

Pastor's Corner:


Marshall First UM Church Worship Service
Sundays on FaceBook (Live at 9:00 a.m.)

Fellowship Hour
Sundays at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom

Weekly Bible Study
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom

Weekly Advent Readings on FaceBook

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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THE MESSENGER

January 2021 *Abbreviated*

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As we say farewell to 2020 and welcome 2021, we do so with thankfulness, hope and expectation. While we will continue to deal with Covid-19 and its effects on our lives for some time, we can be confident that Jesus Christ will continue to guide, strengthen and hold us in His love. I am praying that God will grant us all that we will need this coming year to serve His will and purposes with clarity and passion. May we and our church let our lights shine ever more brightly with the life transforming love of Christ. Know that I am praying for you. Please pray for me.

I greatly appreciate those who serve in leadership in our church. In offering their time, energy, gifts, skills, and faith they strengthen our church's life and ministry. Such leadership is crucial to having a vital and healthy church. As we enter a new year, we experience some change in church leadership. This is a normal part of our process and gives opportunities for others to share in leading and guiding us into God's preferred future. Thank you to all who take part in leadership.

I want to especially thank those who are rotating off our administrative committees. **Brian Macke** has served as Chair of Church Council. Brian has been a pleasure to work with. I have appreciated Brian's calm, thoughtful, and wise presence. Thank you, Brian. **Jo Sanders** has served as our Nurture Representative to Church Council. Jo has helped organize many different events in the life of our church. I am grateful for her faithful and joyful service. Thank you, Jo. **Priscilla Wieck** has served as Outreach Representative to Church Council. Priscilla has a huge heart for missions and has helped our church focus on supporting outreach efforts locally, nationally and internationally. Thank you, Priscilla. **Sharon Welliver** has served as Witness Representative to Church Council. Sharon has helped us communicate to the community about our ministry through the website, newspaper ads, Christmas parade, and more. Sharon has also served as a Lay Delegate to Annual Conference. This year she and I "attended" via the internet. Thank you, Sharon for all your faithful ministry. **Ann Smith** has served as the Recording Secretary for the Church Council. Ann has done a great job in keeping minutes for the Council. Thank you, Ann. Thank you to **Mike Sanders and Nancy Claypool**, who have served as Members-at-Large on the Church Council. Thank you to **Dave Miller, Steve Setzer, and Steve Macke** for serving on the Committee on Finance. Thank you to **Barb Manhart, Dustin Bishop, and Josh Orman** for serving on the Board of Trustees. Thank you to **Jennifer Welliver and Linda James** for serving on the Staff Parish Relations Committee. Thank you to **Evadene Crumrin, Debbie Miller and Deb Harper** for serving on the Nominations Committee.

I also welcome all those who will be coming onto the administrative committees. You can find the list of Administrative Committees with their members in this edition of the newsletter. Also, there is a list of those who are serving on the Ministry Team Cluster. I look forward to working with each of these groups as we seek to grow our church's life and ministry in the areas of nurture, outreach, and witness. I invite you to keep in your prayers each of those who are serving.

Happy New Year to you and all those dear to you.

With You on the Journey,

Pastor Bob



Prayer Concerns:

Kerry Teague	Gail Glick	Jill Medsker	George Smith	Malerie Mason
Stacey Speros	Jim Harper	Liberty Scott	Carolyn Clark	Janet Eitel
Dawn (Erika) Youngdahl	Nancy Gossmann	Roger Sisson	Larry Woodard	Dave Bailey

Chase Brady [Jim & Joyce Gwyn's great-grandson]
Heather Welch [Gene Bohn's granddaughter-in-law]
Journey Campton [Friend of Adam & Tiffany Setzer]
Candy Painter [Alane White, Cris Fitzjarrald & Sally Mallory's sister]
Brett Ramsey [Angie Setzer's nephew]
Peg Hintz [Tom Hintz's mother]
Foster Buell [Sharon Miller's grandson]
Julie Krietemeier [Beth Macke's sister]
Mike Sideroff [Jim White's nephew]
Kim Sones Kimbler [Friend of Sally Mallory]
Chris Havener [Michelle Graham's uncle]
Judy Bennett [Friend of Doris Ellington]
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	Marilyn Jensen	JoAnn Donehue	Polly Logan
Jim Gwyn	Evelyn Anderson	Jackie Kitchen	Ken Jensen	Carole Arney
Pat McCammon	Phyllis Boatright	Mary E. Koutsoumpas	Leif Youngdahl	

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.

