



First United Methodist Church

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The Messenger

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From the Pastor



March and April serve as a high point in the Christian year. Our journey through Lent helps prepare us for the coming celebration of Christ's resurrection. It is during this season of Lent that we focus ourselves on spiritual disciplines like prayer, serving, reading God's word, and fasting. Our current 10 X 10 practices help to undergird our Lenten observance. Whether you are participating in the 10 X 10 or not, I encourage you to find ways to nurture your relationship with Christ and your witness to the world.

In January I called the church to a season of prayer regarding the future of our denomination. You are invited to join me March 5, at 6:00 p.m. to pray together for this and other concerns. We will meet in the

chapel.

On a lighter note, the Grapefruit and Cactus leagues are in full swing. Spring will soon be upon us. As the hymn Pass It On says, "What a joyous time is spring, when all the trees are budding; the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming. That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it; you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on." Today, I pass God's love on to you. As you read this, know that I am praying for you. For who you are and who you will become in Jesus Christ, I give God thanks. May the signs of spring remind each of us to pass on the love of God to everyone.

With You on the Journey,
Bob



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

Worship Series

We will be focusing on two of our 10 X 10 themes in worship during March. The first three weeks we will be looking at Scripture. Why is the Bible so important to Christ's followers? How has God's word impacted our lives? How are we to understand the Bible? Join us the first three Sundays of March as we consider the Bible. The last two Sundays of March we will transition to our next 10 X 10 theme, Engaging in Missions and Outreach. (Please note, April's and August's themes have been exchanged.) With Palm Sunday and Easter the first two Sundays in April, we will conclude our look at Missions and Outreach the last two weeks of April. You can find the weekly foundational Scriptures and themes below to assist you in preparing for worship.

March 1

Foundational Scripture: Hebrews 4:12; Matthew 4:4

Theme: The Authority of God's Word

March 8

Foundational Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:14-16

Theme: The Interpretation of God's Word

March 15

Foundational Scripture: 2 Tim. 3:14-17; James 1:21-25

Theme: The Application of God's Word

March 22

Foundational Scripture: Exodus 3:7-10

Theme: Missions and the Heart of God

March 29

Foundational Scripture: John 21:15-17

Theme: Missions and Our Methodist Heritage

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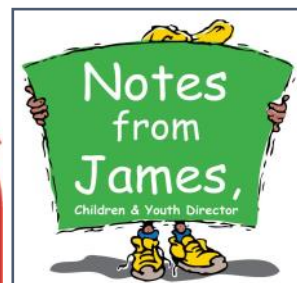
OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY • 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM



KFC Dinner Dates: February 26 & March 25

UMYF Packing for the Backpack Program

On March 29th the UMYF students will be packing bags for the Backpack Program to be handed out during the month of April. If you would like to help deliver the bags to the schools on Thursdays in April, please talk to James.



Camp Cornerstone

We will again be heading to the cabin for church camp this summer. We hope all the kids in the church join us.

Schedule:

June 13-14: K-2nd Grades

June 14-16th: 3rd-4th Grades

June 15-17th: 5th-8th Grades



Vacation Bible School — June 8-12

This summer at VBS we are inviting children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God. Kids will take on the role of brave Knights and begin their quest each session by opening the King's Book. They'll explore Old and New Testament stories and discover different pieces of protective armor—the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation—at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters, and explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.

Register now at 2020.cokesburyvbs.com/MarshallFUMC



Easter Egg Hunt

We are having an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 4, at 10 AM for children 0 thru 5th grade. Grab your Easter egg baskets, and come join the fun!

United Methodist Women News

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.



February Schedule:

- March 9:** District Personal Growth
- Centenary UMC
- March 16:** Susannah Wesley Circle -
6:30PM - Hostesses:
Judy McConchie & Evadene Crumrin
Program/ Devotions: Jan Ridgway
- March 19:** Faith Circle -
Hostesses/Program/Devotions:
Sharon Welliver & Joyce Gwyn
"Call to Prayer & Self Denial"
- March 26:** Sisters in Faith Circle -
5:30PM - Main Street Supper Club



*"Every Man Shares in Evangelism,
Mission, and Spiritual Life"*

President: Josh Orman

Vice President: Russ Ross

Treasurer: Steve Setzer

Secretary: ?

On February 16, the UMM met for their monthly breakfast. Twelve men were in attendance. We will be hosting the KFC Family Dinner on March 25 at 5:00PM. Help will be needed on that night.

In March the UMM Co-Op will meet here for their breakfast meeting. Let's have a great turnout from our men. If you would like to help with the breakfast, please be here at 6:30AM on Sunday, March 8. All men are welcome!

Also, it is scholarship time again! Applications for the UMM-Robert Hartwell Memorial Scholarship are available for Marshall High School seniors online and in the guidance office.

Upcoming Events:

March 8: Marshall Co-Op UMM Breakfast at First UMC, 7AM

March 15: FUMC UMM Breakfast, 7:30AM

Cooks: Wayne Heighton & Mark Setzer Devotions: ?

INVITE A FRIEND TO THE NEXT BREAKFAST!



