



MUMC *message*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | APRIL 2019

HOLY WEEK

Holy week is the week just before Easter and begins with Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019, Jesus's triumphant return into Jerusalem and the arrest, trial, torture and execution of Jesus. These events are mentioned in all four of the Gospels. The days between Palm, or Passion, Sunday and Holy Thursday are referred to as Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, and Holy Wednesday. Thursday is referred to as Holy Thursday, Maundy Thursday, Covenant Thursday,

Great and Holy Thursday, Sheer Thursday, or Thursday of Mysteries. Good Friday commemorates Christ's crucifixion and death on the cross at Calvary. Holy Saturday, also known as Great Sabbath or Black Saturday, is the last day of Holy Week as Christians prepare for Easter. It commemorates the day Jesus's body laid in the tomb. After sundown on Holy Saturday, Easter Eve begins until 50 days after Pentecost. Pentecost is on June 9th this year.

WHAT IS EASTERTIDE?

Eastertide, also known as the Easter Season or the Great Fifty Days, begins on Easter Day and ends on Pentecost, June 9, 2019. Focusing on Christ's resurrection and ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost), Eastertide is the more joyous and celebrative season of the Christian year. We celebrate the good news that in Christ's death and resurrection we, and all creation, are continually being made new by God's love and saving grace.

HOLY WEEK

April 14th

Palm Sunday Service
10:45 a.m.

April 15th

West Memphis Marion
Ministerial Fellowship
Rev. Dr. Bill Buchanan
Noon Service at MUMC

April 17th

Holy Wednesday
Communion Service
5:30 p.m.

April 19th

Good Friday
7:00 p.m.

April 21

Sunrise Service
MUMC Portico
6:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday Service
9:00 a.m. and
10:45 a.m.

A person is shown from behind, kneeling in prayer with their hands clasped. They are silhouetted against a bright, golden light that radiates from behind them, creating a halo effect and illuminating the surrounding air with soft, ethereal rays. The background is a deep, warm brown, suggesting a sunset or sunrise setting.

Daily Prayer

*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 Power of Resurrection

Within American culture, we are generally pretty forgiving. For the most part, if you are willing to admit your faults, seek penitence of some sort, or seek help, we as a culture will forgive you. This leads to amazing “resurrections” of sorts within pop culture. One person I think of is Robert Downey Jr. Just a few years ago, Downey’s career was effectively over. He had been fired from several roles and passed over for others as a result of his continued substance abuse. It honestly looked as though his career was over and would never recover. However, after a profound life change and treatment, Downey landed the role of Tony Stark in “Iron Man”, a role synonymous with the actor. What we witnessed was a resurrection of not just a career, but of the life of an individual.

In Christianity we generally think of the term “resurrection” only within the context of Easter. Jesus and Lazarus (and a few others) being the only people born witness to in the Gospel and Biblical texts who returned from the dead. The stories are indeed powerful:

The daughter of the Synagogue leader who is brought back to life by Jesus.

The widow’s son who is restored to life by Jesus, saving both his life and his mother’s standing.

The bringing forth of Lazarus out of the tomb, setting the stage for further conflict between Jesus and the religious leaders (John’s gospel only).

The miraculous empty tomb and appearances of Jesus to the woman and disciples. Each of these stories proclaims both the power of God and the ability of God to even conquer the powers of death. Too often, however, we limit the idea of resurrection to these stories instead of looking at how the power of God does a new work within each of our hearts.

There are numerous other times in which we experience the power of resurrection. It is not just about a literal return from the dead, but the times we are spiritually lost, suffering, or dead. There are actions and times in which we have an opportunity to experience the power of resurrection:

In our baptisms

In communion

In worship

In confession and forgiveness

In sharing the gospel

In living out God’s message of love

This Easter, look for the different ways in which you can experience resurrection. Celebrate the power of the risen Christ and what God has done within your life, your family, and our community.

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!

April Scripture Reading

April 1: Luke 1	April 2: Luke 2
April 3: Luke 3	April 4: Luke 4
April 6: Luke 6	April 8: Luke 7
April 9: Luke 8	April 10: Luke 9
April 11: Luke 10	April 11: Luke 11
April 12: Luke 12	April 13: Luke 12
April 15: Luke 13	April 16: Luke 14
April 17: Luke 15	April 18: Luke 16
April 22: Luke 17	April 23: Luke 18
April 24: Luke 19	April 25: Luke 20
April 26: Luke 21	April 27: Luke 22
April 29: Luke 23	April 30: Luke 24

New Member/Guest Class

Pastor Andrew will be leading a New Member class beginning Sunday, April 14th at 9:45am. The class will be four weeks (excluding Easter) and will be held in the Family Life Center. No sign-up is needed.

