

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

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 any time at www.facebook.com/MarshallFUMC.

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

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

Prayer Concerns:

Eric Curry	Diana Bailey	Tom Lisella	Roger Sisson
Gail Glick	Bishop Frank Beard	D.S. Charliam Renner	

Chase Brady [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]
 Candy Painter [Alane White, Cris Fitzjarrald, & Sally Mallory's sister]
 Karen Beltz [Nancy Claypool's sister]
 Roger James [John James' brother]
 Shelly Hughes [Barb DeMumbrum's sister]
 Mike Morrison [Peggy Morris' son—friend of Mary Ann Stepp]
 Harrison Downey [Kindergartener—brain surgery]
 Angie Broncano [Missionary in Laos]
 Val Smith [friend of Cindy Carver]
 Joe Ferris [Friend of Jeff Mallory]
 John McNary [Ken & Nancy Claypool's brother-in-law]
 Leslie May [friend of Diana Bailey]
 Leighton Akin [Kobe Brannan's friend]
 Robenson Agenord [friend of Peggy Zoll]
 Beverly Mahone [Reid Zoll's cousin]
 Karen Ellshoff [friend of Kayte Macke]
 Unspoken Request
 All Long-term Healthcare Facilities in Clark County
 Natural Disaster Victims, Our Missionaries



Family of Chuck Hill [Jen Crumrin's father]
 Family of Bill Cook, Sr.
 Family of Barb DeMumbrum

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	Ken Jensen	Mary E. Koutsoumpas
Evelyn Anderson	Carole Arney	Phyllis Boatright	Ray King	Fremont Schoeck
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

March 2022

702 Plum St., Marshall, IL 62441

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

At our February 22nd meeting, the Church Council made the decision to remove all Covid required restrictions. This means that masks are now optional. We are able to share in fellowship with food. The office will return to pre-Covid hours, and greetings will resume in worship. Communion will still be served using the bread & juice kits until we have used up our supply. We will then return to passing the elements. We are hopeful to return to our pre-Covid Sunday morning schedule by March 6, with fellowship following worship and Sunday School beginning at 10:15. With the change in office staff, office hours will shift when things are ready. We understand that some households will find these to be welcome changes and others may find them concerning. Please do as you think best for yourself and your family.

The season of Lent begins Wednesday, March 2. As we enter this holy season in preparation to celebrate Easter, what will you do to help focus your heart upon Jesus? How will you nurture your faith and grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ? You can find below our Lenten worship series that will take us up through Palm Sunday. It all begins with Ash Wednesday. Prayerfully consider your personal spiritual journey. **What is Jesus inviting you to do?**

Recently, our two office administrators, Kelley Ray and Karen Heighton, made the decision to retire. It has been a pleasure to work with Kelley and Karen. They have both been dedicated to their ministry and have shown great care for the church family. They will be greatly missed by the staff and church. **Thank you, Kelley and Karen,** for your service. May the Lord richly bless you both in your retirement.

With You on Your Journey,

Pastor Bob

Pastor Bob

March 2 - Ash Wednesday
 Noon - 1:00 p.m.
 Imposition of Ashes
 Chapel



Worship Series

This Lent we will be spending time with Robert Schnase's **Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations**. Christ calls us as individuals and as a church to be fruitful for his Kingdom. Schnase helps us look at fruitfulness through the biblical themes of radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking missions and service and extravagant generosity. We will begin our worship series looking at Jesus' teaching about fruitfulness. We will then focus each week on one of the five practices that fruitful congregations tend to display. We have also ordered several copies of devotional booklets that will supplement our worship. The devotional is titled *Cultivating Fruitfulness: Five weeks of Prayer and Practice*. You are invited to join us each Sunday during Lent as we go deeper into what it means to be a fruitful congregation and disciples for Jesus Christ. You can find the weekly foundational Scriptures and themes below to help you prepare for worship.

March 6 (Communion Sunday)
 Foundational Scripture: John 15:1-17
 Theme: Bearing Fruit for Christ

March 20
 Foundational Scripture: Psalm 96
 Theme: Passionate Worship

March 13
 Foundational Scripture: Matt. 25:31-46;
 Rom. 15:7-13
 Theme: Radical Hospitality

March 27
 Foundational Scripture: 2 Tim. 3:14-17;
 Acts 2:42-47
 Theme: Intentional Faith Development



Mission for March Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution and Clothing Shop

In conversation with Cindi Wright, we have discovered that the needs of the Food Distribution Center and Clothing Shop have temporarily changed. Food donations are not needed at this time, although that need may reoccur this summer. Cindi reports that she receives many requests for hygiene products from seniors who frequent the Clothing Shop. Seniors are living on a fixed income and these necessary products are becoming more expensive.

