

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

Ray King	Family of Jullie Schmidlin	The Family of John McNary	
Pastor Tim Duke & Family	Marilyn Casteel	Dave Foote	
Karen Tarbeck	Family of Marge Shirely	Vicki Remlinger	Tiffany Macke
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

Ron Hicks	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

March 2023

702 Plum St., Marshall, IL 62441

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

Pastor's Note

We currently find ourselves in the season of Lent. Lent offers us several weeks to focus on our faith development and relationship with Jesus. It is an opportunity to dedicate ourselves to keeping spiritual practices that nurture our Christian life. What would be helpful to you? Would frequent participation in worship with other believers strengthen your faith? How about studying God's word in a small group? Would making time each day to pray be beneficial to your Christian life? What about fasting from something that will help you focus more on Jesus (food, social media, entertainment, etc.)? Perhaps giving of your time, talents, or finances to be a blessing to others in Christ's name could nurture your faith. What can you do this Lenten season to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Last year the Church Council made the decision to form a committee to begin considering the possibility of a new building addition. Under the leadership of Wayne Heighton, the committee has met twice and has a third meeting scheduled. There are about 15 people serving on the committee. The committee is preparing to receive input from the church family regarding the expansion of our current building for ministry. I ask that you be in prayer about this and be prepared to provide your thoughts when the time comes. The committee hopes to hear from as many people as possible. Your input is important in helping inform the committee's decisions.

As I write this article, Barb and I are continuing to look for a new home. We ask for your prayers. This is new territory for us, and we are trusting God to provide. We are praying for not only a house we can make our home, but we will also be looking for a new church home where we can worship, grow as disciples and serve together. We appreciate your prayers.

As spring approaches, may you experience the warmth of God's love in Jesus Christ. As new life bursts forth across the countryside, may the life of Jesus Christ fill you to overflowing.

With You on the Journey,

Pastor Bob

Pastor Bob

Worship Schedule

We are continuing our worship series, **A Walk Through the Tabernacle**, through the month of March. You are encouraged to read Exodus chapters 24-32 during the next several weeks. You can find the weekly foundational Scriptures and themes below to help you prepare for worship.

March 5 (Communion Sunday)

Foundational Scripture: Ex. 27:1-8; 30:17-21;
Lev. 1:1-5

Theme: Our God Who Makes Clean
(Brazen Altar, Bronze Laver)

March 12

Foundational Scripture: Ex. 25:26; 37:10-28;
1 Cor. 6:9-11

Theme: Our God Who Calls To Worship
(Golden Lampstand, Table of Showbread,
Altar of Incense)

March 19

Foundational Scripture: Ex. 25:1-22;
26:31-33; Heb. 9

Theme: Our God Who Is Holy
(Ark of the Covenant, Mercy Seat)

March 26

Foundational Scripture: Ex. 28; 39;
Heb. 4:14-15; 6:19-20; 22

Theme: Our God Who Intercedes
(The Priests and High Priest)



KFC Family Dinner

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

On March 5th the UMYF students are volunteering at the Food and Clothing Bank from 4-5:30. If you frequently volunteer at the Food and Clothing Bank, we invite you to join us as we serve.



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



**Cluster
Team Meeting
March 2, 2023
6:00 p.m.
In the Chapel
All Ministry
Team Leaders**



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.



As the church prepares for a pastoral change, you are invited to send a personal note to welcome Rev. Bill and Becky Wiggs, and Karen Brown..

Let them know you are praying for them as they prepare to say goodbye to those they love and come to share in ministry with the people of Marshall.

Pastor Bill and Becky's mailing address is:

7741 City Lake Road
Duquoin, IL 62832.

Their email addresses are:

Pastor Bill: pastorbillwiggssjr@gmail.com

Becky: mrsbeckywiggs@gmail.com.

Phone numbers are: Pastor Bill 618-201-2727;

Becky's is 618-201-4955.

Becky says to feel free to contact them or seek them on Facebook. They've been getting a lot of spam calls lately, so Becky suggested its best to text with a name and mention Marshall before calling. They will save the number & know it's a church member. Pastor Bill, Becky & Karen are planning to leave Duquoin mid-June to take a couple of weeks of vacation so they can arrive fresh and rested on July 1! They are getting excited to meet everyone!



Mission News for — March 2023

There are three needs to bring to your attention.

