



MUMC *Message*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | FEBRUARY 2018

ASH WEDNESDAY

6:00 a.m. Morning Service
(A 10 minute service with Ashes)

6:10 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
12 Hour Prayer Vigil
(Sanctuary will be open)

6:00 p.m. Evening Service

Special Wednesday Night

We LOVE because HE first LOVED us!

Come join us for a Special Wednesday Night Dinner this Valentines Day, February 14th immediately following our Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner for adults will include your choice of a filet or bacon wrapped chicken breast, twice baked potatoes, vegetable, salad, bread, dessert, tea and water.

There will be a photo booth and props for picture fun and door prizes will be awarded.

Meals for the adults will be priced at \$15.00 for a filet and \$10.00 for bacon wrapped chicken.

Meals and drinks for the children will be \$5.00 per person.

Please email or text menu choice and number of children to 901-487-5343 or bvaughn5@comcast.net.

Church Events

- Feb. 1, Feb. 8, Feb. 15, & Feb. 22
BSF (Bible Study Fellowship)
6:20 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Ed. Building, Upstairs
Use entrance under canopy
- Feb. 3, Feb. 11, Feb. 18 & Feb. 25
Prayer Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 -10:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:45 a.m.
- Feb. 7, Feb. 21, & Feb. 28
Wednesday Night
Communion Service 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 5 / Martha-Mary Circle Meeting
- Feb. 13 / Rebecka-Ruth Circle
Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 14 / Ash Wednesday Morning
Service with Ashes 6:00 a.m.
- Feb. 14 / 12 Hour Prayer Vigil
- Feb. 14 / Ash Wednesday Communion
Service with Ashes 6:00 p.m.



“Whenever you fast, don’t be gloomy like the hypocrites. For they make their faces unattractive so that their fasting is obvious to people. Truly I tell you, they have their reward.”

Matthew 6:16



Pastor’s Pen

February 14th, sometimes called Valentine’s Day, but this year called Ash Wednesday, is almost here. Because Ash Wednesday starts the Lenten season, the preparatory season for Easter Day, I wanted to do my duty as a pastor and remind everyone of why we observe both Ash Wednesday and Lent. In short, we are remembering Jesus fasting and praying in the desert for 40 days after his baptism before He began His public ministry. The Scriptures tell us that while in the desert, Christ was tempted by Satan, but prevailed against him. After this period of fasting, struggle, and prayer, Christ emerged from the desert strong enough to start what only He could finish.

Lent is a serious time in the life of the Church because, for the faithful, the season builds up to the remembrance that Christ conquered sin and death. However, I find that sometimes I overcomplicate Lent. With that in mind, I want to offer some simple reminders for Lent 2018. We focus on three areas: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

1. Prayer. This doesn’t have to be hard. Assess your prayer life. If your prayer life is non-existent commit to something small during Lent. You cannot go from “I pray every now and then” to “I’ll pray for an hour a day.” It is not going to happen. If you have been struggling in the prayer area then get a devotional that is not too long and use it every day.

For those that are doing well in their prayer life, but want to continue to grow then I have a new tip for you this year: spend 10 minutes in silence waiting on God to speak. It might sound simple, but it is far from it.

2. Fasting. Remember, fasting is not a weight-loss plan, it’s a God-gain plan. People have given up a whole host of things over the years, but all you have to do is simply remove something you like from your diet and do not pick it up again until Easter morning.

Sometimes people “fast from some part of their life” like television, video games or golf, but again, I’d encourage you to keep it simple. Fast from a food or drink and if you are watching too much TV and playing too much golf, just cut back on it because Lent is not about making new habits, it is about growing in relationship with God.

3. Almsgiving. This is the giving of money/possessions. I have heard of people fasting from their favorite drink or food and using the money they would have spent on those things to charity. That is certainly a good option. Another option is to purge your house of things that you don’t need so you can give it to people and places that do need those things. Then just don’t buy anything big during Lent and give the money to causes you want to.

