

The logo features the text "MUMC" in a large, white, serif font, with "message" in a smaller, white, cursive font below it. The text is centered within a heart shape formed by a dense arrangement of white hearts of various sizes. The background is a solid red color with a subtle pattern of small, lighter red hearts.

# MUMC message

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | FEBRUARY 2019

## Valentine's Dinner

*Back by popular demand!*

MUMC will host a Valentine's Dinner on Thursday, February 14th at 6:00 p.m. The gym will be filled with fellowship as members enjoy mouth watering food, door prizes and a few games. If you didn't join us last year for this event, you will not want to miss it this year.

Childcare will be provided for a small fee of \$5.00 and will include pizza, snacks and drinks.

This year you will have a choice of two meats along with vegetables, salad and dessert. Cost of the dinner will be \$25.00 for a filet and shrimp OR bacon wrapped chicken and shrimp. The cost for a filet and lobster tail will be \$30.00. The menu will consist of the following:

- Filet & Grilled Shrimp (\$25 pp)
- Bacon wrapped chicken & Shrimp (\$25 pp)
- Filet & Lobster Tail (\$30 pp)

Asparagus, Brussels Sprouts, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, Salad Bar and Drinks

Dessert Bar will include:

- Brownies,
- Ice Cream, and
- Strawberries.

Deadline for signing up for this dinner will be **February 10th**. To go orders will be available at 6:30 or the individual picking up may go through the line and prepare the meal along with those dinning in.

To make reservations, please email the church office at [marionunitedmethodist@gmail.com](mailto:marionunitedmethodist@gmail.com) or call the office at (870) 739-3434. Be sure to include your choice of two meats. If ordering a filet, we will need to know how you would like it cooked when placing your order.

If you are interested in helping with this event in any way, please text Beverly Vaughn at (901) 487-5343 or by e-mail [bvaughn5@comcast.net](mailto:bvaughn5@comcast.net). Thank you for helping make this event possible.

**SIGN UP DEADLINE IS**

**FEBRUARY 10th**

## Watching the Church Livestream

The church livestream has been a great blessing. Each week we have between 10 and 20 persons watching live as worship takes place here at Marion UMC. To watch the livestream, you have a few different options.

- With an active Facebook account, simply like and follow the @MarionUnitedMethodistChurch page. When you do this, you will be instantly notified when we go live each Sunday morning (at 10:45am).
- If you do not have a Facebook account, you can still watch live on Facebook by going to <https://www.facebook.com/MarionUnitedMethodistChurch>. You can do this from all computers and most devices. You will be asked if you would like to sign-up for an account, click "not right now" at the bottom of the ad, and you will be able to see our live videos.
- You can also watch later in the week by going to <https://vimeo.com/marionunitedmethodist>. Each week's worship service is normally uploaded by Wednesday morning.

## DAILY PRAYER FOR 2019

*Eternal God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon Marion United Methodist Church,  
the Marion community, and its people. Help us to see where you are leading.  
Help us to share in the vision you have for our congregation and community.  
Help each and everyone of us to be part of the making of disciples.*

*In the name of Jesus, the holy one of God, we pray. Amen.*



## Pastor's Pen

### ***The Frustration of a Cliffhanger***

My children do not know the annoyance and frustration of a TV cliffhanger episode. The benefit of internet television services is that when Emma wants to see a certain episode of Mickey Mouse Clubhouse or David a certain episode of PJ Masks, I generally can find it without having to pay additional monies or subscribing to a new service. Netflix, Amazon, Disney NOW, PS Vue...these have all added convenience to what used to be a frustrating missed episode and most annoyingly: the cliffhanger.

I remember as a kid always watching Star Trek: The Next Generation with my dad. Every week we would sit down and watch Captain Picard and the crew of the Enterprise venture across our television screen. Then, to my childhood horror, there was the inevitable cliffhanger. Captain Picard had been taken by the Borg and the Enterprise prepared their super weapon and then the terrible words: to be continued. The next three months passed with cruel slowness as we waited for the premier episode. And remember, if you missed the premier it would be months before you could see it again. We just had to wait...and wait...and wait...