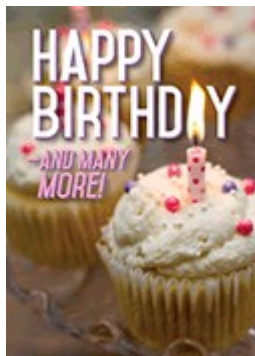
1. Be sure to check out the solar oven on the table in the basement fellowship room. You can also read material there detailing how the oven can replace wood and propane fuel sources for cooking and provide safe drinking water. Each oven costs \$150. We hope to be able to provide three ovens.
2. If you wish to help the Ukrainian people, the Mission Distribution Center is raising funds to send dignity kits to that country. Kits include hygiene products as well as new underwear. This is an immediate need.
3. It is time to replenish the Faith Promise Fund. Last year this fund provided needed money for local as well as national emergencies. All contributions given in 2022 have now been used so the balance is now zero for Faith Promise. Please help us refill the coffers!

Our church's mission giving for 2022 was \$20,577.26. This amount includes support for Connie Wieck, Jim Harper and Angie Broncano. Other mission giving from UWF Women's Circles and Methodist Men are not included in this figure.

We who have so much can show our thankfulness by helping others. This becomes our intentional Christian outreach in the name of Jesus, God's Son.



- 02 Kyle Hutson
- 03 Bev Smith
- 04 Susie Carey
- 05 Logan Macke
- 05 Evan Setzer
- 07 Bettye Hornbrook
- 08 Joe Schroeder
- 08 Aubrey Claypool
- 09 Barb Sabo
- 10 Mary Ellen Koutsoumpas
- 10 Scott Cline
- 13 Abbi Fitzjarrald
- 13 Tucker Cannady



- 15 Jenna Morey
- 17 Carolyn Clark
- 21 Joyce Berry-Smithson
- 21 Melanie Wells
- 22 Lydia Cannady
- 23 Carsyn Day
- 25 David Flowers
- 26 Kelley Ray
- 28 Molly Kendall
- 30 Eric Lindgren
- 30 Shaun Ramsey
- 31 Fremont Schoeck

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



UMM Breakfast March 12th, 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
Jody Green for nursery



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



First Tuesday - 9:00 a.m., meeting for breakfast at The Marshall Family Restaurant. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Second Tuesday - 2:00 p.m. meeting at The Villas of Holly Brook for coffee and fellowship with the residents at Holly Brook.

Third Tuesday—9:00 a.m. Gypsy Queen, for coffee and refreshments.

Fourth Tuesday - 9:00 a.m., meet in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and refreshments.

This Month's Sunday Volunteers

Sound System: ?

Greeters: All Month — Sue Boyer,
Evadene Crumrin
Mary Ann Stepp

Ushers: All Month—Paul Cannady,
Mike and Molly Farrell

Acolytes: 03/05- Augy Schneider
Trenton Bullock
03/12— Chase Paulsen
Cooper Morey
03/19- Parker Morey
Emilia Maurer
03/26- Hunter Lovstad
Briar Bishop

Nursery: 03/05— Jenna Morey
Dana Ramsey
03/12—Ken and Nancy Claypool
03/19— Fred and Janet Eitel
03/26— Amy and Kaylee
Daugherty

United Women in Faith News

Exciting news!! Esther, a new circle for young women, started meeting in February. If you are interested in joining and/or have questions, please contact Adrienne Hutson or Karen Heighton. You don't have to be a member of our church to be a part of this group. They meet the second Thursday of each month.

Mark Your Calendar:

District Spring Meeting at Newton on Tuesday, April 18th
Sisters in Faith Retreat, Saturday, April 29th
Mother/Daughter/Friend Dinner, Saturday, May 13th.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Tuesday, 3/9—Esther Circle,
Tuesday, 3/14—UWF Board,
4:00 p.m., in Chapel
Thursday, 3/16—Faith Circle,
9:00 a.m., in the Chapel
Thursday, 3/23 —Sisters in Faith,
6:00 p.m., at Marshall Family
Restaurant



Dear Marshall First Church Members:

My December 2022 newsletter is posted on the bulletin boards around the church if you'd care to take a look. 1,032 mailings were sent from Marshall, the most ever, to supporting churches, UWF circles and units, pastors and congregation members in 49 states. My only one missing is Alaska. If you have any UMC relatives or interested Christian friends living in Alaska who might want a newsletter, let me know. My goal for 2023 is to get all 50 states.