Again, keep this easy. Deciding how to pray, fast, and give should not be where we put our energy. Instead, our energy should be put on preparing our hearts during this Lenten season.

Blessings,

Bro. Robert

Wednesday Dinner Cookoff Results

We started the year off with a homemade Chili Cookoff and Cookie Challenge. We fed over 75 people. There were 8 entries in the Chili category and 10 entries in the Cookie category.

The Chili Cook Off and Cookie Challenge was a huge success!

We want to thank everyone who entered and those who attended the dinner and voted.



Cookie Results

1st Place: Jenny Knych
2nd Place: Sue Bonds
3rd Place: Susan Hale



Chili Results

Best Overall: Cassie Morris
Most Unique: Robin Phillips
Hottest: Blake Vaughn

No Stress Sunday

We will be having a "No Stress Sunday" on February 25. If you have been thinking about becoming a member of MUMC, come meet Brother Robert at the altar after the service and join stress free!

HELPING THE NEEDY IN OUR COMMUNITY:

The Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, and the Eucharist are all names for this sacrament celebrated by United Methodists. "*The Lord's Supper* reminds us that Jesus Christ is the host and that we participate at Christ's invitation." Jesus invites us to take part in the special meal he ate with his disciples the night before his crucifixion, and other meals he shared in homes and on hillsides.

MUMC observes Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month, each week during the Wednesday Evening Communion Service, Ash Wednesday, Easter and Christmas Eve. During Holy Communion, it is common practice for the worshipers to come forward to receive Communion and kneel at the chancel railing for a time of prayer.

The money left at the railing during Holy Communion is used throughout the year to help provide a variety of assistance to those in need of help during stressful times of their lives.

Church Directory

We are excited to announce that MUMC is in the process of putting together a 2018 Church Directory. Laura Entrekin has graciously agreed to head this project for us.

A photographer will be at MUMC on Sunday, February 25th through Thursday, March 1st for those able to set aside a time to take a membership picture. Please be sure to sign up for a 10 minute time slot to have your picture taken.

To Sign Up: Laura Entrekin will have a table set up in the Narthex on Sundays and in the Gym during Wednesday Night Dinners for individuals and/or families to sign up for a 10 minute session with the photographer. If you prefer, you can email Laura at Laura.entrekin@gmail.com to pencil in a timeslot.

Each family pictured in the directory will receive a complementary Church Directory.

Youth Ministry

The youth group heads to Rogers, Arkansas for Veritas February 23—25.

Each year over 1,200 youth and youth leaders come together to celebrate what it means to be connected. Through inspirational words and music led by nationally known speakers and musicians, young people encounter the Lord in new and deeper ways. Worship describes those times we gather deliberately seeking to encounter God in Christ. God uses worship to transform lives, provoke

compassion, and bind people to one another.

As of the end of January, there were 20 youth and 6 adults signed up to attend the annual Veritas event. Each year the event is held in different locations. This year the event will be held in Rogers, Arkansas. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the MUMC youth director, Tim Parker.

PDO

PDO enjoyed a snow day during January but were glad to be back with friends! They spent the month learning about the color blue and making pretend snow flakes.

Ms. Pam and Ms. Kristi talked with the children about Psalms 51 explaining that God forgives us for our sins if we pray and makes us white as snow.



Children's Ministry

CONFIRMATION 2018

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!!

If your child is in the 6th grade and attends MUMC, please email Sarah Catherine Davis to register your student. marionumckids@gmail.com

VBS

The 2018 Vacation Bible School theme will be "Sports".



Once dates for VBS have been set, we will publish them on Facebook, on the website, in the Sunday Bulletin and in the monthly Newsletter. So, stay tuned for dates, times, volunteer opportunities and sign up information.