This month we are asking for donations of hygiene products for the Clothing Shop to distribute to seniors. Suggestions are adult diapers such as Depends, small and medium sizes; daily pad liners, rated 4, 5 or 6; toilet paper and any personal hygiene products such as deodorant, toothpaste, dental cleaners, et. Bar soap is not needed. Any suitable cosmetic items would be appreciated, also.

A box is in the hallway outside the office to receive these items. Cash donations and checks are also welcome so Cindi can purchase items needed. Checks should be made out to FUMC. Thank you in advance for helping make life a little easier for the senior citizens in our community.



April 3 (Communion Sunday)
April 10 (Palm Sunday)
April 17 (Easter Sunday)



2022 Flower Chart: Don't forget to sign up to provide altar flowers on that special Sunday. The 2022 Flower Chart is located outside the office next to the door. Please call or stop in the office to make sure that your date is reserved on the new calendar.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is March 2. **Please join us as we begin Lent** with a time of prayer, meditation and the imposition of ashes. This will be offered from noon till 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel. You are able to come and go as you like. Everyone is welcome.



Gluten Free Communion

We are now providing **gluten free communion elements** to those who would find it helpful. These kits are marked "gluten free" on top.



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



**Mark Your Calendars:
2022 VBS dates
June 20-24**

Ready to cook up some fun? Cokesbury's Food Truck Party VBS invites children of all ages to get on a roll with God as a parade of Food Trucks rolls into their neighborhood for the summer's biggest party!

This VBS invites children to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11; "Give us this day our daily bread." These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God — and that it's by turning to God in prayer that all of our daily needs are met.

At the center of the Food Truck Party is a special food truck called "On a Roll". Here, Kids (or "Chefs") will learn from the food truck's Top Chef, along with DJ Cupcake (an adorable cupcake puppet), about the Daily Specials (Daily Learnings), which are lines from the well-loved prayer that teaches us to turn to God to meet our needs.



Confirmation Missionary
Angie Broncano

During our confirmation class last fall, our students began building a relationship with Angie Broncano, who is a UMC missionary located in Laos. We are happy to report that our church is going to begin supporting her as a missionary beginning this year. If you would like to know more about Angie and her ministry, feel free to ask one of our recent confirmands.

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.



This Month's Sunday Volunteers

Sound System:	?
Greeters:	All Month - Searoba Mascher Bev Smith
Ushers:	All Month - Jennifer & Dustin Bishop Laura Irwin
Acolytes:	3/6 - Hunter Lovstad & Briar Bishop 3/13 - Libby Huisinga & Breck Bishop 3/20 - Brynna Farrell & Mia Moore 3/27 - Colby Claypool & Trenton Bullock
Nursery:	3/6 - Jessica Cannady & Brooke Bullock 3/13 - Dana Ramsey & Amy Cannady 3/20 - Chelsey Trudeau & Kourtney Southworth 3/27 - Tara Claypool & Jody Green

The District Personal Growth meeting will be at Effingham Centenary on Tuesday, March 8th. The topic will be "Healing, Joy and Justice".



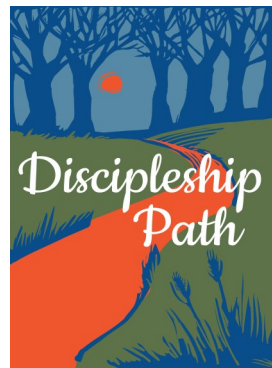
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Tuesday, March 8, 9:00 am
District Personal Growth
- Thursday, March 17, 9:00 am
Faith Circle
- Monday, March 21, 6:30pm
Susannah Wesley
- Tuesday, March 22, 4:00 pm
UMW Board Meeting
- Thursday, March 24, 6:00 pm
Sisters In Faith

New Sunday School Class

Finding Peace in Difficult Times

Finding Peace in Difficult Times is a new Sunday School class that is open to anyone who has or has had difficulty navigating the ever-changing world we live in. It will be a safe, confidential forum to receive encouragement and support for those who suffer from anxiety, fear, loneliness, sadness, etc. It is intended to be Christ-centered. It will initially be held during Sunday School, with an option of meeting other times or places as desired. The class will be facilitated by Laura Irwin. It will begin April 3 and meet in the choir room. For more information, please contact Laura through the church office.



Thank you to everyone who took part in our Discipleship Path informational meeting. We trust that the time was beneficial. We will continue to communicate our work to the church. Please look for more information in each addition of the Messenger including this one. **Please continue to pray for the team**, that God will guide us as we seek helpful ways to fulfill our church's mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Dear FUMC,

Thank you for your kind words, gifts, and cards for our retirement. Your outpouring of appreciation was amazing. We will miss the contact we have had with all of you. Your support and encouragement over the years will not be forgotten and was greatly appreciated.

