

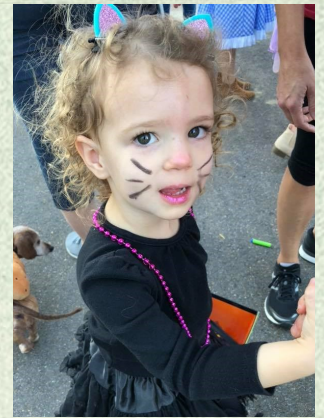
MUMC *message*


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TRUNK OR TREAT TAILGATE

Thank you to the MOST amazing church for showing up and showing out for the kids! The winner of the Best Trunk went to Lisa and Will Wright for Legend of Zelda themed trunk.

Honorable mentions were the Entreen's Trunk and Cole/Crase Trunk.





Please join Pastor Andrew Kjorlaug for the Community Ministerial Fellowship Thanksgiving Service to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 19th at the West Memphis United Methodist Church.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Pastor's Pen

Living Thankfully

I was sitting in worship just a few weeks ago as Tim Parker gave a powerful and meaningful testimony about his time as our youth leader. Tim referenced the support of parents, of our congregation, his loving family, and the ways in which God has revealed the work of the kingdom. As I watched the congregation smile, laugh, cry, and celebrate, I began to reflect on the many and numerous ways in which we are blessed as a congregation. We have a beautiful and functional facility, we have a powerful children's ministry, we have a transformational youth ministry, we have small groups and classes, we have numerous missional opportunities, and have spirit-led worship. For all of this and for all the ways in which God is moving, I give thanks.

I give thanks for the parents, volunteers, children, and youth who help make our church a place for growth and teaching of the next generation. I give thanks for those who serve on our committees, in leadership, and help raise up new leaders within our congregation. I give thanks for those who selflessly serve in the kitchen fixing meals, and providing times of fellowship and food. I give thanks for our church staff, the long hours, and the servant hearts. I give thanks for our times of worship and prayer, where the work of God's transformation begins. I give thanks for all our congregations' gifts whether those gifts are financial, time, service, or missional love. I give thanks for all the ways in which God is moving and working in our congregation and community.

Throughout scripture, we are encouraged to live thankfully. We are to give thanks to God for all the ways in which God is moving. We are to give thanks for both the small and large blessings in our lives. In our giving thanks, we see new ways in which God's love and mission can be shared. Throughout November we will be considering the ways in which God is moving in our congregation, how we give thanks, and how we can help the church fulfill the mission of God in our community. Let's join together in learning how to live thankfully and share in God's mission.

Let's Grow Together: Praying for the Future, Loving in the Present

Our November sermon series will focus on how we can pray for God's leading to the future and live out God's love in the present. As part of this series, we will be holding 10 Vision Sessions to discuss the church's finances, how you can help support the church in 2019, and the ways in which God is leading us as a congregation.

Sermons:

November 4th: "Praying for the Future"
November 11th: "Loving in the Present"
November 18th: "Doing the Work of God"

Vision Sessions:

Sunday mornings at 9:45am:	November 4 th November 11 th November 18 th
Sunday evenings at 6:00pm:	November 4 th November 11 th November 18 th
Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm:	November 7 th November 14 th

Hurricane Buckets

We were able to send 50 relief buckets to Florida with Hudson Hallum and the local CEMS following Hurricane Michael.



This was an great opportunity to teach our Preschoolers about helping those in need.



Marion United Methodist Church would like to acknowledge and recognize a special donation made from the estate of Virginia Woodruff Helms, who was a long-time member at Marion UMC and was also the organist at Crawfordsville UMC for many years. We thank the Helms family for this generous donation and look forward to the ways in which it will help our congregation make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Backpack Program

The MUMC backpack program is in full swing. We are delivering approximately 100 bags to each of the schools within the Marion School District. We have established a mini pantry at the high school for the older children who prefer not to carry bags of food home.

We have several members of our congregation that are delivering the bags each week. This has been a huge help to the committee. We continue to have shoppers each

week as well as the donations that are brought in.

Remember our monthly themed donation items.

- Nutri-grain
November
(ONLY Nutri-grain brand is peanut free)
- Dollars December

We still have a couple of dates left if you or a group are interested in volunteering for packing the bags. Thank you all for your continued support of this local ministry.

Friends and Fellowship

The Friends and Fellowship Sunday School continue a quarterly mission meal to charity. On Saturday, October 14, the Sunday school class delivered delicious BBQ, beans, slaw, chips and a variety of desserts to the Eighth Street Mission.