Preschool

*2018-2019
Applications*

MUMC Preschool will begin accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year on Tuesday February 20th. To enroll in the Three Year Old Program, your child must be 3 by August 1, 2018 and to enroll in the Four Year Old Program, your child must be 4 by August 1, 2018. Applications can be picked up in the Preschool Department, Church office, or printed from our website.

<http://marionmethodistchurch.com/preschool-pdo/>

Member Spotlight: Lindsay Gill

How long have you been a member?

I have been a member since 2011.

Tell us about your family.

My husband, Brandon, is a lieutenant at the West Memphis Fire Department. He loves hunting and playing golf. We have two girls: Avery who is 7 and Hadley who is 5. Both of which love gymnastics and softball/t-ball. We also have a little boy, Cooper, due April 6, 2018.

Where do you work?

I have been a nurse practitioner for approximately 3 years and currently work for Methodist Medical Group here in Marion.

What are your hobbies?

Momming, photography, and little projects around the house.

What are you involved in at MUMC?

Brandon and I attend the Grace and Peace Sunday School Class led by David Fogleman.

What are your favorite things about our church?

The youth group, Tim and Stacy do amazing things with those kiddos.

What is your favorite Worship Song?

I have two favorite songs. How Great Thou Art and Revelations Song

What is your favorite Bible Verse?

1 Corinthians 10:13 which reminds me that whatever I am going through at the time, God has a plan to get me through it.



1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has come upon you except what is common to humanity. But God is faithful; he will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation he will also provide a way out so that you may be able to bear it.



Happy Birthday!

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| 1 | Foster Hart
Cori McCleskey
Max Stover | | |
| 2 | Sheryl Benson
Reed Elizabeth Rikard
Wayne Tabor | | |
| 3 | Olivia Bailey | | |
| 4 | William Carter | | |
| 5 | Anna Charlotte Thompson
Stuart Thompson | | |
| 6 | David Fogleman
Patrick O'Sullivan | | |
| 7 | Jerri Crase | | |
| 8 | Debbie Wallace
Mason Shidler
Amelia Phillips | | |
| 9 | Morgan Masengale
Lynlee Morris
Talyn Pirani
Jordan Tabor | | |
| 11 | Natalie Collard | | |
| 13 | Anderson Davis
Jon Johnston | | |
| 15 | Wesley Elizabeth Coe | | |
| 16 | Whit Collard
Carson Colliins
Michael East | | |
| 17 | Dorothy Sample | | |
| 18 | Kim Bellis
Slade Inman | | |
| 19 | Ridge Harvey | | |
| 21 | Dale Henderson | 26 | Stephen Knych
Wesley Price |
| 23 | Frank Wallace | | |
| | | 28 | Caden McCarty
Billie Williams |
| 25 | John Heath
Brenda Williams | | |

Recreation News

Indoor Volleyball is back!

The MUMC indoor co-ed volleyball league will start mid March. Participants must be 18 years of age and be able to commit to attending games on Monday nights for approximately ten weeks. March 1st is the deadline to sign up.

If you would like to sign up or need more information, please email the Recreation Director, Gary Wehrum at garyw@s-ind.com

Backpack Program

We are continuing the next few months with themes for our Backpack Program.

Fruit February: Assorted fruit cups

Mac'n Cheese March: Boxes or individual servings of macaroni and cheese

Applesauce April: Snack sized apple sauce

Maybe I Should Eat More Vegetables May: Canned vegetables

Also, we want to thank Tim Parker, Youth Director and the Youth Group for donating and organizing leftover canned items from Hope for the Holidays to the Backpack Program.

