

## 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](https://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

Family of Evelyn Anderson	Marilyn Casteel	Dave Foote
Karen Tarbeck	Family of Marge Shirely	Vicki Remlinger
Allen Goekler	Tiffany Macke	John McNary
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]*  
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
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

February 2023

702 Plum St., Marshall, IL 62441

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

## Pastor's Note

As you are probably aware by now, on January 8th, I announced to the church family that Barb and I will be retiring on June 30, 2023. While this was not an easy decision, we believe it is the best decision for ourselves and the church. Just two weeks after my announcement, Jim White, Chairperson of the SPRC, announced that Rev. Bill Wiggs and his wife, Becky, will begin their ministry at Marshall 1st on July 1, 2023. You can find more information about Pastor Bill and Becky on page 3 of this edition of the Messenger. Please keep Bill and Becky, Barb and me, and the church family in prayer during this time of transition. I want to say how thankful I am to Jim White and the SPRC for their faithful work in helping to guide us through this time of pastoral change.

Barb and I continue to look forward to serving the Marshall F.U.M.C. family and community until our retirement. There is always important ministry to be done for God's Kingdom. You have been and continue to be a great blessing to us.

We will soon be entering the Christian season of Lent. Ash Wednesday, which begins Lent, is on February 22. Lent will take us through a series titled, "A Walk Through the Tabernacle." You can find out more about this series below.

I encourage you to take advantage of the Lenten season to draw closer to Christ. Let it be a time to apply the spiritual practices that God has blessed us with. You can find those practices in the Discipleship Path plan which can be found in the office. I pray the Lord continues to bless you in your growth from an acorn to a mighty oak of faith in Christ.

I have one more note to share. At its January meeting, the Trustees elected Tony Graham to serve as chairperson for 2023. Also, Sarah Brannan will serve as Trustees' secretary. Thank you to Tony and Sarah for your service.

With You on the Journey,

*Pastor Bob*

Pastor Bob

## Worship Schedule

We will be continuing our series on **Strengthening the Family** for the first two Sundays of February. Come and find encouragement to strengthen your family.

The season of Lent begins February 22. Join us for a walk-in service for a time of prayer, reflection and to receive the imposition of ashes. On Sunday, February 26, we begin a Lenten worship series titled **A Walk Through the Tabernacle**. Join us as we look at the significance and meaning of the Old Testament tabernacle and what it says to us today. The series will take us through Palm Sunday. Easter Sunday is April 9. Please find the weekly Foundational Scriptures and themes below to aid you in your preparation for worship.

### February 5 (Communion Sunday)

Foundational Scripture: Genesis 6:9-7:7

Theme: We're #1

### February 12

Foundational Scripture: Romans 8:31-39

Theme: Living With Some Margin

### February 19 (Guest Speaker) Lori Sparks

Foundational Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-31

Theme: On Our Knees

### February 22 (Ash Wednesday Service)

### February 26 (First Sunday in Lent)

Foundational Scripture: Exodus 24:1,2; 25:1-9;  
John 1:14

Theme: Our God Who Reveals



## Discipleship Path Resources

You are invited to check out the Discipleship Path resources in our church's library. There are a variety of materials for personal and ministry team use. Themes include worship, prayer, being a witness for Christ, the church in the world today, building Christian community, and more.

Each of these resources are available for your use. Check one out today!



Cluster  
Team Meeting  
March 2, 2023  
Chapel  
All Ministry  
Team Leaders



## Ash Wednesday Service

Date: February 22, 2023

Time: 12:00—1:00 p.m.

Location: Chapel

A quiet, peaceful time to pray, read scripture, reflect, receive ashes. Come when you can. Stay as long as you like.

### KFC Family Dinner

Our monthly KFC Family Dinner is February 1st. Everyone is invited to join us at 5:00 p.m.



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



### Mission News for —February 2023 newsletter



Our mission project for this month is the Solar Oven Project. The Dakota Annual Conference began this project several years ago and it has grown since then. Over 2,000 solar ovens have been sent to the Dominican Republic. Volunteers accompany each shipment to help teach people how to use them. Solar ovens provide enough heat for cooking and sterilizing water. They are cheaper than bottle gas and help stop deforestation which is occurring at an alarming rate. Also many diseases are prevented by the use of safe drinking water. Each oven comes with a cooking pot and utensils. We will have one at the church this month for you to see. This mission is a memorial for Glen Buskirk who was an enthusiastic solar oven supporter. Thank you for your support of this project.

**A MONTH  
OF MISSIONS**

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



- 12 Larry & Betty Rasner  
 14 Al & Melissa Wernz  
 19 Joe & Alice Schroeder  
 23 Gale & Jackie Titus

**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.



**UMM Breakfast**  
 Feb. 12th, 7:00 a.m.  
 At Family Restaurant



Dear Congregational Family:

Thanks so much for your generous Christmas present and your support throughout the year. I appreciate it very much.  
 Jo Sanders

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

Charlie Moore for ushers  
 Mary Ann Stepp for greeters  
 Danielle Cline for acolytes  
 Jody Green, Nursery

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



### This Month's Sunday Volunteers

- Sound System:** ?
- Greeters:** All Month — The Harper and Miller Families
- Ushers:** All Month— Jack & Lisa Davidson, Robin Lake
- Acolytes:** 02/05- Mia Moore  
 Bryanna Farrell  
 02/12- Liberty Cline  
 Lexi Mason  
 02/19- Colby Claypool  
 Sadie Claypool  
 02/26- Dylan Daugherty  
 Breck Bishop
- Nursery:** 02/05— Adriane Hutson  
 Evangeline Hutson  
 02/12—Erica Crumrin  
 Caroline Crumrin  
 02/19- Kourtney Southworth  
 02/26— Amy Cannady  
 Nancy Crumrin

### United Women in Faith News

If you aren't already a member of one of our circles, 2023 would be a great time to get involved. If you would like more information about UWF, contact any circle member, Karen Heighton, or Diane Moore. United Women in Faith is an active group with many opportunities to share God's love with others.

