

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
happen to miss one.

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THE MESSENGER

September 2023

702 Plum St., Marshall, IL 62441

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

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that two months have already passed since Becky, Kathy, and I arrived in Marshall. In this time, we have already come to love this community and the Marshall First Church family. Your welcome has been much appreciated, and we are enjoying getting to know you all. Some of you already feel like old friends and family that we are just reconnecting with.

The other day I was mindlessly scrolling through Facebook and found a post from one of my new Marshall friends that said, "It's that time of year, when the corn and soybeans start taking on a different look, the days get shorter, cooler temperatures, and fall festivals are just a few weeks from beginning...and you know what that means, right?!"

🍁 ALL 🍁 THINGS 🍁 PUMPKIN 🍁 (Thanks Fred.)

The older I get, the more I enjoy the simple things of life, a hot pumpkin spice coffee on a cool day, the beauty of the colors of changing leaves, the laughter of a small child, and the many other little things that make up the beauty of life. As I think about all of this, I am reminded of Solomon's words in Ecclesiastes 3.

For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. ²A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest. ³A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to build up. ⁴A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance. ⁵A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones. A time to embrace and a time to turn away. ⁶A time to search and a time to quit searching. A time to keep and a time to throw away. ⁷A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be quiet and a time to speak. ⁸A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace.

I once thought this passage was simply about the activities of life, but now I have come to recognize that Solomon was simply writing about the human condition. Our lives are made up of so many wonderful and terrible events it would seem that many of them are meaningless. In fact, this seems to be the attitude of Solomon. Here he was, wealthy and powerful, seemingly on top of the world, still he writes, **"Meaningless! Meaningless!" "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless."** (Ecclesiastes 1:1) This has always puzzled me. As I look at the world all I see is meaning, but as I look at the people around me, I see that most people look at life and the world the same way it seems Solomon does. So many people are lost, feeling alone even in a crowded room, seeing nothing but meaninglessness in the world and in life, which leads to hopelessness. But there is hope!

There is hope because God brings order to the chaos all around us. As the church we stand in the place of Christ, looking at people through His eyes. "When Jesus saw the crowds, He had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." This is the way we should look at the people around us, with compassion. But this compassion is not simply pity for the human condition, it is a productive kind of compassion; a compassion that acts to offer hope into hopeless lives. Our compassion should spread God's love and grace and invite others into a relationship with the One who can change their mindset from hopelessness to everlasting hope. This is my challenge to you. As you interact with those around you, think about how Christ would interact with them, and do likewise.

Your Brother and fellow laborer in Christ,

Pastor Bill

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 **"Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world."**

Prayer Concern

Karen Torbeck Greg Smothers Marianne Wrone Bill Hutson Jim White
Millie Swalls (Nora & Brad Swalls' granddaughter) Gail Glick Diana Bailey
Kinley Nash (Lois & David Nash's granddaughter) Tiffany Macke

Family of Vicki Remlinger
Bishop Frank Beard
D.S. Charliam Renner
Chase Brady [Joyce Gwyn's great-grandson]
Peg Hintz [Tom Hintz's mother]
Julie Krietemeier [Beth Macke's sister]
Angie Broncano [Missionary in Laos]
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 JoAnn Donehue Polly Logan
Mary E. Koutsoumpas Phyllis Boatright Ray King Fremont Schoeck
Mitch Wineland Ron Hicks

**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 carnival is one of our biggest witness events of the year for the community. We desire to clearly and joyfully share the love of Christ with our neighbors.

CARNIVAL * CARNIVAL * CARNIVAL

Saturday, September 9th, from 3-6 p.m. will be this year's Carnival on the church grounds!

Volunteers will be needed for food donations, serving, monitoring inflatables, grilling, set-up and tear-down, etc.

We are looking forward to another fun day! This is an opportunity to reach out to our community with Jesus' love! Let's be examples for Christ! Please be in prayer for this witness opportunity.



