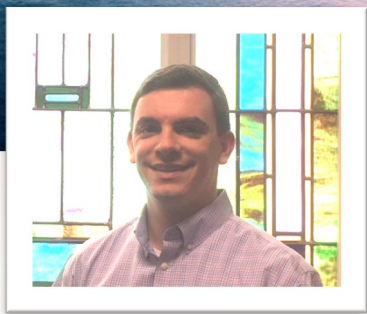


MUMC *Message*

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Pastor's Pen

How Time Passes

I remember as a kid, about seven or eight years old, really understanding for the first time the nature of the calendar and the passing of days. It was the beginning of a school year and we were going over our calendar. I had known the days of the weeks and the months of the year for a while, but in that moment, it finally hit as to how long and short certain time periods were. On that September day, I realized that Christmas was (shock) over three months away! How was I ever going to wait that long. The last day of school? That was still 170 school days away. My birthday...nearly a year. My childhood struggle to understand how time could pass so slowly.

Flash forward nearly thirty years and I struggle to slow time down. Just the other day a picture appeared on my Facebook memories of David playing with a turtle when he wasn't quite two years old. I honestly wondered, "Where has the time gone?" Could that really be four years ago? Is it possible that much time has passed?

May 18th marked one year since we closed on our house here in Marion. June 10th is the day we moved to Marion. June 24th was the day Tom Letchworth prayed for my family and I before his sudden and untimely passing. Then there is July 1, the day I joined in officially in worship and preaching for the first time. Has it almost been a year? Has time passed that quickly? The answer, amazingly enough, is yes.

Over the last year we have had many transitions and changes. We have updated our Sanctuary with new sound, video, and lighting. We have updated floors throughout our children's area. We have given our historical Pastor photos a new place of memory in our church. We said goodbye to Tim Parker as our Youth Director but welcomed Kolby Jones only to our staff. Our Children's Ministry had an amazing year with 75 children registered for our Wednesday WWF program. The New Mission team is already putting together our first projects for the coming year. Our Vision team has been meeting to help identify goals and priorities for our congregation and will be presenting those to you as a church very soon. Our Church Leadership meets weekly for prayer and discussion as we too seek to discern God's direction for our congregation. All of this and so much more! Most importantly, however, we have worshipped, prayed, sung, celebrated, grieved, and sought God together.

I love being here in Marion and I look forward to seeing where God leads us in ministry and service to our community. As we come to this anniversary, I will be holding a ***"Church-Wide Town Hall" meeting on Sunday morning, June 30th at 9:30am in the Family Life Center.*** I will be leading this town hall in conjunction with church leadership as we answer both your questions, receive feedback, and take an intentional time of prayer for our congregation. Please come to this special time of discussion as we as a community begin our second year together.

Usher Trainings are coming up!

This summer we are scheduling three usher trainings to help recruit additional ushers, give a refresher to our current ushers, and help us adapt to our growing congregation.

June 16 th :	10:00 a.m.
July 21 st :	10:00 a.m.
August 18 th :	10:00 a.m.

MUMC Congregation Town-Hall

Sunday, June 30th at
9:30 a.m. in the Family Life
Center

Come discuss, ask questions,
and pray for our congregation.

Health Kits

It is time again to start collecting for HEALTH KITS for Hope for the Holidays. We need: washcloths, narrow ribbon 1/4 ", small bars of soap (samples from motels), travel size shampoo, travel size lotion, Freezer bags (quart size), Please save the items from your summer vacations for this project. Leave your donations for this project at the welcoming center in the narthex or in the office.

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

Backpack Program Update

The Backpack Program touched many children during the 2018-2019 school year, and we are planning to once again continue the program throughout the summer. Deliveries will be made every other Wednesday beginning June 12th. For those of you who would like to help make deliveries every other week, please contact Beverly Vaughn or the church office.

The cost of this program totaled \$10,000.
Volunteer hours totaled approximately

200 hours between packing, shopping, inventory and deliveries. Thank you to all who have helped and continue to make this program such a success.

There were approximately 102 packages delivered for a period of 33 weeks during the school year.

Breakfast	7,000
Lunches	7,000
Dinner	7,000
Snacks	14,000
Total Items delivered	34,000

Summer Yoga Schedule

Mondays
9:00 a.m.
Ageless

Tuesdays
4:45 p.m.
Level 1 & 2

Thursdays
8:30 a.m.
Level 1 & 2

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!

