

July Volunteers

Greeters July 5th through 26^h Deb Miller

Counters Bev Smith and Jan Ridgway

<u>Lobby Watch</u>	5 th	Ryan Arthur
	12 th	Rick Manuell
	19 th	
	26 th	

Nursery 5th Lindsey Walsh
12th Danielle & Liberty
19th Jenna Morey
26th Amy & Kaylee Daugherty

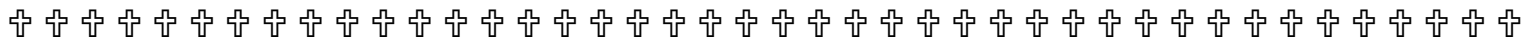
Ushers for May Gale Titus, Jackie Titus,
and Jack Crumrin.

Liturgist Jill Strohm

We still have volunteer positions to fill for the rest of the year, including some for July!

Please check the sign-up sheets in the Welcome Center to find ways you can serve.

We also have lots of empty spaces on our flower list outside the church office.



Prayer List

Joys And Concerns: Aaron Brush, Gordon & Carolyn Clark,
Dave Culbertson, Rev. John Davis, Mike Delp, Gail Glick, Phil James, Darrell Kirby,
Molly Macke, Sandy Martin, Jennie O'Rourke, Candy Painter,
Donna Sens, Joyce Smithson, Karen & Clyde Wheat



Our Church and her leaders:

Marshall First UMC
 Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai
 Our District Superintendent, Sarah Isbell

Pastor Jon
 Bishop David A Bard
 Connie Wieck and other Missionaries

Our Military Personnel:

Chris Bradford John Flowers Daniel Gard Michael Holmes John Kuhn
Shelby Sanborn Lewis Sanborn Jake Hoalt Chaplain Jonathon Maloney
Our Nation, Our Nation's Leaders, and our Armed Forces

Our Homebound & Health Care Facility Residents

Phyllis Boatright Gordon & Carolyn Clark Violet Cook
Dan Flowers

If you know of any changes in the status of these individuals, or have more who should be added to our Military Personnel or the Homebound/Healthcare Facility lists, please contact the office. Thank you.



From the Pastor's Desk: Grounded in Love

July 2026



As my family and I begin this new season of ministry with you all, I want to begin with two simple words: thank you. Thank you for the warm welcome, the kind conversations, the thoughtful gifts, the meals, and the many expressions of care that have already been extended to us. Beginning a new pastoral appointment brings excitement, but it also comes with many adjustments. Your hospitality has helped make those adjustments easier and has reminded us that we are not entering this season alone. We are entering into a community that already knows how to show love.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your pastor, but I am also grateful for the opportunity to walk alongside you. Ministry is not something a pastor does for a congregation. It is something we do together. We will worship, pray, learn, serve, celebrate, grieve, and discern together. We will discover what God is already doing among us and consider where God may be calling us next.

Love is the foundation of Christian holiness. In the Wesleyan tradition, holiness is not primarily about appearing morally superior or separating ourselves from an imperfect world. Holiness is about being so shaped by the grace of God that love increasingly guides our lives.

John Wesley described Christian perfection as being “perfected in love.” He did not mean that Christians reach a point where they never make mistakes. Rather, he believed God’s grace could form within us a heart increasingly filled with love for God and love for our neighbors. Holiness becomes visible in how we listen, forgive, welcome, serve, and care for one another.

That kind of love is not merely a feeling. It is a way of living. It is patient enough to build relationships, humble enough to admit mistakes, and generous enough to serve without needing recognition. Love is both the foundation of our faith and the direction in which God continues to lead us.

I have already experienced glimpses of that love here. I look forward to seeing how it continues to grow among us in the years ahead. There will be much for us to learn about one another. There will be joys to share, challenges to face, traditions to honor, and new possibilities to explore.

Through all of it, my prayer is that we will remain grounded in the love of God.

Thank you again for welcoming my family and me into this community. I am excited to walk alongside you as, together, we seek to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Jon

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Kid's Korner

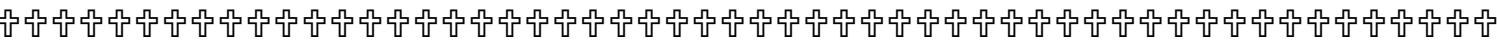
Wow! June is my favorite month here at FUMC. The church is filled with kids, parents, grandparents, and fun. We had a wonderful time at both Adventure Week and VBS. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way-we couldn't have done it without you!