Pastor Bill led in praying for numerous blessings to be showered upon those entering the buildings and grounds: safety, health, a guiding wisdom in relaying information, being attuned to young people's daily struggles, giving relief from anxiety and stress, and allowing all to rejoice in a new school year beginning.

On Tuesday, August 15th, from 5 - 6 p.m., several from our church family came together with Pastor Bill to pray for our Marshall students, teachers, vital staff and employees, school administrators, parents and a supportive community. The 4 locations visited were: Marshall South School, the administrative building, Marshall North School and the high school/junior high.



Thank you to those who attended and to our Marshall First congregation who joined in spirit and thought on this important venture. Continue to pray throughout the year and be grateful for all

You're Invited
Meet & Greet

09 September 10am - 12:00pm Mattoon First UMC 1601 Charleston Ave

Come meet our new Assistant District Superintendents Rev Lori Harvey and Rev Jeff VanDyke and Rev Angie Lee, Superintendent of the new East District of the IGRC of the United Methodist Church

MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER

"The massive losses from last week's Maui,Hawaii', wildfires included the beloved and historic Lahaina United Methodist Church sanctuary, as well as the homes of some congregation members.

Pastor John Crewe said he has been able to determine that no church members have been injured or killed, but many are displaced as is he and his family.."

Midwest Distribution Center is coordinating with partners to provide supplies as they learn about needs. It will be partnering with Convoy of Hope, based in Springfield, Mo., who will handle shipping and shipping costs. MMDC will send bed packs, hygiene kits, and rice meals. . They will send more supplies when requested.

At present, you can help MMDC meet these needs by donating through our church to the Maui Fund. This will allow MMDC to purchase supplies as needs arise as well as replenish supplies that are being shipped. You can use the pew envelopes provided or leave your donations in the church office. Be sure to mark Maui relief--MMDC-on your check or envelope.

Children & Youth
Ministry
News



Pastor Bill, Becky, and some wonderful volunteers have been working diligently to minister to our children and youth during the interim as we search for a new Children and Youth Ministry Director. On August 7th the children enjoyed a trip to the Skating Rink in Paris for Christian Skate Night. It was a wonderful time of fun, fellowship, and a devotion helping the kids to see their faith in the larger context of the Christian community.

The Jr./Sr. High youth are meeting weekly with Pastor Bill for a time of fellowship, games, a lesson, and prayer. We will be going to the Newsboys concert on Sunday, September 10th. If you would like to help out with Youth Group, please contact Pastor Bill or look for the clipboard at the back of the sanctuary to sign up!

Power Lunch will begin September 20th. If you would like to help out, please contact Angie Setzer. We are looking forward to our Kids For Christ kick off, September 20th from 3-5 p.m.. Thank you to Dana Ramsey for heading up KFC this year, in the absence of a Children and Youth Director. Pastor Bill was able to locate a 5-week curriculum. The Theme for the first 5 weeks is Armor Quest: The Search for the Armor of God. It looks wonderfully laid out and includes the lesson, music, games, crafts, and even snacks! All of this can be fluid, but how wonderful to have it lined out for us! If you would like to volunteer to help out with this vital ministry, please let Dana know.

The first KFC family dinner will be 5pm September 20. Family dinners will be on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5 p.m.



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TUESDAY
September
19

3:00PM-5:15PM (CST)



FIRST UNITED METHODIST & FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MARSHALL COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE
BLOODMOBILE AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED TO KEEP FLOW OF THE DRIVE RUNNING SMOOTHLY
PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE (BELOW) WITH YOUR IPHONE TO SIGN-UP
Rush in to donate and be entered for a chance to win 2 tickets and a VIP experience* to your favorite hometown football team.

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.
*NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Open to residents of IL, IN, MI, OH, and WI only. Ends 9/30/23. 5 wks. drawings (9A, 11A, 12P, 1P, 2P, 3P, 4P, 5P). Enter by blood donation or online. See Official Rules at versiti.org/rushin.
Sponsor: Versiti, Inc., 630 N. 18th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233.