Karen & Kelley



Birthdays

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 02 Kyle Hutson | 15 Jenna Morey |
| 03 Bev Smith | 17 Carolyn Clark |
| 04 Susie Carey | 21 Joyce Berry-Smithson |
| 05 Logan Macke | 21 Melanie Wells |
| 05 Evan Setzer | 22 Lydia Cannady |
| 07 Bettyle Hornbrook | 23 Carsyn Day |
| 08 Joe Schroeder | 25 David Flowers |
| 08 Aubrey Claypool | 26 Kelley Ray |
| 09 Barb Sabo | 28 Molly Kendall |
| 10 Mary Ellen Koutsoumpas | 30 Eric Lindgren |
| 10 Scott Cline | 30 Shaun Ramsey |
| 13 Abbi Fitzjarrald | 31 Fremont Schoeck |
| 13 Tucker Cannady | |



Anniversaries

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| 15 Jeff & Sally Mallory |
| 18 Sean & Sheri McLennan |
| 22 Rob & Jen Crumrin |
| 22 Wayne & Karen Heighton |
| 30 Jordan & Mallory Simonton |



Holy Grounds

First Tuesday of each month - 9 am, 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 am, The Holy Grounds Coffee Group meets at The Villas of Holly Brook for coffee and fellowship with the residents of Holly Brook.

Third thru Fifth Tuesdays - 9 am, The Holy Grounds Coffee Group will meet in the chapel for coffee and refreshments.

Mondays of each month - 1 pm, Game Time in the chapel.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																																		
 <p>Sunday Worship Time:</p>	<p>9:00am Morning Worship</p> <p>10:15am Sunday School</p>	<p>1 9am Holy Grounds Coffee Group (The Family Restaurant)</p>	<p>2 Ash Wednesday 12pm Imposition of Ashes (Chapel) 3pm KFC</p>  <p>AshWednesday</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 World Day of Prayer 8:30am Exercise</p> 	<p>5</p>																																																																																																		
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Discipleship Path Plan

For about seven months we, as a church family, have been asked to pray for a team of people from our congregation as they work on developing a discipleship path plan. You may have some questions regarding our work and such a plan. The team is aware of this and desires to answer any questions that you may have. The following information will hopefully provide some answers to some basic questions. We are also planning an informational meeting that will be held during the Sunday School hour. This will be a time for the team to share, to receive questions, and for input from those who take part. The details about that gathering will be sent out soon. We are also planning other ways to communicate our work to you. You are invited and encouraged to read over the following information.

Why do we have a Discipleship Path team? Jesus gave the church its primary mission which is to make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). The United Methodist Church has stated it this way: *“Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”* Several years back our church adopted this as our official mission and mission statement. Last year the Church Council made the decision to pursue creating a plan that would help us as a congregation and as individuals to focus our efforts on fulfilling our mission. A team was formed, and we have been working toward that end.

Why is fulfilling our mission important? There are several reasons. We will bring glory to God. Jesus gave us the command to go and make disciples. It is in response to God’s love for all people. Every person needs the Lord. Each person’s eternal destiny is determined by his or her relationship to Jesus. The impact of following Jesus would change the world. We will help grow the Kingdom of God. You may have more reasons to add.

What is the goal of the team? The Discipleship Path team is working to develop a plan that is Biblical, practical, relevant, and applicable in guiding our ministry to fulfill our mission. It is a plan that will guide and encourage each of us as we seek to grow as followers of Jesus Christ.

What work has the team been doing? The team began with growing in our own understanding of our mission and the importance of fulfilling our mission. We have asked hard questions about our church’s ministries to better understand how we are fulfilling our mission. We looked at some 120 ministries one by one. We have worked on a definition of what a disciple of Jesus Christ is. We have done all this with the aid of prayer, Bible study, and open, honest conversation. The work has not been easy at times, but it has been rewarding.

What will the discipleship path plan look like? At this time, we do not have a clear answer to this question. Some basic components of the plan will be the description of a disciple and a guide to assist you in finding ministries that will help you to grow as a follower of Jesus Christ. This guide will assist ministries to evaluate their work and determine how they can take next steps in making disciples of Jesus Christ. All of this will be fulfilled through 5 primary practices that grow us as disciples: worship, service, witness, fellowship, and faith development. These remind us of our membership vows.

Who is on the team? David Rardin, Jo Sanders, Evadene Crumrin, Tiffany Macke, Rick Manuel, Nancy Claypool, Kyle Hutson, Barb Sabo, Angie Setzer, Jody Green, Charlie Moore, and Pastor Bob serve on the team. If you would be interested in joining the team in their work, please let Pastor Bob know. If you have questions, please feel free to talk to any of the team members.

When will the discipleship path be ready? We are unsure. We have made great progress, but there is still work to be done. It is not a fast process. We are working hard with intentionality and faith.

What can I do? Please pray for God’s guidance and wisdom. Ask questions. Prayerfully support the team’s work. Be open. Pray.