Member Spotlight: Jeff and April Buffington Masengale



How long have you been a member of MUMC? April joined the church 2011 and Jeff joined in 2016.

Tell us about your family. Jeff has two daughters, Morgan and Sydney. Morgan is a junior at Ouachita Baptist University. Sydney is a senior at Marion High school and plans to attend ASU next fall. April has two sons. George Andrew and Luke. George Andrew is a high school junior at Westminster Academy in Memphis. Luke is in the eighth grade at West Junior High.

Tell us about your job. Jeff is a self employed crop consultant and crop insurance agent. April is a general dentist at Buffington Family Dentistry. She works with her father, Dr. James Buffington in West Memphis.

What are your hobbies? Jeff enjoys hunting and fishing and just about everything outdoors. April enjoys reading and being involved in various professional organizations for dentists. Although, with four kids we don't have much time for our personal hobbies.

What are you involved in at MUMC? We are both active members in our Genesis Sunday school class. April is a member of

Bible Study Fellowship which meets at MUMC on Thursday evenings. Jeff serves as an usher for the church. We also recently joined the Wesleyan Covenant Association, a Methodist organization committed to the primary authority of scripture.

What is your favorite thing about our church? Our favorite thing about our church is that it is where we met. Brian Doyle and John Griffie both knew both of us and without the other one even realizing it, they were both trying to set us up. April was already a member, and Jeff had been visiting. One Sunday April was seated on a pew and Jeff came and sat down right beside her. April found out later that Brian Doyle was texting Jeff encouragement from the choir loft. Those are fun and fond memories.

What is your favorite Bible verse? John 14:4 is our favorite verse.

What is your favorite worship song? April's favorite hymn is "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah because it makes her think of Heaven.



SAVE THE DATE:

Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend the children's and adult musical on December 16th in the sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. The children will perform "Christmas is Jesus" and the adult choir will perform the musical "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year."

There will be dinner in the MUMC gym following the choir performances. The menu will be announced as we get closer to the date.

2nd Annual Fishing Tournament

The 2nd Annual Fishing Tournament is scheduled for November 17th at Horseshoe Lake. Launch site will be at the Surf Club. Entry fee is \$150.00 per boat / \$20.00 Big Bass pot. All proceeds will be combined with the Hullabaloo funds and applied to the building debt.

Registration will start at 5:00 a.m. with breakfast snacks served. Please arrive on time to pay and check in. Blast off will be at safe daylight.

Weigh-in at 3:00 p.m. with food served during awards ceremony. Guaranteed payout based on 20 boat field: First place \$800 payout with \$250 Big Bass. Cash and prize payouts through 5th place.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Johnston @ 901.277.6321.

Wednesday Night Dinner Menu

Nov. 14: Red beans and rice, shrimp or chicken poboys, chips, salad bar, desserts, tea or water

Nov. 28: Breakfast bar, salad bar, desserts, tea and water

Church Events

Reoccurring Events:

- Nov. 7, 14, and 28 / WWF / 3:00 p.m.
- Nov. 7, and 14 / Wed. Communion / 5:30 p.m.
Nov. 28 / Hanging of the Greens / 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 14 and 28 / 6:00 p.m. / Wednesday Night Dinner
NOTE: No Dinner Nov. 7 & 21
- Nov. 7, 14 and 28 / Choir Practice / 6:45 p.m.
Nov. 20 / Choir Practice / 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 8, 15, 20 and 29 / Bible Study Fellowship / 6:20 p.m.
Education Building / Upstairs
Enter through Ed Hall Doors

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- Nov 1 / Feed the MHS Football Team / Gym
 - Nov 5 / Martha-Mary Circle Meeting / 6:30 p.m.
For location of meeting, please contact the church office
 - Nov. 5-7 / Turkey Dinner Preparations
 - Nov. 8 / UMW Turkey Dinner Day
 - Nov. 12 / Office Closed / Veterans Day Observed
 - Nov. 13 / Rebecka-Ruth Circle / 7:00 p.m.
For location of meeting, please contact the church office
 - Nov. 17 / Fishing Tournament / Horseshoe Lake
Proceeds go towards Hullabaloo
 - Nov. 19 / Community Ministerial Fellowship
Thanksgiving Service / 7:00 p.m.
W.M. United Methodist Church
Sermon by Pastor Andrew Kjorlaug
 - Nov. 21-23 / Office Closed for Thanksgiving Break
 - Nov. 28 / HANGING OF THE GREENS

Children's Ministry & Children's Choir

WWF

WWF has continued to rock-and-roll on Wednesday afternoons. Amazingly awesome church members and youth have helped to make this event a great success. More than 50 children from our community are on the roster and attend regularly.

