

MUMC *message*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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Pastor's Pen

When I Was a Kid...

There is perhaps no more frustrating saying for a young child to hear than, "When I was a kid..." The annoying implication being clear from moment one:

You have it easier

You don't know what I went through

Just get over it

Even now just typing these words makes me slightly shutter as the voices of grandparents, aunts and uncles, and my parents ring through my head with that refrain. To be fair to those adults from my childhood, they do have a point. I honestly cannot imagine going to college or graduate school like they did. I cannot imagine having only three or four television channels. I cannot imagine many of the things my parents and others dealt with growing up. Which makes it more ironic when I find myself using them.

Lately David and Emma have become more and more comfortable going into the backyard to play without Priscilla and I having to constantly play with them. This had made life a little easier until the other day when David decided that he just didn't want to go outside that day. We bargained, we forced, we begged, we ordered, but the impasse was real. That's when it happened...

"David, you just don't know how good you have it. When I was a kid..." At that moment I almost felt time shift and my soul shake. I flashed back to all the times when I heard those words and immediately felt the same childhood angst return. Needless to say I balked and David found something else inside to do that afternoon. But it honestly made me wonder why it affected me in such a strong way.

In Church we often run into "when I was kid" thinking. We remember how worship was done, what ministries we were part of, people we reached out to, the way business was conducted, and so and so on. Yet as time passes, we change, adapt, and confront new challenges in our community and church. When we look around the church even now, we see new faces and people entering our community. Let us give thanks for the amazing ways in which God is moving. Let us embrace the possibilities of new life together. We will never forget how things used to be, but we will find a new way of being in ministry and service to God together.

Andrew

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.*

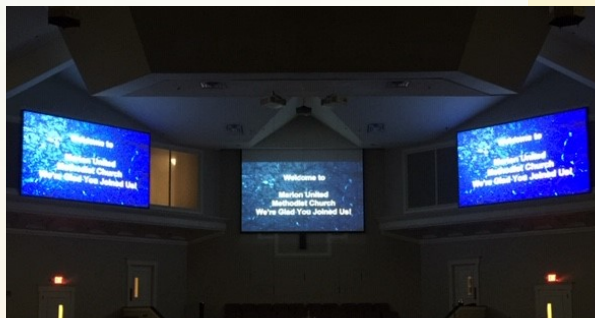
*Help each and everyone of us to be part of
the making of disciples.*

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

Audio / Visual at MUMC

Our sanctuary has gone through many needed upgrades to our audio and visual systems in the last months. As you can see from the photograph of the screens, the two new additions are much larger and brighter than the old center screen. In addition, the entire sound system has been overhauled. The new system not only runs the majority of instruments through the new sound board, but it also allows the praise band to make adjustments through the ear pieces and allows them to communicate with each other. This project would not be possible without having an excellent group of volunteers who have given up many hours to this project in order to learn the new equipment.

Pictured left to right are Frank Wallace (monitors FB live), Lannie Lancaster (oversees the project and programming) and Vance Bacon (screens visuals during Sunday Service). Thank you for all you do!



MUMC Backpack Program/Food Pantry

We have had a successful year with our local mission project. We packed and distributed 100 bags per week for all of the schools in our district throughout the school year.

We are looking forward to our second year of summer food distributions. Summer distributions will start on June 12th and continue every two weeks through August 7th. We are looking for volunteers to meet at the church, pack boxes and make deliveries to the families in the program. If you would like to help with this please email bvaughn5@comcast.net.

We will send out a new list of food items that we will be collecting in our June newsletter.

Reading the Bible in 2019

In 2019 we as a congregation will read a different book (or short espistles) 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!

May Scripture Reading: Exodus

May 1: Exodus 1 and 2	May 17: Exodus 21 and 22
May 2: Exodus 3	May 18: Exodus 23
May 3: Exodus 4 and 5	May 20: Exodus 24 and 25
May 4: Exodus 6	May 21: Exodus 26
May 6: Exodus 7	May 22: Exodus 27
May 7: Exodus 8 and 9	May 23: Exodus 28
May 8: Exodus 10 and 11	May 24: Exodus 29
May 9: Exodus 12	May 25: Exodus 30 and 31
May 10: Exodus 13 and 14	May 27: Exodus 32
May 11: Exodus 15	May 28: Exodus 33 and 34
May 13: Exodus 16	May 29: Exodus 35 and 36
May 14: Exodus 17 and 18	May 30: Exodus 37 and 38
May 15: Exodus 19	May 31: Exodus 39 and 40

May Sermons

"The Amazing Grace of Jesus"

May 5 th :	Prevenient Grace: "I Knew You When..." Luke 19:1-10
May 12 th :	Justifying Grace: "And Then Everything Changed" John 3:1-17
May 19 th :	Sanctifying Grace: "You've Only Just Begun" John 21:15-19
May 26 th :	Christian Perfection: "They're All Perfect"

June Sermons

"Learning the Gospel"

June 2 nd :	Mark	"Get to the Point"
June 9 th :	Matthew	"Prove It!"
June 16 th :	Luke	"Such a Good Story"
June 23 th :	John	"Becoming the Christ"

Wednesday Night Dinners

May 1

Lasagna, salad, bread, desserts, drinks

May 8

Fundraiser for the YOUTH
Breakfast bar, muffins, etc.,
and drinks
Youth will prepare the meal

May 15

Slider bar beef and pork sliders,
fries, onion rings,
salad bar, desserts

Bouncy houses, popcorn, popsicles, etc.