2021 Church Committee Members

Church Council

Pastor (Staff) Bob Sabo
 Children-Youth Director (Staff) James Southworth
 Church Council Chair Dana Ramsey (2023)
 Church Council Secretary Nancy Claypool (2023)
 Board of Trustee Chair _____
 Finance Chair Garvin Manhart (2022)
 Staff Parish Relations Chair Jim White (2022)
 Lay Leader Dave McKimmy (2022)
 Lay Members of David Rardin (2022) &
 Annual Conference Jack Davidson (2023)
 Church Treasurer (Staff) Fred Eitel
 Nurture Representative Kelly Lindley (2023)
 Outreach Representative Karen Haenig (2023)
 Witness Representative Angie Setzer (2023)
 UM Men President Josh Orman
 UMW President Peggy Zoll
 Members-at-Large _____
 Class of 2021 Jennifer Welliver
 Class of 2023 Diane Lindgren
 Becky Farrell

Committee on Finance

Finance Chair Garvin Manhart
 Pastor (Staff) Bob Sabo
 Church Treasurer (Staff) Fred Eitel
 Financial Secretary (Staff) Kelley Ray
 Church Council Chair Dana Ramsey
 Board of Trustee Chair _____
 Staff Parish Relations Chair Jim White
 Lay Leader Dave McKimmy
 Lay Members of David Rardin &
 Annual Conference Jack Davidson
 Members-at-Large _____
 Class of 2021 Steve Arney
 Class of 2023 Dustin Bishop
 Betty Rasner
 Harley Bennet

Staff Parish Relations

Lay Leader Dave McKimmy
 Lay Members of David Rardin &
 Annual Conference Jack Davidson
 Class of 2021 Jody Green
 Sharon Miller
 Terry Welsh
 Class of 2022 Tiffany Setzer
 Barbara Allen
 Jim White (Chair)
 Class of 2023 Sue Boyer
 Brent Huisinga
 Tiffany Macke

Board of Trustees

Class of 2021 Dianne Rardin
 Joe Schroeder
 Class of 2022 Eric Murphy
 Rick Manuell
 Paul Cannady
 Danielle Cline
 Class of 2023 Anne Hintz
 Adam Setzer
 Jo Sanders

Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations)

Chair Pastor Bob Sabo
 Lay Leader Dave McKimmy
 Class of 2021 Gordon Clark
 Sally Mallory
 Sharon Miller
 Class of 2022 Jim White
 Dustin Bishop
 Class of 2023 Jamie Schneider
 Janet Eitel
 Logan Brown
 Tiffany Huisinga

Ministry Team Cluster

Chairperson Pastor Bob
 Nurture Representative Kelly Lindley
 Outreach Representative Karen Haenig
 Witness Representative Angie Setzer
 Lay Leader Dave McKimmy
 Children & Youth Ministries Director James Southworth
 Worship Planning Team Leader Pastor Bob
 Greeters/Ushers Team Leader Ken Claypool
 Audio/Visual Team Leaders Rob Crumrin
 Jarod Green
 Sharon Welliver
 Jo Sanders
 Sharon Miller
 Robin Lake
 Mary Ann Stepp
 Nancy Claypool
 Sharon Welliver
 Josh Orman
 Peggy Zoll

 Kelly Lindley
 Dana Ramsey
 Adam Setzer
 Shannon Snedeker



Happy New Year!



2020 Annual Contribution Statements will be mailed out in January. You can also get it any time online. Just call Kelley in the office.

You can still sign up for altar flowers for the new year. Even when we do online services we would like the altar to be decorated. Just call the office with the date you would like to reserve.

DON'T FORGET

If you have any changes in your address, telephone number, email, etc., don't forget to let the church office know. Also, if you have a child that has moved out on his or her own, please don't forget to inform Kelley of the change. This way we can send any correspondence directly to him or her.

Thanks for keeping the office up-to-date.



David and I thank God for our church family because you are truly an example of what kindness, generosity, and compassion means. We cannot thank you enough for all the things you have done for us these past few months. We are so grateful of the many kind messages of hope, cards, flowers, delicious meals, and other loving gestures. Our cancer journey is over, all chemotherapy and radiation treatments have been completed. We give thanks to God for my recovery and for the strength all of you provided to David and me through your countless prayers. Thank you once again from the bottom of our hearts.

Eternally Grateful,
 Dianne and David

Thank you so much for the Christmas gifts this year. We are so blessed to work at this church and are so appreciative of you all. May God's blessings be on each of you.

Thanks again,
 The Staff

Your continued support financially and by donations is VERY much appreciated. Clients have been so impressed lately with the selection of items in our Baby Store! The clients don't have lots of money to spend at Walmart, but they have baby-bucks that they enjoy earning and spending on their children here at Choices.

Thank you!
 Gay Ledley, CSD—Casey Center

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Advent and Christmas celebrations so meaningful. Special thanks to Jo Sanders for scheduling and organizing special music each week. Also, thanks to Jo and Priscilla Wieck for their efforts in organizing our Christmas Eve Service. We appreciate all those who have shared music in any way. Thank you to those who helped decorate the church. Without all of you, our Christmas Celebration would not have been as beautiful or joyful. Thanks to one and all!



Dear Church Family,
 Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and words of encouragement. I am recovering and improving each day from the three strokes I had. I am wearing a heart monitor to help the cardiologist determine the cause of the strokes. Thank you to our wonderful church family.

Nancy Gossmann

Thank you so much for the cards, thoughts and prayers concerning Dave's surgery.

