

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

Marilyn Casteel	Dave Foote	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

January 2023

702 Plum St., Marshall, IL 62441

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

Pastor's Note

What a wonderful Advent and Christmas we shared as a church family. I want to thank our staff, James Southworth, Pat Kyle, Jo Sanders, Steve Setzer, and Vicki Kenyon, for all their extra work and dedication to help us celebrate Christ's birth. Also, a special thank you to Jenna Morey for organizing our parade float, Angie Setzer for helping organize our hot chocolate and cookie giveaway at the parade, Kelly Lindley for directing our children's Christmas program, Peggy Zoll for coordinating our Christmas day meal, and others who gave of your time, money, prayers, skills, and talents in any way to share in ministry during Advent and Christmas. You are much appreciated!

On December 20th, 10 of us took Christmas bags to an area truck stop and the two area rest stops. We distributed approximately 170 bags. Thank you to Angie Setzer for helping to coordinate our efforts. Thank you to the youth for preparing the bags. We pray that God uses our simple acts of kindness to convey Christ's love to those who travel our nation's highways.

As we begin a new year, there will be opportunities to serve Jesus and grow as his disciples. This would be a good time for you to consider how you can nurture your faith walk with Christ. You could join a Sunday School class and study God's word with others. You could take a more active role in a ministry to the community. You could dedicate some time each day to reflect on a Bible passage and to prayer. You could make worship with God's people a greater priority in your life. I encourage you to prayerfully consider what God would have you do to grow this year as Christ's follower.

May the Lord bless and keep you throughout the new year.

With You on the Journey,

Pastor Bob

Worship Schedule

In 2023 the first Sunday of the year falls on the first day of the year. This will be a great opportunity to commit ourselves to Christ for the coming year. On Sunday, January 1, we will be sharing Wesley's Covenant Service. This will be a time of worship, reflection, and self-dedication. Communion will be served. You are encouraged to prepare your heart and mind as you take part in the covenant renewal service. On January 22, we will begin a worship series **Strengthening the Family**. Our prayer is that our families will find support through this series.

January 1

Foundational Scripture: 2 Chronicles 34:29-33

Theme: Renewing Our Covenant

January 22

Foundational Scripture: Genesis 37:1-4

Theme: Family is a Contact Sport

January 8

Foundational Scripture: Romans 8:31-39

Theme: Nothing Can Separate Us From God's Love

January 29

Foundational Scripture: Genesis 2:18-25

Theme: More Than DNA

January 15

Foundational Scripture: John 13:34,35

Theme: Love One Another



Discipleship Path Focus

Our lives are busy and filled with many activities. Yet often we neglect to take the time to nurture our relationship with God and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. However, God has been faithful in providing us with practices, that if done with intentionality, and with open hearts and minds, we can grow as Jesus' disciples. We understand there to be five primary spiritual formation practices:

Worship, Service, Witness, Fellowship, and Faith Development.

Worship: Individual and corporate acknowledgment and expressions of God's worthiness and glory

Service: Expressing God's love by meeting the needs of others through tangible acts

Witness: Sharing the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ and our personal experience of being Jesus' disciple in word and deed

Fellowship: Sharing in the deep connection that believers have in Jesus Christ through the presence of the Holy Spirit

Faith Development: Participating in practices that nurture and encourage spiritual growth and maturity both individually and in community

As we both individually and as a church faithfully live out our mission, we believe our church will become more joyful, caring, compassionate, welcoming, and inclusive. We believe that as we intentionally focus as individuals on making disciples, we will love Jesus more, our families will be made stronger, and there will be less dependency on harmful practices.

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



KFC Family Dinner
Our monthly KFC Family
Dinner is January 4th
Everyone is invited to join us at 5:00



The Pastor's Sunday School Class

On January 8, we will begin a study of the Book of Ephesians, using a part of Max Lucado's Life Lessons series to guide us. In Ephesians the Apostle Paul focuses on the Christ and speaks of Jesus dying for his bride and anticipating his Bride wearing his spotless gown. Key Themes:

We have spiritual blessings through Christ.

