



# MUMC *message*

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## Pastor's Pen

### *Getting to Know You*

What a whirlwind! Looking at homes, getting one purchased, packing up in Charleston, traversing the state, unloading here in Marion, and finally to Annual Conference and back again. It has been a busy June and the summer heat has reached a peak. Amid all the transition and change, we have officially arrived in Marion. The house is (almost) unpacked and set. Books are on the shelves in my office. Sermons are prepared. Meetings have been held. More than anything, however, my family and I are so thankful by your warm welcome and reception into your community. We are beyond thankful for the kind messages, the meals brought by, the help unloading, and for all the prayers.

To give you a little information about us as a family...Priscilla and I are both graduates of Arkansas State University. She has a bachelors and master's degree in piano, while I have a bachelors in vocal performance. I also have a master's in divinity from Boston University. We met at ASU and were married in 2008. We have two wonderful children: David, born in 2013 and Emma, born in 2016. We are fairly local to the area: I am from Paragould (Paragould High School) and Priscilla is from Dexter, Missouri. This is just a small snapshot and there is much more to tell, but I want to talk about getting to know you, the Marion United Methodist Church, and the Marion community.

Throughout July, I will be hosting twelve listening sessions at the church. These sessions will help me learn about the story of Marion United Methodist Church, where you see yourselves growing in faith, and where you see the spirit leading. These sessions will be an hour in length and any and all (including children and youth) are invited to come to these sessions. Refreshments will be served and each session will focus on a set of four questions to help me learn more about the church and community. I will also be making available times during the Sunday School hour if any class would like to host during a Sunday School session. To sign-up, please fill out the form in the bulletin, call or email the church office, or feel free to just drop in. If none of the times work for you, please call the church office and I will arrange a time to meet with you. Come be part of these sessions and help me to learn more about you, the Marion United Methodist Church, and the Marion community.

Blessings

Pastor Andrew

### Schedule of Listening Sessions:

Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm  
Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm  
Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm  
Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am  
Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm  
Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00pm

Childcare will be provided for  
ages newborn to 7 years of age  
except the two noon sessions.

### Sunday School hosting opportunities:

Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>



# VBS

JULY 10—13 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

The MUMC VBS is scheduled this month beginning July 10th. Decorating for the event will commence Sunday afternoon July 8th and continue Monday July 9th. For those of you wanting to help with decorating, please Straley Owen or the office at your earliest convenience.

The theme this year is “Game On” . We will decorate many areas of the church with this theme to emphasize that God has given us His ultimate playbook and to encourage VBS attendees to join His team, train hard, celebrate salvation and encourage one another.



The theme verse for this year’s VBS is “His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.” 2 Peter 1:3

How can you help?

1. Sign up! We want every child around to be able to experience VBS this year. Sign up your children and grandchildren and spread the word! Sign up form are available in the narthex or church office.
2. Sign up to volunteer. There are so many ways you can help, from crafts to games to music to shepherding the kids. Sign up forms are available in the narthex and church office or you may contact Straley Owen.
3. Pick an item from the VBS donation tree located outside the children’s area.

Let’s get ready to Gear up! Get Ready! Game on!

## Mission Outreach

The Backpack Program has been extended through the summer with the first delivery on June 11, 2018. There were a total of 38 boxes prepared the first week reaching 124 children.



Children from Sunday school class helped package food for the Wednesday June 27th food distribution. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact the church office.

The Friends and Fellowship Sunday school class made blessing bags for the homeless after the Sunday lesson on June 24th. The lesson was on one of Jesus’s Parables, the rich man and Lazarus. Luke 16: 19-31



## New To Our Family

James Gary Hart II was baptized on June 24, 2018. He is the son of Blake and Shea Hart.

## Church Events

- July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29  
Prayer Service 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 -10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Service 10:45 a.m.
- July 8th / Potluck in Gym following Sunday Service
- July 8th / Decorate for VBS
- July 9th / Decorate for VBS
- July 10th - 13th / VBS
- July 11th / Food Distribution @ 4pm
- July 16th / Resurface and Seal Gym Floor
- July 16th - July 24th / Gym Closed
- July 25th / Food Distribution @ 4pm

Please refer to the Pastor’s Pen for Listening Session schedule.