There are numerous critiques about modern society and our reliance on technology, but our shift from patience to instant gratification is one of the most profound changes in our society. Even something as simple as a TV cliffhanger seems to not quite have the impact as before. When we begin talking about our faith, how we trust in Jesus, and what it means to share the love of God, we fall into the trap again. We want instant gratification, instant results, instant response. Yet God reminds us over and again throughout scripture that there are seasons of waiting. Moses and the people wait in the wilderness. Jesus and the disciples wait to enter Jerusalem. Paul waits to be healed following his conversion. We all still wait for the final reign of God in this world.

On January 16<sup>th</sup> fourteen 6<sup>th</sup> graders from our congregation began a journey of waiting. Through April they will be learning more about faith, the church, God, and how their commitment to Jesus' call matters. It is not an easy or simple process and yet they undertake it just as many of you did, to see where God is leading. Right now, they are between episodes, waiting for what will be revealed through the Holy Spirit. It is a constant continuation and is one that demands waiting. As our confirmands continue this journey, they need your prayers. Hold them in your hearts, that God may reveal new things to them, and they may take the next steps of faith.

## Reading the Bible in 2019

In 2019 we as a congregation will read a different book (or short epistles) of the bible each month. Listed below are the books we will read and at the beginning of each month you will receive an outline for each book. Let us join in reading scripture together!

February:	Genesis
March:	Romans
April:	Luke
May:	Exodus
June:	I and II Corinthians
July:	Acts
August:	I Samuel
September:	Hebrews and James
October:	John
November:	II Samuel
December:	Galatians, I Thessalonians, Philippians, and Philemon

### February 2019 Reading Guide: Genesis

February 1:	1-2	February 2:	3-5
February 4:	6-7	February 5:	8-10
February 6:	11-12	February 7:	13-14
February 8:	15-17	February 9:	18-19
February 11:	20-21	February 12:	22-23
February 13:	24	February 14:	25-26
February 15:	27-28	February 16:	29-30
February 18:	31-32	February 19:	33-34
February 20:	35-36	February 21:	37-38
February 22:	39-40	February 23:	41
February 25:	42-43	February 26:	44-45
February 27:	46-47	February 28:	48-50

### Upcoming March Sermon Series:

This March we will confront and dispel many common church sayings that keep us from seeing God's vision. Each week we will look at a different saying, how it holds us back, and what we can say instead.

#### Beginning March 3<sup>rd</sup>: "The Horrible Things We Say"

March 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	"We've Never Done it That Way Before"
March 10 <sup>th</sup> :	"You're Doing it Wrong"
March 17 <sup>th</sup> :	"I've Done My Time"
March 24 <sup>th</sup> :	"Don't We Pay Someone to do That?"
March 31 <sup>st</sup> :	"No One Will Come"

## Sermon Series: Feb. 3 — Feb. 17

We continue in February with exploring what it means to be a prophet in the biblical sense. We will be looking at Amos, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel to learn what they can teach us about our community, faith, and growth with God.

February 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	"I Don't Know What to Say", <b>Jeremiah</b>
February 10 <sup>th</sup> :	"The Future is Not What You Think", <b>Ezekiel</b>
February 17 <sup>th</sup> :	"Welcome Home!", <b>Isaiah</b> (part 2)

*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."*

Jeremiah 1:5

## Church News

### Reoccurring Events:

- Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27 WWF / 3:00 p.m.
- Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27 Wed. Communion / 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 6, 20 and 27 Wed. Night Dinner / 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28 BSF / 6:20 p.m.  
Education Building / Upstairs
- Feb. 6, 13 and 20 Confirmation Meeting / 4:00 p.m.  
Education Building / Upstairs

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- Feb. 4 Martha-Mary Circle Meeting / 6:30 p.m. / For location of meeting, please contact the church office
  - Feb. 12 Rebecka-Ruth Circle / 7:00 p.m.  
For location of meeting, please Contact the church office
  - Feb. 14 Valentine's Dinner / 6:00 p.m.  
In the Gym
  - Feb. 15 Confirmands to Temple Israel
  - Feb. 15-17 Veritas / Youth Trip



# Helping those in need

We have the most amazing congregation. On Tuesday, January 19th an e-mail was sent to our churchwide email addresses asking for help and Pastor Andrew posted the message on Facebook. Within two hours, the money started rolling in and volunteers started calling.