June Scripture Reading: I and II Corinthians

June 1:	I Cor. 1
June 3:	I Cor. 2 and 3
June 4:	I Cor. 4
June 5:	I Cor. 5 and 6
June 6:	I Cor. 7
June 7:	I Cor. 8
June 8:	I Cor. 9
June 10:	I Cor. 10
June 11:	I Cor. 11
June 12:	I Cor. 12
June 13:	I Cor. 13
June 14:	I Cor. 14
June 15:	I Cor. 15
June 17:	I Cor. 16
June 18:	II Cor. 1
June 19:	II Cor. 2
June 20:	II Cor. 3
June 21:	II Cor. 4
June 22:	II Cor. 5
June 24:	II Cor. 6
June 25:	II Cor. 7
June 26:	II Cor. 8 and 9
June 27:	II Cor. 10
June 28:	II Cor. 11
June 29:	II Cor. 12 and 13

June Sermons

Learning the Gospel"

June 2 nd :	Mark	"Get to the Point" Mark 1:1-20, Mark 13:14-23
June 9 th :	Matthew	"Prove It!" Matthew 4:12-17, Matthew 24:15-28
June 16 th :	Luke	"Such a Good Story" Luke 5:17-26, Luke 21:20-24
June 23 th :	John	"Becoming the Christ" John 1:1-13, John 16:16-24

Church Events

Reoccurring Events:

- June 5, 12, 19 & 26 Wed. Communion / 5:30 p.m.
- June 16 Usher Training / 10:00 a.m.
In the Sanctuary
- June 17 Spanish Camp (K—6th Grade)
Will meet in the Children's Area
- June 21 Yoga and Art Camp (K-6th Grade)
Will meet in the Children's Area
- June 30 Welcome Back Pastor Andrew
Luncheon in the Gym

New to our Church Family

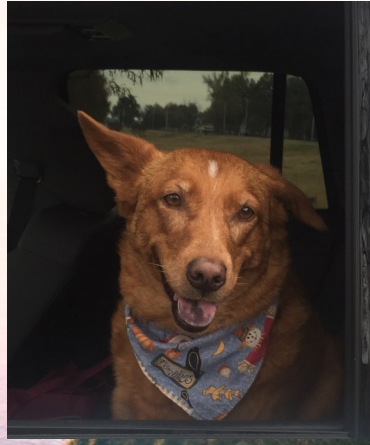


Barbara Barnett joined our family on Sunday, May 12th.

NEW E-Mail Addresses

Please note that we have had some e-mail address changes. Staff e-mail addresses are located on the back of the newsletter under the Church Staff section.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Rod and Brenda Alexander



How long have you been a member of MUMC?

After moving back to Marion, Rod and Brenda visited MUMC one Sunday and the music was so dynamic they both had tears of joy. Rod and Brenda visited with Bro. Tom and like everyone else, they fell in love with him. Toward the end of their meeting, Bro. Tom asked if they had any questions and their one question was do you think dogs go to heaven. He reassured them with scripture. Rod and Brenda transferred their memberships in 2012 after meeting with Bro. Tom.

Tell us about your family.

Rod grew up in Joiner, Arkansas and Brenda grew up in Arlington, Texas. The good Lord has blessed them with many furry babies, nieces and nephews. Lindsey is their recent rescued fur baby and love of their lives.

Tell us about your job.

Rod ran laundry mats, and Brenda worked as a RN most of her life. In 1997, Rod sold the laundromats and became manager of Brandywine Island. Brenda presently is blessed to work at TriState Surgery Center in Marion.

What are your hobbies.

Rod loves to fish, hunt and play golf. Brenda loves to garden, play with Lindsey and play golf. They both love their time at the lake and visiting with family as much as possible.

What are you involved in at MUMC?

They enjoy being a part of the Annual Turkey Dinner.

What is your favorite thing about our church?

They have been truly blessed to find such a welcoming congregation. With family living so many miles from them, they feel so loved at MUMC. They love Bro. Andrew's sermons each Sunday along with the wonderful music by the Chancel Choir and Praise Band.

What is your favorite Bible Verses?

They read Philippians 4: 4-9 slowly every evening. The Alexander's home flooded with 7 ft of water while living on Brandywine Island in 2011. What they thought to have been the worst day of their lives ended up being one of the best in that it brought them back to Marion and praise the Lord they found their church home at MUMC.


"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."

What is my favorite worship song?

10,000 Reasons and The Praise Band's version of Arise my Soul.

Children's Ministries

 Marion United Methodist
Church Children's Ministry



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.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR OUR SUMMER CAMPS!!!

Date: June 17
Grades: K-2
Grades: 3-6

EVENT: Spanish Camp
Time: 9 a.m. – noon Cost: \$10
Time: 9 a.m.—3 p.m. \$15
Student in Grades 3-6 will attend lunch at Mi Pueblo.

Date: June 21
Grades K-6

EVENT: Yoga & Art Camp
Time: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Cost: \$10
Students wear comfy, paint-friendly clothes.
Students will need to bring a sack lunch.
Yoga students will need to bring a yoga mat.

