

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

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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!

When I was a young boy, I loved to build things. I would build them out of almost anything. I would go in the back yard and dig roads in the dirt and play with my cars and pretend they were cities. We had a buckeye tree in our back yard, and during the year all these little buckeye trees would come up; I would cut them down and build buildings. I even remember the sponges my grandma bought me so that I could build quietly. Those sponges became all kinds of things. When I was a little older, I was given an erector set and would build buildings with little plastic windows. One of the neighbor boys had Legos, and it never failed - on a nice fall afternoon we'd be on his porch building. When you get enough boys and enough Legos, you can build entire cities, and each city has its own story.

You see, I guess in this idea of wanting to build things, I take after my Father. I have a Father who can take nothing and create wonderful things out of it. He can speak and form planets and stars. He can form animals that bark and moo. But His crowning achievement was you and me. Of course, I'm talking about my heavenly Father. Our Father is a builder. Scripture tells us that He created the world in six days and still took time to get in a Sabbath rest. But He didn't stop creating there. Each time a child is conceived, the psalmist tells us, our Heavenly Father knits us together in our mother's womb; still creating; still building.

Our Lord Jesus takes after our Father, too. For in preparing His disciples for His departure from this earth, He told them He would go and prepare a place for them. And He has been, for over 2000 years, for you and me and all who believe on His name; that home in Heaven, our eternal destination. But in the meantime, He has called us to build His Kingdom here and now, so that the Eternal Kingdom might be full of all those from every tribe and every nation who believe on the name of Jesus Christ. Scripture tells us we are living stones as part of a spiritual house.

You may have noticed, in the bulletin for the last several weeks, that we are in the season of Kingdomtide. Kingdomtide is part of an old Methodist tradition that is mostly forgotten by the Church today, and thus, it is not very well known among our people.

Kingdomtide is a season of the Christian year when we focus once more on building God's Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven. We do this as we share the good news of our salvation with the community in which we live and the world at large, through intentional outreach and evangelism. It is also a time when the congregation, as a whole, focuses on preparing our hearts and lives for the Kingdom that is to come, our true home in Heaven, where one day we will walk the streets. How can we prepare for the coming kingdom of God? Well, we begin by Kingdom living; living our lives daily as after the pattern of Christ, His will and way for us, by thinking about our priorities. Are they Godly? Are they keeping with the revelation of a holy life we find in scripture, or are we living more after the pattern of the world? In worship, Bible study, Sunday School, small groups, youth group, and so much more, we receive the raw materials of faith that help us to build up a spiritual house for God's Kingdom.

It is out of these raw materials, kingdom living is built. It is out of these raw materials that we help others find their way into the Kingdom of God; through intentional outreach, evangelism, and witness to those in our communities and around the world who have yet to find the faith in Christ needed to be citizens of God's eternal Kingdom. We do this as we talk to our neighbors, friends, and family members about our faith and live as Kingdom people before them. In doing this, we will help to build that spiritual house, and each of us will take after the ultimate builder, our Father in heaven.

Oh, Father, help us to have the desire to build once again; that we may expand Your kingdom ever Greater. So that when we are sitting in the Eternal Kingdom, we may tell the story of redemption that we had a part in, and bring honor and glory to You. Let us build, my brothers and sisters in Christ, the kingdom God has called us to build, and bring honor and glory in Him.

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

Tim Bronkie (Pastor's friend) Pastor Bob & Barb Karen Torbeck Diana Bailey

Barney Calvert Marianne Wrone Jim White Gail Glick Tiffany Macke

Millie Swalls (Nora & Brad Swalls' granddaughter)

Kinley Nash (Lois & David Nash's granddaughter) Molly Macke (Patty&John's daughter-in-law)

Kara (Heather's daughter)

Family of Bill Hutson
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.**

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." Romans 12:1

Yes, the long wait is over! I'll be placed overseas once again as an English language educator in Southeast Asia, with my title being Coordinator of the Sunbeam Language and Vocational Center (SLVC). My departure date is November 8, when I'll be leaving for China to pack up my things left behind during Covid and have my belongings shipped to my new Asian home.

This area of service is considered religiously sensitive. The country is not to be advertised in any online media postings, nor is the word missionary to be connected to my name. Refer to me in postings as Connie, an English teacher and language center coordinator in Southeast Asia.