Mission of the Month for March

Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, Il. is one of ten cooperating depots in the UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) supply network. Midwest Mission distributes UMCOR supplies in response to disasters within the United States.



Outreach Ministry Team

Since its opening in 2000 Midwest Mission has been showing God's love in practical ways through the distribution of education, health, micro-business and disaster relief supplies around the world as well as in the United States.

Midwest Mission distributes health kits, layettes and school supplies as well as disaster relief supplies to those in need regardless of their gender, race or religion.

Midwest Mission also partners with Christians in Mission, Food for the Poor, Franciscan Mission Warehouse and US Southern Command.

Current supply needs of the Mission Center are:

1. **Box of 12 colored pencils** (backpack supplies)
2. **Deodorant**—2-3-oz. stick or roll on, **shampoo**—15-18 oz., **toothpaste**-2.5 Oz. (personal dignity kits)
3. **Receiving blankets**—28x28 or 32x32(for layettes)

Please consider purchasing one or more of the above items. A box is outside the church office to receive them.



*Don't forget to move your clocks forward on
March 7 before going to bed.*

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship applications are now available and are located on the Welcome Center in the foyer. The deadline for the application is Wednesday, April 15, 2020. Scholarships can be received for 2 years. Please turn in completed forms to the church office. If you have any questions contact Rick Manuell.



This Month's Sunday Volunteers

Liturgist:

Jennifer Welliver

Acolyte:

Kei Kendall

Sound System:

Rob Crumrin

Ushers:

?, ?, ?, & ?

Greeters:

(3/1) Lesa Trudeau & Jan Ridgway
(3/8) Searoba Mascher & Bev Smith
(3/15) Sue Boyer & Mary Ann Stepp
(3/22) Searoba Mascher & Bev Smith
(3/29) Sue Boyer & Mary Ann Stepp

Nursery Duty:

(3/1) Amy Cannady & Janet Eitel
(3/8) Jess Cannady & Dana Ramsey
(3/15) ? & ?
(3/22) ? & ?
(3/29) Jess Cannady & ?

Children's Church:

(3/1) None
(3/8) Paula Ross
(3/15) James Southworth
(3/22) Malerie Mason
(3/29) Amy Cannady

Fellowship Time:

(3/1) 3Ms
(3/8) New Life
(3/15) Young Adult
(3/22) Agape/CSI
(3/29) Hospitality



10 X 10 Spotlight

We are off to a great start! Over 50 people have signed up to take the Journey. We have committed ourselves with God's help to give focused attention to our relationship to Jesus Christ and our spiritual health. Our 10 X 10 Sunday School Class has explored the theme of prayer and is looking forward to March's theme, the Bible. The 10 X 10 Sunday School Class meets Sunday mornings at 10:20 in the sanctuary. All are welcome. Don't forget to check out the resource table monthly for new items. It is not too late to join the Journey. You can find a commitment card on the 10 X 10 resource table at the back of the sanctuary. Just fill it out and give the smaller portion to Pastor Bob.



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 Monday, March 9**, 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 2020 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 6:00 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.

Please join our Knitting Ministry Group if you like to knit or crochet or would like to learn. We meet on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month at 10:30AM in the church office.



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday

1
9am Worship Service
10:15am Sunday School
4pm UMYF

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

3
9am Coffee & More
4:15pm Library Committee

4
8:30am Exercise
9am Yoga
11am Power Lunch
3pm KFC
6:30pm Choir Practice

8
7am Marshall Co-Op UMM Breakfast - First
9am Worship Service
10:15am Sunday School
4pm UMYF



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

10
10am Staff Meeting
10:30am Coffee at Holly Brook
6pm SPRC

11
8:30am Exercise
9am Yoga
6:30pm Choir Practice

15
7:30am FUMC UMM Breakfast
9am Worship Service
10:15am Sunday School
11:30am Senior Trip-Rose Hulman Concert
4pm UMYF

16
8:30am Exercise
9am Yoga
10am Book Study
2pm Game Time
6pm Boy Scouts
6pm Book Study
6pm Church Bowling League
6:30pm Susannah Wesley Circle

17 St. Patrick's Day
9am Holy Grounds Coffee Time
10am Staff Meeting
6pm Finance
7pm Trustees



18
8:30am Exercise
9am Yoga
11am Power Lunch
3pm KFC
6:30pm Choir Practice

22
9am Worship Service
10:15am Sunday School
4pm UMYF

23
8:30am Exercise
9am Yoga
10am Book Study
2pm Game Time
6pm Book Study
6pm Boy Scouts
6pm Church Bowling League

24
9am Holy Grounds Coffee Time
10am Staff Meeting
4:30pm UMW Board
6pm Church Council

25
8:30am Exercise
9am Yoga
11am Power Lunch
3pm KFC Dinner
6:30pm Choir Practice

29
9am Worship Service
10:15am Sunday School
4pm UMYF

30
8:30am Exercise
9am Yoga
10am Book Study
11am Seniors Trip-Armchair Travels at Vigo Co Library
2pm Game Time
6pm Book Study
6pm Church Bowling League