Church Events

Reoccurring Events:

- May 5 and 12 New Member / Guest Class
9:45 a.m. / FLC
- May 1, 8 and 15 WWF / 3:00 p.m.
- May 1, 8 and 15 Wed. Communion / 5:30 p.m.
- May 1, 8 and 15 Wed. Night Dinner / 6:00 p.m.
- May 2 BSF / 6:20 p.m.
Education Building / Upstairs

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- May 6 Martha-Mary Circle Meeting /
6:30 p.m.
 - May 14 Rebecka-Ruth Circle / 7:00 p.m.
 - May 15 Preschool Graduation 10:00 a.m.
 - May 16 PDO last day
3 yr old Preschool last day
 - May 19 Senior Recognition Day

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Marion United Methodist
Church Children's Ministry



Children's Easter Egg Hunt held on Saturday, April 20th!

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!



WWF

The last day for WWF will be Wednesday, May 15th.



Congratulations to our
2019 Confirmation Class

Madelyn Allison
Thomas Payne Bius
Carlie Ann Cantrell
Charles Walter Cantrell
Aidan Cole Carey
Charles Tyler Carey
Lucas Riley Cheney
Samuel Bateman Gerrard
Jaxson Shane Hinze
Weston Moss Hinze
Ella Rivers Kennedy
Connor James McFarland
Hudson Charles McKewen
Anna Caroline Wehrum

PARENT'S DAY OUT

PDO enjoyed the month of April making bunnies for some Easter fun.

PDO held its 2019-20 registration during April and are delighted to announce the program is completely full for the upcoming year. We hate to say good-bye to our current little ones, but are so excited for the new faces starting in September.



PRESCHOOL

Preschool still has a few spots in the three year old class for this fall. If you have a child or know of someone who might be interested please contact Teresa or Elizabeth for more information

Riverside Ambulance stopped by to tell the preschoolers about being an EMT. The children were allowed to climb inside the Ambulance.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

LAUREN CATT



How long have you been a member of MUMC?

I have been a member of MUMC my entire life (2001-present).

Tell us about your family.

I am currently a junior at Marion High School. I plan on going to Arkansas State University in fall of 2020, where I plan on majoring in Nursing. I am the daughter of Jody and Tammy Catt. I have an older brother, Conner Catt, who is a freshman in college. My grandparents are Joe and Patsy Catt and John and Diana Veatch.

Tell us about your job.

I babysit for several different families in our church and community. But I am currently looking for a job too.

What are your hobbies.

I love going deer hunting and fishing with my family. I love cheering on the Marion Patriots in every sport, especially football and baseball. I enjoy working out regularly and taking my dog, Dixie, for walks. I like to spend time with friends, travel, and go hiking. I am also a member and officer of Delta Beta Sigma. I am in the National Honor Society (NHS), Spanish Honor Society (SHS), Student Council, Health Occupations of America (HOSA), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Art club, and Spanish club.

What are you involved in at MUMC?

I have been actively involved with the MUMC Youth group for five years now. I have helped with WWF since the beginning of this school year.

What is your favorite thing about our church?

I love that MUMC is very inviting and allows everyone in the community an opportunity to be involved in the church no matter their age. I love that our church incorporates the children in the Wednesday night services because I think that allows them an opportunity to strengthen their relationship with God and communication skills with others. My favorite experiences at MUMC are going to Veritas with the Youth Group, going to Youth, and spending time with the kids on Wednesday nights.

What is your favorite Bible Verses?

My favorite Bible Verse: "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2

What is my favorite worship song?

This is a difficult question because I have four hands down favorite songs: Sanctuary, In Christ Alone, Ten Thousand Reasons, and What A Beautiful Name. If I had to pick my all time favorite song, it would have to be Sanctuary because I loved when Mr. Tim Parker would play his guitar and sing this song with the youth group almost every time we met.

Youth Ministry



MUMC Youth

The youth will prepare a breakfast bar for the Wednesday Night Dinner on May 8th. All proceeds will go towards a summer trip the you are planning to take during July.

Our seniors last day of school is quickly approaching. Senior prom is over and final exams are coming to an end with graduation just around the corner we would like to congratulate all the seniors on a job well done!

Each year the circles of the United Methodist Women collect money to give as a gift to our high school seniors. The money is divided equally among the graduates. If you are not a circle member and would like to join this effort, please contact Jerri Crase, UMW president or the church office. The gift will be presented at the Senior Recognition Sunday, May 19th.

Please keep the seniors in your prayers as they prepare for the next journey in their lives.



Peyton Olivia Bailey

Grandparents: Jay and Amy
Peyton
Graduate of Marion High School
Olivia plans to attend
Arkansas State University
Mid-South. She will major in
Elementary Education.

Ashlee Morgan Jones

Parents: Steve and Christy Jones
Honors Graduate of
Marion High School.
Ashlee plans to attend the
University of Arkansas and will
pursue a degree in the
medical field.



Emery Claire Bius

Parents: Steven and Missy Bius
Graduate of Marion High School
Emery Claire plans to attend
Arkansas State University
Jonesboro.

Julia Hope Hale

Parents: Matt and Susan Hale
Graduate of Harding Academy
Julia plans to attend
Mississippi State University.
She will major in
Animal and Dairy Sciences
with plans to attend vet school.



Kayleigh Busby

Parents: Rich Busby and
Angel Busby
Graduate of Marion High School
Kayleigh plans to attend
Arkansas State University Jonesboro
and pursue a career in nursing.

Xandri Inman

Parents: Hugh and Mary Inman
Graduate of Marion High School
Xandri plans to attend
Arkansas State University and
double major in Business
Administration and Biology with
future aspirations of dental
school.





Sydney Masengale

Parents: Jeff and April Masengale
 Connie and Stephen Sorrells
 Honors Graduate of
 Marion High School
 Sydney plans to attend
 Arkansas State University
 Jonesboro.

Layton Langston Scarbrough

Parents: Lance and Pam
 Scarbrough
 Graduate of Christian Brothers
 High School
 Layton plans to attend
 the University of Arkansas and
 major in Business.

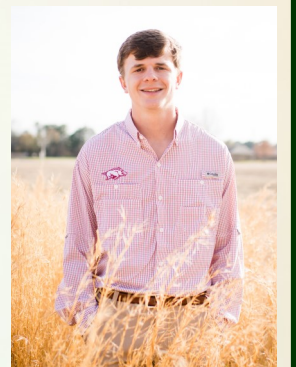


Lauren Miller

Parents: Mark and Christy Miller
 Graduate of Marion High School
 Lauren plans to attend the
 University of Arkansas.

Mason Shidler

Parents: Mitch Shidler and
 Jessica D. Croom Shidler
 Graduate of W.M.
 Christian School
 Mason plans to attend the
 University of Arkansas.

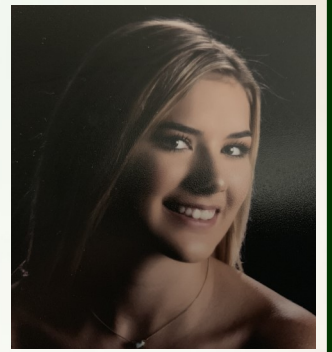


Garrett Sargent

Parents: Mike and Melissa Sargent
 Graduate of Marion High School
 Garrett plans to attend Mount
 Mercy University in Cedar Rapids
 Iowa on a Baseball Scholarship. He
 will study Criminal Justice to
 become a Federal Game Warden.

Riley Tittle

Parents: Dale and Amy
 Henderson
 Graduate of Marion
 High School
 Riley plans to attend
 Arkansas State University
 Marked Tree.



Happy Birthday!

May 1 Kristin Bolten
 Robin Phillips
 Ben Sutton
 James Williams
 May 2 Isabella Harlow
 Heather Holt
 May 4 Davis Fowler
 Will Moore
 Landon Miller
 May 5 Trey Robbins
 May 8 Steven Bius
 Michael Walker
 May 9 Brittany Carey
 Julia Hale
 May 10 Corbin Kutscher
 Jan Webb

May 11 Caroline Johnston
 Erin McKewen
 Jett Sutton
 May 12 Hanna Betts
 Dawn Brenner
 Harris Hale
 Syndi Landry
 Dawson Whittington
 May 13 Dennis Burns
 Nick Sutton
 May 14 Lance Scarbrough
 May 15 Abigail Harlow
 May 19 Jennifer Fogleman
 May 20 Margaret Fogleman
 May 21 Woody Trimbell
 Frances Wallace

May 22 Olivia Brick
 Joseph Laughter
 Amy Peyton
 May 23 Claire Catt
 Cross Fogleman
 Mason Hardke
 May 24 Luke Kennedy
 Jack Phillips
 Abbie Rawls
 Amy Simmons
 May 26 Abby Fowler
 Abby Hale
 Jack Lane
 Cheryl Robbins
 May 28 Landon Scarbrough
 May 29 Janice Bellis
 Ella Kennedy
 May 30 Sam Gerrard
 May 31 Maddie Maranto
 Rieves Wallace

May Ushers

Frank Fogleman
Rex Gill
Rick Gill

Matt Hale
Jeff Masengale
Mike Walker

May Acolytes

5th Rachel Coe and Bren Sutton
12th Payne Bius and Lucas Cheney
19th Sam Gerrard and Callen McCollum
26th Harper Doyle and Avery Gill

May Greeters

Genesis School Class

May Altar Flower Calendar

5th Open
12th Open
19th John and Jennifer Wallace
26th Open

Prayer List

James Bacon, May Ferguson, Mason 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



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