Sincerely,
 Dave & Diana Bailey

January Worship Series: The Kingdom of God

We are going to begin our year focusing on the Kingdom of God. One of the earliest statements that Jesus said is found in Matthew 1:17, "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is near." And, in verse 23 we read, "Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the Kingdom..." What is this Kingdom? What is the Kingdom of God like? Join us each Sunday beginning January 10, on Facebook. Also, be sure to listen to Connie Wieck as she presents the message on January 3. The weekly Foundational Scriptures and themes can be found below to use as you prepare for worship.

January 3
Connie Wieck Speaking

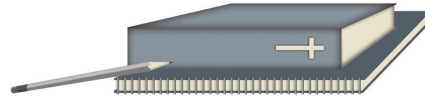
January 10
Foundational Scripture: Matthew 14:44-46
Theme: The Kingdom of God Has Great Value

January 17
Foundational Scripture: Luke 4:18,19
Theme: The Kingdom of God is a Just Community

January 24
Foundational Scripture: Mark 8:34-37
Theme: The Kingdom of God is an Upside Down Kingdom

January 31
Foundational Scripture: Luke 14:15-24
Theme: The Kingdom of God is a Party

Worship Series



Mission of the Month for January

January's Mission of the Month is the Faith Promise Mission Fund. During the year of the COVID crisis, our congregation did not neglect its mission giving. The Faith Promise Fund distributed its final mission contributions for the year in December. Funds distributed were given to the following United Methodist institutions: Global Ministries, Wesley Foundation at EIU, Our Conference Our Kids, and Lessie Bates Neighborhood House in East St. Louis. Locally, we supported the Marshall Ministerial Association Benevolence Fund from Faith Promise. A Christmas monetary gift was also sent to Jim and Jan Harper from the fund.

The Faith Promise account now stands at zero dollars. We ask you to donate to this fund in January so that our church can continue supporting these important mission outreaches and hopefully many others.

Because of our church's faithful giving, we have something to celebrate. We have been recognized as a Five Star Mission Church. Being a 5 Star Mission Church means we paid 100% of our apportionments, gave to General Advance or UMCOR projects, gave to Conference Advance Special projects, gave to General Board of Global Ministries Missionary Support and gave to three or more of our UMC Special Sunday offerings. There is great joy in knowing that we continue to be faithful in supporting missions.



Mark your calendars for the following events...



Tuesday, January 12:

SPRC Meeting, 6 p.m. via Zoom

Tuesday, January 19:

Finance Committee Meeting, 6 p.m. via Zoom

Trustees Committee Meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom

Tuesday, January 26:

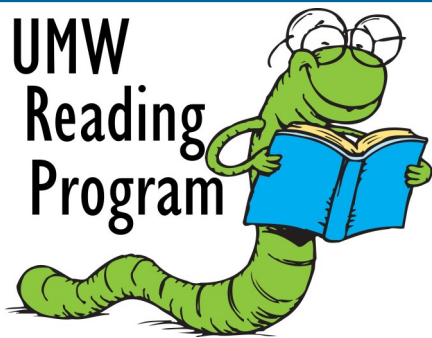
Church Council Meeting, 6 p.m. via Zoom

And don't forget these weekly events...

Fellowship Hour, Sundays (except for January 3rd) at 5 p.m. via Zoom

Weekly Bible Study, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. via Zoom

UMW Reading Program



If you have been reading books from the Reading Program, please keep a list of the books you have read. We will be sending our totals in the end of January. Questions??? Call Searoba or Karen.

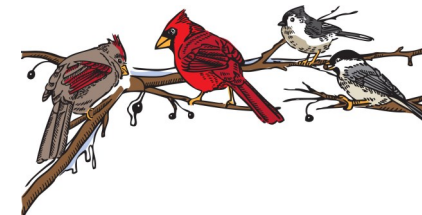
JANUARY



03 Evelyn Anderson
03 Jeff Fattal
04 Joyce Gwyn
04 Carrol Ellington
04 Evy Bauman
06 Hunter Lovstad
07 Kory Lake

08 Gale Titus
09 Jennifer Welliver
09 Larry Woodard
09 Amelia Martin
10 Milo Claypool
11 Chris Macke
12 Jocelyn Green
12 Connie Wieck
13 Eric Murphy
13 Chelsea Rogerson
14 John James
14 Owen Ramsey
14 Hank Orman
15 Angie Setzer
16 Jim White
16 Maggie Mullins
17 Garry Heighton

17 Nancy Claypool
20 Emma Smitley
23 Russ Haenig
25 Paula Ross
26 Nathaniel Macke
26 Dan Flowers
28 Candace Sanzenbacker
28 Diana Bailey
28 Keith Lindgren
28 Candace Sanzenbacker
29 Olivia Richardson
30 Jackie Titus
30 Betty Rasner
31 Lisa Welsh



07 Reed & Peggy Zoll
21 Dustin & Jenna Morey
23 Jordan & Melissa Gentry
29 John & Patty Macke

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