Now, on to July. Summer KFC begins on Wednesday, July 1. We will meet at 10:00 on July 1, 8, 15, and 22. The sessions will consist of a snack, Bible story, crafts, songs, and playtime. KFC is open to all kids from kindergarten through 5th grade.

The lessons we will use during Children's Church each Sunday in July are Old Testament adventures. The kids will explore the lives of Joshua, Rahab, and Deborah to name a few. Join us in the chapel each week following the children's moment for a new adventure.

Looking ahead: Camp Cornerstone is Aug. 10-12. This is our local camp out at Mill Creek. Kids from kindergarten through high school are welcome. Watch for details in the coming weeks.

Kelly



July Birthdays & Anniversaries:



Jordan Brown	July 1	Lynlee Hallett	July 21
Darlene Hildebrand	July 1	Phyllis Boatright	July 27
Doris Ellington	July 2	Malerie Mason	July 27
Brandon Daugherty	July 3	William Crumrin	July 28
Sydney Macke	July 3	Tia Arthur	July 30
Terry Stepp	July 3	Tyler Claypool	July 31
Maxximus Brannan	July 7	Susan Maurer	July 31
Chelsea Higginbotham	July 11		
Breck Bishop	July 14		
Barbara Manhart	July 16		
Michael Henderson	July 17		
Jack Davidson	July 19		

Scott & Danielle Cline	July 3
Ken & Nancy Claypool	July 11
Tom & Sarah Brannan	July 15
Mark & Brooke Bullock	July 16
Paul & Amy Cannady	July 18
Carrol & Doris Ellington	July 18
William & Erica Crumrin	July 26
Daniel & Debra Harper	July 29
Michael & Sarah Shultz	July 30

July Mission News:

Thanks to those who contributed to the season pass mission for families at the Marshall Pool in June. Pool manager, Misty, reports that several happy deserving families and children were awarded season passes thanks to your generosity.

The General Board of Missions of the UMC and UMCOR have designated a special fund for Venezuela to aid in recovery efforts that are ongoing, due to the recent devastating earthquake. You can contribute to this fund through our local UMC. The UMC is coordinating with several existing NGOs from other countries as well as those already existing in that country to provide aid. You can contribute to that fund through our church in the weekly offering during the service or through our church office. Be sure to put a designation on your check or envelope.

Midwest Mission is always in need of funds to help it continue relief efforts in this country and abroad. Aid for those affected by recent spring floods and tornadoes in our state has diminished supplies and funds are needed to restock and deliver much needed daily necessities. Again, be sure to designate on your check or envelope.

Marshall Ministerial Assn. is happy to receive contributions made through our church to be used in the transient fund as well as the food distribution effort and also for maintenance and upkeep of the facility. You can give through the church.

Of course, UMCOR can always use more funds for their ongoing work in flood and disaster relief in this country. Remember, UMCOR partners with local NGOs and does not leave a project until it is completed. UMCOR also has a "Most Needed" category and will use your contribution in that way if you wish. All of your contributions will be used as you designate and no administrative costs are deducted.

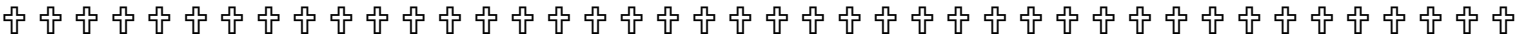
As Christians, we follow the instructions left to us by Jesus and that is to love your neighbor and give aid to those who are needy. We are the hands of Jesus on this earth. Whatever we do or give we do so in His name.

Priscilla Wieck

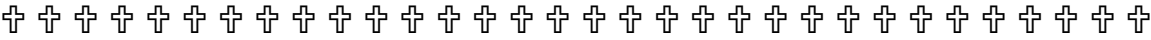


Holy Grounds Coffee Group meets every Tuesday! It is mostly Seniors, but you don't have to be over a certain age to join us! We even enjoy having others from our community join us. Invite a friend and pop in for coffee or breakfast and some good fellowship. Here's where you'll find us in April:

- 7th 9am at Marshall Family Restaurant
- 14th 2pm at Holly Brook
- 21st 9am at Gypsy Queen
- 28th 9am at Latte Dough



Our income so far this year is **\$111,230**, while expenses totaled **\$131,758**. These amounts exclude Apportionments, Faith Promise, Memorial, and Scholarship. Looking ahead, we need approximately **\$22,000** monthly in order to meet all local church expenses. We are grateful for your continued faithfulness and partnership in the work God is doing through our church. Please prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you give this month toward our local church general fund. Any undesignated giving will go to cover our monthly local church expenses and ministry activities. Separate donations to cover Conference Apportionments are also still being collected regularly. To date, we have received \$6,740 of the \$29,580 the Conference asks us to send throughout the year.



