



Come Visit My Southeast Asia Placement!
My GBGM Upcoming #Stillinmission Zoom Meeting
Feb. 6, 2025 7p.m. CDT

For those who are not aware of our Global Ministries #Still-in-Mission monthly series, this is an opportunity for you, as United Methodists, and others to visit with missionaries you support or want to know more about. Every month features 3 or 4 of us. In a 1-hour Zoom meeting time, we have a short opening of introductions and then each of us is sent off into our private meeting rooms, with those who chose us, for the presentation.

All are invited, but you must register and choose "C. Wieck" as your speaker. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email. Here is the below link for #Stillinmission, Episode 74.

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcuf-uorz0uGtKmBcbO9fATiGr1Y9FLuP99#/registration>

The Current and our IGRC is busy advertising my upcoming Still-in-Mission Zoom on Feb. 6. You MUST REGISTER or you can't join.

Come join me and rejoice in all the transformational work you are helping support here in Southeast Asia!



Mission News-February-2025

End of Year Distributions

Because of this congregation's generous response to mission giving ,the Faith Promise Mission Fund was able to send generous contributions of \$500.00 to each of the following: Lessie Bates Neighborhood House, Chaddock School, Spero(Mt. Vernon Children's Home), The Baby Fold, Our Conference, Our Kids, Preachers' Aid Society and Benefit Fund, Mission Distribution Center, Marshall Ministerial Alliance, Laos Vocational and Language Center, Solar Ovens Project and the General Board of Global Missions. The Faith Promise fund is now depleted.

The 2024 total for all mission giving from our church is \$18,190.62. This total includes mission projects of children and youth, as well as various other contributions throughout the year of 2024.

California Wildfires

Several United Methodist Churches were destroyed in the fires and others are still in danger. UMCOR is awarding solidarity grants to the California Pacific Annual Conference to help its immediate relief efforts. These efforts include evacuee support such as food and essential supplies, as well as support for volunteer training and coordination of relief activities.

Blanket Sunday

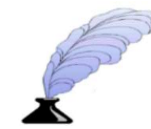
Blanket Sunday sponsored by Church World Service will be the latter part of February.

How to Give

Any contribution you want to give to any mission project can be funneled through our church treasury. Just be sure you designate where you want your money to be used. Every dollar you give to UMCOR, or any other UM Church related mission or institution will be used as you designate. No operating funds are taken out of your contribution.



MARSHALL FUMC
 FEBRUARY



From the Pastor's Pen

Grace, peace, and joy to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Recently as Becky and I were traveling home from my uncle's funeral, I was getting sleepy and decided to stop at Wal-Mart to find a snack to keep me awake for the rest of the drive. As we were walking, we noticed the Valentine's Day section with all the wonderful treats that only appear this time of year. As we were trying to find conversation hearts, I began to think of an old song by John Paul Young, "Love Is In The Air." Many of you reading this probably heard the words in your mind as you read the title.

Love Is In The Air
 Everywhere I look around (I look around...)
 Love Is In The Air
 Every sight and every sound (and every sound...)
 And I don't know if I'm being foolish
 Don't know if I'm being wise
 But it's something that I must believe in
 And it's there when I look in your eyes (your eyes...)

The song goes on to try and describe the way it feels to fall in love; that head in the clouds, irrational, and somewhat indescribable feeling we get, especially in the early days of a romantic relationship.

As I thought about all of this, the foolishness, and the wisdom of love, I couldn't help but reflect on the church and the relationships we have with our brothers and sisters in Christ. The relationships we have in the church, although not romantic, are rooted in the love Christ has for us. 1 John 4:19 tells us we can only love others because of God's love for us. Our love for our parents, siblings, spouse, children, grandchildren, and extended family is based in the love God has for us, a love that is present in at least some measure even in unbelievers. But the love we have for our brothers and sisters in Christ is a special kind of love we can only have as a reflection of the love of Christ present in the new heart we receive by the power of the Holy Spirit, as we surrender our whole selves to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

As a church we have been going through a rough patch (thank you Kelly for naming what we are all feeling). Many of us feel hurt as a result of the conflict we have been going through. Some of us are angry because of the way we spoke to one another in the heat of conflict. Some of us are frustrated by the way everything has been handled by those outside of our local church that left us in limbo for so long. And some of us are simply confused and befuddled, not knowing what we should do now that we have a resolution to the exit process. I understand how each of these groups of people are feeling, because at least at some point over the last 9 months I have had all of these feelings.

