

MUMC *message*

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HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the week just before Easter and begins with Palm Sunday, Jesus' triumphant return into Jerusalem and the arrest, trial, torture and execution of Jesus. These events are mentioned in all four of the Gospels. The days between Palm, or Passion, Sunday and Holy Thursday are referred to as Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday and Holy Wednesday. Thursday is referred to as Holy Thursday, Maundy Thursday, Covenant

Thursday, Great and Holy Thursday, Sheer Thursday, or Thursday of Mysteries. Good Friday commemorates Christ's crucifixion and death on the cross at Calvary. Holy Saturday, also known as Great Sabbath or Black Saturday, is the last day of Holy Week. It commemorates the day Jesus' body laid in the tomb. Easter Eve begins after sundown on Holy Saturday. The Easter Season lasts for 50 days until Pentecost.

Maundy Thursday Seder Dinner

Our Maundy Thursday Seder Dinner will be held in the Gym on March 29, 2018. Seder, a Jewish ritual service and ceremonial dinner held on the first evening of the Passover, includes the reading of the Haggadah and the eating of symbolic foods. Each table will have a center Seder plate containing the symbolic foods which will include Beitzah (a roasted egg), Karpas (parsley), Charoset (chopped apples and nuts), Maror (horseradish), Matzah (unleavened bread) and salt water. After the candle lighting blessing, Brother Robert will lead the guests through the meal and reciting various blessings. Please make a reservation with the office if you would like to attend the event.

HOLY WEEK AT MUMC

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| March 25: | Palm Sunday |
| March 28: | Holy Wednesday
Communion Service
5:30 p.m. |
| March 29: | Maundy Thursday Seder
Dinner 6:00 p.m.

(Please contact the
Office for reservations.) |
| March 30: | Good Friday Stations of
The Cross 6:00 p.m. |
| April 1: | Easter Sunday Sunrise
Service at Crittenden
Memorial Cemetery
7:00 a.m.

Easter Sunrise Breakfast
8:00 a.m.
(Please contact the
office for reservations)

Worship Service
10:45 a.m. |



Pastor's Pen

The week of Easter, Holy Week, will be here at the end of this month. I have talked in the past about Maunday Thursday and have explained why we use the Seder to worship on that day. This time around I wanted to talk about Good Friday. For the past two years we have done The Stations of the Cross and will be doing the same thing this year.

There are a number of Christian denominations that use this method of worship during Lent such as the Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans, Presbyterians, and others.

There are a number of different versions of The Stations of the Cross, but they all end with Jesus being placed in a tomb. The version of The Stations of the Cross that we use is a retelling of the scriptural accounts of Jesus' death on that Friday so long ago.

Traditionally, The Stations of the Cross involves walking to station after station which would be in a church. However, we do things differently. If you haven't been, the way we do it is we show an image on the screen in the Sanctuary, read the Scripture, and pray. Last year we included music and will do the same this year.

I like to use The Stations of the Cross on Good Friday because I think it is important that we focus on the death of Christ that Friday. The best way to focus on the death of Christ and connect with His suffering is to pray in response to the Scriptural accounts of His death. I believe this to be such an important worship service because if we did not think and pray about the death of Christ, then we would deprive ourselves of more knowledge of the length and depth of God's great love for us. We say that "Jesus died for our sins," but do we ever really think about that death? It is easy to skip to Easter and ignore Holy Week and Good Friday, but that is an incomplete experience. I can tell you that year after year when I remember Good Friday, Easter is that much more powerful.

I hope you'll join us this year on March 30th in the Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.

Blessings,
Bro. Robert

Movie Night

The Passion of the Christ

The Friends and Fellowship Sunday School Class will host a movie night Sunday, March 26th at 5:00 p.m. in the Barbara Smith Family Life Center. Pizza, popcorn and drinks will be served. We will have church chairs available for seating, but if you would rather bring a lawn chair or bean bag, please feel free to do so.

To sign up, please contact the church either by phone 870-739-3434 or email: marionunitedmethodist@gmail.com.

MISS A SUNDAY?

You can view past services on our website: Marionmethodistchurch.com and click on "Watch Latest Worship Services".

NO STRESS SUNDAY

We will be having a "No Stress Sunday" on March 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!

Sisters in Christ

The Sisters in Christ Circle has been working to make Prayer Blankets for those who are ill and in need of prayers.

The ladies also hosted the Wednesday Night Dinner January 31st serving loaded potato soup and taco soup with salad bar.



