

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."

Prayer Concerns:

Polly Logan	Eric Curry	Diana Bailey	Darrell Kirby
Gail Glick	Lisa Davidson	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]
 Angie Broncano [Missionary in Laos]
 Kayla Keys [friend of Lesa Trudeau]
 Val Smith [friend of Cindy Carver]
 Anthony Long [friend of Kara Macke]
 Joe Ferris [Friend of Jeff Mallory]
 John McNary [Ken & Nancy Claypool's brother-in-law]
 Leslie May [friend of Diana Bailey]
 Chuck Hill [Jen Crumrin's father]
 Leighton Akin [Kobe Brannan's friend]
 Robenson Agenord [friend of Peggy Zoll]
 Beverly Mahone [Reid Zoll's cousin]
 Brandon [MHS student]
 Unspoken Request
 All Long-term Healthcare Facilities in Clark County
 Natural Disaster Victims, Our Missionaries

Family of Betty Beard [Deb Beard's mother]
 Family of June Sanders
 Family of John Ferris
 Family of Ryan White [Jim White's nephew]
 Family of Valerie Light [Sarah Brannan's friend's sister]
 Family of Roger Miller
 Family of Terry Stephen



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.



THE MESSENGER

February 2022

702 Plum St., Marshall, IL 62441

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

It was with great joy that we confirmed 10 youth on January 9, in our morning worship. They are Will Crumrin, Kaylee Daugherty, Molly Farrell, Turner Graham, Jackson Green, Marlee Heighton, Dominic Huisinga, Evangeline Hutson, Kei Kendall, and Jason Macke. **We celebrate their step of faith and join with them in committing to faithful discipleship.** Please keep these young people in your prayers and support them in their Christian journey. Thank you to James Southworth and Connie Wieck for working with me in leading the Confirmation class. Also, thank you to those who served as mentors: Ken Claypool, Amy Cannady, Dianne Rardin, and Russ Ross. Thanks to those who prayed for our class. A group picture can be found in this edition of The Messenger.



Our Discipleship Path Team continues their faithful work on developing an intentional discipleship plan for our church. We have expanded our team to include Angie Setzer, Charlie Moore, Becky Farrell, and Jo Sanders. We are grateful they have joined the team. You are asked to keep the team and their work in your prayers. We meet each Sunday after worship. **If you would be interested in joining our team, please let me know.**

Would you like to become a member of the Marshall F.U.M.C.? Do you have a child that you would like to have baptized? Please let me know. **It would be a blessing to talk to you about membership or baptism.**

February holds Valentine's Day, the day of love. Cards and gifts will be given to those special people in our lives. How wonderful it is to know that **God sent us a living valentine to express his love in Jesus Christ and a written valentine in the Bible.** I pray that you will be keenly aware of God's presence and love for you not only on Valentine's Day, but each and every day. I also pray that you will be filled with love for God and neighbor. Don't forget those cards! Happy Valentines to you and all those dear to you.

With You on the Journey,

Pastor Bob
Pastor Bob



February Worship Series

We will continue to look at various Scriptures in the Gospel of Matthew through the month of February. Join us as we listen to Jesus' teachings as recorded in Matthew. You can find the weekly foundational Scriptures and themes below to help you in your preparation for worship.

February 6
Foundational Scripture: Matthew 11:28-30
Theme: Find Rest in the Lord

February 13
Foundational Scripture: Matthew 19:13-15
Theme: Jesus Welcomes the Little Children

February 20
Foundational Scripture: Matthew 18:15-17
Theme: Addressing Conflict in the Body of Christ

February 27
Foundational Scripture: Matthew 22:37-39; 28:18-19
Theme: How? And What?



New 2022 Flower Chart: Don't forget to sign up to provide altar flowers on that special Sunday. The new 2022 Flower Chart is located outside the office next to the door. Please call or stop in the office to make sure that your date is reserved on the new calendar.

Do you know what the 5 practices of a fruitful congregation are?





Mission of the Month—Faith Promise 2022

Because of your faithful contributions, the Faith Promise Fund was able to send contributions to Lessie Bates Neighborhood House, Midwest Distribution Mission, Global Ministries, Our Conference, Our Kids and UMCOR in December as End of Year giving. We were also able to send \$1,000 to an UMCOR program for equitable distribution of COVID vaccine, which went to UNICEF by way of Global Ministries. This program is in cooperation with several other Protestant denominations and provides personnel and funds to vaccinate those who live in hard to reach poverty areas of the world.

Faith Promise Mission Fund now needs to be replenished so that our 2022 mission projects can be supported. Please consider making a contribution to the Faith Promise Fund in February.



Dear Pastor Bob, Barb, and my church family,
 Thank you all so much for all the support, cards, texts, phone calls and visits while I was in the hospital. I do not know what I would have done without you and my family and friends.
 May God bless you.
 Love,
 Diana

Dear Friends at FUMC,
 Many thanks for the Christmas gift. It was very kind and thoughtful. Your financial support of 222 Ministries through the years has been significant in reaching many with the Word of God through one/one discipleship. It is making a difference for Jesus our Lord!
 We are grateful!
 With much love,
 Jim & Jan Harper



Gluten Free Communion
 We are now providing **gluten free communion elements** to those who would find it helpful. These kits are marked “gluten free” on top.

Ash Wednesday
 Imposition of Ashes
 Wednesday March 2
 Noon - 1:00 p.m.
 Chapel



Children’s Church - 9:00 a.m. on Sundays
 UMYF - 4:00 p.m. on Sundays



Mark Your Calendars:
2022 VBS dates June 20-24



Our 2022 Confirmands



People Needed to Serve in Nursery

We need people to serve in our nursery on Sunday mornings. Would you be willing to do so once every month or two? We must have two people each time we offer the nursery. One is the primary person and the other offers support. This is an important ministry for both our current families and new families. Please pray about this. Let the church office know if you can serve in this ministry. Thank You!

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.



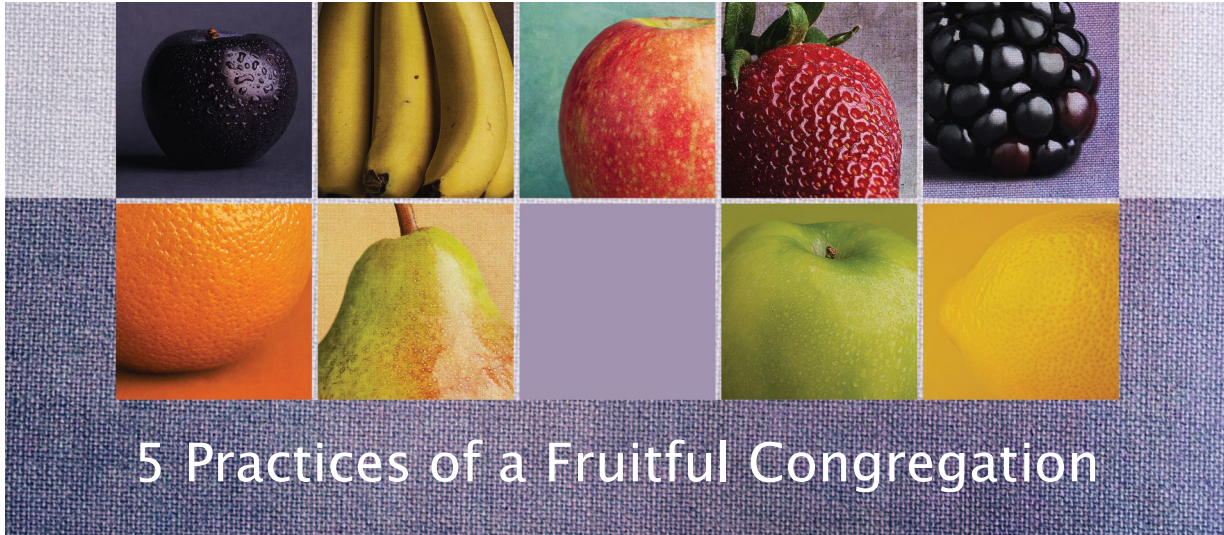
This Month’s Sunday Volunteers	
Sound System:	?
Greeters:	All Month - Robin Lake & Holly Lake
Ushers:	All Month - Tom & Anne Hintz, Mike Farrell
Acolytes:	2/6 - Layla Kendall & Evangeline Hutson 2/13 - Cooper & Caroline Crumrin 2/20 - Dylan Daugherty & Chase Paulsen 2/27 - Cooper & Parker Morey
Nursery:	2/6 - Jessica Cannady & Brooke Bullock 2/13 - Dana Ramsey & Amy Cannady 2/20 - Chelsey Trudeau & Laura Irwin 2/27 - Lesa Trudeau & Tiffany Huisinga

UMW Reading Program

Congratulations to Darlene Hildebrand, Angie Setzer, Jo Sanders, Priscilla Wieck, and Karen Heighton for completing Level 1 in the UMW Reading Program. Searoba Mascher read 20 books to complete Level 4. We had 13 women reading books this year with 97 books read. Great Job! Keep reading!

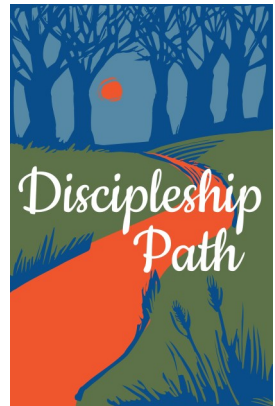
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Thursday, February 17, 9:00 am—
Faith Circle
Thursday, February 24, 6:00 pm—
Sisters In Faith