So, the question that comes with all the ways we are feeling is, how do we go on as a thriving local church, ministering to one another and the Marshall community? Well, in a word, LOVE. I don't want this to sound too simplistic or trite, but love is the answer to all we are dealing with. Now I am not using that word as it is often used in our culture and sometimes in the church, to simply mean that feeling you feel when you are feeling that feeling. Love, Christian Love, is more than a feeling. It is a choice we make as we allow the Holy Spirit to direct the way we live and respond to others.

John Wesley believed that Christians should love their brothers and sisters in Christ with the same love they have for God. He taught that this love is a never-ending obligation, and that it should be shown through acts of service.

Christian love is a love based in forgiveness. This is not a condoning of past wrongs, real or perceived. It is a choosing to no longer hold the offense against the one who has wronged you. Christian love is a self-emptying kind of love. It means considering how others are feeling, and not just ourselves, and then trying to minister to one another out of our love for Christ. I could go on and on, but hopefully you get the point.

We are called by God to love, forgive, and serve one another out of reverence for Christ. For those who have felt wronged by me in this process, I ask your forgiveness, and pray out of the love of Christ we can choose to move forward together in peace. For those who are trying to heal, it is my prayer that the Holy Spirit will work within you to bring you to a place of peace and joy. For those of you who are trying to discern how you should proceed in light of what we have been through, I want to ask you to stay and work for the good of this community of faith, the Marshall community, and the love of a local church that has, and I hope continues to hold deep meaning for you. What we must do, I believe, is allow true Christian love, the love of Christ shed abroad in our hearts be our guide. For it is in that love, God's love, that we will find our way forward into the future God has for us.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Bill



Love is in the air this month, and that reminds me that God's love is the best love there is! Do you love God? Do you love music? Why not join us for choir?? You can sing with us, or maybe play along with us if you can play an instrument. Your gifts can share God's love with our congregation!

Choir practice is at 5:30pm every Wednesday in the chapel. The exception will be when we have a KFC Family Dinner, when we will switch to 6:00pm instead. Join us anytime!

Serving HIM with you,

Children & Youth Ministry



Children & Youth Newsletter

Brrr! The kids at FUMC have been busy despite the freezing temperatures!

The KFC kids are learning about the Fruits of the Spirit. The lessons, crafts, music, and games have all been planned around this theme. We have fruit as part of our snack each week, so I guess even the food is part of the theme. Our attendance is great- 25 to 30 kids each week.

UMYF got underway for 2025 with a new look and schedule. All kids from 6th – 12th grades are encouraged to attend. We will meet at 5:00 on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. (Unless those are holidays and then we may change dates.) On the 2nd Sunday, I will plan a lesson and serve supper. On the 4th Sunday each month, we will do a service project of some kind. Beginning this month, UMYF members will help ushering during worship. Please join us!!!

Power lunch is going strong. We are feeding between 65 and 82 high school kids each week. Thanks SO much to all of you who donate supplies and help with cooking and clean up. Power lunch is not only a great mission for the kids now, but hopefully will encourage them to continue with church as they become adults.

The parent council met and discussed plans for spring and summer activities. Watch for upcoming events beginning with practices for a musical in April! This will be lots of fun and all kids from elementary through high school are encouraged to take part.

