### Worship

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/MarshallILFUMC.

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



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

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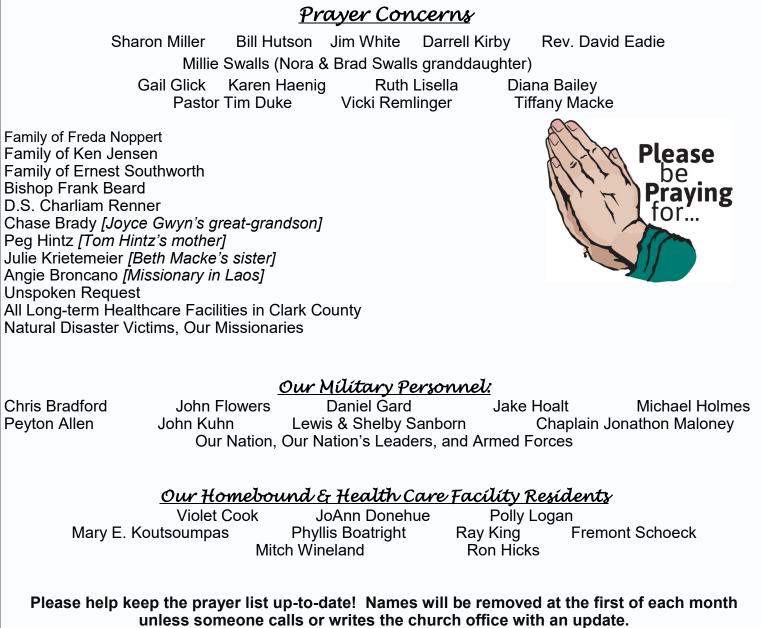
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Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit! Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

God is at work at Marshall First, and I believe He is ready to move us to revival as the Holy Spirit moves among us. This move of the Spirit is something that is absolutely needed in our time as we seek to fulfill the mission of the Church to, "Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." But how will we transform our world unless we are first transformed ourselves?

This past week Becky and I attended Beulah Holiness Camp Meeting/Family Camp. It was a wonderful time of refreshing as we worshiped, studied, prayed, heard the Word proclaimed, and fellowshipped with one another. As part of Camp Meeting, we heard a report from Asbury University concerning the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that took place among these young gen Zers. This is a generation that is the most secular of all the generations we have seen before in our country and throughout the west, yet God poured out His Holy Spirit afresh on them and this outpouring that began in little Wilmore, Kentucky has reached around the world.

We also had the privilege of hearing about the mission work that is taking place in Japan. Only 1.5% of Japan are Christians, with the rest of the country being primarily Shinto or Buddhist. Still, God is moving among the people in Japan, people are being saved and rescued from the shame and despair that has pervaded this culture for centuries.

All over the world God is on the move, people are being saved, and lives are being transformed, yet there are many who are lost and in need of the love, hope, and grace of God found only in Jesus Christ. According to the most recent study available, 62.6% of the people in Marshall claim some form of Christian faith. While this is an encouraging number, that leaves 37.4% of people who are without Christ. That amounts to approximately 1,500 people who say they do not know Christ within the city limits of Marshall. That does not include those who live in the surrounding communities. What that says to me is we have a big job to do, if we are going to reach the lost of our community. The good news is we have a big God, a God who is in the business of changing hearts and lives, one who loves us so much that He gave His only and only Son to die on the cross to save us from our sins and rose that we might have a new, abundant, and eternal life.

So how will we reach the lost of our community? It will require all of us to take action. This begins with prayer, study of the word, and personal spiritual growth, but it will also take intentionality in our outreach, with each member seeing themselves as a missionary to this community. It means seeing your neighborhood as the mission field, sharing the love of Christ with your unsaved neighbors. The nice thing about a small community is that we tend to know our neighbors, so most likely you know who is and who is not a believer in your neighborhood. If you are not praying for them, please begin. If you are in a dispute with your neighbor work to bring peace. In everything you do, show the love of Christ to them and find opportunities to share your faith and invite them to church. I believe that we can reach the unsaved of our community with the Good News of Jesus Christ. If you have any ideas of how we could further our outreach, please let me know. God is ready to bring a revival to our land. May it begin with us.

## **THE MESSENGER**

#### August 2023

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

Your Brother and fellow laborer in Christ,

Pastor Bill

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There will be a Prayer Walk at the schools on Wed., Aug. 9. We will meet at the church at 5:00 and carpool to each of the schools together and then to the Unit Office. Call the office if you have any questions.



### CARNIVAL \* CARNIVAL \* CARNIVAL

Saturday, September 9th from 3-6 pm will be this years Carnival on our church grounds!

Volunteers will be needed for food donations, serving, monitoring inflatables, grilling, set-up and tear-down, etc.

We are looking forward to another fun day! This is an opportunity to reach out to our children in the community with Jesus' love! Let's be examples for Christ!

More information will be coming soon!



I have so many reasons to be thankful for the time I was able to spend serving this church over the last ten years. Thank you for welcoming me and my family into your community. Thank you for trusting me to help disciple your children and grandchildren. Thank you for supporting me and serving alongside me. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to learn from my mistakes and grow as a follower of Jesus. Thank you for the outpouring of encouragement and kind words you've shared with me recently as I move into the next chapter in my life.

James

#### Mission For the Month of July & August



The Faith Promise mission fund is in need of replenishment. This is the fund that helps those projects and people in need within our Marshall community. Please consider contributing to this fund during the summer months. Remember the words of John Wesley: to do all the good you can- for whoever you can- for as long as you can.

With the \$620 that was donated for the Church World Service blankets, 62 blankets were purchased.