April Sermons

4/7	The Bread "I Am the Bread of Life" John 6:35-40
4/14	The Cup "Sacrificing Sacrifice" Matthew 26:36-46
4/21	The Redemption of God "The Triumph of the Broken" Luke 24:1-2

The First Gospel: Mark

Did you miss the Gospel of Mark study back in the fall? You have another chance! Beginning Sunday evening, April 14th at 5:00pm, Pastor Andrew will again be leading a study on the Gospel of Mark. This 7-week class will focus on what makes Mark unique and valuable to the biblical text. Please sign-up by contacting the church office.

New to Our Family

Dane and Waverly Gray were baptized on Sunday, March 24, 2019. Dane and Waverly are the son and daughter of Sean and Katie Gray.



Church Events

Reoccurring Events:

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| • Apr. 14, 21 and 28 | The First Gospel: Mark
5:00 p.m. / Genesis Classroom |
| • April 14 and 28 | New Member / Guest Class
9:45 a.m. / FLC |
| • Apr. 3, 10, 17 and 24 | WWF / 3:00 p.m. |
| • Apr. 3, 10, 17 and 24 | Wed. Communion / 5:30 p.m. |
| • Apr. 3, 10, 17 and 24 | Wed. Night Dinner / 6:00 p.m. |
| • Apr. 4, 11, 18 and 25 | BSF / 6:20 p.m.
Education Building / Upstairs |
| • Apr. 3, 10 and 24 | Confirmation Meeting / 4:00 p.m.
Education Building / Upstairs |
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| • Apr. 1 | Martha-Mary Circle Meeting /
6:30 p.m. |
| • Apr. 9 | Rebecka-Ruth Circle / 7:00 p.m. |
| • Apr. 12-13 | Confirmands Lock-in at MUMC
6:00 p.m. until noon |
| • Apr. 15 | West Memphis / Marion
Ministerial Fellowship
Noon Service at MUMC
Rev. Dr. Bill Buchanan |
| • Apr. 19 | Good Friday Service / 7:00 p.m. |
| • April 21 | Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m.
Under the MUMC Portico |
| • April 21 | Easter Sunday Service
9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. |
| • Apr. 27 | Senior Celebration / 11:30 p.m. |
| • Apr. 28 | Confirmation Sunday |

Dinners at MUMC

Wednesday night dinners have seen a huge crowd. It has been so AMAZING. We have had an average of 160-180 people sign up each Wednesday Evening. On March 6, we celebrated Ash Wednesday with a Mardi Gras themed Meal with a family fun scavenger hunt! We had shrimp and chicken po boys, red beans and rice, Mach Choux, fried green tomatoes, salad bar, and KING CAKE! Lots of KING CAKE. The Boney family won first place, the Fesmire Family took home second place and the Fowler/Morris families tied for third place. Each family won gift certificates for free Wednesday night dinners.

Thank you so much to the Sisters in Christ Circle who prepared dinner March 14 and the Grace and Peach Sunday School who prepared a TACO BAR for the dinner on March 27.

We are excited to announce the April Dinner Menu below. Don't miss out on the great opportunity to enjoy dinner and fellowship with your church family.

See you Wednesday!



Baking Contest

We are having a baking contest April 17th during our Wednesday night dinner. Prizes will be awarded for best pie, cake and miscellaneous dessert. For more information, please contact Beverly Vaughn at bvaughn5@comcast.net.

April Menu

April 3 Soul Food Menu

Baked and fried Pork chops
Mac and cheese
Fried Potatoes
White Beans
Turnip greens
Salad bar
Desserts

April 10 - Jerri's Chicken

Jerri's Chicken
Mashed potatoes
Green beans
Salad bar
Desserts

April 17 - Picnic Style Sandwiches

BLTs, chicken salad and pimento cheese sandwiches
Pasta Salad Bar
Salad bar
And
Baking contest

April 24 - Fried Catfish

Catfish
Chicken strips
Fries
Hush puppies
Slaw

Backpack Program

We are continuing the next few months with themes for the Backpack Program.

