

# MUMC message

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | JUNE 2018

## Ladies Luncheon

The ladies luncheon held Sunday, May 6th, was an afternoon of fellowship and a moving testimony of Chloe S. Harrison. As quoted by Jerri Crase, "It's safe to assume there wasn't a dry eye in the house." There is something so very beautiful about one's personal journey and how their faith in God alone made an ending so drastically different than what it could have been.

Thank you Chloe for opening our eyes to the many opportunities within our own community. For those who were unable to attend and hear Chloe's testimony, please research CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) to learn more about opportunities existing in our community. CASA volunteers are everyday citizens who advocate for the safety and



well-being of children who have been removed from their homes due to parental abuse or neglect. CASA volunteers also stand up for these children, represent their best interests in courtrooms and other settings to help change their lives. For many of these abused children, their CASA volunteer will be the one constant adult presence in their lives.

Thank you to Paula Moore for the colorful table cloths, custom catering for the delicious meal, UMW for the opportunity to enjoy a stress free Sunday lunch, the good Lord above for the beautiful flowers, and all of our church ladies for making UMW such a great ministry within MUMC.

## Backpack Program

The Backpack Program touched many children during the 2017-2018 school year, and we are planning to once again continue the program throughout the summer. Deliveries will be made every other Wednesday beginning June 13th. For those of you who would like to help make deliveries every other week, please contact Beverly Vaughn or the church office.

There were approximately 102 packages delivered for a period of 33 weeks during the school year.

Breakfast	7,000
Lunches	7,000
Dinner	7,000
Snacks	14,000
Total Items delivered	34,000

The cost of this program totaled \$10,000. Volunteer hours totaled approximately 200 hours between packing, shopping, inventory and deliveries. Thank you to all who have helped and continue to make this program such a success.



*Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.*

*2 Corinthians 13:11*



## *Pastor's Pen*

From the deepest parts of our hearts, thank you. Thank you for welcoming us into your community and church family. Thank you for loving us, and most importantly, loving our children. Thank you for treating them like your own and covering them in prayer. Thank you to the many individuals who parented us during these sweet, yet trying, times as we learned how to navigate the waters of parenthood. Thank you for holding our hands, and hearts, through the joys and sorrows we've faced as a family.

We will always cherish our time at Marion UMC and you will always hold a special place in our hearts and prayers. Please do not forget us and let us know when you are in Northwest Arkansas.

In Christ,

The Cloninger Family





# Wednesday Night Dinner

Our youth group prepared and served the Wednesday Night Dinner on May 2, 2018. The funds raised from the dinner will go towards the Youth trip during the summer or fall 2018.



## New To Our Family

Cooper Eidson Gill was baptized on May 20, 2018. He is the son of Brandon and Lindsay Gill.

Pastor Andrew Kjorlaug joined us for the evening. He attended the Wednesday Night Communion service and took part during Communion along side of Bro. Robert. Everyone attending the dinner had an opportunity to meet Bro. Andrew during the evening.

# Farewell Dinner

There were more than one hundred people in attendance at the Wednesday Night Dinner on May 16, 2018 in honor of Bro. Robert and Betsy Cloninger. The cookout style dinner was a time to show our thanks to Bro. Robert and Betsy as they get ready to leave MUMC and begin their new journey in Bella Vista, Arkansas.

A table was displayed in the center of the gym for those to leave gifts and cards. Hamburgers, hot dogs and smoked sausage were cooked on the grill. Dessert included homemade ice cream, cake, cotton candy, popcorn and brownies. A bouncy house was provided for the children to enjoy.

The evening was filled with loads of fun, but sadness in many hearts as we prepare for our final good-bye.





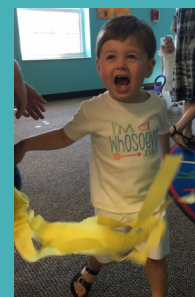
Looking forward to meeting you!



Our first Sunday at Marion UMC will be on July 1st

Andrew, Priscilla, David, and Emma Kjørhaug

## Children's Sunday School



Sunday School Fun...  
Learning About the  
Holy Spirit!

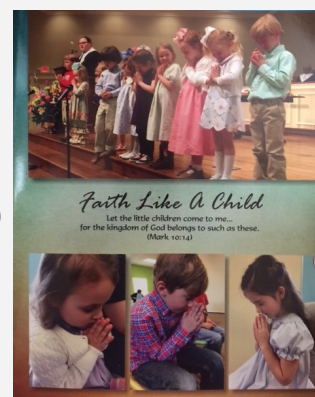
## Friends and Fellowship Sunday School Class

The Friends and Fellowship Sunday School Class spent a Sunday afternoon putting together a swing set for a women's / children's shelter.



## MUMC Church Directory

The new church directory is available in the church office for those who took photos with Lifetouch. We also have a few extra copies available for \$10.00 each while they last. The directory contains member photos and contact information in addition to pictures of events at MUMC throughout the year.



A special thank you to Laura Entrekin for taking the time to oversee this project from start to end.





# Member Spotlight:

## Case Fesmire

### How long have you been a member of MUMC?

I've been a member of MUMC since 2001. I was baptized in the old church sanctuary.