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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE—Congratulations to: Priscilla Wieck, Nancy Crumrin & Anne Hintz! They read the most books for their teams for the month of July. Keep reading!

The Reading Challenge ends September 3. Prizes were awarded each month for the person who read the most on each team. We will be celebrating all who participated & the team & the individual who read the most books by going out to eat at Rocky's in Paris on Wed., Sept. 20th, at 6:00 pm. Carpool at the church at 5:20.

Sisters In Faith have begun a Laundry Ministry. We are asking the congregation for your help. We will be collecting quarters. A container will be at the Welcome Center and in the office, if you would like to donate. Thank you for your continued support. We will be passing out the quarters to families at the laundromat.

Prayer Focus for September is for personal safety, especially during all the festivals in the fall.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Tuesday, September 12,
9:00 am District Annual Meeting,
Paris FUMC
4:00 pm UWF Board Meeting

Thursday, September 14, 7:00 pm
Esther Circle

Monday, September 18, 6:30 pm
Susannah Wesley Circle

Thursday, September 21, 9:00 am
Faith Circle

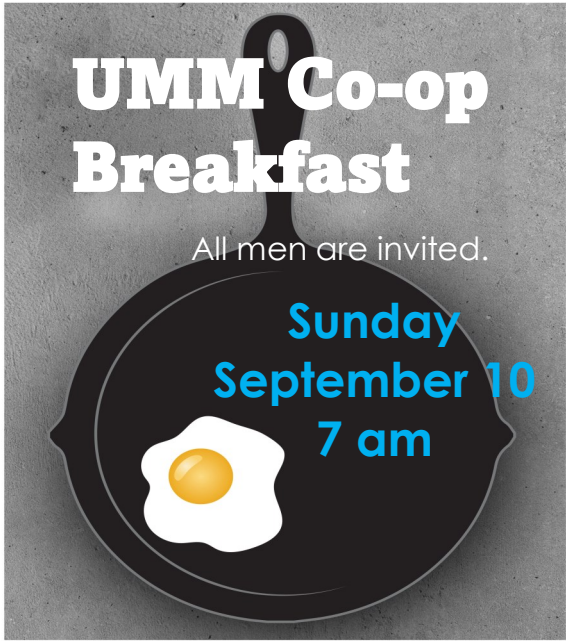
Thursday, September 28, 6:00 pm
Sisters In Faith at Marshall
Family Restaurant



If you are interested in serving on Sundays as a volunteer, please see those listed 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.



- ♦ **Choir Director**
- ♦ **Children & Youth Director**
- ♦ **Admin. Assistant/Financial Secretary**

DON'T FORGET

If you have any changes in your address, telephone number, email, etc., don't forget to let the church office know.

Thanks for keeping the office up-to-date.



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| 03 Wesley Chilton | 18 David Rardin |
| 06 Michaela Miller | 19 Jerry Joab |
| 06 Adam Schneider | 20 Logan Cannady |
| 07 Dustin Bishop | 20 Emma Ramsey |
| 07 Alice Schroeder | 21 Richard Lewis |
| 08 Kim Macke | 24 Gwyn Brown |
| 08 Charlie Moore | 25 Brady Bullock |
| 09 Cheryle Parker | 25 Sadie Claypool |
| 09 Terry Welsh | 26 Jeanne Setzer |
| 10 Anastasia Cooper | 26 Vicki Kinyon |
| 11 Erica Crumrin | 27 Ken Claypool |
| 12 Megan Arnold | 27 Zaylee Macke |
| 12 Mika Shafer | 27 Peggy Zoll |
| 13 Hunter DeLisle | 28 Tony Graham |
| 13 Rick Manuell | 29 Terry Alvey |
| 15 Emmy Maurer | 29 Matt Davidson |
| 16 Tom Brannan | 29 James Sanders |
| | 30 Casey Reed |



