

**Pastor's Corner:**

Marshall First UM Church Worship Service  
Sunday mornings at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary —  
*You need to register for the in-house worship services.*  
Sundays on FaceBook (Live at 9:00 a.m.)

Fellowship Hour  
Sundays at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom

Weekly Bible Study  
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom

Daily Scripture Readings  
on FaceBook

**The weekly service and daily scripture can be pulled up  
on FaceBook any time at [www.facebook.com/MarshallILFUMC](https://www.facebook.com/MarshallILFUMC).  
You can even go back to earlier services,  
if you happened to miss one.**

**News from James:**

UMYF - Sundays at 4-5:30 p.m. at the church

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**Prayer Concerns:**

Kerry Teague	Gail Glick	Jill Medsker	George Smith	Dianne Rardin
Stacey Speros	Jim Harper	Kayte Macke	Pat McCammon	Liberty Scott
Adam Setzer	Carolyn Clark			

Chase Brady *[Jim & Joyce Gwyn's great-grandson]*  
Heather Welch *[Gene Bohn's granddaughter-in-law]*  
Journey Campton *[Friend of Adam & Tiffany Setzer]*  
Candy Painter *[Alane White, Cris Fitzjarrald & Sally Mallory's sister]*  
Brett Ramsey *[Angie Setzer's nephew]*  
Peg Hintz *[Tom Hintz's mother]*  
Foster Buell *[Sharon Miller's grandson]*  
Julie Krietemeier *[Beth Macke's sister]*  
Mike Sideroff *[Jim White's nephew]*  
Kim Sones Kimbler *[Friend of Sally Mallory]*  
The Family of Drew Keown  
All Long-term Healthcare Facilities in Clark County  
Unspoken Requests  
Natural Disaster Victims, Our Missionaries



**Our Military Personnel:**

Chris Bradford	John Flowers	Daniel Gard	Jake Hoalt	Michael Holmes
Peyton Allen	John Kuhn	Lewis & Shelby Sanborn	Chaplain Jonathon Maloney	
Our nation, our nation's leaders, and Armed Forces				

**Our Homebound & Health Care Facility Residents:**

Violet Cook	Orpha Goekler	Bette Woodard	Marilyn Jensen	JoAnn Donehue
Jim Gwyn	Evelyn Anderson	Jackie Kitchen	Ken Jensen	June Cannady
Polly Logan	Phyllis Boatright	Carole Arney	Mary Ellen Koutsoumpas	



# THE MESSENGER

October 2020

Abbreviated

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**October is Pastor Appreciation Month!**

Thanks Pastor Bob for the great job you are doing!!

Dear Church Family,

It has been brought to our attention that some of the people that get a meal from Sr. Diner's during the week could use some food assistance on weekends also.

We thought this might be a mission project for the church, but we need your help. We are looking for persons that would be willing to provide food for one person on weekends. We are proposing something in the nature of a sack lunch (sandwich, fruit, chips, cookies) on Saturday with something that is easy microwavable on Sunday (soup, crackers, cereal). There could be other food options available accordingly to what you would like to do (such as taking a serving from the meal your family is having or picking up something from a restaurant.)

We have names, addresses, and phone numbers of all of these persons. We are thinking delivery would be early Saturday, but that is an option that could be worked out between you and your recipient.

Give me a call if you have any questions, or if you are interested in providing for a family.

Shannon Snedeker  
(812) 240-2576



## Living For Christ in the Everyday A Worship Series Based on James

James is a small but insightful book in the New Testament. James offers us practical and relevant direction for living the Christian life. Join us Sunday mornings in person or on Facebook as we open ourselves to the book of James. You can find the weekly themes and foundational Scriptures below.

**October 4**

Two Kinds of Wisdom  
James 3:13-18

**October 11**

The Worldly Attitude  
James 4:1-10

**October 18**

Patience in Suffering  
James 5:7-11

**October 25**

The Power of Prayer  
James 5:13-18





### Good News!

*The Church Council has taken the step to open the church building for groups to use the chapel. This is for church groups only and for groups of 20 or less. A representative of the group will need to contact the church office in order to get a copy of the guidelines and a form for registering those who attend an event. A list of the guidelines can be found below. The Church Council will be considering when and how to take the next step to further reopen the church building. For more information, please contact the church office.*

### Guidelines for Church Groups Using Building (Adopted by Church Council on 9/22/20)

1. Only church related groups are able to use the building at this time.
2. The group representative is responsible for ensuring all the guidelines are followed.
3. A group representative will need to fill out a building usage form. The office will provide you a copy of the form.
4. 20 is the maximum number of people for any gathering other than worship and staff.
5. Only those who are participating in the group event are able to be present in the building.
6. Only the chapel and the two main restrooms are to be used. Entrance and exit are to be through the two glass doors in the main entrance.
7. Groups will practice taking temperatures, mask wearing, and social distancing of at least 6ft.
8. A group representative will need to schedule their meeting with the office. Groups can meet between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Members of the group will need to register for their gathering using the invitations that will be sent out by email.
9. Groups will be responsible to clean the space they use. Cleaning supplies and directions will be provided.
10. A person may bring their own drink. No other drinks or food are allowed during events.