Despite the sensitivity tag, my blog (connieinchina.org) will continue as always. Entries focus on the people I meet, the places I visit, personal thoughts, observations, and my own cultural discoveries or mishaps, of which (believe me) there are many. That having been said, in those postings, I will use the country's name as I advertise myself as an English educator from America. Check out my latest posts to learn more!

Heartfelt Gratefulness

Marshall First UMC has always been a constant presence throughout my life, including these many years I have been with Global Ministries. Your generous spirit when it comes to prayers, cards, letters, needed supplies and monetary Advance funding has followed me around the world, allowing us to partner together in a unique, treasured way. As my Chinese church member in Luzhou so eloquently texted: "For political reasons, economic reasons, organizational reasons, we don't know why you can't return to us but God knows. Perhaps He has arranged for you to open up another wasteland. May you make a beautiful gospel flower in your new country."

Together, we will lovingly nurture my new placement's gospel flower, already blossoming in Southeast Asia. With God's blessing, may we add to its growth and watch its seeds spread to create the unimaginable beauty of Christ's promise to us all: Abundant love, forgiveness, and eternal life.



Yours in Christ, Connie Wieck



Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the carnival! Thank you to all who donated food items, pop up tents, & cash. Our carnival was a huge success with 100+ people attending. A special thank you to those who helped set up & take down the carnival. Thank you to Steve Setzer for your help & support. I could not have done it without your help! Thank you for sharing Christ's love to our community.

Serving Him, Angie Setzer

MISSION OF THE MONTH—SPECIAL SUNDAYS

There are six Sundays of each year that are designated as United Methodist Special Sundays. On these Sundays, United Methodist unite to make clear the commitment of the church and to give everyone an opportunity to contribute to specific programs that are approved and supported by the church. One of these Sundays is World Communion Sunday that occurs on October 1st this year.

Fifty percent of the contributions received for this Sunday, October 1st., will provide scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. Thirty-five percent will support scholarships for undergraduate students and fifteen percent will fund in-service training programs for racial and ethnic persons.

On each Special Sunday you will find a card in your bulletin that further explains the purpose of that Special Sunday. If you want to contribute to any of these opportunities, you can do so by using the pew envelopes or leaving your contribution with the office secretary. Be sure to mark Special Sunday on your check or envelope. Checks should be made out to FUMC.

One hundred percent of the funds collected for any mission project, including Special Sundays, always goes to the designated project with no administration costs taken out. Remember, these Special Sunday offerings help us as a United Methodist Church family to do all the good we can, in all the places we can, for as long as ever we can.

Children & Youth Ministry News

KFC Wednesdays
3:00—5:00 p.m.
KFC Supper—Third Wed.
5:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome!



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Power Lunch for High School Students—Wednesdays

UMYF—Sunday Evenings
Jr. High—4:00—5:30 p.m.
Sr. High 5:00—6:30 p.m.
Supper at 5:00 p.m.

UMYF
At
Newsboys

Midwest Mission Distribution Center



From August 9 - 12, at North Webster, Indiana's Epworth Forest Conference Center, I attended Mission Academy. Mission Academy is a yearly 4-day gathering of anyone wishing to learn more about being a volunteer in mission (VIM) through the United Methodist Church. 58 attended from our North Central Jurisdiction. There were many workshops offered: VIM leadership training, UMCOR emergency response training, VIM journey (i.e., VIM trip) opportunities and a meaningful fellowship/networking time with like-minded Christians.

Numerous service organizations our jurisdiction connects with set up display tables. This included Midwest Mission which brought one of its plarn sleeping mat looms for us to try out during breaks. (See pictures)

Plarn is plastic yarn made out of plastic grocery bags. The Sleeping Mats are sent internationally and locally. They are great for those who need a barrier between themselves and the hard ground. They have been sent for disaster relief, for the homeless, and for those who need temporary sleeping arrangements.

Midwest Mission staff attendee, Mallory, told me looms can be sent to churches so they can make the sleeping mats themselves. And guess what? For \$100, a loom is coming to us. Completed mats can be handed out to local homeless populations or shelters, or we can bring finished mats to Midwest Mission or a Permanent Collection Site near us. At the end of October, be looking for our loom set-up in the fellowship hall for all to try. Save your plastic bags, folks! We'll be needing a lot of them to complete our mats.

Connie Wieck

Wild Game Feed and Carry In Supper

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Buck Valley Wildlife Preserve

7680 N 1540th St

Finger Foods 5:30 PM

Meal 6 PM

Bring a wild game dish or regular side dish to share or just come and enjoy!