- 02 Jarod & Jody Green
03 Bill & Nancy Rhoads Jr.
04 Mike & Becky Farrell
06 Jeffrey & Brooke Fattal
13 Tyler & Chelsea Rogerson
16 Larry & Jeanne Strohm
19 Steven & Angie Setzer
21 Jim & Jan Harper
24 Derek & Jessica Eitel
24 Troy & Candace Sanzenbacker

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 - 2:00 p.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 - 9 am, The Holy Grounds Coffee Group meets at Gypsy Queen.

Fourth Tuesday— Holy Grounds Coffee Group will meet at 10:45 am to carpool to MCL for lunch. Reservation is for 11:30. Sign up at the Welcome Center.







Altar Flower Sign Up

Open Date:

September 17

| This Month's Sunday Volunteers | |
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| Sound System: | ? |
| Liturgist: | All Month— |
| Greeters: | All Month— Robin Lake & Dave Miller |
| Ushers: | All Month - Jeff & Sally Mallory & Nis Lovstad |
| Acolytes: | 9/3 — Parker & Cooper Morey 9/10—Emmitt Maurer, Augy Schneider 9/17-- Colby & Sadie Claypool 9/24—Parker & Cooper Morey |
| Nursery: | 9/3—Jenna Morey & Dana Ramsey 9/10—Ken & Nancy Claypool 9/17 — Fred & Janet Eitel 9/24—Amy & Kaylee Daugherty |

September 2023

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|  | <p>Sunday Worship Time:</p> <p>9:00am Morning Worship</p> <p>10:15am Sunday School</p> | <table><tr><th colspan="7">August 2023</th></tr><tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td></tr><tr><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td></tr><tr><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td></tr><tr><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> | August 2023 | | | | | | | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | <table><tr><th colspan="7">October 2023</th></tr><tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td></tr><tr><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td></tr><tr><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td></tr><tr><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> | October 2023 | | | | | | | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | | <p>1 8:30 a.m. Exercise</p> | <p>2 Reading Challenge ends tomorrow!</p> |
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| <p>3 Communion Sunday</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 5:00-6:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. UMYF</p>  | <p>4 Labor Day</p> <p>Office Closed</p> | <p>5</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Holy Grounds Coffee Group at Marshall Family Restaurant 6:15 p.m. Community Prayer Service at the Courthouse</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8 8:30 a.m. Exercise</p> | <p>9 10a.m.-12 p.m. Meet & Greet Mattoon FUMC</p>  <p>3:00—6:00 p.m. Bring a friend!</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>10</p> <p>7:00 a.m. UMM Co-Op Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Worship Service & Children's Church 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Jr. & Sr. UMYF—Newsboys Concert</p> | <p>11</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Exercise 9:00 a.m. Yoga</p> | <p>12</p> <p>9:00 UWF District Annual Meeting - Paris FUMC 2:00 p.m. Holy Grounds Coffee Group at Villas of Holly Brook 4:00 p.m. UWF Board 6:00 p.m. SPRC</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Youth Council 7:00 p.m. Esther Circle—Adrienne Hutson's</p> | <p>15 8:30 a.m. Exercise</p> <p>Autumn Fest Weekend</p> | <p>16 7:45 a.m. Methodists on the Run—First Christian Church</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>24</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Worship Service & Children's Church 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 4:30 p.m. Church Picnic Lincoln Trail State Park Red Oak Shelter</p> | <p>25</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Exercise 9:00 a.m. Yoga</p> | <p>26</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Holy Grounds Coffee Group—MCL Cafeteria Meet at church at 10:45. 6:00 p.m. Church Council</p> | <p>27</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Power Lunch 3:00 p.m. KFC 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice</p> | <p>28</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Sisters in Faith Marshall Family Restaurant</p> | <p>29 8:30 a.m. Exercise</p> | <p>30</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |