

Pastor's Corner:

Marshall First UM Church Worship Service
 Sunday mornings at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary —
You need to register for the in house worship services
 Sundays on FaceBook (Uploaded as soon as possible —
 hopefully by noon)

Fellowship Hour (previously called Coffee with Pastor Bob)
 Sundays at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom

Weekly Bible Study
 Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom

Daily Scripture Readings
 on FaceBook

The weekly service and daily scripture can be pulled up on FaceBook any time. You can even go back to earlier services, if you happened to miss one.

News from James:

UMYF - Sundays at 4:00 p.m. on Zoom
 Camp has been cancelled.

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THE MESSENGER

July 2020 *Abbreviated*

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Welcome to the abbreviated edition of our monthly newsletter, *The Messenger*. Hope you all have a blessed Fourth of July.

Kelley & Karen



STAY SAFE
 together we will get through this

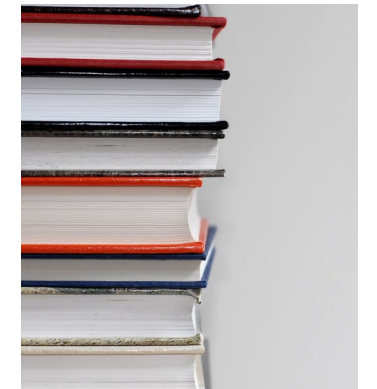
Due to possible complications from the Coronavirus, the Scholarship Committee has decided not to process applications for this fall. All possible, potential, applicants that we are aware of have been contacted. They acknowledged they will be in school long enough to be able to receive the scholarship for the two years it is available to each person. Hopefully we will not have a spring like this again!!



The Scholarship Committee

SAVE YOUR BOOKS

The Susannah Wesley Circle is planning on having a book booth at the festival this fall. Please save your books for them.



Prayer Concerns:

Kerry Teague	Keith Schneider	Gail Glick	Logan Huisinga	Jim Gwyn
	Carol Arney	Jill Medsker	Peggy Goekler	

Chase Brady [Jim & Joyce Gwyn's great-grandson]
 Heather Welch [Gene Bohn's granddaughter-in-law]
 Journey Campton [Friend of Adam & Tiffany Setzer]
 Candy Painter [Alane White, Cris Fitzjarrald & Sally Mallory's sister]
 Brett Ramsey [Angie Setzer's nephew]
 Peg Hintz [Tom Hintz's mother]
 Eric Hutson [Harley Bennet's grandson]
 Foster Buell [Sharon Miller's grandson]
 Julie Krietemeier [Beth Macke's sister]
 Darrel Harlow [Jeanne Strohm's father]
 Kathy Schwab Jackley [Friend of Sally Mallory]
 Tom Deahl [Sam & Ruth Deahl's son]
 Mike Sideroff [Jim White's nephew]
 Kim Sones Kimbler [Friend of Sally Mallory]
 Kathy Lewis (Shoulder replacement surgery)
 Family of Robert (Buck) Weaver
 Family of Wayne Hendrix
 Family of Ray Ferris
 Family of Billy Boyd [Linda James' brother]
 Family of Marilyn Zovelet [Friend of Bev Smith]
 Unspoken Requests
 Natural Disaster Victims, Our Missionaries



Our Military Personnel:

Chris Bradford	John Flowers	Daniel Gard	Jake Hoalt	Michael Holmes
Ian Kasemeyer	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	Orpha Goekler	Bette Woodard	Marilyn Jensen	JoAnn Donehue
Jim Gwyn	Evelyn Anderson	Jackie Kitchen	Ken Jensen	June Cannady
	Phyllis Boatright		Mary Ellen Koutsoumpas	



Start Saving Your Items Now!

Annual UMW Rummage Sale

The UMW has changed the date of their annual rummage sale to July 11 (tentatively) Please save all the items from cleaning out your closets, garages, etc. The sale will be in the back parking lot from 8 a.m. until noon. Items can be dropped off Friday from 5 to 6 p.m. or Saturday morning from 6 to 8 a.m.



Thank you SO much for all of the donations, hands-on help, and prayers for Summer Lunch! We might call this the summer that started when the snow stopped. Summer Lunch started delivering on March 18, and we will keep going until school starts.