### Transportation of Local Veterans to Medical Treatments at the VA Hospital in Danville, IL

There is a van provided by the Disabled American Veterans organization. This van, however, is maintained and managed by the VA Volunteer Transportation Department.

Our local van provides transportation for veterans from Marshall, Martinsville and Paris to appointments at the Danville, IL VA Hospital. Currently the only driver we have is Carrol Ellington. Betty Beabout coordinates with the veterans and the Marshall and Paris VFWs, and schedules the rides for the veterans. Betty provides all required paperwork and driver schedules for the van, and submits required reports pertaining to drivers and the van operation to the Danville VA personnel and the local American Legion and VFW.

We try to provide year round transportation every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If there are no veterans requiring transportation then the van does not make any trips. As a rule, veterans are to get to either the Marshall or Paris VFW, and the van picks them up there.

Requirements to be a volunteer driver include having a valid drivers license, taking a physical (free at the VA), finger printing, background check, and one day of training. You do not need to be a veteran to be a volunteer driver, and there is no age limit.

If you are interested in helping and volunteering, you can contact Betty Beabout at 217-826-2819 or Carrol Ellington at 217-822-1443. If you get their voicemail, leave a message, and they will return your call.

Dear Marshall First UMC:

As many are aware, my return to China has been delayed.

For those who might not know exactly what I do within our United Methodist Church, I am an employee of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries as a person in mission. My placement has been in the Asia-Pacific region for 27 years as an English language teacher. For the past 22 years, I've been in mainland China. However, in January for my 1-month Chinese New Year school break, I returned to Marshall to help my mom (Priscilla Wieck) move. But due to Covid-19, things changed in a hurry. Flights canceled and a Chinese ban on foreigners returning to the country went into effect. That ban has gradually been lifting for some countries but not yet for America. China currently has the virus contained with only imported cases from abroad being a problem. Activities have resumed throughout the country as usual. My Chinese college of 10,000 students has begun the school year without me, the only foreign teacher on campus. The Luzhou Protestant Church, of which I am a choir member, is back to regular meetings, Bible studies and both traditional and contemporary Sunday services of 400-plus with the 25-person choir singing in full during worship.

Our UMC has 300 missionaries in 130 countries, including those in positions here in America. Many are still in their placements, doing virtual work from home. Some evacuated due to Covid-19 concerns. Others, newly appointed, are waiting to get themselves to where they need to be, and some, such as myself, are stranded in their home countries, unable to return to their mission service areas.

For us "stranded" folk, the Atlanta office has been contacting us about working from home. We are to continue connecting with our overseas' partners but we will have changes to our job descriptions to meet the needs of the church until we can return to our assignments.

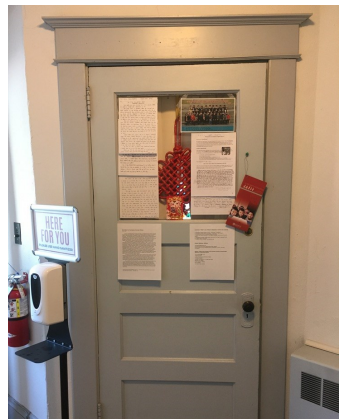
There is discussion of making me a Mission Advocate (MA) for our North-Central Jurisdiction. This includes the following UMC conferences: Indiana, West Ohio, East Ohio, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Northern Illinois and Illinois Great Rivers, which encompasses Marshall First. Details are yet to be given but from what I understand, an MA is the liaison between the Atlanta GBGM office and each conference's Conference Secretary of Global Ministries (CSGM) who passes on all mission and missionary program news to the districts. I will attend



mission meetings (held virtually via Zoom), gather information to relay to others, host my own or present at meetings, post GBGM updates, relay current information online and be available for whatever else is asked of me.

These duties demand a bit of quiet and "spread-out room," which our Marshall First Church Council has graciously given me in the prayer room. How very grateful I am to have my home church meet my needs in such a special way. I will use this sacred space to continue my work with the church while keeping engaged in mission and serving the Lord as I feel called to do. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Connie Wieck



**We are continuing to collect empty pill bottles. They can be dropped off at the office. Please remove labels from the bottles. An easy way is to use Goo Gone.**



If you would like your lawn sign, please let Susie Carey know (826-2461). Thanks again to all who participated.



Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we were unable to do our annual Baby Bottle Blessings. We would still like to collect money to be used by the Choices Pregnancy Centers of Eastern Illinois to assist families in our community who face an unplanned pregnancy.

