



MUMC *message*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
MARION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Seder Dinner

On Thursday, March 29th, Pastor Robert Cloninger led the Third Annual Seder Dinner.

The event was held in the MUMC Gym where over 25 tables were set for over 115 guests. A Passover Seder plate containing six items was placed in the center of each table for the special Seder dinner. Each of the six items arranged on the center plate of the tables had special significance to the retelling of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt.

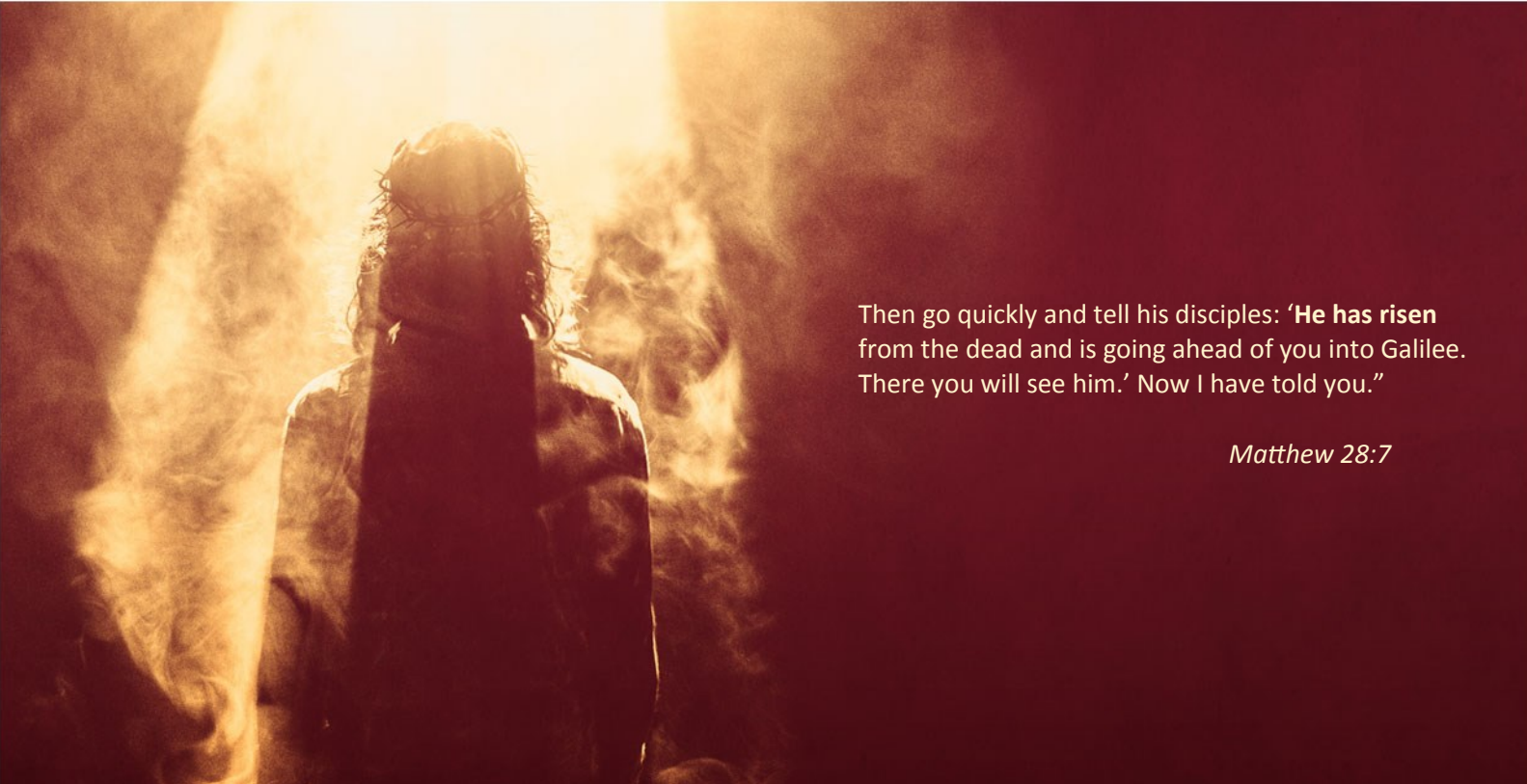
The Seder dinner was an amazingly spirit-led time together where those attending had the opportunity to gain a greater understanding of Passover. The participants had the opportunity to engage with God's story of

redemption that was provided through "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). The evening was one taking you back in time and focusing on what took place thousands of years ago.

We would like to thank Bro. Robert for bringing the event to MUMC. This event would not be possible without the help of numerous volunteers. Each and every United Methodist Women's Circle pitched in from organizing, cooking, decorating and setting up. This year, we were excited to have the boys and girls from WWF to help with decorating the tables and setting up chairs. As the evening ended, the United Methodist Men and many others helped to make clean up much easier by breaking down tables and chairs. Thanks Everyone!!!!!! Photos from the event are contained on page 4.