I will contact Camp Illiana this month for information and camp reservations. Last summer we had 12 kids attend, so I will ask for a block of 12 reservations for this year. When you register your children, tell them they are with FUMC Marshall. Below is a list of camp dates:

- June 8-12: 6th through 8th grades
- June 19-22: High School
- July 13-17: 4th through 6th grades

The church will pay half of each camper's fee if he or she attends our church. Transportation to and from camp will be provided. Please call me with any questions.

There will be lots of opportunities for adult helpers in the coming months. Please let me know if you want to volunteer!

Stay warm,
Kelly



Shaun Edwards (Kathy Brown's son), Terry Alvey, Hannah (Cousin of Pastor Bill), The Family of Betty Macke, Dave Culberstson, Pastor Bill's family (passing of his uncle), Our, Church, Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai, Bishop David A Bard, New Orleans Victims, Gordon Clark, Eve (friend of Avis), Karen Wheat (friend of Kathy Brown), Gilbert Clark (Gordon Clark's Brother), Candace Painter, Frederick Shaw (friend of Linda James), Brian Winkleman (brother-in-law of Eric Murphy), Bev Smith, Molly Macke (Patty & John's daughter-in-law), Angie Broncano (Laos missionary with cancer), Eddie Gutierrez, Mike Delp (friend of John & Linda James), Unspoken, Gale Glick, Diana Bailey, Tiffany Macke, Millie Swalls (Nora & Brad Swalls' granddaughter), Kinley Nash (Lois & David Nash's granddaughter), Bishop Frank Beard, D.S. Angie Lee, Peg Hintz (Tom Hintz's mother), Julie Krietemeier (Beth Macke's sister), Israel, All Long-term Healthcare Facilities in Clark County, Natural Disaster Victims, Our Missionaries



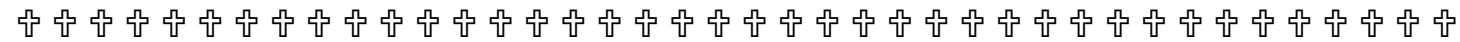
Our Military Personnel:

Our Nation, Our Nation's Leaders, and Armed Forces

Chris Bradford	John Flowers	Daniel Gard
Michael Holmes	John Kuhn	Shelby Sanborn
Lewis Sanborn	Jake Hoalt	Chaplain Jonathon Maloney

Our Homebound & Health Care Facility Residents

Violet Cook	Sharon Miller	
Phyllis Boatright	Dan Flowers	Ray King
Gordon & Carolyn Clark		

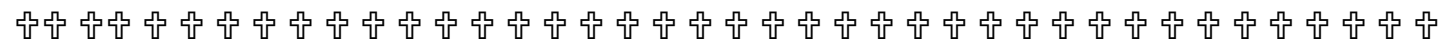


Seniors



Holy Grounds Coffee Group meets every Tuesday. All are welcome to join!

- 4th - Marshall Family Restaurant 9AM
- 11th - Holly Brook 2PM
- 18th - Gypsy Queen 9AM
- 25th - Gypsy Queen 9AM



Sisters In Faith



We are distributing Food Boxes to needy families on 2/16. We will do this immediately after worship in the sanctuary and then we drive the van around and deliver them.

We are planning a bake sale on 4/13 (Palm Sunday).

Mark Your Calendar:

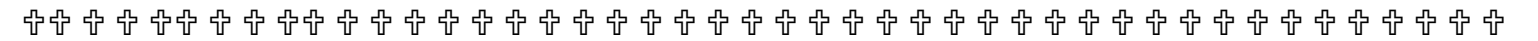
Tues.: 2/4 - UWF Board Mtg will be in the High School classroom.

