June 2025 Stewardship Report

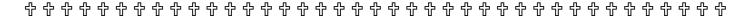
The Unified Leadership Council is committed to transparency in our church finances and wants to keep you informed. Each month, we'll share a giving report to help you see how we're doing in funding the life and ministry of Marshall First.

Every year the Illinois Great Rivers Conference ask local churches to help fund the work of the conference through apportioned giving. These funds go to support the salaries of our bishops, district superintendents, and other conference staff. These funds also go to support other conference ministries throughout the year. The total requested from our congregation for the year is \$31,956. If you wish to give a gift in support of conference ministries, you can do this through designated giving. No undesignated funds go to support Illinois Great Rivers Conference or United Methodist denominational ministries and administration.

It's important to remember that your regular, undesignated tithes and offerings are what make our local ministry possible. This includes vital areas such as our children and youth ministries, worship services, fellowship events, staffing, utilities, and so much more. Your faithful and consistent giving fuels the day-to-day work of the church and allows us to serve our congregation and community effectively.

At this time, we are experiencing a shortfall in our local church funding. This makes your ongoing support more critical than ever. We ask you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to give so that we can continue to sustain and grow the ministries of Marshall First for the glory of God and the good of all we serve.

	2025 Local Church Budget	Conference Apportionments	Faith Promise & Missons	
Budget	\$344,662.00	\$31,956.00	Faith Promise and Missions are supported by	
Needed Monthly	\$28,721.84	\$2663.00	designated giving.	
Needed Weekly	\$6,628.12	\$614.54		
Given Year to Date	\$70,575.23	\$9,880.57	\$4,260.00	
Given May 2025	\$14,702.14	\$4,047.57	\$360.00	





There is a piano in the basement that is free to anyone who wants it. This piano is the one in the fellowship hall, closest to the library. Whoever takes it is responsible for moving it. Arrangements do need to be made and communicated. We can hold for 2 days for help to be lined up. You can contact Jo Sanders or the office to make arrangements.

There are small blue "WORSHIP" cards available in the back of the sanctuary, on the welcome center, and in the office. These have our worship times and location printed on them, and are a great way to invite others to our church. Please feel free to take one, or several, and hand them out to your friends, coworkers, or even strangers!



THE MESSENGER



MARSHALL FUMC JUNE 2025



Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father and Christ Jesus our Lord, the Healer of our souls and the source of our hope.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As many of you know, I had a recent health scare and had been dealing with some difficult symptoms for several months with a lack of answers or a plan for healing. Thankfully, the doctors finally figured out the problem and I am well on my way to healing.

All of this got me to thinking about healing, the types of healing we are in need of, and the many ways God uses to bring needed healing to us as individuals, families, and church bodies. Because of this I took a deep dive into what the scripture has to say about healing. Our need for healing comes in many ways, and with each of these needs, God comes to us with what is needed for any given situation.

The most obvious form of healing needed, and that which is most often prayed for, is **physical healing**.

The Bible speaks a lot of the work God does to bring physical healing. From healing coming through prayer and a word from the Lord, to prescribed rituals, and the touch of a physician. In our modern age we are thankful for the healing God brings us through the medical community, for those who work in this field are privileged to be the hands of God as they seek to bring healing and wholeness. Luke, the reporter of the Gospel and the life of the early church, is said to be a physician by the Apostle Paul (Colossians 4:14) and early church fathers like Clement of Alexandria, Tertullian and others. Dr. Luke dedicated himself to the work of healing and the furtherance of the Gospel through which true healing and wholeness comes. In Exodus 15:26 God speaks of Himself as the one who heals. In 2 Kings 5:10-14 Naaman is healed of leprosy by obeying Elisha's instructions. In the New Testament Jesus heals all the sick, thus fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy of Him (Matthew 8:16-17). Throughout the New Testament we see physical healing coming through the work of the Apostles and even a promise that a praying church will see physical healings take place.

Many times, the healing we need is **emotional or mental healing**. This type of healing is hard because it is most often not a need that can be readily seen or understood by those who are not going through it themselves.

