

Children's Ministry

Game On Vacation Bible School for 2018 was an awesome success! Church members provided for the children in our church but also children from our community. More than 90 children learned from their amazing teachers about the love of our Lord and helped to raise just over \$200 for school supplies! This money will be given to counselors at local schools to help fulfill needs.

More than 50 youth and adults from our church helped in various capacities: from cooking and feeding our children, to Sunday School classes feeding volunteers, to decorating, to teaching, to setting a shining example and being a part of a great thing - raising our children in church!

Game On could not have happened without the love and support of our church!

Straley Owen Children's Ministry Director















Pastor's Pen

Getting Back to Our Roots

Occasionally, my family (namely my brothers, my father, and myself) discuss whether we want to visit Norway and find the ancestral home of our family. In general, the discussion centers around finding the regions where the farm was, exploring the surrounding areas, and attempting to connect with distant relatives. The discussion usually ends with us concluding that it is just not practical now and putting on the family "bucket list" for a yet to be determined time in the future.

In many respects, we are all looking to understand the basics of who we are. Most of our families have stories about where we came from, who married who, what jobs and occupations our long-deceased relatives had, and how we came to be located here in Marion and Crittenden county. These stories play out as well within our church as persons recount how they came to be part of Marion United Methodist Church, who was instrumental in their faith formation, and why they connected with this faith community in a deep and meaningful manner. In our walk of faith, there are five basic tenants that keep us grounded and connected to God:

Prayer Scripture Worship Witness Service

These five aspects of our faith connect to God, one another, and to a larger community. Through prayer, we can actively encounter God in our daily life. In the study of scripture, we share in the story and teachings of others who have come before us. Coming together in worship empowers us to be part of something greater than ourselves. Sharing our stories and experiences through witness helps us to reach out beyond those we already know, lifting others as well. In service, we live out the call of Jesus to love our neighbors. All of these parts combine to make us healthy and fruitful Christians, in service to the reign of God.

Throughout August, we will be looking at how we get "back to the basics" of our faith. We will be challenged to look at our daily prayer life, how often we read scripture, how often do we gather for worship, how do we share our story of faith, and in what ways can we be in service to our community. During this time we will see how getting back to the roots of our faith can help us both make disciples and follow where the Holy Spirit is leading.

Blessings, Pastor Andrew

A Special Thank-you

Priscilla and I were overwhelmed and blown away by your outpouring of love, support, and welcome in July. Between the "Welcome Pot-Luck", the love offering, and all the kind notes of support, we have felt our hearts warmed. Thank you all so very much for your gifts and outpouring of love. We are so happy and excited to be here in Marion and look forward to all that God will do here in this church and community.

Andrew and Priscilla Kjorlaug

Church Events

- August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
 Choir Practice
 6:00 p.m. No Wed. Night Dinner
 6:45 p.m. Wed. Night Dinners Served
- August 5 / Children's Ministry Parent Meeting
 5:00 p.m. / Family Life Center
- August 5 / Church Council / 6:00 p.m. / Family Life Center
- August 6 / Martha-Mary Circle Meeting / 6:30 p.m.
 For location of meeting, please contact the church office
- August 8 / Nominations Meeting / 6:00 p.m.
 Family Life Center
- August 12 / Blessing of the Backpacks during Sunday Service
- August 14 / Rebecka-Ruth Circle / 7:00 p.m.
 For location of meeting, please contact the church office
- August 15, 22 & 29
 Wednesday Night
 Communion Service 5:30 p.m.
- August 19 / Sisters Circle / 7:00 p.m. / UWM room
- August 22 / Preschool Open House
- August 29 / WWF Returns
 Please contact Straley Owen or the church office for details
- August 29 / Wednesday Night Dinner / 6:00 p.m.
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Hullabaloo

Save the Date: September 22nd

It is once again time to put Hullabaloo on your radar for upcoming events. We will need many volunteers as usual and don't forget to set aside your unwanted treasures for the rummage sale.

Member Spotlight: Cross Fogleman

How long have you been a member of MUMC? I have been attending church at MUMC since my birth in 2006. I became an official member when I was confirmed this year on April 22nd.