Weekly Events

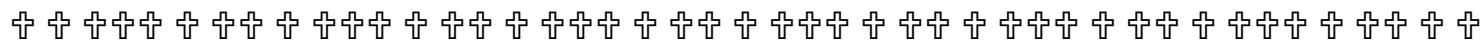
Weaving - Wednesdays from 10AM-12PM

Circles:

- Susannah Wesley – Mon., Feb. 17 @ 11:30AM
- Esther Circle - Thurs., Feb., 20 Details to come at a later date
- Faith Circle - Thurs., - Feb. 20 @ 9AM in the chapel
- Sisters In Faith - Thurs., - Feb. 27 @ 6PM in the chapel



*Becky, Kathy, & Congregation,
Thank you for partnering to provide for 1,041 families through One Stop Community Christmas Paper Products table. We served 544 families in Coles, 92 families in Clark, 71 families in Cumberland, 106 in Douglas, 59 in Edgar, 90 in Moultrie, and 79 in Shelby.
People like you make this project so successful.
Praise Be to God,
Susie*



Marshall Ministerial Alliance Food Disbursement Center

If the winter weather has you tired of being at home, come volunteer at the Thrift Shop or the Food Pantry! You don't have to make a commitment. Just come when you can spare a little time. There are a variety of jobs to be done at all times that anyone can do. Volunteer at the Thrift Shop between 8 am and noon any Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Saturday. Help at the Food Pantry any Tuesday

afternoon between 2:00 and 4:00 (1:30-4:30 on the fourth Tuesday). There are other times that help is needed as well. Call Nancy Claypool at 217-822-8846 if you have any questions.

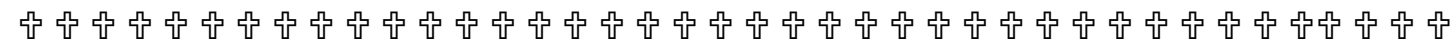
And please stop in and check out the bargains at the Thrift Shop! You will save money and find some very nice treasures, too!



There have been a few volunteer positions come open. If you feel led, contact the office to see how and when you can help.

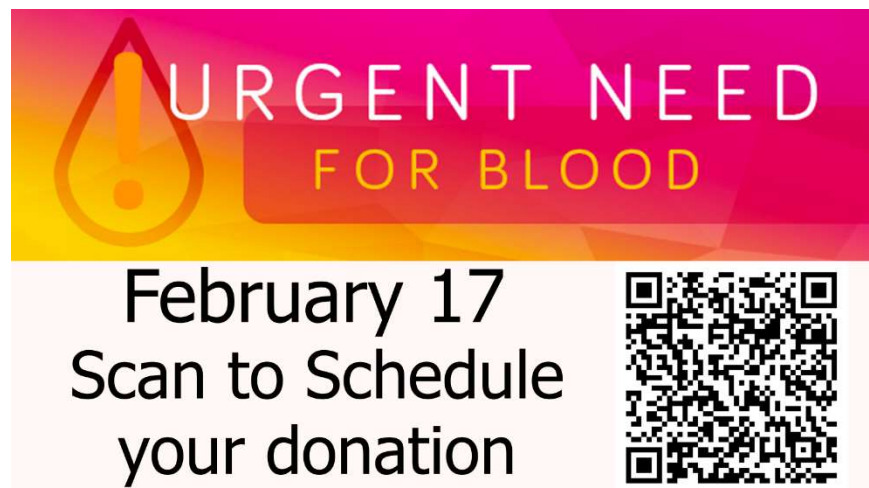
Thank you in advance.

Also, the 2025 Altar Flower Chart is available if you would like to honor a loved one or just to donate for Altar Flowers. It is located in the hallway outside the office.



There will be a blood drive in the chapel on February 17 from 3 PM - 6 PM.

If you are able, please come give the gift of life.



URGENT NEED FOR BLOOD

February 17
Scan to Schedule your donation

Anniversaries & Birthdays Celebrations

Anniversaries

Larry & Betty Rasner	2/12
Joe & Alice Schroeder	2/19
James & Tia Arthur	2/21
Gale & Jackie Titus	2/23

