

# MUMC

## message

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER / JULY 2019

## Pastor's Pen



I have always wondered why in the world Doug was something to “beware”? Let me preface my answer by saying that I have a very dry sense of humor. To me some of the best jokes are the most obvious. But this one, this simple drawing, just makes me laugh.



I have wondered what Doug is going to do if the Salesman opens the gate. Is he going to yell at him? Is he going to talk to him? Is he just going to stare at him creepily? The possibilities are endless. It is also just as likely that while someone may be willing to take their chances with a dog, Doug was something else entirely. But alas, Gary Larson long ago stopped writing *The Far Side* and we will never know.

This comic does bring up an interesting question, however: do we beware God? Are we that Salesman, taking our bill of goods to the house of the Lord, but scared to know what may happen when we open the gate? I say no. I think that we are Doug. We place signs on the doors of our hearts telling God (and others) to beware of us. We say that we are no good, not good enough, or unworthy to receive the love that God offers us. When the Lord comes knocking, we hide behind the tree, hoping that the moment will pass and we will be back to our own ways. But God has other plans.

Like the Salesman in this comic, God approaches the gate time and time again. Sometimes just to check on us, other times to invite us into a relationship. While we may not feel ready or worthy, we are offered this chance none the less. The Lord is persistent and calls all to the great work which is set before us.

So before you look like Doug, hiding behind the tree, go over to the gates of your heart and take down the “beware” sign. Leave the gate open. Show God you want a new thing to be done in your life. And remember, it will never cost you \$19.95 to do so.

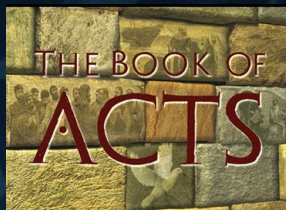
Andrew

# 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!

## **July Reading Guide: Acts**

Acts reading guide is simple!  
Read 1 chapter a day,  
excluding Sundays.  
Good luck!



## **The Jesus Priorities: Essential Habits**

Coming in August we will be taking a Church-wide book study and sermon series entitled, "The Jesus Priorities". This series will look at six essential habits of Jesus and how they can help us follow God more fully. Keep on the lookout for more details!

## Mission Outreach

The MUMC Mission Team spent part of Saturday, June 22nd painting the inside of the Eighth Street Mission building in West Memphis. Great project and what an improvement they made to this area of our community. To learn more about upcoming mission projects, please contact Syndi Landry, Beverly Vaughn or the church office.



## **A Word of Appreciation**

When I became your pastor, I had no idea how warm and welcoming you would be to my family. You have embraced us as part of this community, and we are elated to be returning to Marion for another appointment year. Thank you all for your love, prayers, and support. I look forward to seeing all the ways God is going to keep moving here at Marion United Methodist Church.

Andrew Kjorlaug

## *July Sermon Series*

Throughout July, we will be looking at the Apostle Paul's teachings within the Epistle to the Colossians. This short epistle captures many of the concerns of the early church and can teach us about responding to God's call.

### **"The Paul of Colossians"**

July 14th

Paul's Truth

"What I have Become"

Colossians 1:1-14

July 28th

Paul's Plea

"Join With Me"

Colossians 2:6-15

July 21st

Paul's Testimony

"My Story is With Christ"

Colossians 1:15-28

August 4th

Paul's Commissions

"Putting on Christ"

Colossians 3:1-11

## Church Events

*Wednesday Night Communion services will resume on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary.*

- July 1 Children's Cooking Camp  
K-6 Grades / 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
- July 10 Backpack program Distribution  
Day / meet in FLC @ 4 p.m.
- July 14 Finance Meeting / 5 p.m.
- July 15-18 Vacation Bible School
- July 18-21 Youth Trip to Branson, MO.
- July 19 Children's Mission camp  
K-2 Grades—9 a.m.-noon  
3-6 Grades—9 a.m.-3p.m.
- July 21 Usher Training / 10 a.m.  
In the Sanctuary
- July 24 Backpack program Distribution



# Children's Ministries

 Marion United Methodist Church Children's Ministry

## Children's Camps

We were excited that all of our camps for this summer filled up so quickly. We have completed our Spanish, Art and Yoga camps under the leadership of Jennifer Johnston, Case Fesmire and Teresa Gardner. Below are a few photos from the camps. To see more photos, please go to the Marion United Methodist Church Children's Ministry Facebook page.



### Yoga Camp 2019

Stretching our bodies to the limit and discussing the fact that our bodies are temples created by God, Teresa Gardner helped our young campers inhale and exhale!



### Spanish Camp 2019



Campers focused on learning basics while having a blast! Thanks to Professora Jennifer Johnston and our youth workers for making this a success!



## 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. Registration and adult volunteer forms can be found on the table located in the narthex.

### Art Camp 2019

Our older campers helped create beautiful new ceiling tile art and younger campers created sweet summertime canvases! Thanks to Case Fesmire for being our creative mind, and thanks to our awesome youth workers!!!



## July Birthdays

July Birthdays		July 14	Sandra Hall
July 1	Bill Adams Lynda Avery Emily Burns Andrew Kjorlaug	July 16	Amy Henderson Blair LaRue
July 3	Melissa Sargent	July 17	Emery Claire Bius Tony Gardner Tammy Hale
July 4	Mary Peyton Bell Aiden Carey Aidan Carey Wade Murray	July 18	Brian Doyle Chris Dunn
July 5	Susan Griffee Leslie Brick	July 20	Kayleigh Busby Lisa Heath Mike Sample
July 6	Kelly Fogleman	July 21	Alan Helms Michael McCarty
July 7	Elliot Allen Kristen Catt Lee Catt III Alex King Avery Kynch	July 23	Vickie Sample
July 8	Jamie Bell Jack Gerrard Laura Helms	July 24	Patricia Jones
July 9	Mark Miller	July 26	Denny East Meghan Fowler Missy King
July 11	Mickey Charlton	July 27	Lee Catt IV Catherine Catt
July 12	Tarryn Cohea Marcia Sutton	July 28	Julie Burns David Catt Frank Harrison
July 13	Taylor Starkey	July 29	Vernon Coale Taylor Conrad Sam Stuckey Stephen Jones



## July Ushers

Jim Bagwell      Cliff Lafitte  
Rex Gill          Wayne Tabor  
Garrison Hardke      Mike Walker

## July Acolytes

7th      Sullivan McKewen and Beau Fenter  
14th    Callen McCollum and Samatha McAnally  
21st    Harper Doyle and Avery Gill  
28th    Jack Phillips and Owen Pressler

## July Greeters

Seekers and Servers Sunday School Class

## July Altar Flower Calendar

7th      Elizabeth Williams  
14th    Open  
21st    Open  
28th    Open

## Prayer List

Dick Busby, Mart Thaxton, Dale Cloud,  
Merritt and Linda Hale, Pam Betts, Dick Traugh,  
Dr. Wade Callicut, Sam Watts, Myra Reed,  
Jeff Bouland, May Ferguson, Mason Fowler,  
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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