## Member Spotlight: Straley Owen

**How long have you been a member of MUMC?** Blake and I started coming to MUMC after Diana Lugar invited us several times when Miller was a toddler, and I think we officially joined in 2010.



**Tell us about your family.** Blake and I met at ASU in 1998 and married in 2002. Miller was born in 2005, and then Mollie and Sam were born in 2011. We have Binky our cat and the infamous Kevin!



**Tell us about your job.** I have proudly been a Marion Patriot since 2004! I have been a classroom teacher for 14 years and will be a literacy facilitator starting this year, where I will travel to all Marion schools and help support our teachers. I have also just accepted the part time position of Children's Minister at our church.



**What are your hobbies?** My children and family! I love music, to travel, to read, and spending time with my awesome friends!

**What are you involved in at MUMC?** I started volunteering in the children's area when Miller was younger, and then became much more heavily involved when the twins were born. I love to help out with the music program when I can! Life is about to be even more exciting as I dig into my new position at our church.

**What is your favorite thing about our church?** Our members and our community! The biggest hearts are living in our church family, and I see this throughout the year in many capacities. People here never fail to step up to the plate and help people in our town see God's hands..

**What is your favorite Bible verse?** Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10 I feel like this verse covers so much and for my life; it has been HUGE. Losing my parents at a young age and then facing numerous scary "life" moments, this has helped me to stay strong and focused in my faith.

**What is your favorite worship song?** There are so many I love—so many that help in different aspects of my life. Music is so very special to me, and music based upon the word empowers it to mean more. Something that has opened my eyes more so is to see how my children interpret music, so I guess the best answer to this: whatever their favorite worship song is for the day!

## Potluck for the Kjorlaug Family

Please bring your favorite dish and join us in welcoming Andrew, Priscilla, David and Emma Kjorlaug to our MUMC family on Sunday, July 8th immediately following the Sunday Service.

## Moving Day

Pastor Andrew, Priscilla and the children arrived in Marion on Wednesday June 13, 2018. Thanks to the help of many volunteer church members, the move went smoothly. Mrs. Jane Hartley made sure no one went hungry by providing food and drinks for everyone. We want to Welcome Pastor Andrew and Priscilla to Marion and MUMC.



## July Birthdays

July 1	Bill Adams Lynda Avery Emily Burns	July 14	Sandra Hall
July 3	Melissa Sargent	July 16	Blair LaRue Amy Henderson
July 4	Tyler Carey Aidan Carey Mary Peyton Bell Wade Murray	July 17	Eme Claire Bius Tony Gardner Tammy Hale
July 5	Susan Griffie Leslie Brick Jed Davis	July 18	Brian Doyle Chris Dunn
July 6	Kelly Fogleman	July 20	Lisa Heath Mike Sample Kayleigh Busby
July 7	Elliot Allen Kristen Catt Lee Catt III Alex King Avery Kynch	July 21	Alan Helms Michael McCarty
July 8	Jamie Bell Laura Helms Jack Gerrard	July 23	Vickie Sample
July 9	Mark Miller	July 24	Patricia Jones
July 11	Mickey Charlton	July 26	Denny East Meghan Fowler Missy King
July 12	Marcia Sutton Tarryn Cohea	July 27	Lee Catt IV Catherine Catt
		July 28	Julie Burns David Catt Frank Harrison
		July 29	Vernon Coale Taylor Conrad Sam Stuckey Stephen Jones



## July Ushers

David Brick  
Rich Busby  
Matt Hale

Cliff Lafitte  
Wayne Nelson  
John Traugh

## July Greeters

Genesis Sunday School  
Class

## July Altar

### Flower Calendar

7/1 Chastity Johnston  
7/8 Open  
7/15 Open  
7/22 Open  
7/29 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



Marion United Methodist Church

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