Chili Day is upon us! Tuesday Nov. 7th, please save the date. UW in Faith have decided to not do a drive through this year. We will be serving lunch from 11 AM to 1PM and supper from 5:00PM to 6:30PM. Take out will be available. We will be having a food booth again this year. We welcome any food donations. Of course, as usual, we will be in great need of pies and cakes. We're going to try something different this year. I will be sending around sign up sheets for volunteers to help us during church. The sheets will also be available during the week on the information desk. If you are unable to help, but would like to donate money to help cover the cost of groceries, that would be appreciated. Last year, the cost was over \$1,100. It takes us all to make it a great success! Monies from this day is shared locally and around the world. Thank you!

Sisters In Faith have begun a Laundry Ministry. We are asking the congregation for your help. We will be bagging quarters, laundry pods, and dryer sheets to pass out at the laundromat. If you would like to donate laundry items, there is a box outside the office. We also have a container on the information table and also in the office, if you would like to help us with quarters or paper money. Thank you for your continued support.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Tues., October 3: 4:00 pm
UWF Board Meeting
Wed., October 4: 6:00 pm
Reading Challenge
Eat-Out Rocky's in Paris
SUNDAY, OCT. 8—UWF SUNDAY
Thurs., October 12: 7:00 pm
Esther Circle
Mon., October 16: 6:30 pm
Susannah Wesley Circle
Thurs., October 19: 9:00 am
Faith Circle
Thurs., October 26: 6:00 pm
Sisters In Faith
Tuesday, November 7: Chili Day



Prayer Focus for October - farmers during this harvest season.

If you are interested in serving on Sundays as a volunteer, please see those listed to sign up:

Charley 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.



Open Dates:
October 22 & 29



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| 1 Riley Maurer | 20 Ben Macke |
| 2 Alta Youngdahl | 21 Adam Crumrin |
| 3 Gene Bohn | 21 Morgan Macke |
| 3 Dianne Rardin | 21 Lindsay Welsh |
| 4 Kathy Brown | 23 Steve Macke |
| 4 Max Schneider | 23 Janice Ridgway |
| 7 Jacob Cannady | 24 Chase Paulsen |
| 9 Sara Heighton | 24 Birdy Selleck |
| 9 Chelsey Trudeau | 26 Turner Graham |
| 10 Ty Bullock | 26 Lexi Mason |
| 10 Wayne Heighton, Jr. | 28 Polly Logan |
| 11 CaroleHenderson | 29 Cory King |
| 12 Kayte Macke | 29 Nis Lovstad |
| 13 Carrigan Crumrin | 30 Larry Rasner |
| 19 Karen Haenig | 31 Daisy Bloodworth |



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| 4 Guy & Birdie Selleck |
| 5 Tim & Hannah McConchie |
| 7 Keith & Diane Lindgren |
| 10 Trevor & Katie Mullins |
| 12 Jack & Lisa Davidson |
| 19 Kody & Breanna Wilson |
| 22 David & Kim Macke |
| 22 Daniel & Kaylee DeLisle |
| 28 Riley & Ashley Maurer |

First Tuesday - 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 - 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 a.m. The Holy Grounds Coffee Group meets at Gypsy Queen.

Fourth Tuesday— 9 a.m. Holy Grounds Coffee Group will meet at the church in the Fellowship Hall.

Fifth Tuesday- 11:15 a.m. Holy Grounds Coffee Group will meet at 10:30 a.m. to carpool to Moonshine. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.



This Month's Sunday Volunteers

Sound System: ?

Children's Church:
10/8 Cris Fitzjarraled
10/15 Nancy Crumrin & Family
10/ 22 Laura Irwin
10/29 Shannon Snedeker

Liturgist: All Month—Connie Wieck
Greeters: All Month—Bev Smith & Searoba Mascher
Ushers: All Month—Jo Rich-Vadas, Jim Vadas, & Tony Graham

Acolytes:
10/1 Libby Huisinga & Breck Bishop
10/8 Liberty Cline & Lexi Mason
10/15 Dylan Daugherty & Chase Paulsen
10/22 Mia Moore & Brynna Farrell
10/29 Colby Claypool & Emmitt Maurer

Nursery:
10/1 Adrienne & Evangeline Hutson
10/8 Erica & Caroline Crumrin
10/15 Jody Green & Charlene Moore
10/22 Amy Cannady & Nancy Crumrin
10/29 Mary Ann Stepp & Sue Boyer

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