

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
happened to miss one.

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

Prayer Concerns:

Gail Glick Roger Sisson Stacey Speros Eric Curry Dalton McFarland Carole Arney
Tom Macke Bishop Frank Beard District Superintendent Charliam Renner

Chase Brady [Jim & Joyce Gwyn's great-grandson]
Journey Campton [Friend of Adam & Tiffany Setzer]
Heather Welch [Gene Bohn's granddaughter-in-law]
Brett Ramsey [Angie Setzer's nephew]
Peg Hintz [Tom Hintz's mother]
Julie Krietemeier [Beth Macke's sister]
Chris Havener [Michelle Graham's uncle]
Judy Bennett [Friend of Doris Ellington]
Angie Britt [Friend of Carol Henderson]
Candy Painter [Alane White, Cris Fitzjarrald, & Sally Mallory's sister]
Jessica Smallwood [Friend of Lesa Trudeau]
Gina Pasquale [Friend of Mika Shafer]
Tammy & Rodney Popham [Pastor Bob's sister & nephew]
Karen Beltz [Nancy Claypool's sister]
Leanna Morris [Angie Setzer's sister]
Roger James [John James' brother]
Mike Rohr [John James' nephew]
Family of Margaret Worley [Jo Sander's mother]
Family of Rev. Herbert Palmer [Bishop Gregory Palmer's father]
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 Orpha Goekler JoAnn Donehue Polly Logan Jim Gwyn
Evelyn Anderson Jackie Kitchen Ken Jensen Carole Arney Phyllis Boatright
Leif Youngdahl Mitch Wineland Mary E. Koutsoumpas

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

July 2021

702 Plum St., Marshall, IL 62441

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

I have some exciting news to share as well as words of appreciation. There are three church
news items. Each grows out of our desire to fulfill our Christ given mission.

First, this September, we will be providing a **carnival as a gift for our community**. This will be
a great way to connect with those who live in our area and share with them the love of Christ. The
carnival will have bounce houses, water games, face painting, crafts, food, and other activities. It
is currently scheduled for Saturday, September 11. Barb Sabo is the director and will be seeking
help for set-up, running the activities, and clean-up. Many hands will be needed to help make this
a success. Be sure to put it on your calendar. Be watching for more information. Please begin to
pray that the Holy Spirit will use our simple efforts to connect others with Jesus.

The second news item is that church leadership has determined the need for developing a **discipleship path** for
our church family. A discipleship path is a process to strengthen a church's ability to make and grow disciples for
Jesus Christ. It is the work of the individual, the church and God. It is an intentional process. I have called together
a team of 9 people, including myself, to begin this work. We have already had our initial meeting and have two
planned for July. We are using the workbook *Charting a Course of Discipleship*. Our work will broaden out to include
many others from the congregation as we move forward. Our goal is to have a discipleship path ready to present to
the congregation by the end of this year or early next year. This can truly be a great gift for our church. It is
important that you keep the team and their work in your prayer.

Third, the SPRC, on behalf of the church, has hired **Vicki Kinyon as our new church Treasurer**. Vicki brings
with her knowledge and experience in the area of finances. Vicki is a native of Martinsville. She and her husband,
Jeff, have recently retired from Liberty Mutual (Yes, the one with LiMu Emu). They have both been involved in
previous United Methodist churches where they have attended. They are currently building a home in the Martinsville
area. You are encouraged to send a note to welcome Vicki. You can mail or email it to the church office. We
welcome Vicki to the Marshall First United Methodist Church staff.

Now some words of appreciation. **First, thanks to James Southworth, Dana Ramsey, and the entire VBS
team**. What a wonderful week of fun, learning, and growth. Thank you to those who helped turn the sanctuary into a
tropical island. Thank you to those who daily lead in the areas of music, science, Bible study, games, crafts, and
snacks. Thanks to the daily guides. Thanks to Beckon the Puffin and everyone else who helped with VBS in any
way. How the children have grown over the past two years. New children in the nursery. Those who were just born
before VBS two years ago are now in their own class. It was truly a blessed week!

I also want to thank you as a church family for **rolling with all the changes** that have taken place particularly in
worship. Each change has been made based on our desire to fulfill our mission to connect people with Christ.
**Whether it has been changing the order of the worship service, using a new method for gathering
information from those who attend in-person worship, or how we do Communion, I appreciate how you have
graciously responded with an open mind and heart.** As I have asked before in worship and in other gatherings,
“What are we willing to do to help connect others with Jesus?” Sometimes the changes are big. Sometimes they are
small. Each has some impact on our effectiveness in carrying out God's mission. Again, thank you for your flexibility
and faithfulness to our call.

The first Sunday of July is on the fourth. You are invited to join us in worship as we celebrate our nation's birth.
May you have a safe and fun holiday weekend with family and friends. Let us continue to remember our nation's
motto, “In God We Trust.” Happy 4th of July!

With You on the Journey,

Pastor Bob
Pastor Bob



Look What's Coming Up!

Children's Church - 9:00 a.m. on Sundays
UMYF - 5:00 p.m. on Sundays (July 11 at the Farrells and July 18 at the Sabos)



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UPCOMING WORSHIP SERIES

Beginning July 11 and taking us through August 15, our worship series will be **“Six Things for Pastor Bob to Preach On.”** The series is based on over forty suggestions that were received from the church family in early June. Thank you to everyone who offered ideas. Some of the suggestions that are not included in this series could be used to develop other series later on. A couple of the suggestions will be used next year. Please find the Foundational Scriptures and Themes for each week below.



July 4

Foundational Scripture: Galatians 5:13-15
Theme: How Do We Use Our Freedom?

“Six Things for Pastor Bob to Preach On”

July 11

Foundational Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:18-21
Theme: Ambassadors for Christ

July 18

Foundational Scripture: Revelation 7:9-10
Theme: Overcoming Racism

July 25

Foundational Scripture: Psalm 86:8-12
Theme: The Way of Truth

August 1

Foundational Scripture: 1 John 5:12,13
Theme: How Do I Really Know I Am a Christian?

August 8

Foundational Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15; Revelation 21
Theme: Death and Our Eternal Home

August 15

Foundational Scripture: Romans 12:14-18
Theme: Spreading Love, Joy, and Peace in Difficult Times



Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much for your prayers, warm wishes, and graduation gifts. Your care and kindness fill me with joy and encouragement as I begin this new chapter of my life.

With thanks and appreciation,
Kalli Stafford

Thank you to everyone for remembering my birthday.

Flossie Rhoads

On Sunday, June 13, we had a special worship service of remembrance and thanksgiving as we looked back over the past 15 months.

We gave thanks for blessings we received, shared our stories, remembered those we lost, and looked to the future.



God Bless America



2021 Annual Conference, Illinois Great River Conference (IGRC)

This year it was once again a privilege to represent our church at the Annual Conference on June 11th and 12th. This year's conference theme was, "A Time to Heal".

Bishop Frank J. Beard presided over the conference and I found him to be a warm and inspirational church leader. Bishop Beard is in his fifth year as leader of the Illinois Area. He is a gifted spiritual teacher with a passion for Christ that is contagious.

As stated by Bishop Beard, the laceration and abrasions caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic, the wounds of division, the gashes of racism, the polarizing harmful hurts of our political divide, the painful injuries of unemployment and poverty, along with the damaging discussions about schism have left us all in need of the healing "balm In Gilead". I interpreted these remarks as a personal challenge to make a difference as I continue forward, in my faith journey. I hope you do as well.

Bishop Beard is currently suffering with an eye condition that is affecting his vision. He will be taking a medical leave of absence for the remainder of this year and has vowed to return with or without his eyesight. In his absence, Bishop Gregory Vaughn Palmer has been selected as our interim Bishop.

