



First United Methodist Church

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The Messenger

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From the Pastor



The Journey of 10 X 10 begins

February 1! Are you taking the journey?

The Journey of 10 X 10 is an opportunity for us individually and as a community of Jesus' followers to stretch our faith muscles. The Journey offers us a time for focused and accelerated spiritual growth. The Journey is a way to support others in their walk as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Journey is based on Jesus' words found in John 10:10, "**I have come that they might have life, and have it to the full**" and its location in the Scriptures, John 10:10. The Journey is 10 months long (Feb. – Nov.). The Journey has 10 spiritual practices. These practices are not new. You may already do many or all of them. They are ways that God has given us to know Jesus more deeply and to experience the life transforming love of God in our lives.

The 10 practices are: **pray** 10 minutes each day for the 10 months; **read Scripture** for 10 minutes a day for the 10 months;

engage in one hands on **mission** a month for the 10 months; **share** your **faith story** one time a month for the 10 months; **fast** one time a month for the 10 months; **invite one person** to church each month for the 10 months; **contact one inactive member** each month for the 10 months; **share one meal** with another believer each month for the 10 months; **increase your current giving** level by 10% for each of the 10 months (i.e. if you are currently giving \$100. a month, you would give \$110. a month for the 10 months); **Do one act of kindness** each month for the 10 months.

I want to encourage you to prayerfully consider taking the journey. You will be blessed. Will we all do the Journey 100%? Probably not. Will anyone be keeping score? No. Is the Journey a magical way to grow as a Christian? No, but these are the practices God has given the church to nurture and develop our faith as we faithfully engage in them. Do we have to take the 10 X 10 to do these practices? No, but we tend to find more



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

encouragement and support when we go with others.

Each month during the Journey we will be considering that month's theme in worship. February's focus is prayer. I also want to invite you to a Sunday School class based on The Journey of 10 X 10 that I will be leading. The class will meet most Sundays at 10:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. All

are welcome to take part.

What will you do to strengthen your relationship with Jesus this year? Why not make the Journey of 10 X 10 a part of your growth plan.

With You on the Journey,

Bob

Worship Series

The Journey of 10 X 10 begins with the practice of prayer. Therefore, our focus in worship during the month of February will be prayer. What is your experience of prayer? How is your prayer life going? Each week in February we will learning about and practicing prayer together. You can find the weekly foundational Scriptures and themes below to assist you in preparing for worship.

February 2

Foundational Scripture: Psalm 104

Theme: Prayer of Adoration

February 9

Foundational Scripture: Psalm 32

Theme: Prayer of Confession

February 16

Foundational Scripture: Psalm 13

Theme: Prayer of Thanksgiving

February 23

Foundational Scripture: Psalm 5

Theme: Prayer of Supplication

Ash Wednesday is February 26. We will be administering ashes from noon to 1:00 p.m. in the chapel. Come, pray, receive the mark of the cross and be blessed. Stay as long as you like. Leave when you are ready. All are invited.

*Ash
Wednesday*

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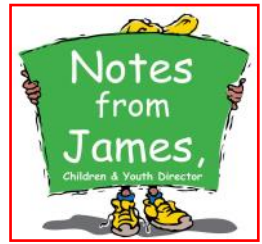
OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY • 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM





Power Lunch

Please check the menu board located in the foyer for items that are needed each week. Monetary donations are also welcome.



Upcoming KFC Dinner Dates:

January 29
February 26
March 25

Mark your summer calendars!
June 8—12: VBS
July 13—17: Children's Camp

We would like to thank everyone who purchased gift cards through the Scrip Fund Program in 2019. Because of each of you, we made over \$2,300 for our Scholarship Fund. With your continued support of the Scrip Fund Program, we will be able to keep providing scholarship to our youth for many years to come.



10 X 10 Journey

What is one of your most memorable journeys? What made the journey memorable? Was your journey to a favorite location? Was it to see someone special to you? Was it to experience something wonderful? Was it simply to enjoy the trip with others? This February we will begin a journey together that will be memorable, enjoyable, and challenging.

You are invited to prayerfully consider joining us on **The Journey of 10 X 10**. In January, we will be looking at how The Journey can assist our growth as followers of Jesus Christ. Then each month beginning February we will focus on one of 10 spiritual practices.

One way to participate in the **10 X 10 Journey** is to take part in a Sunday School class Pastor Bob will be leading. Each Sunday will provide opportunity to more deeply explore the theme of the month. A person does not have to do the Sunday School class to take part in the **Journey of 10 X 10**. However, doing so will be helpful in your understanding and application of the 10 practices. The class will meet in the Sanctuary.