To my newsletter helpers: Thanks are given to former staff member Kelley Ray (formatting text and pictures), administrative assistant Pat Kyle (xeroxing, labeling envelopes, folding) and faithful Bev Smith (stuffing and sealing).

Global Ministries currently has 192 missionaries. I am the only one who sends out hard copy newsletters through the mail. Others update through emailing. How very fortunate and blessed I am to have a hometown church that assists in my mailing needs. Yes, I am well cared for!

News from China: In December, due to protests and a failing economy, the government lifted all strict lockdowns, daily Covid testing and closed quarantine centers. In January, China almost fully opened with tourist visas most likely being accepted beginning in May.

My Return: There are some discussions underway by Global Ministries and my Asia area director concerning a change of overseas placement. We are meeting late March, via Zoom, to finalize a decision.

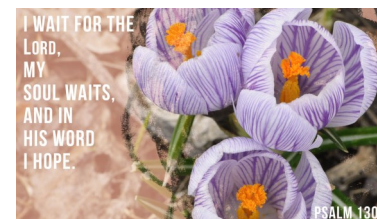
Regarding Marshall UWF's Monetary Gift: I already know where your generous check is going. It is the custom in China to treat others to a banquet meal in celebration of personal happiness. After I'm back in Luzhou I will either pack or teach. I'll be booking a restaurant and inviting my college leaders, colleagues, their families and some of my special friends to attend. I expect to have over 70 present. Speeches will be given, my thanks expressed and the usual 12-course (or more) meal served. I can now indulge in spending, and inviting, more than I had budgeted for, all due to Marshall's United Women of Faith. Thank you for helping make my future reunion an over-the-top celebratory affair. Pictures of that evening will definitely follow.

In Closing: I'm so grateful to my Marshall First family for all your prayers, interest and encouragement during my three years of waiting. Your constant support and Christian love is greatly appreciated, a true blessing as we together continue to serve the Lord from everywhere, to everywhere.

Blessings for Spring,

Connie Wieck

United Methodist Global Ministries missionary to the US and East Asia
Member of Marshall First UMC.



March 2023

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



Sunday Worship
Time:

9:00 a.m. Morning
Worship
10:15 a.m. Sun.
School

February 2023						
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26	27	28				

April 2023						
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

1
11:00 a.m. Power Lunch
3:00 p.m. KFC
5:00 p.m. KFC Family Dinner

2
6:00 p.m., Ministry Team Cluster Meeting,

3
8:30 a.m., Exercise



4

5 Communion Sunday
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
4:00 p.m. UMYF (@the Food & Clothing Bank)

6
8:30 a.m. Exercise
9:00 a.m. Yoga

7
9:00 a.m. Holy Grounds Coffee Group (Marshall Family Restaurant)
6:00 p.m. Building Committee
6:15 p.m. Community Prayer at the Courthouse

8

9
Esther Circle,

10
8:30 a.m. Exercise

11
Benefit Dinner for Vicki Remlinger, 4:00-7:00 p.m.



12
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
4:00 p.m. Jr. UMYF
5:15 p.m. UMYF



13
8:30 a.m. Exercise
9:00 a.m. Yoga

14
2:00 p.m. Holy Grounds Coffee Group @ (Villas of Holly Brook)
4:00 p.m. UWF Board
6:00 p.m. SPRC

15
11:00 a.m. Power Lunch
3:00 p.m. KFC

16
9:00 a.m. Faith Circle.

17
8:30 a.m. Exercise

18

19
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

20
8:30 a.m. Exercise
9:00 a.m. Yoga
6: 30 p.m. Susannah Wesley



21
9:00 a.m. Holy Grounds Coffee Group (Gypsy Queen)
6:00 p.m. Financial Meeting
7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting

22
11:00 a.m. Power Lunch
3:00 p.m. KFC

23
6:00 p.m. Sisters in Faith

24
8:30 a.m. Exercise

25



26
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

27
8:30 a.m. Exercise
9:00 a.m. Yoga

28
9:00 a.m. Holy Grounds Coffee Group (Church—Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Church Council

29

30



31
8:30 a.m. Exercise