Wednesday Night Dinner

The Grace and Peace Sunday School Class prepared the meal for Wednesday, February 28, 2018. Those attending the Wednesday Night Dinner were treated to a Taco Bar.



New To Our Family

Chloe Harrison, Frank Harrison, Stacey Adkinson and Whitt Keasler joined our congregation on Sunday, February 25, 2018.

Elzabe Cornelia TeBaerts was baptized on January 28, 2018. She is the daughter of Rickus and Regina TeBaerts.

Lorelai Kay Harrison and Tinlee Mae Harrison were baptized on February 25, 2018. They are the daughters of Frank and Chloe Harrison.

William Shepard Jonas was baptized on February 25, 2018. He is the son of Brad and Colby Jonas.

Backpack Program

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

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

Health & Nutrition

Shelley Griffiee is offering nutritional information sessions on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the yoga room. The sessions allow chances for those attending to ask questions as well as to find out more about the benefits of organic and plant-based diets. This is a great opportunity to learn from her years of research into nutrition. The classes will be provided through the end of March 2018. Please feel free to join the class.

Member Spotlight : Nancy Fogleman

How long have you been a member of MUMC?

I joined MUMC in the summer of 1981 after John and I returned to Marion upon his graduation from law school. I grew up in the Marion Baptist Church which used to sit down the street on Military Road.

Tell us about your family.

I have been married to my high school sweetheart for 41 years. Judge John and I have two sons. Our son John and his wife, Ashley McHugh, live in midtown Memphis. John is the English teacher for the ALE students at Marion Senior High School. Ashley serves as the Research Director at Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau. Adam, our younger son, is married to Jill. They live in Little Rock and Adam is the civil attorney for Pulaski County. Jill is the Director of Operations at Markham Street Dental. We have one grandson. William is 16 years old and is a junior at Fayetteville Senior High. William's dad is John. We are excitedly awaiting the birth of a second grandson. Adam's baby boy, Jude, is expected to arrive in early April.

Tell us about your job.

I have the best job of being a grandmother! Professionally, I am a retired educator. I was an elementary classroom teacher for five years and an elementary school librarian for 23 years. For three years between being a public school teacher and librarian I was the MUMC preschool director/teacher.

What are your hobbies?

I enjoy cooking, especially sweet treats, and I like to read. The children's section of any bookstore is still my favorite section and usually the spot I visit first. John and I enjoy traveling and plan to travel more really soon. I am partners with Jill and Adam in Common Ground Properties. We have recently completed the renovation and sale of a historic home in Little Rock that was built in 1907. We are now in the planning stages of a 2 bedroom/2 bathroom cottage that will be used as an Airbnb.



What are you involved in at MUMC?

I am a member of the John Robbins Sunday School Class, the Rebekah Ruth Circle and the Church Council. I assist the backpack program by doing a monthly inventory of the food and rotating the food items so that all food is used before its expiration date.

What is your favorite thing about our church?

Definitely the people! In particular, I am so touched by the dedication and big hearts of our young adults. They are fabulous role models for us of all ages. They have answered the call to be chairpersons of committees for our church and have served us well. They have proven themselves to be caring planners and great leaders. It is heartwarming to see many of my former students carrying on the traditions of our church. MUMC has a bright future for which I am grateful.

What is your favorite Bible verse?

Philippians 4:6 & 7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

What is your favorite worship song?

The Spirit Song and the Hymn of Promise

Special Wednesday Night Dinner

February 14, 2018

The special Wednesday night dinner celebrating Valentines Day was a huge success. We fed approximately 150 people. The menu included a salad bar to rival all salad bars, filet or bacon wrapped chicken, twice baked potato, asparagus, bread and drinks. There was a dessert station that included brownies, cheesecake, chocolate covered strawberries, homemade ice cream, hot fudge and caramel sauce.

Randomly drawn door prizes were:

Heart picture frame: Blake and Straley Owen

Scooples jewelry: Allison Wehrum and Sarah Catherine Davis

Dinstuhls Chocolate: Spencer and Cassie Morris

Taco Bout Jesus shirts: Jack and Linda Avery

Catch-up with Jesus and Relish Sweet Jesus Shirts: Jeff and Jennifer Johnston

Longest married couple was James and Dorothy Sample at 65 years. They received a set of coffee mugs with a bride and groom that grow old when hot coffee is added.

Newlyweds were Joey and Betsy Laughter at under three months. They received hand-holding mittens.

The Grand prize was a gift card to the Wilson Café. The gift card was awarded to the person who found a heart taped to the bottom of his or her chair. The winner was Shanna Boney.

The children enjoyed pizza, popcorn, and cookies as they watched a movie in the children's area.