"Now the length of time the Israelite people lived in Egypt was 430 years. At the end of the 430 years, to the very day, all the LORD's divisions left Egypt. Because the LORD kept vigil that night to bring them out of Egypt, on this night all the Israelites are to keep vigil to honor the LORD for the generations to come."

Exodus 12: 40-42



Then go quickly and tell his disciples: **'He has risen** from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

Matthew 28:7

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Each year we look forward to baking Resurrection Rolls the Wednesday before Easter! It's a creative way to tell the story of Jesus's burial and resurrection. Here's the recipe and the story our Children's Director tells while assembling the rolls. Enjoy and have fun celebrating the truth that our Savior is risen!

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

2 cans of Crescent rolls, 16 large marshmallows, ½ cup melted butter,
¼ cup granulated sugar, 2 tablespoon cinnamon

Jesus is God's son who was sent to earth to pay the price for our sin. He never sinned. The white of this marshmallow represents the purity and sin-free nature of Christ.

After Jesus died his body was prepared for burial. After he was buried, his friends prepared him to be buried with oil and spices. Dip the marshmallow in butter, then in sugar and cinnamon.

Jesus was wrapped in linen and placed in a tomb with a large rock rolled in front. Wrap the marshmallow in one triangle of dough covering it completely like a ball (rock).

Complete the process for all 16 triangles and marshmallows. Place in the oven for 10-12 minutes.

Allow rolls to cool. Say after 3 days, his friends went to visit the tomb but the rock was rolled away and two angels said, "why are you looking for the living among the dead?"

Reveal that when you cut open a roll or take a bite that the marshmallow has disappeared, leaving an empty "tomb."

Remind children that the rolls are sweet just like the love God has for us.



Member Spotlight: Jane Hartley



How long have you been a member of MUMC?

I was baptized at MUMC in 1946. Bill and I joined the church in 1978.

Tell us about your family.

I have been married to Bill Hartley for 52 years. We have two daughters, Ellen Whittington and Laura Charlton. I have two wonderful son-in-laws, John Whittington and Micheal Charlton. We have three adorable grandchildren, Jane Ellen Whittington, Dawson Whittington and Hartley Charlton. I have been really blessed to have had the children in Marion and have been active in their lives. Ellen is a speech pathologist in the Marion School District. John is a mechanical engineer at SFI in Memphis. Laura is a pharmacist at Fred's in Marion. Micheal has Marion Minor Clinic.

Tell us about your job.

I was a Registered Nurse for 45 years. I worked in a surgical clinic for two years in Statesboro, Georgia while Bill attended Georgia Southern for his degree in Business Administration. I worked at Crittenden Memorial Hospital in West Memphis as a surgical nurse for 20 years. I worked at Methodist Hospital for 19 years as a surgical nurse and 4 years in Infection Prevention. I retired in 2011.

What are your hobbies?

I love to cook, knit, read and hang out with family and friends.

What are you involved in at MUMC?

The Methodist Church has always been an important part in my life. My great grandfather and three of his brothers were Methodist preachers. They were active in the Mississippi Conference. My grandfather was a minister beginning in 1878 until 1930. Two of his other brothers served the conference too. His third brother was a physician and a medical missionary in the Congo in the 30's. Their Dad was a Circuit rider in the Methodist Church. My grandmother moved to Marion in the early 1940's and joined the MUMC. After Bill and I joined MUMC, we were youth counselors for about eight years. We loved the youth, still do, because they are our future church. I loved the Sub-district and District Conference meetings. We met with the children and adult members all over our district. Loved going to Bear Creek with the children and canoeing in Spring River each Spring.

I have always helped with Wednesday Night Dinners and cooking for the youth, football teams, volleyball teams and special occasions until a few years ago.

I am a member of the Seekers and Searchers Class. We have had some awesome teachers,

What is your favorite thing about our church?

The most valuable asset of the church is the people and their love of God and our community. My church family is so important to me.

What is your favorite Bible verse? Micah 6:8

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your Lord."

What is your favorite worship song?

My favorite hymn is really difficult. Music has been such an important part of my Christian life, it is hard to pick. But one that speaks to me is, Are you Able.

I leave this challenge with each of you. Find your place in the church that speaks to you. For example, choir, packing food for the backpack program, Sunday School, Bible Study, sharpening pencils in the pews, getting the extra bulletins on your pew that are left and putting them in the garbage, helping Wednesday Night Dinners, delivering food at Thanksgiving with the youth, Hope for the Holidays, Volleyball, Trunk or Treat, Pre-School, Hullabaloo, Turkey Dinner, and I could go on and on. My point is the more you get involved in different groups of the church, the more you feel at home. I love each and everyone at the Marion United Methodist Church. You are my family.