February

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| 01 Jeff Mallory | 16 Rob Crumrin |
| 01 Mike Sanders | 16 Sue Boyer |
| 06 Trenton Bullock | 16 Alex Mason |
| 09 Russ Ross | 17 Dale Ridgway |
| 09 Ann Smith | 19 Dustin Morey |
| 09 Sean McLennan | 19 Jessica Cannady |
| 10 Emilie Engerski | 20 Julie Bullock |
| 10 Tara Setzer | 20 Dylan Daugherty |
| 11 Beth Macke | 20 Riley Jordan |
| 12 Mike Murphy | 23 Jody Green |
| 12 Karen Heighton | 25 Jo Sanders |
| 12 Alex Schneider | 25 Thomas Sanzenbacher |
| 13 Dominic Huisinga | 27 Marlee Heighton |
| 14 Parker Winkelman | 28 Bev Murphy |
| 15 Barbara Reedy | 28 Tiffany Huisinga |
| 15 Logan Huisinga | 28 Victoria Hoggatt |
| 15 Anna Smitley | 28 Vance Snedeker |
| 16 Alek Arnold | 29 Diane Lindgren |



Our Discipleship Path team is continuing its work of developing a plan to assist our church in fulfilling our mission. While we have accomplished much, we still have a way to go. The forming and implementation of a disciple formation process takes time. Your prayers are needed and appreciated as we move forward. If you have any questions about our work, please ask any of our team members (Pastor Bob, David Rardin, Nancy Claypool, Evadene Crumrin, Kyle Hutson, Rick Manuel, Barb Sabo, Jody Green, Tiffany Macke). You are invited to prayerfully read over Acts 2:37-47. Where do you see our congregation's journey with Jesus reflected in this passage? Which practices do you find the most difficult? Which are easy for you?

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| 01 Mike & Bev Murphy |
| 12 Larry & Betty Rasner |
| 14 Al & Melissa Wernz |
| 19 Joe & Alice Schroeder |
| 23 Gale & Jackje Titus |









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.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																																															
 <p>Sunday Worship Time:</p>	<p>9:00am Morning Worship</p> <p>10:00am Sunday School</p>	<p>1 9am Holy Grounds Coffee Group (The Family Restaurant)</p>	<p>2 GROUNDHOG DAY 3pm KFC</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4 8:30am Exercise</p>	<p>5</p>																																																																																																															
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Discipleship Path Plan

For about seven months we, as a church family, have been asked to pray for a team of people from our congregation as they work on developing a discipleship path plan. You may have some questions regarding our work and such a plan. The team is aware of this and desires to answer any questions that you may have. The following information will hopefully provide some answers to some basic questions. We are also planning an informational meeting that will be held during the Sunday School hour. This will be a time for the team to share, to receive questions, and for input from those who take part. The details about that gathering will be sent out soon. We are also planning other ways to communicate our work to you. You are invited and encouraged to read over the following information.

Why do we have a Discipleship Path team? Jesus gave the church its primary mission which is to make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). The United Methodist Church has stated it this way. *“Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”* Several years back our church adopted this as our official mission and mission statement. Last year the Church Council made the decision to pursue creating a plan that would help us as a congregation and as individuals to focus our efforts on fulfilling our mission. A team was formed, and we have been working toward that end.

Why is fulfilling our mission important? There are several reasons. We will bring glory to God. Jesus gave us the command to go and make disciples. It is in response to God’s love for all people. Every person needs the Lord. Each person’s eternal destiny is determined by his or her relationship to Jesus. The impact of following Jesus would change the world. We will help grow the Kingdom of God. You may have more reasons to add.

What is the goal of the team? The Discipleship Path team is working to develop a plan that is Biblical, practical, relevant, and applicable in guiding our ministry to fulfill our mission. It is a plan that will guide and encourage each of us as we seek to grow as followers of Jesus Christ.

What work has the team been doing? The team began with growing in our own understanding of our mission and the importance of fulfilling our mission. We have asked hard questions about our church’s ministries to better understand how we are fulfilling our mission. We looked at some 120 ministries one by one. We have worked on a definition of what a disciple of Jesus Christ is. We have done all this with the aid of prayer, Bible study, and open, honest conversation. The work has not been easy at times, but it has been rewarding.

What will the discipleship path plan look like? At this time, we do not have a clear answer to this question. Some basic components of the plan will be

the description of a disciple and a guide to assist you in finding ministries that will help you to grow as a follower of Jesus Christ. This guide will assist ministries to evaluate their work and determine how they can take next steps in making disciples of Jesus Christ. All of this will be fulfilled through 5 primary practices that grow us as disciples: worship, service, witness, fellowship, and faith development. These remind us of our membership vows.

Who is on the team? David Rardin, Jo Sanders, Evadene Crumrin, Tiffany Macke, Rick Manuel, Nancy Claypool, Kyle Hutson, Becky Farrell, Barb Sabo, Angie Setzer, Jody Green, Charlie Moore, and Pastor Bob serve on the team. If you would be interested in joining the team in their work, please let Pastor Bob know. If you have questions, please feel free to talk to any of the team members.

When will the discipleship path be ready? We are unsure. We have made great progress, but there is still work to be done. It is not a fast process. We are working hard with intentionality and faith.

What can I do? Please pray for God’s guidance and wisdom. Ask questions. Prayerfully support the team’s work. Be open. Pray.

