm Choir 5:30pm	30. Sisters in Faith 6:00pm	31. Exercise- 8:30am	