31
9am Holy Grounds Coffee Time
10am Staff Meeting

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Wednesday

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Friday

Saturday

se lunch Practice	5 6pm Hour of Prayer	6 World Day of Prayer 8:30am Exercise 9am Yoga 	7 9:30am MOPS - Armstrong's Parsonage 
se Practice	12	13 8:30am Exercise 9am Yoga 10:30am Knitting Ministry	14
se lunch Practice	19 9am Faith Circle	20 First Day of Spring! 8:30am Exercise 9am Yoga 3pm NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 	21
se lunch er Practice	26 5:30pm Sisters in Faith	27 8:30am Exercise 9am Yoga 10:30am Knitting Ministry	28

May 2020				
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**Sunday
Worship
Times:**

**9:00am Morning
Worship
10:15am Sunday
School**

April 2020						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

**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



2 TIMOTHY 1:3. ESV

Prayer Concerns:

Kerry Teague
Gail Glick
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]
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 Becky Rayhel
The Family of Hilda Jones
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.

**SENIORS
ON THE GO**



L.I.F.E. — A 55+ Senior Ministry

Rose Choir Spring Concert in White Chapel

On Sunday, March 15 at 12:30PM (IL time) we will be going to see the Rose-Hulman Choir for their Spring Concert performance in the beautiful White Chapel on the west side of the Rose-Hulman Campus. We'll enjoy their beautiful voices while enjoying the beautiful view of an Indiana spring! The concert is FREE. We'll leave from the church at 11:30AM to attend the concert and have a meal at Logan's Ribeye afterwards. Sign up at the Welcome Center by noon on Friday, March 13.

Armchair Travels at the Vigo County Public Library

Habari! That's "hello" in the Swahili-speaking areas of Africa. More than 2,000 languages are spoken by African families. Explore these and many other aspects of African diversity in the journey around an eclectic and colorful continent on Monday, March 30, at 2:00PM (EST) at the Vigo County Public Library. We'll leave from the church at 11AM to have lunch at Cackelberries, and then attend the presentation. Sign-up sheet is located on the Welcome Center.

Coffee at The Villas of Holly Brook

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

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

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Wednesday



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is February 26. You are invited to come to the church's chapel between noon and 1:00 p.m. to pray, meditate, and receive the mark of the cross with ashes. You may come and go as you wish. Ashes will be administered throughout the hour.

MARCH Birthdays

- 02 Kyle Hutson
- 03 Bev Smith
- 04 Susie Carey
- 05 Logan Macke, Evan Setzer
- 07 Bettyle Hornbrook
- 08 Joe Schroeder, Aubrey Claypool
- 09 Barb Sabo
- 10 Mary Ellen Koutsoumpas, Scott Cline
- 13 Abbi Fitzjarrald, Tucker Cannady, Chris Brooks
- 15 Jenna Morey
- 17 Carolyn Clark
- 21 Joyce Berry-Smithson
- 22 Lydia Cannady
- 23 Carsyn Day
- 25 David Flowers
- 26 Kelley Ray
- 28 Molly Kendall
- 30 Eric Lindgren, Shaun Ramsey
- 31 Fremont Schoeck

MARCH Anniversaries

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



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.



Soldiers’ Prayer Service

Monday, March 2, 2020, at 7:00PM

Courthouse Lawn in front of The War Memorial



Valentine's Birthday Dinner



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*Just
for Laughs*



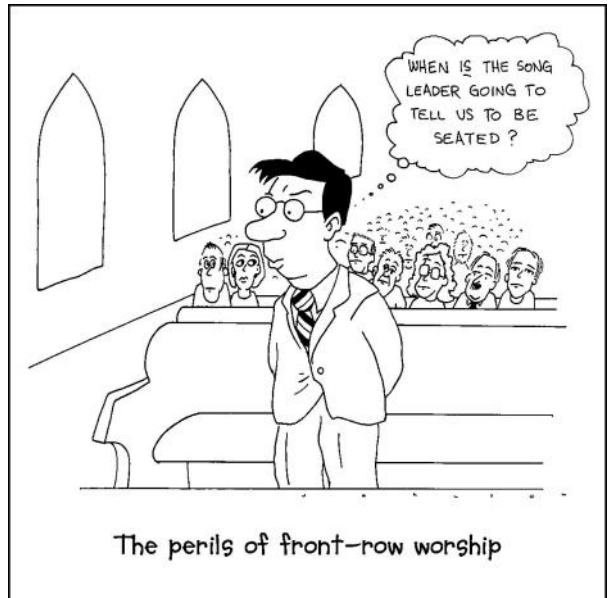
"If we're all dust, why take a bath before the service?"



"In my day, kids just drew on the bulletin during church."



"I washed behind my ears, and I wiped the smirk off my face."



The perils of front-row worship

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

**Friday, March 20, 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.

If you would like to receive your newsletter through the website, please fill out the form at the bottom of this page and place it in the offering plate on Sunday or return it to the church office.



An e-mail notice will be sent out around the first of each month to let you know when the newsletter is posted on our website.

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