The Journey of 10 X 10 will begin February 2. Join us on the Journey.



Dear Marshall UMW and Marshall First UMC Members:

Peace and blessings from China!

As I write this, I am finishing up a full week of freshmen open houses for Christmas. A total of 234 students, all English Education majors, have come and gone through my doors to enjoy all the Christmas decorations after our culture lessons finished. How excited they were! Each of my 5 freshmen classes had a 2-hour block either evenings or afternoons to visit my home. Because I include both the religious and traditional parts of Christmas in their lessons (including re-enacting of the Christmas story -- see pictures), they were fully aware of the meaning of this day for Christians.

Coming to my home to close off my culture unit was the highlight.

The students were absolutely astonished with my overly-decorated home plus all the candy baskets prepared for them.

Next will be my department's teachers, their children and also school leaders not to mention a very special Christmas Day gathering in my home for our college's first overseas' students from South Africa. After several years in the planning, we now have 28 South Africans who arrived in October to study for 6 months in the mechanical engineering department. All are on full-ride scholarships through the Chinese Educational Bureau. Our school was chosen, out of quite a few bids from other schools, to educate them. They are all Christians but as yet, cannot leave the campus on their own due to safety concerns so I have not been able to take them to church. Instead, I will make sure they are welcome in my home to enjoy Christmas cookies, drinks, snacks, all my decorations and special fellowship time together.

Sharing Christmas with my colleagues, friends and students in this way is the best Christmas present I can ever hope to receive. And a great deal of what I am able to do comes from that very generous \$500 deposit into my account from our Marshall UMW. I have already gone through \$150 of candy and I have more yet to buy. Other expenses follow for the drinks needed and other goodies I buy or bake that make my Open Houses even more wonderful.

There is also my holiday Christmas picture which I have copied and laminated for students, friends, school leaders and my church choir, of which I am a part. I usually have 650 made. This year, the new Peace Corp volunteer at our school (Lindsey Calhoun) joined me in our photo op and I will make sure to provide her students with photos as well.

Thank you so much for making all of this possible through your giving spirit. You have made me, and all my Chinese students and colleagues, feel very, very loved.

Enjoy the pictures on this page!

Peace and Love at this special time of year,

Connie in China

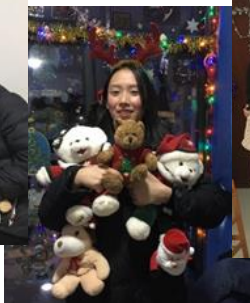


With your generous monetary gift, I will have this photo of me and Lindsey (New Peace Corps teacher) copied for all our students, friends, colleagues and school leaders.

My Freshmen Re-enact the Christmas Story



Students Visit My Home for Christmas



Annual UMW Rummage Sale

Start cleaning out your closets, garages, etc. The UMW will be having its annual Spring Rummage Sale on April 25th. The sale will be in the Fellowship Hall from 8 a.m. until noon. Items may be brought in during the week of the sale starting on Wednesday, April 22 at noon.

United Methodist Women News February Schedule:

February 20: Faith Circle - 9AM - Hostesses:

Searoba Mascher & Joyce Berry "How The Light Gets In"

February 25: UMW Board - 4:30PM

February 27: Sisters in Faith - 6PM - Main Street Supper Club

This Month's Sunday Volunteers

Liturgist: Russ Ross

Sound System: ?

Acolyte: Lexi Mason & Liberty Cline

Ushers: Paul & Amy Cannady, Tom Macke

Greeters:

(2/2) Lesa Trudeau & Angie Setzer
 (2/9) Adam Setzer Family
 (2/16) Adam Setzer Family
 (2/23) Adam Setzer Family

Nursery Duty:

(2/2) Nancy Claypool & Danielle Cline
 (2/9) Janet Eitel & ?
 (2/16) Dana Ramsey & Jenna Morey
 (2/19) Danielle Cline & ?

Children's Church:

(2/2) None
 (2/9) Paula Ross
 (2/16) James Southworth
 (2/23) Malerie Mason

Fellowship Time:

(2/2) 3Ms
 (2/9) New Life
 (2/16) Young Adult
 (2/23) Agape/CSI

Safety Team:

(2/2) ? & ?
 (2/9) ? & ?
 (2/16) ? & ?
 (2/23) ? & ?



There are no words to thank mom's church family for your kindness and condolences at her passing. She and dad loved First Church and enjoyed all the friendship that were made and good times they had. You continued even when mom was in the nursing home to visit, bring flowers and send cards to brighten her day. We would like to thank Pastor Sabo for visiting her in the nursing home and conducting her service. To

Paula for joining with Harry and Gary to provide the music she loved so much. Thank you to her friends for making a delicious meal following the service and providing a place where we could spend time together with family. You have been a blessing to mom and all of our family.