Many of us have felt the pain of depression ourselves or experienced the helplessness of a loved one going through it. An even more painful circumstance is found in those with metal disorders such as bipolar disorder or schizophrenia. The pain these disorders bring to the sufferers and the family and friends who love them can be deep and long lasting. I am thankful that our God cares for those who are facing this need for healing on both sides of the experience." Again, I am thankful for the medical community God has given us to help in these times of need and the spiritual mechanisms of healing and comfort only God can bring. In the Old Testament we see God using David's gifts to help King Saul in his torment (see 1 Samuel 16:14-23). We hear the comforting words of Psalm 147:3 that speaks of our God: "He heals

the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." In Luke we hear that Christ came to bring healing to the those whose hearts are troubled; in 2 Timothy we hear of God's supernatural gift of healing as He gives believers peace and a sound mind as He takes away our fear and fills us with power and love. I am always impressed at just how the presence of Christ in our lives can bring peace to a troubled mind.

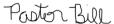
The need for healing goes on and on, but the one we seem to forget and are often not open to receiving is that of **relational healing**. Many times, the reason this type of healing is so difficult is because of the hurt caused when relationships go wrong. Those who are the closest to us, those we love, our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, are supposed to care enough for us as not to inflict pain on us. Those wounds run deep. Relational wounds can touch core areas of identity, belonging, and self-worth. The more significant the relationship, the deeper the hurt, and the harder it is to heal. When hurt pride and ego get in the way of healing it is difficult to admit our part in the conflict and accept responsibility. Still yet, fear of being hurt again can cause us to simply disengage and separate ourselves from the situation. The truth is trust is fragile, it is easily broken and slowly rebuilt. Without consistent, trustworthy behavior over time, restoration remains out of reach.

What is required to bring healing is for all parties to remain engaged to offer forgiveness when you have been wronged and seek forgiveness when you have wronged others. Forgiveness is costly, because it means giving up our right of retaliation, allowing God to take the pain, calling on Him to bind the Devil and His attack on the church, and seek reconciliation and a way forward in peace. No matter what, relational healing takes time, and we often give up too soon or expect instant resolution. Healing is a process, not a one-time conversation.

In all of this we must remember the admonitions and promises of the scriptures as the foundation to relational healing. Psalm 133:1 – "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" (NIV) Isaiah 61:1-4 tells us that Christ came to bring comfort to the brokenhearted and to give us beauty out of the ashes of pain and disappointment. Jesus greatest desire is for the church to live in unity (see John 17). In order to do that we must bear with each other, forgive one another and seek to live in peace (Romans 12:18 and Colossians 3:12-15). Those who have left our fellowship we bless, as Paul and Barnabas blessed each other and parted ways, always being ready to welcome them back into our fellowship and with the hope that God will use all of us to further His Kingdom.

As I close, I want to thank each of you for your prayers, your encouragement, and your continued commitment to walk together as the family of God. Healing—whether physical, emotional, mental, or relational—is never simple, never quick, and rarely easy. But we do not walk this journey alone. Christ, our Great Physician, walks with us, goes before us, and empowers us by His Spirit to press on toward wholeness. Let us continue to be a people who extend grace, pursue peace, and trust God to bring beauty from brokenness. May we never lose hope in the One who is always at work to restore, redeem, and reconcile. And may our church be a place where healing is not only possible—but expected—because the Healer Himself dwells among us.

In the healing and hope-filled name of Jesus, may it be so, Your brother and fellow servant of Christ,





May is the month for finishing up the school year and heading into summer. Spring KFC, which started up the week after Easter break, was lots of fun. The weather more or less cooperated with us and we were able to be outside 3 of our 4 sessions.

We met for Pen Pals and Pasta on May 21. The meal was enjoyed by 18 pen pals. After eating, we had a great time playing BINGO. I hope that you all keep in touch, especially if you do any summer traveling. Post cards are fun!

Attendance was good for our final month of Power Lunch. We averaged 65 students and teachers in May. Our total attendance for the school year was 2,186! I can't thank all of the Power Lunch crew and food donators enough. That's a lot of lunches!