Tell us about your family. My parents are Franklin and Kelly Fogleman. My dad is a farmer and my mom is a nurse. I have an older sister, Lillian. She will be a freshman at the University of Arkansas this year. I'm looking forward to having the bathroom to myself and going to Razorback games.

Tell us about your job. I'm going in 7th grade this year so I don't work yet. But I work part time for my dad on the farm when I can. I'm always looking for better employment.

What are your hobbies? My hobbies are baseball, basketball, fishing, hunting, swimming and riding my dirt bike.

What are you involved in at MUMC? I am just now old enough to start attending Youth, and I look forward to being involved with that. I've helped with Hope for the Holidays for as long as I can remember.

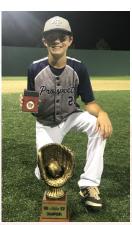
What is your favorite thing about our church? My favorite thing is the youth group and Hope for the Holidays. I also like that all of my family attends this church and I get to see everybody.



What is your favorite Bible verse? My favorite Bible verse is "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:15

What is your favorite worship song? My favorite worship song is, How Great is our God.







Back to the Basics

Sermon Series

Aug. 5

Back to Prayer

Scripture Lesson: Mark 1:29-39

Sermon Title: "Take the Time; Make the Time"

Aug. 12th
Back to Scripture

Scripture Lesson: II Kings 22:3-13

Sermon Title: "When I Heard the Word..."

Aug. 19th

Back to Worship

Scripture Lesson: Luke 24:50-53 Sermon Title: "Praise the Lord!"

Aug. 26

Back to Witness

Scripture Lesson: Acts 8:26-40 Sermon Title: "Know Your Story"

Sept. 2

Back to service

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 22:34-40

Sermon Title: "Jesus Said It"

August Birthdays

8/2	Vivian Jones	8/1/	Casey Byrd
	Hardley Gill		Madi Grace Catt
	Laura Johnston		Joshua Coopwood
8/3	Joshua Doyle		Jane McNeely
	Rick Gill		Tricia Price
	Danny Moore	8/18	Bren Sutton
8/4	Michael Sample	8/20	Apperson Williams
8/5	Rod Alexander		Ross Williams
8/6	Lee Fesmire	8/21	Marie Chrisman
8/7	Sue Bonds	8/23	Ann Carpenter
	Evin Cooper		Noah Coopwood
	Hugh Inman		Bert Holt
	Stacy Webb	8/24	Jody Catt
8/9	Zane Carter		Mitch Shidler
	Robert Cloninger	8/26	Cherrell Duncan
8/10	Dalton Williams		Christy Miller
	Beverly Vaughn		Parker Sutton
8/11	Jerry Webb		Kelly Walker
8/12	Brooke Williams		Thomas Walker
8/13	Marci Altemus	8/27	Emily Letner
	Eric Chrisman	8/28	Max Chrisman
	Matt Hale	8/29	Carol Johnston
	Amanda Harlow		Connie Marrs
	Jane Ashley Stuckey	8/30	Adam Cole
8/14	Ethan Hinze		Abbigale Simmons
	Jim Johnston		Patrick Simmons
	Cynthia Trimbell	8/31	Piper Bell
8/15	Charles Horton		Sarah Higginbotham
8/16	Rex Rogers		Avery Gill

August Ushers

Garrison Hardke Jeff Johnston Steve Sutton Tracy Stokes

Nick Sutton

Andy Rawls

August Greeters

Crossroads Sunday School Class

August Altar Flower Schedule

8/5 Jeff and Jennifer Johnston

8/12 Open

8/19 Butch and Sarah Higginbotham

8/26 Open

Prayer List

James Bacon, Patsy Catt, May Ferguson, Mason Fowler, Edward Hale, Dee Helton, Ashley Jenkins, Gary Kelley, Frank Laws, Cindy Mitchell, John Traugh, Sam Watts and Tim Williamson.

New to our Family

Fred Wesberry, III was baptized on July 22, 2018. He is the son of Fred and Maranda Wesberry.

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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