

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/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

George Renners	Karen Tarbeck	Linford Kinyon	Larry Rasner
	Vicki Remlinger		
Tiffany Macke	John McNary	Keith Schneider	Frederick Shaw
	Diana Bailey	Gail Glick	
Tom Lisella	Eric Curry	Peggy Morris	

Bishop Frank Beard
D.S. 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]
Peg Hintz [Tom Hintz's mother]
Julie Krietemeier [Beth Macke's sister]
Shelly Hughes [Barb Demendron's sister]
Harrison Downey
Angie Broncano (Missionary in Laos)
Unspoken Requests
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	Mary E. Koutsoumpas
Evelyn Anderson	Ken Jensen	Phyllis Boatright	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

December 2022

702 Plum St., Marshall, IL 62441

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

Pastor's Note



"Merry Christmas!" I love to hear those words. A simple declaration that is bursting with meaning for me, and you, and the whole world. It is hard to imagine human communication without them. In those words we are met with a warm greeting, a breath of hope, an embrace of love, an echo of joy, and a pronouncement of peace. We declare "Merry Christmas" because it points us to the birth of the King of kings and Lord of lords. We offer "Merry Christmas" because it is God with us. We sing "Merry Christmas" because it is God's light come into a dark and hurting world. We write "Merry Christmas" because God has poured out his love on us.

As we move through Advent and make our way to Christmas, I pray that you will hear the fullness of "Merry Christmas" deep in your heart, mind, and soul. I pray that you will know that Jesus is with you, that you are secure in God's love, and that you too can offer "Merry Christmas" to the world.

On page two of this edition of The Messenger, you can find our December worship schedule. Be sure to join us for these special services to celebrate Christ's coming into the world.

Also, please join us for opportunities to go into the community to share God's love in our mission field and as we gather together as a church family to share in the warm fellowship of Christmas love.

Merry Christmas to you and all those dear to you throughout the year.

With You on the Journey,

Pastor Bob



Blue Christmas Service

The holidays can be a difficult time for many. If this is true for you, you are invited to a Blue Christmas service on December 4, at 4:00 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.



December Worship

Worship in December will carry us through Advent and Christmas day. Our worship series is based on the book, The Wonder of Christmas by Rob Renfroe. Each Sunday will celebrate the wonder of God's love in Jesus Christ. Our children's Christmas program will be December 18, in morning worship. The 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service will be designed for children. We will offer communion at our 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Candlelight will be at both. Make plans to gather with other believers during this meaningful time of the year to worship Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. You can find the worship schedule below.



December 4 (Communion)

Foundational Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Theme: The Wonder of a Name

Advent Readers: The Hintz Family

A Blue Christmas Service

4:00 p.m.

Church Chapel

December 11

Foundational Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

Theme: The Wonder of a Manger

Advent Readers: The Farrell Family

December 18: (Children's Program)

Foundational Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Theme: The Wonder of a Star

Advent Readers: The Rardin Family

December 24 (Christmas Eve)

5:00 p.m. (Service of Candlelight and Cake)

Foundational Scripture: Luke 2:1-6

Theme: The Inn Keeper's Dream

Advent Readers: The Sabo Family

9:00 p.m. (Candlelight and Communion)

Foundational Scripture: Luke 2:1-6

Theme: The Inn Keeper's Dream

Advent Readers: The Sabo Family

December 25 (Christmas Day)

Foundational Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

Theme: The Wonder of Christmas

Christmas Dinner starting at 11:30 a.m.

NO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ON CHRISTMAS DAY, THE 25TH.

Marshall Christmas Parade December 3rd.

Great witness opportunity for the whole family. Children are invited to ride the float. Youth and adult walkers are needed to pass out bags with candy canes and cards. Bring a tote bag. Meet at the float at 5:30 p.m. You can park at the church and walk to the float. For more information, please contact Jenna Morey. Everyone welcome!

Christmas Ministry to Truckers

Did you know that we have an international mission field right here in Marshall? Every night several hundred truckers find a place to rest at our local truck stops and rest area. Because God has blessed us with this opportunity, we are planning an event to share God's love with these nightly neighbors. We are preparing to give each trucker a Christmas bag containing a copy of the Gospel of John, a Christmas card, candy, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste, a bottle of water and a beef stick. Thank you to the youth for bagging all the items and everyone who donated toward this witness ministry. Delivery will take place December 20. We will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m.. Several people are needed to help us deliver these gifts. It is suggested that those Jr. High and older participate. Bring a flashlight. If you have any questions, please see



Children & Youth Ministry News

Children's Church - 9:00 a.m. on Sundays
Jr. UMYF - 4:00 p.m. on Sundays
UMYF - 5:15 p.m. on Sundays



KFC Family Dinner

Our monthly KFC Family Dinner is December 7th. Everyone is invited to join us at 5:00 p.m.