Date: July 1
Grades K-6

EVENT: Cooking Camp
Time: 9 a.m.— noon Cost: \$10

Date: July 19
Grades K-2
3-6 Grade

EVENT: Mission Camp
Time: 9 a.m. – noon Cost: \$5
Time: 9 a.m.—3:00 p.m. \$10
Students in Grades 3-6 will visit the Marion Animal Shelter to volunteer and work during The afternoon portion. Lunch will be provided.

DEADLINE for sign-ups:

Please note that deadlines to sign up for each camp will be one week prior to each individual camp. The one week deadline is to allow enough time to purchase the appropriate number of supplies needed for each camp.

Please contact Straley Owen if you have any questions.
E-mail address for Straley is sowen@marion-umc.com.

The WWF Children's Choir helped to lead worship Sunday, May 5th. Under the direction of Blake Owen and volunteers, the children's choir preformed several times throughout the school year and had a special Christmas performance with the Chancel Choir.

We look forward to another great year with our children's choir when WWF resumes on September 4th.



Preschool

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Graduation:

The 4 year old preschoolers Graduation Ceremony was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. The group lead the attendees in The Pledge of Allegiance and The Lord's Prayer. They also showed off reciting the Books of the Bible and the Months of the Year. The morning ended with two songs, "The 100 Dahoe" and "See You Later" before diplomas were handed out.



2019 Four Year Old Preschoolers: David Kjolraug, Estelle Prater, Carter Pirani, Twen Wright, Reefie Ann Denton, Ryder Hayes, Jax Voyles, Apperson Williams and Ross Stanley Williams

The Marion Fire Department took time out of their day to come visit the preschool. The children were allowed to climb on the truck followed by some water fun as the fire fighters sprayed them with water to cool off on a warm May day.



The 3 and 4 year old preschoolers led the congregation in the Lord's Prayer during worship on Sunday, May 5, 2019.



As the school year came to an end, Mrs. Teresa held a Yoga Program for the parents of the preschoolers. The children showed off yoga moves learned throughout the year.



Preschool—End of the school year parties!



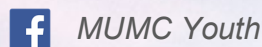
PDO

The kiddos in PDO had fun dressing up in their Sunday best to practice their manners. They wrapped up the school year with an outdoor party on Thursday, May 16th.

Enjoy your
Summer
Vacation!!



Youth Ministries



Senior Recognition:

Our graduating seniors were recognized on Sunday, May 19, 2019. Each senior was joined by his or her family as Pastor Andrew prayed for them as they move on to the next stage of their lives. The seniors were presented with a gift during the service and will also receive a Bible to be presented at a later date by the Youth Minister, Kolby Jones. Congratulations and best wishes to all of our seniors.



Bake Sale:

The youth will have a bake sale on Sunday, June 30th to help raise funds toward the Summer Youth Trip to Branson, Missouri. If you would like to bake a dessert for the fundraiser, please contact Kolby Jones at kjones@marion-umc.com.

Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately[a] got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. 4 But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5 Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

John 21:3-6

June Birthdays

6/1	William Entrekin	6/11	Matt McMechen	6/17	Manning Shidler Whitney Young	6/22	Johnny Griffiee
6/2	Emma Kate Boon Karen Jones	6/12	Eva O'Beirne	6/18	Jamey Boney Kathryn Laughter Will Preslar	6/26	Mike Sargent Nancy Fogleman
6/3	Tammy Catt	6/13	Avery Boney Houston King Emily Kyzar	6/20	David Brick Jay Peyton	6/27	Kaylabeth Sample Pam Scarbrough
6/6	May Ferguson	6/15	Lincoln Hartwig Sandy Nelson	6/21	Elizabeth Gill Kolby Jones Chase Letner	6/28	Jane Williamson
6/9	Lexie Laughter	6/16	Sierra Arceneaux James Sample	6/29	Chris Archer	6/30	Lynett Bolton Carron Cates
6/10	Tracy Brick Jill Molloy Jeff Phillips						

June Ushers

Joe Catt,
Denny East
Steve Ford

Jeff Johnston
Wayne Nelson
Nick Sutton

June Acolytes

2nd Grey Collard and Jack Gerrard
9th Hudson and Sullivan McKewen
16th Abby Simmons and Cameron Spencer
23rd Lucas Cheney and Whit Kennedy
30th Jack Phillips and Owen Pressler

June Greeters

Crossroads School Class

June Altar Flower Calendar

2nd Bill and Pat Entrekin
9th Open
16th Open
23rd David and Jennifer Fogleman
30th Jane Williamson

Prayer List

Sam Watts, Myra Reed, The family of Stacy and Jan Webb, Jeff Bouland, James Bacon, May Ferguson, Mason Fowler, 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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