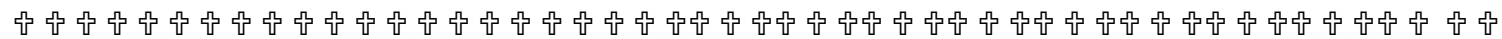


Mission for June--Solar Oven Time

This year is the 20th year for the Solar Oven project. Marshall First has supported this ongoing project for 10 of those years, and we hope to continue that support this year. Our goal is to fund the manufacturing and delivery of 2 solar ovens each year. The ovens are assembled by members of the North Dakota Annual Conference and are delivered by Volunteers in Mission (VIM) groups from all over the US. The VIM's also instruct the recipients on the use of the ovens as well as spending time in fellowship with communities of Christian believers in the areas.

Each oven costs \$150 to make, ship, and deliver. In the past 20 years, 60 VIM groups have traveled to the Dominican Republic and two other nearby countries to help communities learn to use over 11,000 ovens. The ovens are used for cooking and to purify water. Usage of these ovens helps reduce the deforestation of the areas as wood is the primary fuel source. Volunteers also help in the replanting of trees to begin to restore land that has been deforested.

Please help us in our yearly Solar Oven Mission. Checks should be made payable to FUMC/Solar Oven Project. You can use the pew envelope or bring your contribution to the church office.



Pickleball equipment is now available for use by church members. There are enough supplies for 3 courts. Paddles, balls, and nets are located in the garage. A keypad is on the door. Please call the church office during office hours for the code. Please return all equipment when finished.

Have Fun!

Trustees

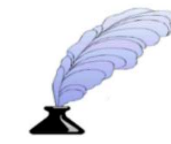


Yay!! That was great! I must be hiding really well because only one person found me again this month and that was Ms. Becky Farrell!!! Keep hunting and maybe you can find me too!

Happy Lion Hunting!



THE MESSENGER



June 2024

From the Pastor's Pen

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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Discussion about the General Conference Session April 23 – May 3 has been happening all around us, and I'm sure some of you would like to know my take on things. The General Conference was very active and made a large variety of decisions that are far reaching in their scope and content, but I assure you, God's Word has not changed, and the way ministry happens at Marshall First UMC is not changing. We still strive to reach the lost and hurting in this world with the love and grace of our Heavenly Father. And I will continue to preach the Gospel in our worship services, and through the way I live my life.

One piece of legislation passed by the General Conference was a plan of Worldwide Regionalization, which would allow for regions such as Africa to make decisions that only affect them without having to seek approval from the United States and would allow the US church to do the same. Currently, the UMC is governed and organized with the General Conference meeting every four years to make decisions that affect the worldwide denomination. This change would let smaller, localized regions make decisions on their own. Since this would add another level of organization, it will have to be ratified by a two-thirds aggregate vote of all Conferences worldwide, with votes taking place throughout 2024 and 2025, so we will not know the full outcome of the vote until fall of 2025 at the earliest, at which point, if ratified, it would become church law and be implemented.

The second piece of legislation that was passed by the General Conference was a revision of the UMC Social Principles. This revision precipitated many other changes throughout the Book of Discipline as well. There is a lot to digest within the changes they made, but our Bishop has said in regards to who will pastor our local churches, the churches themselves will still have a say as to who is sent there to serve, and the pastors will be able to serve in a way they see fit in accordance with their interpretation of Scripture and the Book of Discipline. Quite a few of those decisions had to do with what would be considered chargeable offenses for clergy, eligibility for pastoral leadership, the value we as a denomination place on human life, and our understanding of human relationships under the Lordship of Christ.

There are many decisions made by the General Conference that I, personally, do not agree with, and in good conscience cannot and will not be party to. Therefore, I will continue to

stand on the principles of God's Holy Word as the basis for my ministry. If you have heard any specifics about the General Conference actions that have made you wonder about my beliefs or how this local congregation will deal with issues, please feel free to talk to me at any time. Know that my preaching and teaching will not change according to social whims and trends, and I will stand firm for what I believe, and will continue to teach accordingly for as long as God will have me to. When the time comes that a new pastor will be sent here (which I hope to be a long time from now), the church will have opportunity to discuss with the District Superintendent what qualifications for ministry they desire in a new pastor.

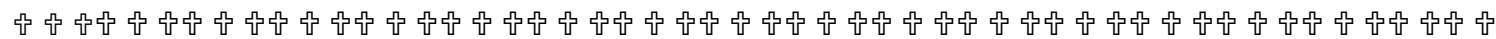
Marshall First has always been an open and welcoming church. I see no need for this to change. We will continue to welcome people to attend and participate in the life of this church no matter what. Attendance and participation has never been linked to faithfulness to denominational ethics or standards, for all are welcome. As always, I encourage you to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us for worship, either in person or online, and I encourage you all to study the Bible to strengthen your own personal relationship with the Lord. God's Word is never-changing, and He longs to have a close relationship with each and every one of His beloved creation. In all you do, continue to seek the Lord and let Him guide your path.

If you have any questions about General Conference, or our Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference session, which I will be attending this week, please do not hesitate to talk to me. I will be out of the office until Fathers' Day, but after that date, I would gladly have a conversation with you. Contact the office to set up an appointment if you'd like to, or simply stop by and see me or contact me by phone anytime.

In HIS everlasting love and service,

Pastor Bill

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Anniversary & Birthday Celebrations

Anniversaries

Eric & Abby Adamski	6/1
Logan & Jordan Brown	6/2
Fred & Janet Eitel	6/5
Brent & Tiffany Husinga	6/5
Rick & Lori Manuell	6/11
Mike & Jo Sanders	6/11
Shaun & Dana Ramsey	6/14
Ken & Eleanor Macke	6/16
Bill & Becky Wiggs, Jr.	6/18
Steve & Beth Macke	6/19
Dale & Janice Ridgway	6/19
Gordon & Carolyn Clark	6/26
Terry & Lisa Welsh	6/28

Birthdays

Bennett Mullins	6/1	Michelle Graham	6/15
Trevor Mullins	6/1	Molly Macke	6/15
Allan Gossmann	6/3	Arielle Eitel	6/16
Nancy Rhoads	6/3	Anne Hintz	6/16
Jeanne Strohm	6/3	Rachel Crumrin	6/22
Brooke Bullock	6/4	Becky Wiggs	6/22
Becky Farrell	6/6	Sharon Welliver	6/23
Dave McKimmy	6/11	Tara Claypool	6/28
		Vivienne Welsh	6/30

June Volunteers

Greeters-	23rd
Ushers -	2 nd Betty Rasner, Fred & Janet Eitel 9 th & 16 th – Joe & Alice Schroeder
Liturgist-	Joe Schroeder
Counters-	Peggy Zoll
Nursery-	2 nd – Adrienne & Evangeline Hutson 9 th – Erica & Caroline Crumrin 16 th – Amy Cannady & Nancy Crumrin 23 rd – Tara & Sadie Claypool 30 th – Jody Green & Charlene Moore
Lobby Watch	9 th – Rick Manuell 16 th – Paul Cannady



9th – Mike & Jo Sanders

16th – Ken & Eleanor Macke

We are still in much need volunteers many kinds of volunteers for the rest of the year. We have a real need for a volunteer counter for the month of July. If you would like to be a counter, please see Heather in the office.



The General Conference, Family of Jane Warner, Molly Macke (Patty & John's daughter-in-law), Angie Broncano (Laos Missionary with cancer), Brenna Higginbotham, Eddie Gutierrez, Flossie Rhoads, Allyssa Henson (great granddaughter of Bev Smith), Mike Delp (Friend of John & Linda James), Unspoken, Tim Bronkie (Pastor's friend), Gail 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, Chase Brady (*Joyce Gwyn's great-grandson*), 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

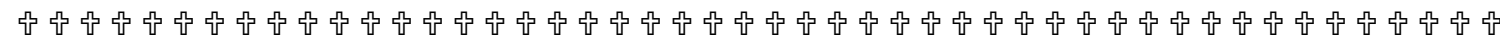
Our Military Personnel:

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

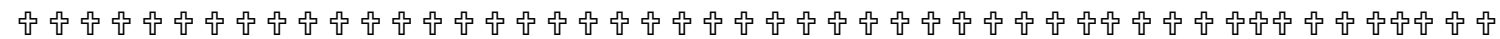
Our Homebound & Health Care Facility Residents

Violet Cook	JoAnn Donehue	Ray King
Mary E. Koutsoumpas	Phyllis Boatright	Dan Flowers
Ron Hicks	Sharon Miller	



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

- 4th - Marshall Family Restaurant 9:00
- 11th - Hollybrook 2:00
- 18th - Gypsy Queen 9:00
- 25th - Church Fellowship Hall 9:00



MISSING!

The Memorial Committee is looking for a missing book of memorial contributions from a few years past. It is a red binder with a clear front. If you have it, have seen it, or know where it might be, please contact Karen Heighton. Thank you!



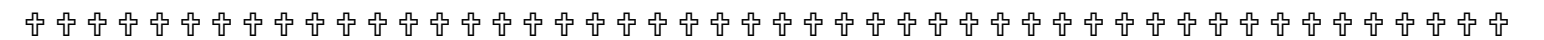
Choir is taking a break for the summer, since lots of people will be travelling and wouldn't be available to fill the choir loft. But that means we need some people to volunteer to do special music! You can sing or play an instrument, either by yourself or with a friend or two! ALL ages are invited to share your love of music with the congregation. Check your calendar and pick a date, then sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Center! We'd love to hear how YOU praise the Lord.



Women in Praise will be singing for Fathers' Day, so all the ladies need to be at choir practice on Wednesday, June 12 at 5:30. The Low Notes will sing sometime later in the summer, so be watching for that announcement another month! As always, singers of all ages are welcome to join us! Have a great summer, and let me know when you'd like to offer some special music!

Serving Christ with you,

Becky



***Looking for a gift? Going out to eat?
Need fuel for your vehicle?
We have SCRIP cards for these vendors
and many many more!***



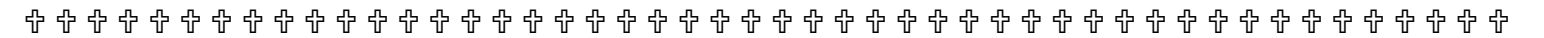
Contact Angie Setzer or see Rick Manuel after church on Sundays.

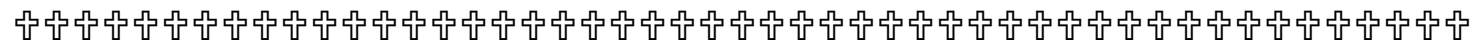


I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with our Power Lunch Program. We could not have done it without you! It was a great success! Our members grew by 5 times over the year! Our goal for next Fall will be 75 in attendance. Be watching for our signup board in September. We will be looking forward to another successful year!



Thank you,
Angie Setzer





Children & Youth Ministry



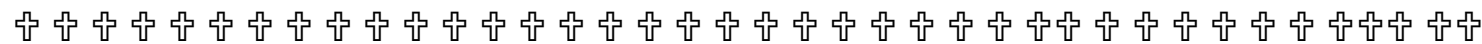
June will be a *delightfully* busy month for kids at FUMC!

- June 2 - 11:30- Church-wide potluck to honor those members aged 80 and over. The youth groups are hosting.
- June 5 - Summer KFC begins with a picnic at Lincoln Trail. Meet at the church at 11:00.
- June 10- Christian Skate Night 6PM. Meet at the church at 5:30
- June 12 - Summer KFC from 1:00 - 3:00. Rock painting and snow cones
- June 16 - Promotion Sunday - Kids going into the 3rd grade will receive Bibles.
- June 17 - 21 from 9-11:30 **VBS**
- June 17-21- VBS Adventure Week (Kids going into 7th, 8th , or 9th grades)
- June 20- 23 - Camp Illiana for High School
- June 22 - VBS Pool Party and picnic- ALL church members are invited.
- June 23 - VBS program during worship
- June 23-27 – Camp Illiana for Middle School
- June 26- Summer KFC 1-3 Martinsville Park. Meet at the church at 1PM
- June 23 -27 - Camp Illiana for middle school kids

If you have any questions call Kelly at 217- 826 -8041. It's not too late to sign up for all of the local activities.