Now, onto June! Join us after worship service on June 8 for brunch and the blessing of our new playground. Adventure week for students 6th grade through high school is June 9-13. Meet at the church at 10:00 each day except Wednesday. On Wednesday we'll meet at 4:00 to travel to Effingham to the trampoline park. Summer KFC will kick-off with a picnic at our new playground on Wednesday, June 11 at 11:00. VBS is the week of June 16 beginning at 9:00 each morning. If you haven't registered, please do so online or in the church office. The VBS pool party is Saturday, June 21 at 7:00.

You are invited to a Block Party on June 28 from 3:00-5:00! Bring your family to enjoy the new playground, snacks, music, and great fellowship.

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer for any or all of the activities, please contact the church office or call Kelly at 217-264-4760.



Prayer List



Beginning in the month of June, we would like to make sure our prayer list is up-to-date with only current needs listed. We are starting with mostly a clean slate both here and in the weekly bulletin. Please turn in a NEW prayer request if you would like to have someone listed in either place. In the July newsletter, we will include everyone we had listed in the bulletins throughout June, and the July bulletin will start fresh again. We may adapt this pattern as time goes on, but for now, that is the plan.

If you have someone you would like to keep on the prayer list on an ongoing basis, please mark that on your request.

Please continue to pray for the following people and groups:

Our Church and her leaders:

Marshall First UMC Pastor Bill Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai Bishop David A Bard Our District Superintendent, Angie Lee Connie Weick 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 Ray King Sharon Miller

Seniors

Holy Grounds Coffee Group meets every Tuesday. All are welcome to join! (You don't even have to be a Senior.)

3rd - Marshall Family Restaurant 9AM

10th - Holly Brook 2PM

17th - Gypsy Queen 9AM

24th - Gypsy Queen 9AM

The group often meets for lunch on the fourth Tuesday of the month. If you have any suggestions for a fun place for us to go, please talk to Mary Ann Stepp.



Our choir is on their summer hiatus. We still need people to sing or play an instrument so we can have special music throughout the summer. A clipboard is in the Welcome Center for you to sign up, and at the bottom of that page there is space to write a name of someone you'd like for me to contact to personally ask them to share their talents during worship.

Serving Christ with you,



Prayer Focus: Fathers



Mark Your Calendar:

Thursday: 6/5 – Book Study – 8:30am at Peggy Zoll's house

Susannah Wesley is hosting.

Thursday: 6/12 – Blood Drive – Please help spread the word.

Flyers are available in the office.

Weekly Events:

Weaving from 10AM-12PM every Wednesday. Come join us. We can teach you to weave or there are other jobs you can do. It's a fun time!

Circles:

Esther Circle - Thurs., - June 12th @ 7:00PM Faith Circle- Thurs., - June 19th Eat Out

Susannah Wesley Mon., - June 23rd @ 9AM at Tony's Diner Sisters In Faith - Thurs., - June 26th @ 6PM in the chapel

Susannah Wesley Circle has started a new service project. We are putting together care packages to carry in your car that you can give to homeless persons that are asking for help in various places. Ask one of our members about them if you would like more information or would like to have one to carry in your car.

We are sending 8 mats to Midwest Distribution Center with Pastor Bill when he goes to conference.



Aren't these mats pretty? Thank you so very much to whoever donated the beautifully colored bags for us to use. We have used them all up, so we're back to mostly plain gray, but even those can be cute! Look at the one on the far right.

Summer Mission News

There are multiple mission opportunities available and waiting for volunteers. Many service projects in our church and community are continually asking for additional help in summer months. June, July and August are often thought of as "down" months, but volunteers are still needed and welcome during these months.

Donations to UMCOR are another way to provide assistance to those in need. This UMC volunteer relief organization partners with local community groups, providing disaster assistance in clean up and rebuilding efforts as well as humanitarian aid. The partnership extends to international efforts, also.

In our conference, Lessie Bates Neighbor House is desperately trying to continue its assistance to their senior adults who depend on the daily meals provided by Neighborhood House for a reasonable fee. America Corps funding has been withdrawn and the staff has been greatly reduced. Continued government funding for day care and childcare programs is also in doubt.