- Each believer is gifted through the Spirit of God.
- Our faith should work its way into all of our relationships.
- Our spiritual strength comes from God through his Word and our faith.



If you do not have a Sunday Class, you are invited to join the Pastor's class and be blessed with others as you study this insightful letter of Paul. The class meets each week in the sanctuary starting at 10:20 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

New Leadership:

Each year we have a rotation of leadership on our administrative committees. We are very grateful for those who have served faithfully. Those who will be rolling off their leadership positions are Dana Ramsey who chaired the Church Council the past two years, Paul Cannady who served as Chair of Trustees this past year, David Rardin and Jack Davidson who served as our Lay Delegates to Annual Conference for the past three years. Thank you to all those who served on our administrative committees. We greatly appreciate your service to our church. We are also grateful for those who will be taking on leadership roles beginning January 1. They are Fred Eitel (Chair, Church Council), David Rardin, (Lay Leader), Alice Schroeder and Diane Lindgren (Lay Delegates to Annual Conference), as well as those who will be serving on the various committees. Please keep your leaders in prayer throughout the coming year. You Can find a full list of those serving on the administrative committees in this edition of The Messenger.

Mission End of Year Giving—Jan.2023 newsletter

We were able to send end of year contributions to several mission projects in December using funds from the Faith Promise Mission Fund to the following: Lessie Bates Neighborhood House, Society of St. Andrews Hunger Relief Ministries, Marshall Ministerial Association Food Distribution, Our Conference Our Kids, UMCOR, Midwest Mission Distribution Center and the General Board of Global Missions.

January's mission will be solar ovens. Any contributions to the Solar Oven Project will be given in memory of Glen Buskirk. This project was close to Glen's heart. You may recall that several years ago Glen baked cookies in one of the project's solar ovens and served them to us after church one Sunday. We remember Glen's enthusiasm for the project and the joy it brought him to support it.

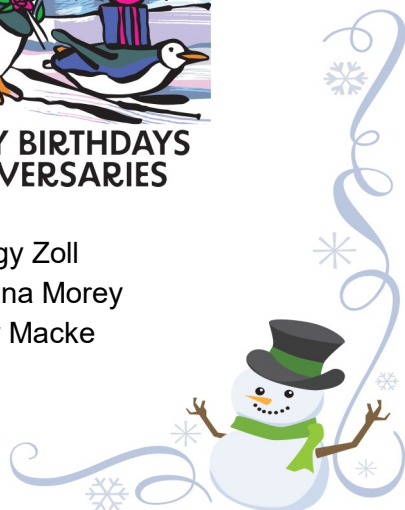


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| 04 Joyce Gwyn | 16 Jim White |
| 04 Carrol Ellington | 17 Garry Heighton |
| 06 Hunter Lovstad | 17 Nancy Claypool |
| 08 Gale Titus | 18 Laura Irwin |
| 09 Jennifer Welliver | 23 Russ Haenig |
| 09 Larry Woodard | 25 Paula Ross |
| 10 Milo Claypool | 26 Dan Flowers |
| 11 Chris Macke | 28 Candace Sanzenbacker |
| 12 Jocelyn Green | 28 Diana Bailey |
| 12 Connie Wieck | 28 Keith Lindgren |
| 13 Eric Murphy | 30 Jackie Titus |
| 13 Chelsea Rogerson | 30 Betty Rasner |
| 14 John James | 31 Lisa Welsh |



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 07 Reed & Peggy Zoll
 21 Dustin & Jenna Morey
 29 John & Patty Macke



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 *Holy Grounds* will meet in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and refreshments.



UMM Breakfast
 Jan. 8th, 7:00 a.m.
 At Family Restaurant



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
- Jenna Morey for nursery.

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



United Women in Faith News

If anyone has completed more Reading Program books since our Summer Challenge, please email Searoba the titles of the books. Thanks!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Thursday, 1/19—Faith Circle, 9:00 a.m.
 Thursday, 1/26 —Sisters in Faith, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Ministry to the Truckers



Here are some messages we received from truckers we ministered to in December.