Paul, Patty and family
 Harry and Gary
 Barbara, Dan and family

A sincere thank you to the UMW and my church family for my Christmas gifts this year. It's an honor to serve you all, and I'm so glad to be a part of this wonderful church family. May God bless you all.

—Steve Setzer

My sincere thanks to my church family for your kind thoughts, prayers, cards and food during and after my surgery.

The support we are able to give each other is a blessing in itself.

You are awesome!

—Susie Carey



FEBRUARY

Birthdays

01	Jeff Mallory	12	Mike Murphy	16	Alex Mason
01	Mike Sanders	12	Karen Heighton	17	Dale Ridgway
06	Trenton Bullock	12	Alex Schneider	19	Dustin Morey
08	Vance Snedeker	13	Dominic Huisinga	19	Jessica Cannady
09	Russ Ross	14	Parker Winkelman	20	Julie Bullock
09	Ann Smith	15	Barbara Reedy	20	Dylan Daugherty
09	Sean McLennan	15	Anna Smitley	20	Riley Jordan
10	Emilie Engerskj	16	Alek Arnold	23	Jody Green
10	Tara Setzer	16	Rob Crumrin	25	Jo Sanders
11	Beth Macke	16	Sue Boyer	25	Thomas Sanzenbacker
				27	Marlee Heighton
				28	Bev Murphy
				28	Tiffany Huisinga
				29	Diane Lindgren



FEBRUARY

Anniversaries

01	Mike & Bev Murphy
12	Larry & Betty Rasner
14	Al & Melissa Wernz
17	Eric & Nicole Rardin
19	Joe & Alice Schroeder
23	Gale & Jackje Titus

United Methodist Divided

This coming May, delegates representing the United Methodist Church from around the world will be gathering in Minneapolis to make decisions that could greatly affect the future of the U.M.C. Beginning March 6, Pastor Bob will leading a class using as a guide the book United Methodist Divided. The class will help us learn how we as a church got to this point. We will seek to listen to and better understand the views of others. There will be opportunity to grow in our own responses to the questions before the U.M.C. We will learn about the major proposals being presented at the General Conference in May. The class will offer a safe space for those of all perspectives to share and learn. The class will meet on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Please let the office know if you are planning on attending the class so we can make sure we have plenty of materials. The class will be for 8 weeks. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

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January 2020						
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**Sunday
Worship Times:**
**9:00am Morning
Worship**
**10:15am Sunday
School**

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9am Worship Service
10:15am Sunday School
4pm UMYF



3

8:30am Exercise
9am Yoga
10:30am Staff Meeting
2pm Game Time
6pm Boy Scouts
6:30pm Church Bowling League
7pm Military Prayer Service -
Courthouse

4

9am Coffee & More
10am Chapel in use
4:15pm Library Committee

5

8:30am Exercise
9am Yoga
11am Power L
3pm KFC
6:30pm Choir I

9

7am Marshall Co-Op UMM
Breakfast - Emmanuel
9am Worship Service
10:15am Sunday School
4pm UMYF



10

8:30am Exercise
9am Yoga
10:30 Staff Meeting
2pm Game Time
6pm Boy Scouts
6:30pm Church Bowling League

11

10:30am Coffee at Holly Brook
6pm SPRC

12 Lincoln

8:30am Exercise
9am Yoga
11am Power L
3pm KFC
6:30pm Choir I

16

7:30am FUMC UMM
Breakfast
9am Worship Service
10:15am Sunday School
4pm UMYF

17 Presidents' Day

8:30am Exercise
9am Yoga
10:30am Staff Meeting
2pm Game Time
6pm Boy Scouts
6:30pm Church Bowling League



18

9am Holy Grounds Coffee Time
7pm Trustees

19

8:30am Exercise
9am Yoga
11am Power L
3pm KFC
6:30pm Choir I

23

9am Worship Service
10:15am Sunday School
4pm UMYF



24

8:30am Exercise
9am Yoga
10:30 Staff Meeting
2pm Game Time
6pm Boy Scouts
6:30pm Church Bowling League

25

9am Holy Grounds Coffee Time
4:30 UMW Board
6pm Church Council

26



8:30am Exercise
9am Yoga
11am Power L
12pm Adminis
3pm KFC
5pm KFC Dinn
6:30pm Choir I

February 2020

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

March 2020						
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1
9:30am MOPS -
Armstrong's Parsonage
5pm Young Adult Potluck