Locally, the Marshall swimming pool is now open. There are many families that do not have room in their budget for swim passes. You can contact Misty Wieland at the pool for information about how to sponsor a pool pass for a child or perhaps an entire family.

Opportunities to serve as volunteers for various church needs can be found online and in the Sunday church bulletin. If you need assistance in finding a job to do, just call the church for more information!

Also, the Faith Promise Mission Fund through Marshall FUMC is another way to contribute to missions. This fund provides immediate local emergency need as well as support to our conference mission institutions.

I paraphrase John Wesley when he gave us instructions for living a Christian life, which is to:

"Do all the good you can, to all the people you can, for as long as ever you can". AMEN!

Enjoy your summer, contributing and volunteering!

Priscilla



Around the world and around the corner people are lacking simple resources that could improve their circumstances.

Visit https://www.midwestmission.org to see how you can help! They have links to help financially, as well as links to specific relief kits you can prepare. For more information, feel free to talk to Priscilla Wieck or Pastor Bill. Either one of them can help you get connected to the Midwest Mission Center.

June Volunteers

All Month - Danielle Cline Liturgist

Greeters Robin Lake & Alane White

> Robin Lake & Meghan Arthur Robin Lake & Chelsea Trudeau

22^{nd -} Lisa Davidson & Meghan Arthur

Charlie & Diane Moore

Ushers Larry Woodard, Judi Eitel, Sean McLennon, & Liberty Cline

June 1 – Mike Sanders Counters Remainder of June – Patty Macke

Lobby Watch

1st - Paul Cannady

8th - Rick Manuel 15th - Nis Lovstad

22^{nd -} Rick Manuel

29^{th -} Nis Lovstad

Nursery 1st - Adrienne & Evangeline Hutson

8th - Erica & Caroline Crumrin

15th – Amy Cannady & Nancy Crumrin

22nd – Danielle & Liberty Cline

29th - Lindsey Welsh & Charlene Moore

We are in need of more volunteers! Becky called to fill in this month's list, but it would be so nice if people would volunteer on the clipboards in the welcome center! (hint, hint)



Can YOU volunteer to serve during the month of July?

Feel free to sign up or contact the office to put your name on a date or two (or more)

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June 24 June 26 June 28

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Vivienne Welsh

Birthdays and Anniversaries this month!

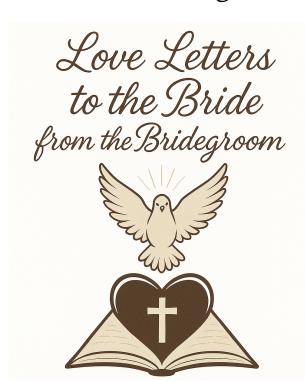
Eric & Abby Adamski	06/01	Maria Maurer
Logan & Jordan Brown	06/02	Allan Gossmann
Fred & Janet Eitel	06/05	Jeanne Strohm
Brent & Tiffany Huisinga	06/05	Brooke Bullock
Rick & Loretta Manuell	06/11	Ella Mattas
Mike & Jo Sanders	06/11	Sarah Shultz
Justin & Karyn Paulsen	06/13	Becky Farrell
Shaun & Dana Ramsey	06/14	Olivia Pistorius
Terry & Mary Ann Stepp	06/15	Dave McKimmy
Ken & Eleanor Macke	06/16	Mark Setzer
Bill & Becky Wiggs	06/18	Michelle Graham
Steve & Beth Macke	06/19	Molly Macke
Dale & Jan Ridgway	06/19	Arielle Eitel
Cory & Haley King	06/22	Anne Hintz
Gordon & Carolyn Clark	06/26	Rachel Crumrin
Terry & Lisa Welsh	06/28	Becky Wiggs
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PAR	l ico	Sarah Brannan
		Tara Claypool



As of Wednesday, May 28th our church administrative assistant, Heather has departed our employ. Other staff and volunteers will be covering office hours until further notice. This change has necessitated a change in open office hours. **Starting Monday, June 2**nd **the office will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.** If you need assistance after office hours or need to speak to a staff member you are encouraged to call the church office to see if someone is in the office, or call Pastor Bill at (618) 201-4727. If you have any questions, comments, or a desire to serve as a temporary volunteer receptionist, please feel free to speak to Pastor Bill or Staff Parish Relations Committee chairperson Peggy Zoll.