Thanks to all who donated to our last noisy offering! We were able to give a sheep, a goat, 2 flocks of chicks, and \$100 to be used where it is most needed. The next noisy offering will be in September-I can't wait to see what we can purchase for Heifer International next!

From Kelly



Prayer Focus for the month:
**Fathers All Over
the World**



Thank you to everyone who has been cutting bags for the loom. Weaving has slowed down, but this is a busy time of year. Hopefully we can finish this third one in the next few weeks.

Thank you, also, for the donations and help with the rummage sale. UWF made over \$400!! Faith Circle will be hosting our Book Study on June 6th in the chapel. Come for an enjoyable breakfast and interesting book reviews.

Sisters In Faith has plenty of dryer sheets and washer pods for the laundry ministry but can use more quarters or dollars.

Our Summer Reading Challenge begins June 2. Sign up soon to join a team.

We have several new Reading Program books. Call the office or Alta if you want to participate.

Mark Your Calendar:

- The UWF Summer Reading Challenge begins June 2.
- First UWF Book Study - Thursday, June 6, 8:30 am in the Chapel
- Esther Circle - Thurs., June 13, 7:00
- Faith Circle – Thurs., June 20, Eat Out
- Sisters In Faith – Thurs., June 27
- Susannah Wesley Circle – Mon., June 17 Eat Out



Marshall Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution and Clothing Store needs your help! A large number of Clark County residents receive free food at our local food pantry each month. This can only be provided if the community supports Marshall Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution and Clothing Store with both monetary donations, donations to the clothing store, & especially volunteer time. Please remember to volunteer at the clothing store on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 8:30 to 12. Help is also needed on the 4th Tuesday of every month for food distribution from 12:00 to 4:30 PM. There will, also, be even more of a need volunteers when the new Thrift Store opens in late Spring.





Churchwide Honorary Potluck



JUNE 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1. YF to help set up for Potluck-3PM
2. Potluck Honoring those over 80 11:30 Fellowship Hall	3. Exercise- 8:30 AM Yoga- 9AM Scholarship Committee 6PM	4. Holy Grounds- 9AM @ Marshall Family Restaurant	5. Blood Drive 3PM-7PM Summer KFC Picnic – Lincoln Trail State Park	6. Book Study 8:30 am Chapel Faith Circle – Hosting	7. Exercise – 8:30 AM	8.
9. UMM Co-Op Breakfast-7AM Zion UMC Jr. & Sr. YF @ 5PM	10. Exercise- 8:30 AM Yoga- 9AM Christian Skate Night Meet @ 5:30PM	11. Holy Grounds-2PM @ Hollybrook	12. Summer KFC 1-3 Low Notes Practice 5:30PM	13. Esther Circle 7PM	14. Exercise – 8:30 AM	15. <i>Come volunteer at the Food & Clothing Bank from 8:30-12</i>
16. Father's Day Promotion Sunday No YF	17. VBS & Adventure Week Begins Susannah Wesley Eat Out	18. Holy Grounds-9AM @ Gypsy Queen Trustees 7PM VBS Week	19. VBS Week	20. Faith Circle – Eat Out Camp Illiana for High School Begins VBS Week	21. VBS Week	22. VBS Pool Party 6:30 – 8:30 pm Everyone Invited!
23. No YF Camp Illiana for Middle School Begins	24. Exercise- 8:30 AM Yoga- 9AM	25. Holy Grounds- 9AM In the Fellowship Hall Come volunteer @ the Food & Clothing Bank from 12-4:30PM Church Council 6 PM Camp Illiana	26. Summer KFC 1PM-3PM	27. Sisters in Faith	28. Exercise – 8:30 AM	29.
30. Jr. & Sr. YF @ 5PM						