6

7
8:30am Exercise
9am Yoga

8

Lincoln's Birthday

13
11:30am Seniors' Valentine
Luncheon—Supper Club

14 Valentine's Day
8:30am Exercise
9am Yoga
10:30am Knitting Ministry
3pm **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**



15
5:30pm Valentine's Day
Birthday Dinner



20
9am Faith Circle

21
8:30am Exercise
9am Yoga

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27
5:30pm Sisters in Faith

28
8:30am Exercise
9am Yoga
10:30am Knitting Ministry

29



Our Homebound & Healthcare

Facility

Residents:

Violet Cook
Evelyn Anderson
Bud Bloodworth
Marilyn Jensen
Mary Ellen Koutsoumpas
Jim Gwyn
JoAnn Donehue
Buck Weaver
Orpha Goekler
Jackie Kitchen
June Cannady
Wayne Hendrix



Prayer Concerns:

Kerry Teague
Gail Glick
Susie Carey

T. Ray Henry
Hilda Jones
Becky Rayhel

Keith Schneider
Randy Strohm
Tiffany Huisinga

Chase Brady *[Jim & Joyce Gwyn's great-grandson]*
Brett Ramsey *[Angie Setzer's nephew]*
Peg Hintz *[Tom Hintz's mother]*
Debbie McCormick *[Joyce Sutton's daughter]*
Eric Hutson *[Harley Bennet's grandson]*
Journey Campton *[Friend of Adam & Tiffany Setzer]*
Foster Buell *[Sharon Miller's grandson]*
Julie Krietemeier *[Beth Macke's sister]*
Renee Hyde *[David Setzer's daughter]*
Donny Kendall *[Friend of the Manhart's]*
Darrel Harlow *[Jeanne Strohm's father]*
Adrian Smitley *[Jim & Debi Smitley's daughter-in-law]*
Candy Painter *[Alane White, Cris Fitzjarrald & Sally Mallory's sister]*
Gabe Fairchild *[Rev. Gary Fairchild's son]*
Kathy Schwab Jackley *[Friend of Sally Mallory]*
Gary Jensen *[Harry Tingley's partner]*
Shannon Pluta *[Friend of Alta Youngdahl]*
Dennis Smith *[Bev Smith's son]*
Tom Deahl *[Sam & Ruth Deahl's son]*
Heather Welch *[Gene Bohn's granddaughter]*
Karen Beltz *[Nancy Claypool's sister]*
The Family of Robert Washburn *[Jamie Poorman's father]*
The Family of Tomma Lue Withrow *[Friend of Claypool's]*
The Family of Vernice Tingley
Unspoken Requests
Natural Disaster Victims, Our Missionaries
Military Personnel & Our Nation and Its Leaders



Don't forget to sign up to provide altar flowers on that special Sunday. Please call or stop in the office to make sure that your date is reserved on the new calendar.

We are emailing and texting for the Prayer Chain and meeting reminders. Please make sure the office has your current email address and cell phone number.

L.I.F.E. — A 55+ Senior Ministry



Coffee at The Villas of Holly Brook

We will be joining the Coffee Chat group at The Villas of Holly Brook on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30AM. This will give us a chance to fellowship together with the residents.

February's Upcoming Events

To celebrate Valentine's Day this year we will have lunch at The Supper Club here in Marshall on Thursday, February 13. Reservations are for 11:30AM. Limited menu including a choice of quiche, pasta, soup, salad with a drink for \$10. A delicious dessert will be available for an extra charge. Invite your valentine and come enjoy a great meal! Sign up at the Welcome Center by Monday, February 10.

And...Don't forget

- Game/Puzzle Time - every Monday at 2PM in the chapel
- Coffee or More at The Family Restaurant - 1st Tuesday of the month at 9AM
- Coffee Chat at The Villas of Holly Brook - 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30AM
- Holy Grounds Coffee - 3rd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays of the month at 9AM in the chapel
- Exercise Class - Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8:30AM
- Yoga - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9AM



Outreach

Ministry Team

February's Mission of the Month

February's mission this month is the Faith Promise Mission Fund. Three times each year we reach out to our church family to help replenish this fund. 2019's funds were used for the following missions: Our Kids Our Conference, Lessie Bates Neighborhood House, UMCOR, Solar Oven Project, Back Pack and Summer Lunch Programs, MAYN, Church World Service Blanket Program and various United Methodist Global and US Missions. We ask you to prayerfully consider giving to Faith Promise so that we can continue our support of these missions in 2020. Christ has no hands but ours to witness to the world in his name.

You can contribute by using the pew envelopes or the church office. Please designate Faith Promise when writing checks.