What do lay members do?

Lay members are a key link between their local church or charge and other churches of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference. They serve as principal communicators between the local church or charge and the global church. Lay members are full participants, along with clergy members of the annual conference, in making decisions on all the issues before the IGRC (except on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy). Lay members have year-round responsibilities in their local church, where by virtue of office, they are members of the charge conference, church council, staff/pastor parish committee, and the finance committee.

Annual Conference is:

Members of and visitors to the Annual Conference are renewed for the mission of the church through worship of God, which includes inspirational preaching by Bishop Beard and others, sacred music and praise songs led by choirs and musicians, Holy Communion, and the commissioning and ordination of deacons and elders.

2021 Annual Conference Agenda

Preachers' Aid Society and Benefit Fund: Articles of Incorporation

2021 Conference Spending Plan

The Closing of 10 United Methodist Churches

Clergy Health Insurance Allowance

Housing Exclusion for Retired & Disabled Clergy

Treasurer, Trustees, Pension & Benefits, Preacher Aid Society, UMC Foundation, and Connectional Ministry Reports

In conclusion, this was my second Annual Conference I attended virtually. Next year's conference will be in person and I am sure it will feel much different, in person. I encourage everyone to visit www.igrcs.org and see for yourself how interesting this year's conference was.

Submitted by David Rardin

Mission for the Month, Advance Special #00381A: The Mama Lynn Center (East Congo)

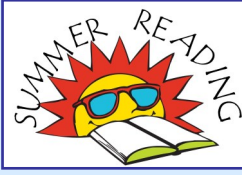


The Mama Lynn Center was initiated by Bishop Gabriel of the East Congo Episcopal area who opted for the creation and construction of a treatment and training center for girls and women who were victims of sexual violence. This Center was named in honor of the spouse of Bishop William T. McAlilly, who made significant contributions towards the construction of the buildings for the Mama Lynn Centre. The mandate of the Mama Lynn Center is to restore dignity, to build self-confidence, and to improve the life expectancy rates of girls and women in the East Congo Episcopal Area. Since its creation, the Mama Lynn Center has trained more than 120 women in vital life-sustaining skills: Sewing, cooking (learning how to bake and sell goods for profit), weaving and knitting, soap-making, agricultural expertise (growing vegetables) and entrepreneurship skills. Trainees also include some wives of pastors in the region. There are 3 different centers: One in Kindu (educating 80), Goma (25) and Kisangani (35). Aside from training, the centers offer supportive activities organized by the women themselves and also help provide micro credit support to pastor's wives to help supplement extremely limited incomes of church ministers.

The mission dollars collected by our church will go toward buying sewing machines for the Center. One sewing machine is \$150 US. Currently, the Center must share 1 machine among 4 women during sewing classes. Let's see if we can provide the women trainees with at least two. Checks can be made out to Marshall First UMC, earmarked "Mama Lynn Center" or "Sewing machines," and given to the church office or placed in the offertory.

UMW Summer Reading

If you are participating in the Reading Challenge...KEEP READING!
The Challenge ends August 31. Prizes will be awarded each month to the team who has read the most books that month.
Large selection of books are available on the south wall of the church library.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Thursday, July 1—UMW Book Study, 8:30 am in Chapel
Saturday, July 10—UMW Annual Rummage Sale
Friday, July 23—Ice Cream Social, 6:30 pm



DATE CHANGE FOR RUMMAGE SALE - JULY 10th

Because of the rain last month, the UMW had to move their ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE to JULY 10. You can still drop off items at the Beech Street parsonage garage until 5:00 pm on Friday, July 9th.



Senior's Corner Each Monday of the month the seniors gather for game time.

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.

Third & Fourth Tuesday in July - 9 am, The Holy Grounds Coffee Group will meet in the chapel for coffee and refreshments.



SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

This year there are around 90 children enrolled in the Summer Lunch program. Each child receives a week's worth of food every Monday throughout the summer. All of the funding and donations are local.

Monetary donations are welcome. Please make checks to Summer Lunch, Inc.

Needed Items:

Poptarts, cereal (individual packets), individual oatmeal packets, fruit or applesauce cups, macaroni and cheese (individual servings), Chef-Boyardee (individual servings or cans), Campbell's soup, Cup-of Soup, Spaghetti O's, individual Jif peanut butter cups, and pudding cups

Contact information:

Kelly Lindley – phone: 217-264-4760

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
Brooke Bullock for nursery.

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



Sign up for altar flowers. Call the office with the date you would like to reserve or sign up on the flower chart outside the office.



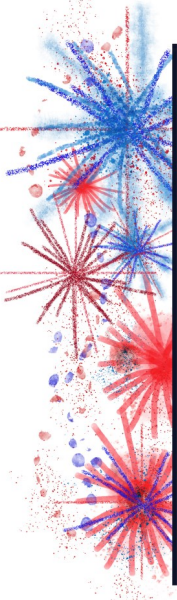
Birthdays

- 01 Darlene Hildebrand
- 01 Jordan Brown
- 02 Doris Ellington
- 02 Meg Mallory
- 03 Sydney Macke
- 03 Shan Smith
- 03 JoAnn Donehue
- 03 Terry Stepp
- 04 Jim Gwyn
- 05 Michael Smitley
- 06 Ethan Orman
- 06 Augy Schneider
- 07 Fred Eitel
- 08 Searoba Mascher
- 08 Kourtney Southworth
- 10 Baylee Bishop
- 10 Josh Setzer
- 11 Chelsea Higginbotham
- 14 Breck Bishop
- 14 Jake Orman
- 14 Rocco Giannavola

- 15 Dawson McNeill
- 16 Barb Manhart
- 17 Mike Henderson
- 17 Margaret Stepp
- 19 Jack Davidson
- 21 Glenn Buskirk
- 21 Lynlee Hallett
- 22 Lucca Giannavola
- 22 James Southworth
- 22 Sharon Miller
- 27 Lucas Eitel
- 27 Phyllis Boatright
- 27 Malerie Mason
- 28 Will Crumrin
- 31 Tyler Claypool
- 31 Daniel DeLisle

Anniversaries

- 03 Scott & Danielle Cline
- 03 Mike & Mika Shafer
- 11 Ken & Nancy Claypool
- 15 Lewis & Orpha Goekler
- 15 Tom & Sarah Brannan
- 15 Terry & Mary Ann Stepp
- 16 Alex & Brooke Bullock
- 18 Carrol & Doris Ellington
- 18 Paul & Amy Cannady
- 19 Tony & Michelle Graham
- 22 James & Kourtney Southworth
- 26 Garry & Sara Heighton
- 26 Adam & Erica Crumrin
- 29 Dan & Debbie Harper



VBS UPDATE



Thank you. Thank you. Thank you! I honestly can't thank you enough for all of the hard work you all put into VBS this year. I couldn't have done it without all of you who gave of your time and resources. There were 45 adults and teens who volunteered each day. And many of you gave money to make our VBS a great success.

We had a total of 80 children registered for VBS this year, and the average number of kids who came each day was 70. That was even greater than the numbers we had in 2019.

Once again, thank you so much!
James Southworth

UMW ICE CREAM SOCIAL 2021

When: Friday, July 23
Where: Courthouse Lawn
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Set-up Time: 5:30 p.m.



Church members may bring pies (please, no cream pies), brownies & cakes after 5:30 p.m.

Workers are needed: Circles are to provide workers for three shifts (one per shift)—6:30-7:30 pm; 7:30-8:30 p.m.; 8:30-Cleanup.

Someone will be needed to pick up the freezer from the Masonic Hall (see Searoba). Evadene will get change and her workers.

Pray for good weather.