If you missed the dinner, you will have to mark your calendars for next year. It took numerous people to pull the event together. There were people who dedicated time to decorating, organizing and setting up the salad bar, dessert station, Chef Vaughn at the grill and the kitchen was full of volunteers pitching in where needed. Thank you to all the volunteers who stepped in to make this event possible and a special thank you to Beverly Vaughn who organized the event and continues to help organize our Wednesday night dinners.



PARENT'S DAY OUT

Registration Information

MUMC Parent's Day Out program will be accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year on Tuesday, April 17th from 11:00 a.m. until noon. Children must be at least one year in age or walking. PDO will enlist students in the following order:

1. Members of MUMC & returning PDO students.
2. Siblings of those who have attended MUMC PDO and/or Preschool.
3. All others.

PRESCHOOL

Registration Information:

MUMC Preschool has begun accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. 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/>



Photos above: The children making their own Valentine's Day card boxes for Valentine Day cards.

Photos below were taken during the valentine day party



During the month of February:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Through the month of February we talked about loving one another and God.

God loves a
cheeful giver.



Each month preschool collects items for our backpack program. This month they delivered fruit cups.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Veritas Weekend: February 23-25

MUMC Youth spent the weekend of February 23-25 in Rogers, Arkansas at Veritas. The annual conference is put on by the Arkansas Conference Council on Youth Ministries. The youth had the opportunity to listen to Bishop Mueller Friday night. They also had worship service, fellowship, devotionals and concluded the weekend with Communion.



Happy Birthday!

3/1	Carter Benton Patton Chafin	3/17	Joanne Arceneaux
3/2	Brooklyn Arceneaux Liz Laughter Van McNeely Wayne Tabor	3/19	Rex Rogers
3/3	Franklin Fogleman Denise Letner	3/20	George Kennedy
3/6	Carol Acuff Wesley Betts Karen Cooper Char Griffiee	3/21	Caroline Rose Catt Robert Melton Elizabeth Wallace
3/7	Meredith Gill Dennis Pirani	3/22	Jack Carter Freddie Williams
3/9	Laura Carpenter John Scola	3/23	Shea Hart Alexandria Inman
3/12	Pam Young Levi Rikard	3/24	Lindsey Gill
3/13	Jake Hale Robert Lugar	3/26	Tracye Carter Hudson McKewen
3/14	Cassie Morris Robyn Phillips	3/27	Jeffrey Schwartz
3/15	Laura Entrekin Betsy Cloninger Dianna Hanks	3/28	Sydney Collard
		3/29	Neena Pirani
		3/30	Tess Hall Cyndi James
		3/31	Kristi Boon Bill Hartley William Baber Hardke

Church Events

- March 8, March 15, & March 29
BSF (Bible Study Fellowship)
6:20 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
NOTE: No Bible Study March 21
Ed. Building, Upstairs
Use entrance under canopy
- March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25
Prayer Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 -10:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:45 a.m.
- March 7 and March 14
Wednesday Night
Communion Service 5:30 p.m.
NOTE: No Wednesday Night Dinner
On March 21 or 28
- March 5 / Martha-Mary Circle
Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- March 13 / Rebecka-Ruth Circle
Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- March 19-23 / Spring Break
No Preschool or PDO
- March 29 / Seder Dinner
Please contact the office
for Reservations
- March 30 / Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.
- April 1 / Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m.
Sunrise Service Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

PRAYER LIST

Patsy Catt, May Ferguson, Wally Fowler, Ashley Jenkins, Karen Jones, Richard O'Beirne, Sam Watts and Tim Williamson

MEMORIALS

IRBY CAMPBELL

Joe and Patsy Catt
Shelley Griffiee
Jeff and Jennifer Johnston
Mark and Brenda Smith
Bartt and Beverly Vaughn

DOUG LANDRY

Nancy Baratti
June Broadway
Joe and Patsy Catt
Scott and Ann Carpenter
Shelley Griffiee
Liz Laughter
Bartt and Beverly Vaughn

JOHN VICK

Nancy Baretti
Joe and Patsy Catt
Shelley Griffiee

March Ushers

Rich Busby

Bill Hartley

Rex Gill

Danny Moore

Garrison Hardke

Wayne Tabor

March Greeters

Friends and Fellowship

Sunday School Class

March Altar

Flower Calendar

3/4	Open
3/11	Justin & Laura Rikard
3/18	Open
3/25	Open

VISION STATEMENT

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

MISSION STATEMENT

Being disciples. Making disciples.

SUNDAY MORNING

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



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