Congratulations: Priscilla Wieck, Nancy Crumrin, Angie Setzer, Alta Youngdahl, Karyn Paulsen, Bev Smith, Darlene Hildebrand, and Karen Heighton for completing Plan 1 in the UWF Reading Program for 2022. Searoba Mascher completed Plan 2 and Jo Sanders read 15 books to complete Plan 3!! Great Job, Ladies!!

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Tuesday, 2/14—UWF Board, 10:00 p.m., Meeting in Chapel  
 Thursday, 2/16—Faith Circle, 9:00 a.m., in the Chapel  
 Thursday, 2/23 —Sisters in Faith, 6:00 p.m., at Marshall Family Restaurant

### New Leadership:

Rev. Bill & Becky Wiggs will be coming to lead us starting July 1, 2023. Pastor Bill has been under continuous appointment or assignment by a United Methodist Bishop since Father's Day 1992. He graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary in 1999, ordained in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference as a Deacon in 1998, and an Elder in 2001. Pastor Bill & Becky were married in 1988 and began working with children and youth the very next year. We have been partners in ministry ever since.

They have 2 children, Sarah and Joshua, who have also been called into ministries of their own. Sarah is married to Mike, who is a newly licensed Local Pastor here in our Conference. He is starting his first semester at Asbury Theological Seminary this spring. Sarah & Joshua has been married since 2016, and has blessed them with their first granddaughter, Elizabeth in 2020. Son, Joshua is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University and is currently working toward a Master's Degree at Asbury Theological Seminary. He and his dog, Kiana, live about 30 minutes from the Seminary, where he is also pastoring a United Methodist Church.

Becky was blessed to be able to stay home most of the time as they were raising their family, but she never had a lack of something to do. Aside from being a wonderful partner in ministry throughout the years, she loves to sew and work on many crafting projects. She has sung in the church choir and done solos in church, and she has often helped to lead worship, teach Sunday School, and assist me in leading children and youth ministries and Confirmation classes.

Pastor Bill adds, "Our Family enjoys spending time together on our own and in ministry together, through camping, hiking, bike rides, playing board games, and watching movies. We also enjoy getting together with other families to do the same! We have made family life a priority as I have sought to balance family and work life, and we encourage everyone to do what they can to enjoy their own God-given family time, so that life doesn't just take over and steal your joy.









My Sister-in-law, Kathy, who shared a home with her mother and has since moved in with us. She is seven years older than my wife and has a few medical issues which makes it unhealthy for her to live alone. Family remains very important to us, and we try to make as much effort to keep those relationships strong as God allows us to.

In the past two or three years, I have begun a new hobby as an amateur gardener. I love getting my hands in dirt and watching God's handiwork as fresh fruits and vegetables grow right before my eyes. I have even had a greenhouse, allowing me to continue the growing season well into winter.

I'm sure over our time together we will all get to know each other well, and I trust that God has put us together at this time to fulfill His divine purpose for each of us. Becky, Kathy, and I look forward to meeting each and every one of you."



February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>Sunday Worship</b> <b>Time:</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Morning Worship</b> <b>10:15 a.m. Sun. School</b>		<b>1</b> 11:00 a.m. Power Lunch 3:00 p.m. KFC 5:00 p.m. KFC Family Dinner	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b> Exercise, 8:30 a.m.	<b>4</b>
<b>5 Communion Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 4:00 p.m. UMYF	<b>6</b> Exercise, 8:30 a.m. Yoga, 9:00 a.m.	<b>7</b> 9:00 a.m. Holy Grounds Coffee Group (Marshall Family Restaurant)	<b>8</b> 11:00 a.m. Power Lunch 6:00 p.m. Building Committee Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Exercise, 8:30 a.m.	<b>11</b> The Light Kids Conference
<b>12</b> 7:00 a.m. UMM Co-Op Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Children's Church 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 5:30 UMYF Super Bowl Party  <b>MEN'S BREAKFAST</b>	<b>13</b> Exercise, 8:30 a.m. Yoga, 9:00 a.m.	<b>14</b> 9:30 a.m. Holy Grounds Coffee Group @ (Villas of Holly Brook) 10:00 a.m. UWF Board Meeting	<b>15</b> 11:00 a.m. Power Lunch 3:00 p.m. KFC	<b>16</b> 9:00 a.m. Faith Circle.	<b>17</b> Exercise, 8:30 a.m. 	<b>18</b> .
<b>19</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Children's Church 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 4:00 p.m. Jr. UMYF 5:15 p.m. UMYF	<b>20 Office Closed</b> 	<b>21</b> 9:00 a.m. Holy Grounds Coffee Group (Gypsy Queen) 6:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting	<b>22</b> 11:00 a.m. Power Lunch 12:00—1:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service 3:00 p.m. KFC 	<b>23</b> 9:00 a.m. Faith Circle, 6:00 p.m. Sisters in Faith	<b>24</b> Exercise, 8:30 a.m.	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Children's Church 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 4:00 p.m. Jr. UMYF 5:15 p.m. UMYF	<b>27</b> Exercise, 8:30 a.m. Yoga, 9:00 a.m.	<b>28</b> 9:00 a.m. Holy Grounds Coffee Group (Church—Fellowship Hall) 6:00 p.m. Church Council				
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