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Continuing Sermon Series Based on Revelation 2-4



Our sermon series on Revelation 2 and 3 continues this month as we look further into Christ's expression of great joy and deep love He has for His bride the Church, and the great sorrow and righteous anger that same deep love can bring when unfaithfulness has entered the relationship. Yet in the midst of the mixed emotions of the letters to the seven churches, We the Church in our day are filled with hope as we see the tenderness of our bridegroom, Jesus Christ, as He writes to His bride.

Sunday, June 1, 2025 - Pentecost

Sermon 5 - Christ's Love Letter to Sardis Revelation 3:1-6

Sunday, June 8, 2025 - Trinity Sunday

Sermon 6 - Christ's Love Letter to Philadelphia Revelation 3:1-6

Sunday, June 15, 2025

Sermon 7 - Christ's Love Letter to Laodicea Revelation 3:14-22

Sunday, June 22, 2025, The series wraps up by moving beyond the letters to the worship of Heaven from Revelation 4. We will be looking at the purpose, focus, and impact of worship the one true God as He has made Himself know as one God in Three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Sermon 8 - A Church with a Passion for Worship



THURSDAY JUNE

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Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a
healthy meal and drink
plenty of water before
donating.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MARSHALL COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

INSIDE CHURCH CHAPEL - 702 PLUM STREET

SCAN THE QR CODE TO MAKE AN APPT.

ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN TWO FEVER FRIDAY TICKETS- ALL INDIANA DONORS ENTERED

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED to keep the flow of drive running smoothly.



Versiti™ Blood Center of Indiana

JUNE 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1. Communion Sunday	2. Exercise- 8:30 AM Pickleball 5pm	3. Holy Grounds-9AM @ Marshall Family Restaurant	4. Weave from 10AM-Noon	5. Pickleball 8:30am	6. Exercise- 8:30 AM	7.
8. Playground Dedication and celebration brunch during Sunday School hour UMYF @ 5PM	9. Exercise- 8:30 AM Adventure Week Begins! Meet at church at 10am Christian Skate Night Meet at church at 5:30PM Pickleball 5pm	10. Adventure Week 10am Holy Grounds-2PM @ Holly Brook	11. Weave from 10AM-Noon Adventure Week 4pm	12. Pickleball 8:30am Adventure Week 10am Blood Drive 3-6PM Esther Circle 7pm	13. Exercise- 8:30 AM Adventure Week 10am	14. Come volunteer at the Thrift Shop from 8:30-12
15. Father's Day	16. Exercise- 8:30 AM Susannah Wesley 6am @ Tony's Diner VBS Begins! 9:00-11:30am Pickleball 5pm	17. Holy Grounds- 9AM @ Gypsy Queen VBS 9-11:30 Come volunteer @ the Food Disbursement Center from 12-4:30PM	18. VBS 9-11:30 Weave from 10AM-Noon	19. VBS 9-11:30 Faith Circle eating out	20. VBS 9-11:45 Exercise- 8:30 AM	VBS Pool Party 7-9pm at the City Pool
VBS Sunday UMYF @ 5PM	23. Exercise- 8:30 AM Susannah Wesley @ 11:30 AM Pickleball 5pm	24. Holy Grounds- 9AM @ Gypsy Queen	25. Weave from 10AM-Noon	26. Pickleball 8:30am Sisters in Faith 6PM In the Chapel	27. Exercise- 8:30 AM	28. Block Party 3:00-5:00pm In our new church playground!
29.	30. Exercise- 8:30 AM Pickleball 5pm	 Phillip William Otterbein, a significant figure in early Methodism, was born on June 3, 1726 John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, was born on June 17, 1703 The third Sunday in June is Fathers' Day, which became an official U.S. holiday in 1972, with Methodists credited with the first Fathers' Day celebration at church The first Annual Methodist Conference was held at the Kings Foundry in England on June 25, 1744. 				