Birthdays

Jeff Mallory	2/1	Alex Mason	2/16
Mike Sanders	2/1	Dale Ridgway	2/17
Trenton Bullock	2/6	Jessica Cannady	2/19
Sean McLennan	2/9	Dustin Morey	2/19
Russ Ross	2/9	Julie Bullock	2/20
Emilie Engerski	2/10	Dylan Daugherty	2/20
Beth Macke	2/11	Jody Green	2/23
Noah Cooper	2/12	Megan Pistorius	2/25
Karen Heighton	2/12	Jo Sanders	2/25
Alex Schneider	2/12	Thomas Sanzenbacher	2/25
Dominic Huisinga	2/13	Marlee Heighton	2/27
Logan Huisinga	2/15	Victoria Hopkins	2/28
Susan Boyer	2/16	Tiffany Huisinga	2/28
Rob Crumrin	2/16	Diane Lindgren	2/29

February Volunteers

- Liturgist All Month – Rick Manuell
- Greeters- Feb. 2nd & 9th - Charlie & Diane Moore
16th & 23rd – Garvin & Barb Manhart
- Ushers – All Month - Anne & Tom Hintz
Laura Irwin
- Lobby Watch – All Month – Brian Macke
- Nursery - 2nd – Erica & Caroline Crumrin
9th – Amy Cannady & Nancy Crumrin
16th – Danielle & Liberty Cline
23rd – Jenna Morey & Dana Ramsey
- Counter – All Month – Carrol Ellington



Altar Flowers

February 2 – Dale & Jan Ridgway
All other dates are open



Marshall First 2025 Apportionment Payment Plan

The United Methodist Church is an international denomination with diverse ministries throughout the world. These ministries and the administration of those ministries are paid for through what is known as Apportionments. Each year The Illinois Great Rivers conference asks for each of the churches in our conference to give money in order to support the conference budget. In 2025 Marshall First is asked to give the Conference \$31,956.00. This is down from \$35,292.00 last year.

Normally we have covered the apportionments through our local church general fund, which is made up of undesignated tithes and offerings we receive each week. As of 2/1/25 we are now shifting to a **designated giving method of providing those funds to the Illinois Great Rivers Conference.**

If you would like to give specifically to the payment of the funds IGRC is asking for, please make that known with your normal giving (i.e. check memo line, note on offering envelope, on-line Breeze Fund drop-down "Conference Apportionments"). All tithes, gifts, and offerings not designated for the payment of apportionments will be used for other church expenses. We will not use any funds other than those designated for this purpose to fund the apportionments. Any funds given for the payment of apportionments over and above that asked for by the conference will be transferred back to the general fund.

This year's Apportionments include:

Equitable Compensation	\$151.54	Camping and Retreat Ministries	\$1,794.61
Moving Expenses for Retirees	\$170.49	Congregational Development	\$767.69
District Supt. Fund	\$6,340.36	Connectional Program Ministries	\$1,890.62
Episcopal Fund	\$1,614.27	Higher Education Ministries	\$1,964.13
Conference Offices and CCFA	\$2,592.21	Health and Welfare Agency Direct Grants	\$199.40
Archives Operating Expenses	\$97.71	Other Conference Benevolences	\$195.41
Conference Trustees	\$398.80	World Service	\$3,274.94
Communications	\$2,815.56	Ministerial Education Fund	\$1,132.79
Board of Ordained Ministry - Admin.	\$133.25	Africa University Fund	\$101.12
Ministerial Effectiveness	\$1,623.66	Black College Fund	\$451.86
Annual Conference Session	\$598.20	Total Program, Mission & Benevolence	\$11,772.58
Conference Secretary	\$25.92		
Journal and Yearbook	\$39.88		
Legal Expense Fund	\$498.50		
Unallocated Travel and Expense	\$23.93		
Area Office / Bishop's Office	\$1,050.81		
Committee on Episcopacy	\$7.98		
Episcopal Residence Committee	\$3.99		
Conference Center	\$997.00		
Contingency	\$99.70		
Bishop's Initiatives	\$119.64		
Bishops Resource Team on Relational Ethics	\$19.94		
General Administration Fund	\$553.49		
Interdenominational Coop. Fund	\$46.88		
Jurisdictional Conf. Fund	\$99.70		
Total Clergy Support and Administration	\$20,133.42		