Applesauce April:

Snack sized apple sauce

Macaroni and Cheese May:

Individual bowls or boxes of
Mac —n— Cheese

Members Spotlight: Frank and Debbie Wallace



How long have you been a member of MUMC?

Frank and Debbie joined Marion United Methodist Church on September 5, 1982.

Tell us about your family.

Frank and Debbie met while attending Arkansas State University. After graduating from college they married on May 25, 1979. They have one daughter, Elizabeth, who is married to Eric Newberry and they have one son, Evan.

Tell us about your job.

Frank is the General Sales Manager of Holly Chevrolet. Debbie is a kindergarten teacher at West Memphis Christian School.

What are your hobbies.

Frank and Debbie love basketball and are season ticket holders for the Memphis Grizzlies where they spend a lot of time attending games. They also enjoy spending time visiting their daughter and her family as well as Debbie's mother who lives in Cardwell, Missouri. Frank loves walking, running, riding his bike and he also loves working in the yard. Debbie loves teaching, spending time with her kindergarten kids and teacher friends at WMCS.

What are you involved in at MUMC?

Debbie has been on staff as the church organist for over 20 years, she is a member of the MUMC Chancel Choir and the Rebekah Ruth Circle. Frank works in the sound booth on Sunday mornings monitoring the Facebook live production. He has also served as chairman of the Administrative Council and the Finance committee.

What is your favorite thing about our church?

MUMC offers so many different programs that involve all of our church families as well as others in the community. Please note the church bulletin for September 5, 1982. The stewardship report shows the growth of our church!

What is your favorite Bible Verse?

Frank's favorite : "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life" John 3:16
Debbie's favorite: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34

What is your worship song?

This was a difficult selection because both Frank and Debbie have so many favorites that remind them of their childhood time with grandparents.

Frank: Power in the Blood

Debbie: Victory in Jesus



STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR 8-5-82:	
Church School	103
Morning Worship	152
Regular Offering	\$1652.01
Building Fund	432.77
Memorials	36.00
Sarah McDaniel	15.00
Supplies	2.00

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Marion United Methodist Church Children's Ministry

EASTER!

Dust off your Easter baskets and sharpen your hunting skills, it is nearly time for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Join us Saturday morning, April 20, at 9:30, in the church gym. We will gather here for light refreshments, family activities, and Easter fun before things get eggstra serious!

Children will be divided by age groups, and if the weather is nice we will walk to the open yard of Herbert Carter Global Communities for our hunt. If the weather does not cooperate, we will have an indoor hunt. Cross your fingers, it would be eggciting to have our hunt in such a lovely outdoor space!

This will be a special time for our church family to come together for fun! The Children's Ministry needs your help to make our Easter Egg Hunt a success. We will need the donation of stuffed eggs containing individually wrapped candy. These may be dropped off in the church office or with Straley in the Education Area.

Sunday School time will be used for focusing on our true Easter blessing!

WWF

With only SEVEN Wednesdays left in our WWF program for this school year, we are already excited about watching our program grow next fall! Amazing members of our youth group have provided weekly support, as well as some amazing adults! Without fail we have consistently had amazing parents. We would LOVE for parents who have not been able to help yet to plan on joining us - we always need great adult mentors for our children!

This year our WWF kiddos have learned about God's love for them and how we should always work to embody that light for others! Through weekly lessons, supporting activities, fellowship, fun, and music, these children have come to know WWF as a safe and loving environment open to all.

We always welcome snack or drink donations OR the donations of your valuable time!

SUMMER HAPPENINGS

Look out for the May newsletter to contain fun activities for our children during the summer!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will kick off Monday, July 15, and conclude Thursday, July 18. We cannot wait to get *Into the Wild* and learn about God's kingdom and our role in His kingdom.



Look for child registration and adult volunteer forms to come soon!

Confirmation Sunday:

April 28th marks a very special day in the life of our church and community as fourteen confirmands will be publicly professing their faith for the first time. This is not just an important day, but is a life changing one. I remember my confirmation day in 1996 and I know many of you remember yours. Please make sure you are with us in worship on Sunday, April 28th as we celebrate and recognize our 2019 confirmation class.