From snacks, to devotional lesson time, to crafts and activities, to games, and choir - your children pray hard, play hard, and have a blast!

We always welcome parents, grandparents, and other adult or youth volunteers!

Always pray for our precious kiddos! And when struck by the spirit to serve some of our youngest congregation members, text or call Straley to volunteer: 901-826-0511

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Children at WWF from second grade to sixth grade recently completed Acolyte training with Pastor Andrew during WWF time. Our children learned about what it takes to be an acolyte and the sincere importance of how this role serves within a church service.

Teresa Gardner, Allison Wehrum or Straley Owen are happy to make sure your names are on the rotation of children servers.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

While it still may seem far away, just a few short weeks until Christmas will be upon us!

Sunday, Dec. 16, will be one day to make sure you're in town and plan to be blessed by the precious singing of our WWF Children's Choir and our adult Chancel Choir and Orchestra.

Musical celebrations start at 4 in the sanctuary and will be followed by dinner in the church gymnasium.

Stay tuned for more information in the church bulletins!

ALSO, there will be a cookie swap and Santa immediately following Sunday Service on December 23rd. Please contact Straley if you are interested in baking cookies for this event.

PDO

The PDO children have been enjoying the fall weather. This month they



learned the color orange and the oval shape. They also had fun singing a get well song to Foster who is in a leg cast.

PRESCHOOL

Our preschool children delivered their donations to the backpack program. As they delivered the oatmeal, they talked about all the blessings they have and how important it is to help the boys and girls who have a rumble in their tummy.



Fall 2019 Marion UMC Youth Calendar and Outline

November:	Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.	Youth Meeting at 5:30 p.m.:
Sunday the 4 th	Boney family leading	Vaughn and Kennedy families leading
Sunday the 11 th	Pastor Andrew leading	Sutton and Fogleman families leading
Sunday the 18 th	Leader TBA	Visiting at Nursing home followed by dinner at Coltons Afterwards return to church to set-up racks for thanksgiving
Sunday the 25 th	No Sunday School	No Youth Meeting
Wednesday the 21 st	Meet in Kitchen at 5:30 p.m. to prepare thanksgiving dinner for shut-ins and senior citizens	
Thursday the 22 nd	Meet at church at 7:15 a.m. to deliver meals	

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 1	Ginger Barber Olivia Coopwood	Nov. 11	Ripp Inman	Nov. 21	Anne Hurst
Nov. 3	Madelyn Allison John Whittington	Nov. 12	Brynna Claire Fogleman Tom French	Nov. 22	Dana Robbins
Nov. 4	Teresa Gardner	Nov. 13	Holly Lancaster	Nov. 23	Elizabeth TeBaerts Blake Vaughn
Nov. 5	Preston Barber Cindy Benton Case Fesmire	Nov. 14	Tess Ramsey	Nov. 24	Brandon Moore Jennifer Wallace
Nov. 7	Julia Denton Cindy French	Nov. 15	Ann Harness Jeremy Roeder	Nov. 26	Lindley Abrams Jeff Altemus Laura Rikard
Nov. 9	Kevin Bellis Whit Keasler Bob O'Conner Trish O'Conner	Nov. 16	Gary Kelley	Nov. 27	Mary C. Fogleman James Mason Coe
Nov. 10	Banks Barber Joseph Hale Tanner Ramsey Garrett Sargent	Nov. 17	Allie Altermus William S. Jonas Emily Lugar	Nov. 29	Sarah Traugh
		Nov. 18	Sheila Henderson Sheryl Tabor	Nov. 30	Kristin Allison Jase Boney Julie Heath Jan Long
		Nov. 19	Matthew Conley		
		Nov. 20	Donovan Doyle Sam Gibbs Heath Jackson Trenton McCarty		

November Ushers

David Brick	Adam Rawls
Tony Gardner	Andy Rawls
Danny Moore	Tracey Stokes

November Greeters

Friends and Fellowship
Sunday School Class

November Altar Flower Calendar

11/4	Paula Howerton
11/11	Wayne Croom
11/18	Diana Lugar
11/25	OPEN

Prayer List

Ernest Archer, May Ferguson, Mason
Fowler, Dee Helton, Ashley Jenkins,
Gary Kelley, John Traugh, Sam Watts,
Tim Williamson, Billie Williams &
Rev. Wayne Clark

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING

5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
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