Transition, a domestic violence shelter for women and children. In addition, we filled and delivered another 15 boxes on Wednesday, January 30th. We will continue to assist those in need as long as we are able to do so until people are able to return to their normal lives. Please keep all those affected by the shutdown in your prayers.

On Wednesday, January 23rd numerous individuals gathered to fill boxes with requested food items. Volunteers delivered 15 boxes to families affected by the government shutdown and Families in



## Backpack Program Update

MUMC's local mission project, the Marion School District Backpack Program continues to flourish. We send 100 backpacks filled with lunch, dinner, and snack items home with the children every week. For those of you who bring items, please remember that this month is Fruit Cup February and our upcoming months are Applesauce April and Macaroni and Cheese May.

Through generous monetary donations, food donations, and volunteers who work to purchase, take inventory, stock and pack bags, we are able to continue this program helping school children in our district with a bag of food each Friday.

We have a couple of work days (March 31 and May 12) available for volunteers to help with unpacking, sorting, boxing up food and clean up. If you would like to volunteer for either Sunday, please email: [bvaughn5@comcast.net](mailto:bvaughn5@comcast.net) to sign up.

Thank you for your support in this very rewarding program, and please continue to assist with this project and insure it's sustainability this school year as we move forward in the future. This could not be successful without the generosity and loving spirit that this church possesses.

## Wednesday Night Dinners in February

### February 6

Chicken enchiladas, black beans, rice, cheese dip, chips, salad bar, desserts, drinks

### February 13

No dinner

### February 14

Valentines dinner (see cover for details)

### February 20

Chicken and rice, vegetable medley, rolls, salad bar, desserts, drink

### February 27

B-B-Q pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad, slaw, salad bar, desserts, drink

## Women of Grace Circle

The Women of Grace Circle enjoyed an evening of fellowship on January 13th. During the meeting the ladies shared stories and laughter while decorating door hanger hearts. If anyone is interested in joining one of the United Methodist Women Circles, please contact the UMW President, Jerri Crase.



# Member Spotlight: Frank and Gail Fogleman

## How long have you been members of MUMC?

Gail has been a member since 1973 and Frank has been a member since 1959.

## Tell us about your family

We have four children, Franklin, Mary Catherine, Lindley Abrams and Laura Rikard. We have seven grandchildren, Lillian and Cross Fogleman, Christopher, Jack and Abby Abrams, and Levi and Reed Rikard. We are also expecting our eighth grandchild this spring.

## Tell us about your job:

Gail was a school teacher for the Marion School District who is now happily retired. She also is an artist.

Frank serves as the Mayor of Marion.

## What are your hobbies?

Gail: Grandchildren, painting, reading and gardening.

Frank: Sports, hunting and reading.

## What are your favorite things about our church?

Gail: How people share their amazing talents willingly. We have an abundance of talented people! Also, seeing multigenerational families worship together.

Frank: The congregation and its responsiveness to needs.

## What are you involved in at MUMC?

Both are involved in the John Robbins Sunday School Class, Hope for the Holidays and the Backpack Program. Gail is also involved in the Rebekah Ruth Circle and Frank is the church Treasurer.

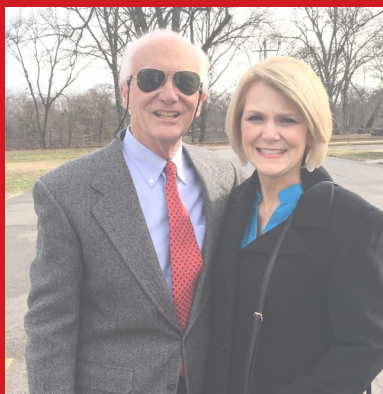
## What is your favorite Bible Verse?