As confirmation Sunday approaches, please be in prayer for our confirmands:

Madelyn Allison
Payne Bius
Carlie Cantrell
Charlie Cantrell
Aiden Carey
Tyler Carey
Lucas Cheney

Sam Gerrard
Jaxson Hinze
Weston Hinze
Ella Kennedy
Connor McFarland
Hudson McKewen
Anna Wehrum

PRESCHOOL

MUMC Pre-School Scholarship

Each year our preschool offers a scholarship to a graduating senior. This scholarship was established to honor those who have supported our church and community by attending our preschool and being a part of the Marion Schools. To qualify a senior must be a 2019 graduate of Marion High School, a member of MUMC and have attended MUMC preschool for two years. Applications can be picked up in the preschool area. The scholarship winner will be announced at the senior luncheon.

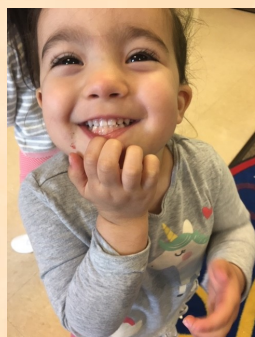
Registration Information

MUMC Preschool is continuing to take applications for the 2019-2020 school year. Applications can be picked up in the Preschool Department, Church office, or printed from our website.

PARENT'S DAY OUT

MUMC Parent's Day Out program will be accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year on Tuesday, April 9th from 11:00 a.m. until noon. Children must be at least one year in age or walking. PDO will enroll students in the following order:

1. Members of MUMC & returning PDO students.
2. Siblings of those who have attended MUMC PDO and/or Preschool.
3. All others.



The children were all smiles when they were treated to a popcorn/movie day.

During March the children learned about the color green.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Senior Information Request

If your child is a senior and attends MUMC, please email the following information to Cyndi James at cjames@marion-umc.com or drop the information off to the office by April 15th.

Senior,
Parents,
School currently attending,
Future plans, and
Please provide a senior picture.

Senior Celebration

There will be a 2019 Senior Celebration at MUMC following the Marion High School senior prom on April 27. This is an opportunity for seniors to have a safe, alcohol and drug free environment to celebrate following prom. This event will begin at 11:30 p.m. and last until 3:00 a.m. Doors to the event will be locked at 12:30 a.m.

There will be games, music, a mechanical bull, blow ups, corn hole tourney, free throw contest, cash gifts and prizes given out to all seniors throughout the evening and at 2:45 a.m., there will be a BIG ticket prize given away. No senior will leave the event without a gift of some sort.

For more information on this event, please contact Melissa Sargent 870.635.0531, Stacy Lesley 901.359.4116 or Jamie Brothers 870.549.0172.

Happy Birthday!

4/1	Logan Landry	4/8	Eddy Cates Myles Holt Owen Preslar	4/15	Gray Patterson Hayden Roeder Anna Wehrum	4/22	William Collard Caleb McCain Glenys Moore TJ Stotts
4/2	Andy Rawls Courtney Rawls	4/9	Missy Bius Stan Price	4/16	Baylus East	4/24	Taylor Roeder
4/3	Erin Sutton	4/10	Ellen Whittington	4/17	Sandy Bagwell	4/25	Kristie Stotts Jane Ellen Whittington
4/4	Jim Bagwell Annalee Parker	4/11	Lillian Fogleman Riley Tittle	4/18	Kenny Conrad	4/26	Wilkes East Blake Hart
4/5	April Buffington Cooper Gill Neal Williams	4/13	Matt Molloy Harper Doyle	4/19	Ben Barber Amy Holt Robyn Price Joel Sargent	4/27	Nancy Baratti
4/6	Charlene Kelley	4/14	Sara Betts Laura Charlton Bob Cosgrove Brandon Gill	4/21	Robin Coe	4/29	Ella Grace Maranto Luke Myers
4/7	Buddy McCain						

April Ushers

Ted Archer
David Brick
Joe Catt

Lee Fesmire
Cliff Lafitte
Wayne Tabor

April Acolytes

7th Gary Collard and Whit Kennedy
14th Samatha McAnally and Piper McFarland
21st Confirmation Class
28th Rachel Coe and Harper Doyle

April Greeters

John Robbins Sunday School Class

April Altar Flower Calendar

7th Open
14th Open
21st Easter Lilies
28th Pam Betts

Prayer List

James Bacon, Sue Bonds, May Ferguson, Mason Fowler, Wally Fowler, Dee Helton, Lynn Stanfield, Karen Weaver, Billie Williams and Tim Williamson.

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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