We have two different women’s circles who meet every month. All the ladies of the church are invited to join either circle at any time.

- UWF & Sisters in Faith will not be meeting in July
- The Yard Sale made \$640.20! We appreciate all who volunteered.
- The Ice Cream Social made \$453.50, thank you to everyone who brought in delicious treats! The leftovers were enjoyed the following Sunday.
- The next Book Club meeting will be on August 6th. Keep Reading!



UWF is collecting donations for Midwest Missions. They are collecting items for Personal Dignity Kits and Student Kits. Please have items in by July 9th!



Personal Dignity Kit



- 1 hand towel - no kitchen towels
- 1 washcloth - no dishcloths
- 1 toothbrush (no multipacks)
- 1 bar soap - 3-4 oz.
- 1 shampoo -12-19 oz. (secure lid with packing tape)
- 1 deodorant - 2-3 oz. (stick, roll-on, or pump)
- 1 lotion - 8-10 oz. (secure lid with packing tape)
- One 1-gallon resealable plastic bag
- \$2 donation for toothpaste and carrying bag

Student Kit



- 3 notebooks - 1 subject spiral 8"x10 1/2"
- 1 ruler - 12" long with metric
- 6 pencils - unsharpened
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 pencil eraser - 2" or larger
- 1 box 12 colored pencils
- 1 box 24 crayons
- 1 pair student scissors
- 1 one-handed cloth bag*

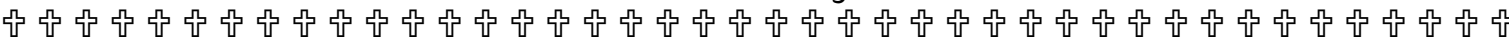


Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ

Thank you for your generous gift! May God bless you as together we work to show His love as the hands, feet, and heart of Christ.

In His service,

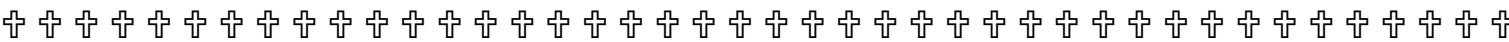
Midwest Mission Family



To People of Marshall First United Methodist Church.

Your generous gift has once again been most gratefully received by Solar Oven Partners. Your faithful ongoing partnership is very much appreciated. Solar ovens for struggling families are life-changing gifts.

Heartfelt thanks for your generous partnership.



Dear Friends in ministry,

Thank you!

The dear people you just help with your gift may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be – Thank you!

And through your financial support you are serving within a vital web of interactive relationships, partnering to engage globally in direct ministry to people in need.

Together, may we continue to reveal the love of god for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes

EVERY SUNDAY: 9AM Morning Worship with Family Fellowship after 10:15am Sunday School for all ages			July, 2026		If you would like to have something added to the June Newsletter, please get it to the office no later than Tuesday, May 26th. Thank you!	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Mat Weaving 10:00-12:00 Summer KFC 10:00-11:30am	2	3 Exercise 8:30 am	4
5 Communion Sunday Youth Fellowship @ 5:00	6 Exercise 8:30 am	7 Holy Grounds @ The Marshall Family Restaurant 9:00 am Come help at the Food Pantry from 2:00 – 4:00pm	8 Mat Weaving 10:00-12:00 Summer KFC 10:00-11:30am	9	10 Exercise 8:30 am	11
12 Church Picnic Youth Fellowship @ 5:00	13 Exercise 8:30 am	14 Holy Grounds @ Hollybrook 2:00 pm Come help at the Food Pantry from 2:00 – 4:00pm	15 Mat Weaving 10:00-12:00 Summer KFC 10:00-11:30am	16	17 Exercise 8:30 am	18 Come Volunteer at the Thrift shop! 8:00am-Noon
19 Youth Fellowship @ 5:00	20 Exercise 8:30 am Susannah Wesley 11:30am	21 Holy Grounds @ Gypsy Queen 9:00 am Come help at the Food Pantry from 2:00 – 4:00pm	22 Mat Weaving 10:00-12:00 Summer KFC 10:00-11:30am DS – Clergy Consultation 8:00am – 5:00pm	23	24 Exercise 8:30 am	25
26 Youth Fellowship @ 5:00	27 Exercise 8:30 am	28 Holy Grounds @ Latte Dough 9:00 am ULC Meeting @ 6:00pm Come help at the Food Pantry from 2:00 – 4:00pm	29 Mat Weaving 10:00-12:00	30	31	