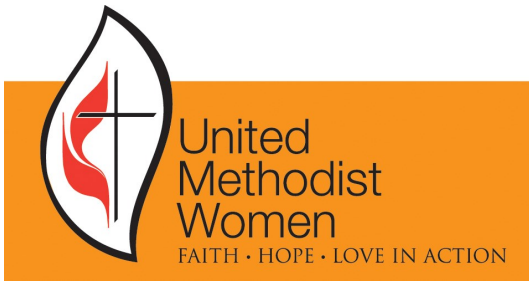


You may place your gift in the offering basket at the back of the sanctuary. Please make your check out to FUMC and memo "baby bottle". If you donate cash, please use provided offering envelope and memo "baby bottle" on envelope. You may also turn it in to the office during office hours.

Collection will be during the month of October. *Thank you for caring!*







UMW News

UMW pledges can be dropped off in the church office. Thank Offering donations can be dropped off in the office during the month of November. If you put any money for UMW in the offering basket on Sundays, please make sure your check is made out to UMW and memo what it is for.

Mark Your Calendars Now...

UMW will be having a Soup Sale on Sunday, November 1. Due to the pandemic, this will take the place of our annual Chili Day. Look for more information to come.



**Mark Your Calendars**

Thursday, October 8: Reopening Task Force, 10AM

Tuesday, October 13: SPRC Meeting, 6PM

Tuesday, October 20: Trustee Meeting, 7PM

Tuesday, October 27: Church Council Meeting, 6PM

Wednesday, October 28: Charge Conference Meeting (Zoom), 6PM, Council members only

Sunday, November 1: All Saints Service, 5PM

If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday worship, please call the church office.

Welcome baby Brady Alexander, son of Brooke and Alex Bullock, and little brother to Trent and Ty. Brady was born September 24th weighing 9lbs 8oz, 21.5" long. Congrats to the family!

**Ways you can SERVE**

**SUNDAY MORNINGS:**

Temperature Takers	Sound Techs
Sanctuary Guides	Lower Level Guides
Cleaners Between Services	

(Call the church if you would like to volunteer.)

**Scrip Cards & Orders**

Christmas is coming soon! Stock up on your gift cards now. James will be ordering Scrip Cards on Monday, October 12. If you have an order, please have it to the office no later than 10am that morning. He still has many on hand. Call the church office during the week if you have any questions or to find out what he has on hand.



**OCTOBER** Birthdays

02 Bryce Ellington	11 Carole Henderson	22 Mike Shafer
02 Alta Youngdahl	12 Kayte Macke	23 Steve Macke
03 Dianne Rardin	13 Carrigan Crumrin	23 Janice Ridgway
03 Gene Bohn	14 Sophia Cook	24 Birdy Selleck
04 Max Schneider	16 Celeste Gossman	26 Lexi Mason
07 Jacob Cannady	19 Eric Townsend	26 Turner Graham
07 Jordan Gentry	19 Karen Haenig	27 Sarah Stabler
07 Marge Shirely	20 Ben Macke	28 Polly Logan
07 Hudson Shafer	20 Clinton Oberlee	29 Cory King
09 Chelsey Trudeau	21 Morgan Macke	29 Nis Lovstad
10 Wayne Heighton	21 Lindsay Welsh	30 Larry Rasner
10 Ty Bullock	21 Adam Crumrin	31 Daisy Bloodworth

**OCTOBER** Anniversaries

07 Keith & Diane Lindgren
10 Trevor & Katie Mullins
12 Jack & Lisa Davidson
19 Cody & Breanna Wilson
22 David & Kim Macke
22 Michael & Jenn Smitley
22 Daniel & Kaylee DeLisle
27 Tommy & Mary Lou Wernz

**Preachers' Aid Society and Benefit Fund (PASBF)**

For 150 years PASBF's one mission has been to care for our UMC retired clergy, their spouses and any dependent children. This care comes in the form of financial assistance for times of need.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, a perfect time to show appreciation for our pastor by making a contribution to this fund to ensure our church continues to care for and support our retired pastoral families. You can make your check out to FUMC and designate it in **honor of** or in **memory of** a pastor who has made an impact on your life. Contributions are listed quarterly in the Current, the conference newspaper.

- Other suggestions for Pastor Appreciation Month:**
- Send** a thank you note to your current or a past pastor
  - Give** a gift card to a local restaurant
  - Give** a gift card to Cokesbury (UMC Publishing House) or Amazon
  - Make** a gift to Pastor's favorite mission project in his name
  - Have** the children and youth make thank you cards to present to pastor
  - Create** a top ten list of why you appreciate your pastor

Be creative. Think of other ways you can honor Pastor Bob and Barb. You have an entire month to do so!