We are delivering to 143 kids. The donations from individuals and community groups have been unbelievable. Marshall may not be a perfect place to live, but I would certainly argue against that. There are 22 volunteers each week to help pack and deliver. At first we had trouble purchasing enough food, but that is getting easier now. The only food we are really struggling to find is individual boxes of cereal. If you run across some, you can leave them in the bin outside the church office.

Once again I want to thank you for your help.

Kelly Lindley

Dear Friends,

Greetings in Christ's Name!

You can find the church-wide email that was sent last week below. If you have not done so already, please be sure to read over all the information.

Let me share a couple important points with you.

- 1. Those who attend worship in the building will be able to sit with family members from the same household.
2. We could really use your help with our Sunday morning ministry teams. We are especially in need of servant volunteers to help with sanitizing the sanctuary and other traffic areas of the building between services. Other teams are needed to do temperature checks and to serve as guides. If you are able to serve in any of these areas, please contact the church as soon as possible. Thanks!

Looking forward to gathering the sanctuary this Sunday for worship.

With You on the Journey,
Pastor Bob

Dear Church Family,

I am happy to announce to you that we will resume Sunday worship in the building beginning July 5, as determined by the Church Council. There will be two services: 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The services will be designed to last 30-40 minutes each. This schedule may be revised once we have a better idea of how many may be attending.

Our Church Council, Reopening Task Force, and staff have been working hard to provide a safe and accessible environment for gathered worship. Our desire is to do all that we can to protect those who meet in the church and to offer as worshipful an experience as possible. We realize that like all other areas of our lives the past several months, things will be different. This will call upon each of us to express humility, patience and understanding. Thank you to all those who have been working behind the scenes to help us prepare to safely gather for worship.

With that said, there are several important things for you to know. Please be sure to read all the information.

You will need to register for the service you will attend. An email with a link will be sent to you early each week. You will need to complete this simple invitation for each Sunday you plan to attend. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the office. This will be on a first come first served basis. If you do not have email, but wish to attend a service, please call the church office to have your name added to the list. You will need to do this each week.

The following information is based on the Illinois Department of Health's and the Illinois Great River's Conference's guidelines.

Those 65 and older and those with underlying health concerns, while not restricted, are encouraged to not come to the building for now.

Nursery will not be provided at this time. Neither will there be children's church. An adapted children's moment will be provided.

These are the general guidelines established by the Reopening Task Force for those who do attend worship at the church.

- 1. Entrance to the church will only be through the glass doors on Plum Street and the back parking lot.
2. Masks are required for everyone 2 years and older.

- 3. Social distancing will be practiced.
4. Your temperature will be checked as you enter the church.
5. We are not to practice socializing while in the building.
6. We ask that if you are not feeling well, that you stay home that Sunday.
7. There will be a team of volunteer servants who will help guide you to your seat.

Offerings will be received as we leave the sanctuary by placing them in a designated container. For those who are uncomfortable to gather for worship at this time, we will still be providing a recording of one of the services on Facebook. It will be released later in the morning or early afternoon. Once we have experienced a couple weeks we will be able to set a specific time for posting.

To undertake all that is before us, we need your help if you are able. We need:

- 1. Sanitizing Team: We will need a team of people to help sanitize the used areas of the building between worship services (sanctuary, entrance way, elevator, restrooms, etc.)
2. Greeting/Seating Guides: We will need a team of people to greet those who enter the building, and others to help guide people to their seats.
3. We will need two people each week to take temps. We have purchased two digital touchless thermometers. Anyone can do this. However, if you have any medical experience this just may be for you.

If you are able and willing to help us with any of these areas, please contact the church office as soon as possible. We would really appreciate it.

As you can easily see, the effects of Covid-19 are still with us. However, so is our faith and the loving presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ. While we continue this journey, may each of us encourage and draw strength from one another. Let us hold fast to the hope we have been given in Christ. Together, we will get through this!

With You on the Journey,
Pastor Bob



Table listing birthdays for July, including names like Darlene Hildebrand, Jordan Brown, Doris Ellington, etc.

Table listing anniversaries for July, including names like Scott & Danielle Cline, Mike & Mika Shafer, Ken & Nancy Claypool, etc.