DOUG LANDRY

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Craig
Wayne Croom
Denny and Baylus East
Lee and Robin Fesmire
David and Jennifer Fogleman
Frank and Gail Fogleman
Judge John and Nancy Fogleman
Tom and Cindy French
Roger and Rita Gilmore
John and Char Griffiee
Gail Harlow
Charles and Cathy Horton
Jim and Carol Johnston
Lannie and Holly Lancaster
Gerrye Martine
Jeff and April Masengale
Billy and Vesta McNeely
Tim and Stacy Parker
James and Dorothy Sample
John and Debbie Scola
John and Sarah Traugh
Gary and Allison Wehrum
John Robbins Sunday School Class

Memorials

JOHN VICK

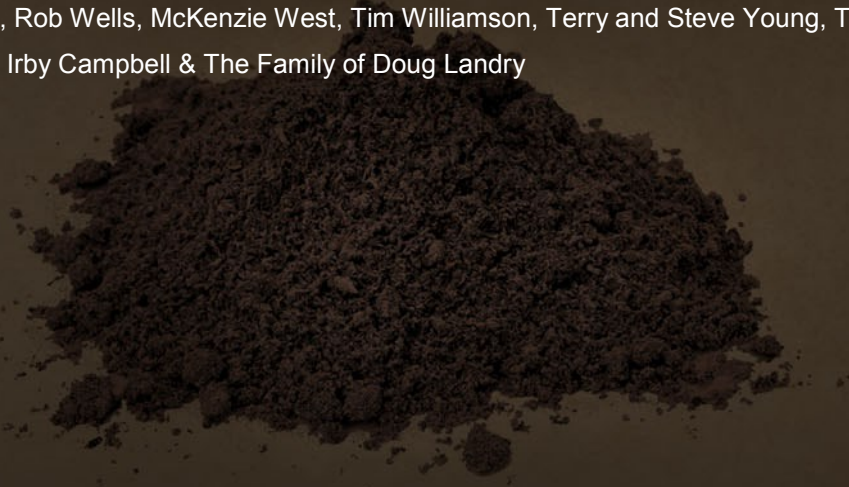
Frank and Gail Fogleman
Judge John and Nancy Fogleman
Roger and Rita Gilmore
John and Char Griffiee
Jim and Carol Johnston
Lannie and Holly Lancaster
John and Sarah Traugh
Bart and Donna Turner
James and Dorothy Sample
John and Debbie Scola
Seekers and Servers Sunday
School Class

IRBY CAMPBELL

Jack and Linda Avery
John and Dawn Brenner
Denny and Baylus East
Lee and Robin Fesmire
David and Jennifer Fogleman
Frank and Gail Fogleman
Scott and Shireen Fogleman
Tom and Cindy French
Roger and Rita Gilmore
John and Char Griffiee
Sandra Hall
Gail Harlow
Allen and Laura Helms
Jim and Carol Johnson
Lannie and Holly Lancaster
Jeff and April Masengale
Tim and Stacy Parker
James and Dorothy Sample
Fred and Amelia Stuckey
John and Sarah Traugh
Bart and Donna Turner
David and Frances Wallace
Gary and Allison Wehrum

PRAYER LIST

Eddie Archer, Shirley Archer, Patsy Catt, Dixie Fair, May Ferguson, James Henderson, Sr., Ashley Jenkins, Margie Woodard Marshall, Richard O'Beirne, Linda Patterson, Connor Scott, Douglas Skipper, Tommy Ward, Sam Watts, Karyn Weaver, Rob Wells, McKenzie West, Tim Williamson, Terry and Steve Young, The Family of John Vick, The Family of Irby Campbell & The Family of Doug Landry



February Ushers

Roger Gilmore	Cliff Lafitte
Matt Hale	Tracy Stokes
Jeff Johnston	Wayne Tabor

VISION STATEMENT

*A church on fire for Jesus Christ,
setting the world on fire for
Jesus Christ.*

February Greeters

Youth Group

MISSION STATEMENT

Being disciples. Making disciples.

February Altar Flower Calendar

2/4	Justin and Laura Rikard
2/11	Rex and Ann Rogers
2/18	Open
2/25	Elizabeth Williams

SUNDAY MORNING

9:00 a.m.	Prayer Service
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Worship Service



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Organist