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE—Congratulations to: Laura Irwin, Priscilla Wieck, Angie Setzer, Searoba Mascher, Adrienne Hutson, & Betty Orman! They read the most books for their teams for the month of June. Keep reading! The challenge continues through August.

United Women in Faith hosted its yearly Ice Cream Social on the courthouse steps, the evening of Friday, July 21. The table was loaded with assorted pies and cakes with a dip of ice cream offered for those needing that extra sugar high. A welcome addition to this year's event was a stop-by from our new pastor, Bill Wiggs. Thank you to all who came out to support our UWF and the vital Christian outreach projects, both in country and the world, we as United Methodists support. It was a blessed showing, especially during the Marshall City Band's "Christmas in July" concert. What a way to celebrate Christ's birth with the giving to missions. Well done, ladies! Connie



Thank you to everyone who volunteered or donated to our summer fundraisers for missions! We made \$540.50 at our Ice Cream Social and \$807.55 at our Summer Yard Sale.

> Prayer Focus for August is for our teachers and administrators.

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

Charlie Moore for ushers Mary Ann Stepp for greeters Danielle Cline for acolytes Jody Green for nursery.

Job

Openings!

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

UWF Book Study at Jackie Titus's

Esther Circle, Adrienne Hutson's

Thursday, August 3, 8:30 am

Tuesday, August 8, 4:00 pm

Thursday, August 10, 7:00 pm

Thursday, August 24, 6:00 pm

Sisters In Faith at Marshall

UWF Board Meeting

Family Restaurant





- **Children & Youth Director**
- **Tech Ministries Director**
- **Admin. Assistant/Financial** Secretary

#### DON'T FORGET

If you have any changes in your address, telephone number, email, etc., don't forget to let the church office know.

Thanks for keeping the office up-to-date.

# Birthdays

01 Debbie Morgan 03 Barb Allen 04 Charlene Moore 06 Cris Fitzjarrald 07 Evangeline Hutson 08 Jonathan Green 08 Kathryn Paulsen 09 Abby Adamski 11 Cooper Morey 13 Eli Graham 13 LeanneOrman **16 Harley Bennet** 18 Brynna Farrell 18 Mike Farrell 18 Debbie Harper 19 Kalli Stafford 20 Colby Claypool 20 Van Welsh

21 Jed Hutson 21 Steve Setzer 22 Kei Kendall 22 Karyn Paulsen 23 Nate Graham 23 David Macke 29 Ron Hicks 29 Ken Macke 29 Cody Welsh 30 Adam Setzer 31 Nancy Gossmann **31 Bill Heighton** 31 Bob Sabo, Jr.

**First Tuesday** of each month - 9:00 a.m., The Holy Grounds Coffee Group meets for breakfast at The Marshall Family Restaurant. Everyone is welcome to join us! Second Tuesday of each month - 2:00 p.m., The Holy Grounds Coffee Group meets at The Villas of Holly Brook for coffee and fellowship with the residents of Holly Brook. Third Tuesday - 9 am, The Holy Grounds Coffee Group meets at Gypsy Queen. Fourth Tuesday- 11:00 a.m. Holy Grounds Coffee Group will meet at VFW for lunch. Fifth Tuesday—9:00 a.m. Holy Grounds Coffee Group will meet in the chapel.

**Open Dates:** August 13 & 20



01 Darren & Sarah Lycan 04 Richard & Kathy Lewis 04 David & Dianne Rardin 09 Alex & Malerie Mason 14 Brandon & Amy Daugherty 16 Russel & Paula Ross 18 Charles & Diane Moore 20 Shannon & Vance Snedeker 25 Charles & Teresa Cooper 29 Tyler & Tara Claypool 31 Dustin & Jennifer Bishop **31 Darlene Hildebrand** & David McKimmy



Th	is Month's Sunday Volunteers				
Sound Syst	em: ?				
Liturgist:	All Month—David Rardin				
Greeters:	All Month— Jan Ridgway & Barb Allen				
Ushers:	All Month - Ken & Nancy Claypool & Charlie Moore				
Acolytes:	8/6 — ? 8/13- ? 8/20 ? 8/27— ?				
Nursery:	8/6—Adrienne & Evangeline Hutson 8/13–Erica & Caroline Crumrin 8/20 — Charlene Moore & ?? 8/27—Amy Cannady & Nancy Crumrin				

## August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Sunday Worship Time: 9:00am Morning Worship 10:15am Sunday School		<b>1</b> 9:00 a.m. Holy Grounds Coffee Group at Marshall Family Restaurant 6:15 p.m. Community Prayer Service at the Courthouse	<b>2</b> 6:30 Choir Practice	<b>3</b> 8:30 a.m. UWF Book Study - Jackie Titus's	<b>4</b> 8:30 a.m. Exercise	5	
6 Communion Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Sunday School	<b>7</b> 8:30 a.m. Exercise 9:00 a.m. Yoga	<b>8</b> 4:00 p.m. UWF Board 2:00 p.m. Holy Grounds Coffee Group at Villas of Holly Brook 6:00 p.m. SPRC	<b>9</b> 5:00 p.m. Prayer Walk	<b>10</b> 7:00 p.m. Esther Circle— Adrienne Hutson's	<b>11</b> 8:30 a.m. Exercise	12	
<b>13</b> 7:00 a.m. UMM Co-Op Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Worship Service & Children's Church 10:15 a.m. Sunday School	<b>14</b> 8:30 a.m. Exercise 9:00 a.m. Yoga	<b>15</b> 9:00 a.m. Holy Grounds Coffee Group at Gypsy Queen 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting	16	17	<b>18</b> 8:30 a.m. Exercise	19	
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