Gail: Deuteronomy 33:27

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. He will drive out your enemies before you, saying, "Destroy them!"

Frank: John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.



## What is your favorite worship song?

Gail: There's Just Something About That Name

Frank: Onward Christian Soldiers



# Children's Ministry

## WWF

With more than 60 children now enrolled in Wednesday's Worship With Friends, kiddos, youth helpers, and awesome volunteers are rocking and rolling each week! Our 14 sixth graders are working closely with Pastor Andrew this spring to go through Confirmation. Students this semester will continue their devotional studies, while increasing their focus on community service opportunities... and having fun!

A consistent and helpful group of youth members assist our adult volunteers weekly to make sure our children are safe, our children learn, and our children have fun! Not only do our parents volunteer, but adult church members have stepped up to help provide their positive leadership and time. This shows our church family the value found in helping young ones strengthen their relationships with Christ.

## Confirmation 2019

The confirmation class is off to a great start. The confirmands met once a week for three weeks during January. Lessons for those classes were God as Creator; God in Jesus Christ and God the Holy Spirit.

During February, the class will meet on February 6th, 13th and 20th. They will not meet on February 27th, but will have a special trip to Temple Israel in Germantown Friday, February 15th to attend the Friday night Shabbat service and will have dinner near Synagogue. not be held on February 27th.

## Preschool

MUMC preschool will begin take applications for the 2019-2020 school year February 19th. A child should be 3 by August 1st to enroll in the 3 year old class and four by the same date to enroll in the 4 year old class. Applications can be picked up in the church office or printed from the church website beginning the 19th.



When the weather man doesn't send snow your way, you just have to make your own!



Preschool had lots of fun learning left and right from playing the game of Twister.



Preschool braving the cold for a little fun.

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The kiddos enjoyed a day in their pajamas as they learned how to make snow.



The children of PDO practiced the Pledge of Allegiance during the month of January.

## February Birthdays

1	Foster Hart Cori McCleskey Max Stover	15	Wesley Elizabeth Coe Brad Jonas
2	Sheryl Benson Buster Benton Reed Elizabeth Rikard Wayne Tabor	16	Whit Collard Carson Colliins Michael East
3	Olivia Bailey	17	Dorothy Sample
4	William Carter	18	Kim Bellis Slade Inman
6	David Fogleman Patrick O'Sullivan	19	Ridge Harvey
7	Jerri Crase	21	Dale Henderson
8	Debbie Wallace Mason Shidler Amelia Phillips	23	Frank Wallace
9	Morgan Masengale Lynlee Morris Talyn Pirani Jordan Tabor	25	John Heath Brenda Williams
11	Natalie Collard	26	Stephen Knych Wesley Price
13	James G. Hart II Jon Johnston	28	Katie Gray Caden McCarty Billie Williams

## THANK YOU!!!

We recently saw the need to replace two old wheelchairs located at the church for use of members and guests. The office reached out to Micheal Charlton and Mitch Shidler for assistance in making this happen. Within three days we not only had two new wheelchairs, but a blood pressure kit for future needs. We want to thank Micheal for purchasing and donating these items and also thank Mitch for working with Micheal to get the request fulfilled so quickly.

We are keeping a wheelchair in each stairwell and the blood pressure kit will be kept at the information desk for any future needs.



## February Ushers

Scott Carpenter     Danny Moore  
Jay Hale             Tracy Stokes  
Jeff Masengale     Bart Turner

## February Acolytes

3rd     Bren Sutton and Abbi Simmons  
10th     Bo Fenter and Whit Kennedy  
17th     Avery Gill and Jack Gerrard  
24th     Charlie Cantrell and Conner McFarland

## February Greeters

Crossroads Sunday School Class

## February Altar Flower Calendar

2/3             Laura and Justin Rikard  
2/10            Open  
2/17            Open  
2/24            Char and John Griffee

## Prayer List

May Ferguson, Mason Fowler,  
Dee Helton, Billie Williams, Tim Williamson,  
Wally Fowler and Lynn Stanfield.

## 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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Marion United Methodist Church

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