### Tell us about your family.

I have 2 sisters, Brittany and Anna Caroline. My parents are Lee and Robin.

### Tell us about your job.

I am currently a student at Marion High School, and I'll be in the 11th grade this coming school year.

### What are your hobbies?

I love painting. About 2 years ago, I started painting, and it's definitely the "thing" for me.

### What are you involved in at MUMC?

At MUMC, I am a part of the Youth Group. I like to participate in all of the different activities, missions and trips we do.

### What is your favorite thing about our church?

I love how small, yet large our church is. Our church is small enough to know everyone and get to know each other. On the other hand, it's large enough to have a lot of variety and different types of people. We have enough people to form small groups of similar people to study with.

**What is your favorite Bible verse?** My favorite verse is "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength" Philippians 4:13

### What is your favorite worship song?

I'll Fly Away.





# Children's Ministry

## WWF

Our Wednesdays with the children have come to an end for this school year. WWF held its last after school event Wednesday, May 2, 2018. The children enjoyed celebrating the friendships made during the WWF program and presented the Children's Director, Sarah Catherine Davis with a poster for her to remember them. The poster had individual pictures of each WWF child along with handwritten good-bye messages



## Children's Director

We are excited to announce our new children's director is Straley Owen. Straley will take over as children's director as of June 1st; however, she has previous summer obligations with other student organizations and will be in need of some assistance to make sure Children's Church and VBS are a hit! Please feel free to email her, text her or reach out to her at church to assist making our summer a great one! Stay tuned for exciting news regarding summer activities for our children. You may contact Straley by e-mail at [sowen@marion-umc.com](mailto:sowen@marion-umc.com) or by phone/text at 901-826-0511.

## VBS

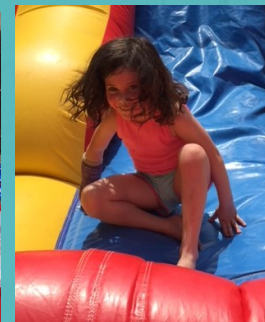


Vacation Bible School is set for Tuesday, July 10th through Friday, July 13th from 5:00 pm until 7:30 pm. Registration forms for children and volunteers can be found in the Narthex. Please turn completed forms in to the church office. Volunteers are needed and would be welcomed with grateful hearts!

VBS will be children in kindergarten through sixth grade. We look forward to seeing you there.

# Preschool

The 4 year old preschool graduation took place on Wednesday, May 16th. The children started the program asking everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance. They recited the Lord's Prayer; the books of the new testament; various scriptures and sang several songs. We have truly enjoyed this group of children this school year and wish them the best of luck next year as they enter kindergarten.



Afterwards, the children enjoyed pizza, drinks and fun in a bouncy house



# Happy Birthday!

6/1	William Entrekin	6/17	Manning Shidler
6/2	Karen Jones		Whitney Young
	Emma Kate Boon	6/18	Jamey Boney
6/3	Tammy Catt		Kathryn Laughter
6/6	May Ferguson	6/20	David Brick
6/9	Lexie Laughter		Jay Peyton
6/10	Tracy Brick	6/21	Chase Letner
	Jill Molloy		Kolby Jones
	Jeff Phillips		Elizabeth Gill
6/12	Eva O’Beirne	6/22	Johnny Griffee
6/13	Avery Boney	6/26	Mike Sargent
	Houston King		Nancy Fogleman
	Emily Kyzar	6/27	Pam Scarbrough
6/15	Sandy Nelson		Kaylabeth Sample
	Lincoln Hartwig	6/28	Jane Williamson
	Sarah Catherine Davis	6/29	Chris Archer
6/16	James Sample	6/30	Lynett Bolton
	Sierra Arceneaux		Carron Cates

# Church Events

- June 3, 10, 17 & 24  
Prayer Service 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 -10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Service 10:45 a.m.
- June 3 / Senior Luncheon in the FLC
- June 10th / Sermon by Rev. Tom Letchworth
- June 12 / Rebecka-Ruth Circle  
Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- June 17 / Sermon by Judge John Fogleman
- June 24 / Sermon by Rev. Tom Letchworth

## YOGA SUMMER SCHEDULE:

Monday 5:00 pm / Ageless  
 Tuesday 4:45 pm / Levels I and II  
 Thursday 8:30 am / Levels I and II

# Prayer List

James Bacon, Patsy Catt, May Ferguson, Ashley Jenkins, Frank Laws, Sam Watts and Tim Williamson.

# PDO

PDO attended a special tea party on May 14th. Ms. Pam and Ms. Kristi treated the children to PB&J roll-ups with pretzels in place of toothpicks, white chocolate pop corn, peach tea and wedding cake with sprinkles. The children practiced proper eating etiquette.



## June Ushers

Ted Archer  
Denny East  
Rick Gill

Jeff Masengale  
Tracy Stokes  
Bart Turner

## VISION STATEMENT

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

## June Greeters

John Robbins Sunday  
School Class

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Being disciples. Making disciples.*

## June Altar

## Flower Calendar

6/3 Joe and Patsy Catt

6/10 Open

6/17 Open

6/24 Jane Williamson

## 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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