

Pastor's Corner:

Marshall First UM Church Worship Service
Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.
Sundays on Facebook (Live at 9:00 a.m.)

The weekly service can be pulled up on Facebook any time at www.facebook.com/MarshallFUMC.

You can even go back to earlier services, if you happen to miss one.

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"Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."



THE MESSENGER

December 2021

702 Plum St., Marshall, IL 62441

Find us on the web at <https://marshallfumc.org>

Advent and Christmas greetings to you and those dear to you. We have started off Advent celebrating and giving thanks for the Christmas gift of hope that we have in Jesus Christ. We will continue to unwrap a wonderful Christmas gift each Sunday in Advent. Please join us for worship in-person or online.

This Saturday evening, December 4, our church is providing a witness of Christ's love to the community by participating in the Marshall Christmas parade. Pray that the Holy Spirit will touch people's hearts as they pass by. We will be handing out goody bags with candy canes and invite cards inside. Pray that God will use these to draw people closer to Jesus. Also, we will be handing out hot chocolate to those who will be participating in the parade. Pray for this effort as well. If you would like to join us, please find our float on Archer by 6:00 p.m.

This coming Sunday, December 5, we will be offering a Blue Christmas service at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel. This service is open to anyone who finds it difficult to journey through this time of the year. This may be because of the loss of a loved one. It may be due to dealing with financial hardship, loss of traditional activities and community events due to pandemic concerns, isolation, or the winter blues. Whatever the case may be, this service will offer a sacred space to grieve, to be blessed by the light of God's love and to receive some helpful ideas for navigating the holidays. If you or someone you know might find this service helpful, please invite them to join you.

This year we are offering two Christmas Eve services, one at 5:00 p.m. and the other at 9:00 p.m. Each service will have special music, Holy Communion, and the candlelight service. Plan to join us and invite someone to come with you.

As we are all aware, this time of year can overwhelm many of us. All the planning, gatherings, shopping, activities and more can leave us exhausted and wondering what happened to the joy and peace of Christmas. I encourage you to make spending time with Jesus a priority this year. You may need to say no to some of the extra things that pull at you. Give yourself time and energy to enjoy the blessings of worship, prayer, reading your Bible, and sharing God's love with others. Who knows? Doing so may even help to keep off an extra pound or two.

I pray that you will know the hope, love, joy, and peace of Christ this Christmas. Be blessed by these words taken from Luke 2, "That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. 'Don't be afraid!' he said. 'I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.'"

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Pastor Bob



Prayer Concerns:

Barb Sabo Polly Logan Eric Curry June Sanders
Gail Glick Bishop Frank Beard D.S. Charliam Renner

Chase Brady [Joyce Gwyn's great-grandson]
Journey Campton [Friend of Adam & Tiffany Setzer]
Heather Welch [Gene Bohn's granddaughter-in-law]
Peg Hintz [Tom Hintz's mother]
Julie Krietemeier [Beth Macke's sister]
Candy Painter [Alane White, Cris Fitzjarrald, & Sally Mallory's sister]
Jessica Smallwood [Friend of Lesa Trudeau]
Karen Beltz [Nancy Claypool's sister]
Roger James [John James' brother]
Shelly Hughes [Barb Demendron's sister]
Mike Morrison [Peggy Morris' son—friend of Mary Ann Stepp]
Harrison Downey [Kindergartener—brain surgery]
Joe Ferris [Friend of Jeff Mallory]
Angie Brocano [Missionary in Laos]
Kayla Keys [friend of Lesa Trudeau]
Val Smith [friend of Cindy Carver]
Anthony Long [friend of Kara Macke]
John McNary [Ken & Nancy Claypool's brother-in-law]
Martha Sabo [Pastor Bob's mother]
Unspoken Request
All Long-term Healthcare Facilities in Clark County
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 JoAnn Donehue Polly Logan Ken Jensen Mary E. Koutsoumpas
Evelyn Anderson Carole Arney Phyllis Boatright Ray King Fremont Schoeck
Mitch Wineland

Please help keep the prayer list up-to-date! Names will be removed at the first of each month unless someone calls or writes the church office with an update. Please contact the church office at 826-8041 if you are aware of any changes.



What gifts will you give this Christmas? What gifts will you receive? God has offered us gifts that are priceless, full of wonder and power. Join us this Advent and Christmas Eve as we unwrap the Christmas gifts of hope, love, joy, and peace.

December 5 (2nd Sunday in Advent; Communion)
Foundational Scripture: John 3:16-17
Theme: The Gift of Love

December 19 (4th Sunday in Advent)
Foundational Scripture: Luke 2:13-14
Theme: The Gift of Peace

Worship Series

December 12 (3rd. Sunday in Advent)
Foundational Scripture: Luke 2:10-12
Theme: The Gift of Joy

December 24 (Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m.)
Foundational Scripture: Matthew 1:20-21
Theme: The Gift of Jesus

December 26
Foundational Scripture: Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 2:1-12
Theme: Christ is Born



Blue Christmas Service

The holidays can be a difficult time for many. If this is true for you, we will be offering a Blue Christmas service on December 5, at 5:00 p.m.

This will be a reflective service with prayers, Scriptures, traditional Christmas carols, and self-care resources. It is a gift given to offer comfort, strength, and an opportunity to prepare for the Christmas season. Everyone is welcome. Let others know who might find such a service helpful. The service will be 30-45 minutes.



Two Services Offered

Christmas Eve, December 24
5:00 pm & 9:00 pm

Scrip Cards & Orders

Christmas is coming! We have gift cards for sale from many major companies through the Scrip program. Simply fill out a form, and give it to James at any time with your payment. We do keep some cards on hand. On Sundays after the worship service, you can check in the back of the sanctuary or stop in during office hours to see what we have in stock now.



A/V Team Help

We are need of individuals to serve on our audio/visual team. We especially need people to assist with our video streaming. If you or someone you know is willing to help us in either area, please let either Jarod Green, Rob Crumrin, James Southworth, or Pastor Bob know. Your service would not only be appreciated - it is needed!



Much to the disappointment of the trustees, they have been unsuccessful in finding a buyer for the Beech Street house. The plan is to have the house removed in February. On December 16, 17, and 18th the house will be open from 9:00-11:30 a.m. for any church members to have an opportunity to walk through the house and place a sealed bid on anything they would like to purchase. Please leave your sealed bid in the church office. The person with the highest bid will be notified in January and will then be responsible for removing their item(s) before February 1st. We are offering these items to church members first. If we have items left, they will then be offered to the community. The church will not be responsible for any injury and all items are being sold as is.

Children's Church - 9:00 a.m. on Sundays
Confirmation - 2:30 p.m. on Sundays
UMYF - 4:00 p.m. on Sundays



KFC Registration

Registration forms can be found on the welcome center. Turn in completed forms to James. If you have any questions, talk to James.

Please continue to pray for our confirmands



A big "Thank You!" to the Crumrins for hosting our MYF meeting on Halloween.

If you are interested in serving on Sundays as a volunteer, please see those listed below to sign up:

Ken Claypool for ushers
Mary Ann Stepp for greeters
Danielle Cline for acolytes
Jenna Morey for nursery.

Our thanks to all of our volunteers for serving in these ministries.



This Month's Sunday Volunteers

Sound System:	?
Greeters:	All Month - Sarah Brannan, Gale & Jackie Titus
Ushers:	All Month - Candace & Troy Sanzenbacker, Alane White
Acolytes:	12/5 - Dylan Daugherty & Chase Paulsen 12/12 - Cooper & Parker Morey 12/19 - Hunter Lovstad & Briar Bishop 12/26 -
Nursery:	12/5 - Jessica Cannady & Chelsey Trudeau 12/12 - Dana Ramsey & Amy Cannady 12/19 - Chelsey Trudeau & ? 12/26 - Lesa Trudeau & Jody Green

United Methodist Women News

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make Chili Day such a success. In these unusual days, it was heart warming to see everyone coming together to try something different. The weather was beautiful, and under the great leadership of Dianne Rardin, things ran very smoothly. When we all work together we can accomplish great things.
"For with God nothing shall be impossible." —Luke 1:37
 Peggy Zoll, FUMC UMW President

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Thursday, December 9, 5:30 pm—
 Sisters In Faith
 Thursday, December 16, 9:00 am—
 Faith Circle, Eat Out
 Monday, December 20, 6:30 pm—
 Susannah Wesley Circle



Chili Day 2021

Holy Grounds

First Tuesday of each month - 9 am, The Holy Grounds Coffee Group meets for breakfast at The Marshall Family Restaurant. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Second Tuesday of each month - 9:30 am, The Holy Grounds Coffee Group meets at The Villas of Holly Brook for coffee and fellowship with the residents of Holly Brook.

All other Senior activities have been cancelled for the time being due to the Covid restrictions.



Senior's Corner



Dear Friends at First United Methodist Church,

We want to personally thank you for all your prayers and generous gifts to 222 Ministries. Your contribution to the work of 222 Ministries has been significant. The Lord continues to grant us strength and compassion as we help fulfill the Great Commission. We are truly ministry partners, and we are so grateful! We pray that you will be truly blessed this Thanksgiving. May the Lord's amazing love through Jesus Christ surround us all!

With much love,
 Jim & Jan Harper

Birthdays

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|----|---------------------|----|--------------------|
| 01 | Conner Sanzenbacher | 12 | Josh Orman |
| 01 | Isaac Southworth | 13 | Lewis Goekler |
| 02 | Barb Reedy | 14 | Rich Fairchild |
| 04 | Sheila Shotts | 16 | Shannon Snedeker |
| 04 | Briar Bishop | 17 | Katie Mullins |
| 04 | Holly Lake | 19 | Wyatt Evola |
| 04 | Judy McConchie | 20 | Mallory Simonton |
| 05 | William Schneider | 21 | Brent Husinga |
| 07 | Steve Arney | 21 | Alane White |
| 07 | Liberty Cline | 21 | Kayla Setzer |
| 08 | Eleanor Macke | 21 | Lauren Setzer |
| 08 | Blakely Trudeau | 23 | Jenny Higginbotham |
| 09 | Anna Daily | 25 | Larry Lindley |
| 10 | Tiffany Setzer | 27 | Jenn Smitley |
| 11 | Mary Lou Wernz | 30 | Mary Ann Stepp |
| 12 | Alex Bullock | 30 | Elizabeth Lovstad |
| 12 | Kaylee Daugherty | 30 | Jason Stafford |



Anniversaries

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| 02 | Tom & Anne Hintz |
| 02 | Larry & Kelly Lindley |
| 05 | Brian & Tiffany Macke |
| 09 | Tom & Kayte Macke |
| 10 | Greg & Tawnya Fairchild |
| 23 | Mark & Jeanne Setzer |
| 31 | Jacob & Jessica Cannady |

Hanging of the Green 2021



A big thanks to all who helped!



December 2021

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

November 2021						
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**Sunday
Worship
Time:**

**9:00am Morning
Worship**
**10:00am Sunday
School**

1
3pm KFC
6:30pm Choir Practice

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3
8:30am Exercise

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5
9am Worship Service
9am Children's Church
10am Sunday School
10am Discipleship Path Team
2:30pm Confirmation Class
4pm UMYF
5pm Blue Christmas Service

6
8:30am Exercise
9:30am Yoga
6pm Boy Scouts
7pm Military Prayer Service
(Courthouse)

7
9am Holy Grounds Coffee Group
(The Family Restaurant)

8
3pm KFC
6:30pm Choir Practice

9
5:30pm Sisters in Faith

10
8:30am Exercise

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12
7am UMM Co-Op Breakfast
9am Worship Service
9am Children's Church
10am Sunday School
10am Discipleship Path Team
2:30pm Confirmation Class
4pm UMYF

13
8:30am Exercise
9:30am Yoga
6pm Boy Scouts

14
9:30am Holy Grounds Coffee Group
(Holly Brook)

15
3pm KFC
6:00pm Women in Praise
6:30pm Choir Practice

16
9am Faith Circle

17
8:30am Exercise

18

19
9am Worship Service
9am Children's Church
10am Sunday School
10am Discipleship Path Team
2:30pm Confirmation Class
4pm UMYF

20
8:30am Exercise
9:30am Yoga
6pm Boy Scouts
6:30pm Susannah Wesley Circle



22
6:30pm Choir Practice

23

24

11am Office Closed
5pm Candlelight & Communion
9pm Candlelight & Communion

25 Merry Christmas!



26
9am Worship Service
9am Children's Church
10am Sunday School

27 Office Closed
9:30am Yoga
6pm Boy Scouts

28 Office Closed

29 Office Closed

30 Office Closed

31 Office Closed



January 2022						
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