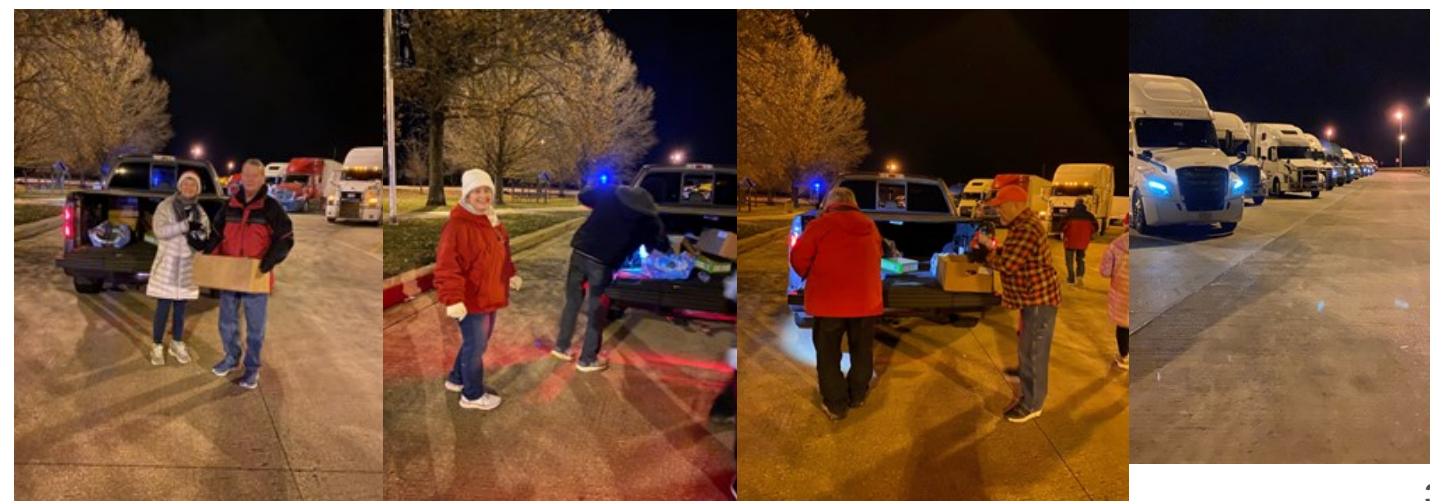
“I woke up this morning to find a little care package. It was very thoughtful. As a truck driver of 25+ years, this was the first time receiving something from anyone that wasn’t hate or anger. It brought a tear and smile to me. Have a safe and blessed Merry Christmas. Robert & Micheline H.”

“Thank y’all for the gift bag. Also, I’d like to add a special thank you to “Kathryn” who signed the card.”



“Just wanted to say thank you from my family for the lovely and cute little gift left on my dad’s truck step this morning! He is a long-haul trucker who works quite hard and this really put a smile on his face and made his day! Thank you from me and my family in Canada!! Merry Christmas to you all, especially Dylan!!! And if Dylan is a young kid can you please make sure he gets the thank you from our family, I imagine that would make him happy!”

I just want to say THANK YOU for the gifts left on my step in the rest area last night! It was a wonderful blessing to wake up & find them—knowing we (truck drivers) were thought of!!! Your wonderful gifts are greatly appreciated!!! GOD BLESS & MERRY CHRISTMAS!! Thank you again!! Wendy M.



This Month’s Sunday Volunteers

- Sound System:** ?
- Greeters:** All Month — Keith and Diane Lindgren
- Ushers:** All Month—Charlie & Diane Moore
- Acolytes:** 01/01-
 01/08— Hunter Lovstad, Briar Bishop
 01/15- Caroline Crumrin, Carrigan Crumrin
 01/22- Brynna Farrell, Mia Moore
 01/29- Colby Claypool, Sadie Claypool
- Nursery:** 01/01—
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