—Outreach Committee



Soldiers' Prayer Service

Monday, February 3, 2020, at 7:00PM

Courthouse Lawn in front of The War Memorial

(Following is a statement Pastor Bob made to the congregation Sunday, January 12.)

Dear Church Family,

It is with a sense of humility, sadness and concern that I share with you today.

As many of you are aware, our denomination has certainly been in the news lately. From the Wall Street Journal to the New York Times, to NPR, to Fox News to local and regional news media.

The reason for the coverage was the release of a recently announced plan of separation for the denomination. This plan along with other plans of separation will be voted on at our upcoming General Conference in May of this year.

Last February a specially called General Conference was held in St. Louis. Three primary plans were considered. Each plan sought in some way to keep the denomination together. The delegates at the General Conference voted 53% to 47% to uphold the church's teaching on marriage and ordination. The result of the decision set off a firestorm of resistance here in America.

Because of this ever deepening divide the plans that will be voted on in May call for some form of separation.

Let me share a few points to help clarify where we are and some steps for us to consider taking over the next few months.

Points of Clarification:

1. No decision has been made at this time. No vote has been taken. We remain under the current Book of Discipline as voted on last February.
2. The only body that speaks for the whole U.M.C. is the General Conference which next meets in May.
3. Currently there are 4 primary plans that are under consideration.
4. No one knows which of the plans will be decided upon.
5. The delegates who will be voting are half clergy and half lay people who were selected from around the world at last year's Annual Conferences. The delegates representing our church and our Conference are from U.M. churches throughout central and southern Illinois and were elected last June.

2 more points of clarification I want to lift up:

6. The current focus of the debate is on the marriage and ordination of LGBTQ+ individuals. **However, like an iceberg, the underlying issues are many and great. Borrowing from another source, The present conflict over "homosexuality" is rooted in deep disagreement over understanding: the person and ministry of Jesus Christ; the authority and interpretation of Scripture; how the church is organized; what the church's role is in society.**
7. I want to be clear that the debate and upcoming vote is not about loving, welcoming, or serving with those who identify as LGBTQ+. All people are to be loved. All people are welcomed in the church. All people are welcome to receive communion, to serve, to fellowship, and to grow.

What Can We Do For Now?

I am calling the church to a time of prayer. Please pray for: The General Conference

12 delegates; Bishops; Churches; one another; me. There will be opportunities for gath-

ered prayer in the months ahead.

I encourage each one to read over the primary plans. Here are locations/points to search on the internet.

- umnews.org for the most recent plan “Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation”; There is also a recording of an interview with the Protocol group that might be helpful on this site
- The Indianapolis Plan
- The N.E.W. Plan for the U.M.C.
- UMC Next Generation Proposal

Beginning in early March, I will be leading an 8 week class using the book United Methodist Divided. The class will be an opportunity to listen to one another, learn about how we got here as U.M. and to better understand our own perspectives. More information about the class can be found in this edition of the Messenger.

I encourage each of us to **treat one another with love and respect.**

Until the General Conference and beyond, it will be important for us to **remain focused on Christ and his mission.**

There is much more that could be said. We will all have opportunity at various times and settings to do so. For now, let us remain focused on Jesus Christ and his mission for his church. Jesus is the Head of the church and will see us through. **Would you join me in prayer and fasting for the future of this part of the Body of Christ called Methodists?**

With You on the Journey,
Pastor Bob



“Every Man Shares in Evangelism,

President: Josh Orman

Vice President: Russ Ross

Treasurer: Steve Setzer

Secretary: ?

There were 11 including little Anna Southworth at the January UMM breakfast meeting. They gave \$250 to the Cares Closet at the high school.

Upcoming Events:



February 9: Marshall Co-Op UMM Breakfast at Emmanuel UMC, 7AM

February 16: FUMC UMM Breakfast, 7:30AM

Cooks: Josh Orman & Wayne Heighton

Devotions: James Southworth

INVITE A FRIEND TO THE NEXT BREAKFAST!



Like us on Facebook!

Take a moment and find us on Facebook at Marshall First United Methodist Church, and tell all your friends and family to “like” us.

*Just
for
Laughs*



All newsletter items should be e-mailed or written down and turned in to the office no later than

**Friday, February 14, 2020
at 3PM.**

Our email address is marshall1stumc@gmail.com.

Please do not phone in your information.

Thank you!!!!



NEWSLETTER NOTICE

This month's edition of the church newsletter is now available. They are located in the yellow box on the back table in the sanctuary and on the Welcome Center all month long.

If you have a neighbor or friend who isn't at church, feel free to pick up one for him or her and deliver it. What a wonderful outreach opportunity!



**We post our newsletter on our website in a PDF file.
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