Seder Dinner Photos



Dessert Contest

Several Categories to enter!!

Once again we will have another cooking contest. On April 25th, there will be a dessert contest during the Wednesday Night Dinner. Time of the dinner will be 5:50 p.m. following Wednesday Night Communion.

Categories will be:

- * Cupcakes
- * Cookies
- * Pies
- * Miscellaneous

Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 in each category.

You do not have to enter the contest to eat dinner that night.

As of yet, the menu for the month of April has not been completed. As we learn of the menu each week, we will get the information out to everyone.

If you are interested in the cooking contest, please email Beverly Vaughn at: bvaughn5@comcast.net

DEUTERONOMY 16:5

“You must not sacrifice the Passover in any town the Lord your God give you”

New To Our Family

Ava Lucille Phillips was baptized on March 11, 2018. She is the daughter of Jeff and Robin Phillips.

Hold the date!

Our Youth Group will prepare the Wednesday Night Dinner on May 2nd as a fundraiser for the Annual Youth Trip.

Also, we are planning an end of school year celebration at the Wednesday Night Dinner on May 16th. We are looking to have a bouncy house and cookout style dinner.

Backpack Program

We are on our last two months of school and will need the following items during that time.

Applesauce April: Snack sized apple sauce

Maybe I Should

Eat More Canned vegetables

Vegetables May:

Thank you to all who have participated in packing, organizing, shopping and giving to this program. Because of your generous donations to this worthy cause, we have been able to extend this program to all Marion Schools. We are so blessed to have such a giving congregation.

Wednesday Night Dinner

The Crossroads Sunday School Class prepared the meal for Wednesday, March 7, 2018.

Those attending the Wednesday Night Dinner were treated to a baked chicken, veggies and salad.

We want to thank ALL Sunday School Classes for taking time out of your busy schedules to arrange, cook and serve the Wednesday Night Dinners over the last seven months. The selection of food has been great, the food was outstanding and great fellowship during the event.



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.



Playing inside can be fun! Mrs. Kristie enjoyed teaching the kids how to hula hoop like a pro!



PDO finger painting while learning the colors of a rainbow.

PDO had fun celebrating Saint Patrick's day! We are lucky to have such a wonderful church to play with friends and learn more about Jesus!



PRESCHOOL

Registration Information:

MUMC Preschool is continuing to take 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/>

MUMC Pre-School Scholarship

Each year our preschool offers a scholarship to a graduating senior. This scholarship was established to honor those who have supported our church and community by attending our preschool and being a part of the Marion Schools. To qualify a senior must be a 2018 graduate of Marion High School, a member of MUMC and have attended MUMC preschool for two years. Applications can be picked up in the preschool area. The scholarship winner will be announced at the senior luncheon.



Each month our preschool collects items for our backpack program. This month they delivered macaroni and cheese

Happy Birthday!

4/1	Logan Landry	4/14	Fletcher Smith Hawkins Simth
4/2	Andy Rawls Courtney Rawls	4/15	Gray Patterson Anna Wehrum
4/3	Erin Sutton	4/16	Baylus East
4/4	Annalee Parker	4/18	Kenny Conrad
4/5	April Buffington Neal Williams	4/19	Ben Barber Amy Holt Robyn Price Joel Sargent
4/6	Charlene Kelley	4/21	Mark Baber Robin Coe
4/7	Gail Durham Buddy McCain	4/22	William Collard Caleb McCain Glenys Moore TJ Stotts
4/8	Myles Holt	4/25	Kristie Stotts Jane Ellen Whittington
4/9	Missy Bius Stan Price	4/26	Wilkes East Blake Hart
4/10	Ellen Whittington	4/27	Nancy Baratti
4/11	Lillian Fogleman Riley Tittle	4/29	Remington Kutscher Ella Grace Maranto
4/13	Matt Molloy Harper Doyle		
4/14	Sara Betts Laura Charlton Bob Cosgrove Brandon Gill		

Church Events

SUNDAYS (Reoccurring events)

- April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
Prayer Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 -10:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS (Reoccurring events)

- April 4, 11, 18 & 25
Wednesday Night
Communion Service 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Dinner 5:50 p.m.

THURSDAYS (Reoccurring events)

- April 5, 12, 19 & 26
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
- April 2 / Martha-Mary Circle
Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- April 10 / Rebecka-Ruth Circle
Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- April 25 / Dessert Contest

PRAYER LIST

Patsy Catt, May Ferguson, Wally Fowler, Ashley Jenkins, Karen Jones, Charlie McNeely,
Jim Johnston, Sam Watts and Tim Williamson

April Ushers

David Brick	Matt Hale
Scott Carpenter	Andy Rawls
Tony Gardner	Neal Williams

April Greeters

Seekers and Servers

April Altar

Flower Calendar

4/1	Easter Lilies
4/8	Kelly Fogleman
4/15	OPEN
4/22	Frances King
4/29	Pam Betts

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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