This Month's Sunday Volunteers

Sound System:	?
Greeters:	All Month — Jim & Alane White
Ushers:	All Month—Lisa & Jack Davidson, Jody Green
Acolytes:	12/4—Dylan Daugherty, Chase Paulsen 12/11—Emmett Maurer, Augy Schneider 12/18—Libby Huisinga, Breck Bishop 12/25—
Nursery:	12/4— 12/11 - 12/18 - 12/25 -

The Pastor's Class:

During the month of December, our Sunday School class is using the weekly worship theme "The Wonder of Christmas" to guide our study. We are meeting in the fellowship hall for December and will return to the sanctuary in January. We begin at 10:20 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Merry Christmas!

Have a safe & happy Christmas!

Church office will be closed Dec. 26, 28, 30.

Pat will be in the office Dec. 27

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., & Dec. 29, 1 to 3 p.m.

All year end giving need to be in the office by Thursday, Dec. 29th. Reopen Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023. Happy New Year!



UMM Breakfast
Dec. 11, 7:00 a.m.
At Marshall Family
Restaurant



Letter from Jim Harper to our church family:

Dear Friends at First United Methodist Church, Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity towards 222 Ministries. Your partnership has made possible opportunities to minister to those in need of Jesus and his precious word, the Holy Bible. The love of Christ compels us to "make disciples" according to our Savior's command. It is a joy to serve the Lord alongside you. You are truly a blessing and we are grateful! May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. In Christian love,
Jim and Jan Harper

United Women in Faith News

The Women of 1st U.M.C. Sisters in Faith Circle would like to thank you for the generous support of our annual bake sale. Your support helps to fund our many charitable projects for the coming year.

A huge thank you to our amazing church family from the United Women in Faith. With your help Chili Day was a great success. We raised \$4,365.00 to help with missions in our community and around the world. In addition, leftover food & supplies were donated to Senior Diner and helped with Power Lunch.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Thursday, 12/1 — Chaddock
Delivery
Thursday, 12/15—Faith Circle,
9:00 a.m.
Sisters in Faith, @ Moggers, 6:00
p.m. CST, meet at church @ 5.
Monday, 12/19—Susannah Wesley,
Carry in dinner at Kelly Lindley's,
6:00 p.m.

The angel said to [Mary],
"THE HOLY SPIRIT
WILL COME UPON YOU,
and the power of
THE MOST HIGH
WILL OVERSHADOW YOU."

LUKE 1:35, NRSV



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 - 9:30 a.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 of each month—9:00 a.m. Gypsy Queen

Fourth Tuesday - 9:00 a.m.,

The Holy Grounds Coffee Group will meet in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and refreshments.



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.



Altar Flowers

Sign up for Altar Flowers to honor a family member, an anniversary or just to say you care. Call the office with the date you would like to reserve or sign up on The flower chart outside the office door.

01 Conner Sanzenbacher
02 Isaac Southworth
02 Barb Reedy
04 Briar Bishop
04 Holly Lake
04 Judy McConchie
04 Sheila Shotts
05 William Schneider
07 Steve Arney
07 Liberty Cline
08 Eleanor Macke
08 Blakely Trudeau
09 Anna Daily
10 Tiffany Setzer
12 Alex Bullock
12 Kaylee Daugherty
12 Josh Orman
13 Lewis Goekler

Birthdays

16 Shannon Snedeker
19 Wyatt Evola
20 Mallory Simonton
21 Brent Huisinga
21 Kayla Setzer
21 Lauren Setzer
21 Alane White
23 Jenny Higginbotham
25 Larry Lindley
27 Jenn Smitley
30 Elizabeth Lovstad
30 Jason Stafford
30 Mary Ann Stepp



Anniversaries

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



14th Annual Christmas Dinner

Good Food! Great Fellowship! Lots of Fun!

December 25, 2022

Serving begins at 11:30 a.m.

Sign-up sheets for food donations and volunteers are in the foyer in front of the church office.

The meal is for the Marshall Community. Be sure to let those who may be alone or who could use a good Christmas meal know.

This is a great opportunity to share God's love with our neighbors.








To request reservations, please call 217-826-8041.

Mission News for November/December--2022

We are entering the time of year end giving for missions. If you wish to support any of our 2022 mission projects or institutions, now is the time. UMCOR and Midwest Distribution Center are always in need if you need suggestions. Both agencies are engaged in giving humanitarian aid to Ukraine as well as local flood and disaster relief. Write your check to FUMC and be sure to designate how you want it to be used. Locally, the Ministerial Association's Backpack feeding program is also always in need. Thank you for your generosity in mission giving this year. In January we will issue a mission giving report for 2022. Watch for it.



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