Total Apportionments Requested	\$31,956.00
January Payment from General Fund	\$2,663.00
Designated giving to date	\$0.00
Total Remaining to be paid	\$29,293.00

Join us for the first annual
SOUP-ER BOWL
FUNDRAISER



**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 8**

KICKOFF: 4-7 PM
LOCATION: MARSHALL BAPTIST CHURCH, MARSHALL, IL
COST: FREE WILL DONATION

This year we'll be raising money to help fund the ONG BARAKAH orphanage, a mission lead by Rev. Melly Momo, former Pastor of Zion/Emmanuel United Methodist churches. They are close to reaching their goal and could use our help to get them into the end zone!

An all you can eat "soup"-erb dinner for a "soup"-er cause! Take a time-out of your night and help tackle a need with a touchdown pass of generosity!! (All donations collected will be given to support the orphanage.)

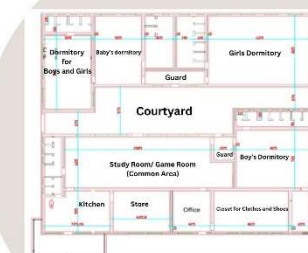


Why?

Because this is no place for a child to sleep



Help former Zion/Emmanuel United Methodist Pastor, Melly Momo, get children in the Democratic Republic of Congo off the streets and into a safe and healthy environment.




Melly Momo, Barakah Ong, has spearheaded an effort to build an orphanage. Work started on June 5, 2024. The facility's goal is to house 70 children.



Donate

You can donate, and find out more information, by scanning the QR code!

FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1.  Spunky Old Broads Day
2. Communion Sunday <i>Ground Hog Day</i>	3. Exercise- 8:30 AM Yoga- 9AM	4. Holy Grounds-9AM @ Marshall Family Restaurant UWF Board Meeting – 4PM In the high school classroom	5. Weave from 10AM-Noon Power Lunch KFC - 3PM Choir Practice - 5:30PM The first issue of Reader’s Digest is published. (1922)	6. Zoom Mtg w/ Connie- 7PM	7. Exercise- 8:30 AM	8. Soup -er Bowl Fund Raiser @ Marshall Baptist Church 4-7PM
9. UMM Co-Op B’fast @ Zion UMC UMYF @ 5PM National Pizza Day	10. Exercise- 8:30 AM Yoga- 9AM	11. Holy Grounds-2PM @ Holly Brook -Robert Fulton patents the steamboat. (1809) -The Vatican becomes a sovereign nation. (1929) -Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin sign the Yalta Agreement. (1945)	12. Weave from 10AM-Noon Power Lunch Choir Practice – 5:30PM Women in the Utah Territory win the right to vote. (1870)	13.	14. Exercise- 8:30 AM Valentine’s Day	15. Come volunteer at the Thrift Shop from 8:30-12
16. Food Boxing Pope Gregory the Great declares “God Bless You” is the proper response to a sneeze. (600)	17. Susannah Wesley @ 11:30 AM Blood Drive 2-7PM In the Chaple	18. Holy Grounds- 9AM @Gypsy Queen Trustees @ 7PM	19. Weave from 10AM-Noon Power Lunch KFC - 3PM Family Dinner – 5PM	20. Faith Circle 9AM	21. Exercise- 8:30 AM	22.
23. UMYF @ 5PM	24. Exercise- 8:30 AM Yoga- 9AM	25. Holy Grounds- 9AM Gypsy Queen Come volunteer @ the Food Disbursement Center from 12-4:30PM Church Council @ 6PM	26. Weave from 10AM-Noon Power Lunch KFC - 3PM Choir Practice - 5:30PM	27. Sisters in Faith 6PM	28. Exercise- 8:30 AM - The Salem Witch Hunts begin. (1692) - Evangelist John Wesley charts the Methodist church. (1784)	February 28, 1784, John Wesley charts the first Methodist Church in the United States at Barratt’s Chaple in Frederica, Delaware.