

# MUMC

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### Mission Team: Project “Fresh Start”

The MUMC Mission Team took on the task of providing Health/Hygiene Products to the Marion VPA (Visual Arts Program) magnet school. The Mission Team worked close with Becky Laughter, Assistant Principal, at Marion VPA to assist with providing products for the new “Fresh Start” program at the school. The church collected over 1500 items toward this project. Thanks to the donations made by the congregation, the Mission Team was able to pack 300 care packages for the school. The care packages provided hygiene products to over 60 families to start the school year. The congregation stepped up and provided an overwhelming amount of supplies and because of this generosity, the school was able to provide teachers with extra supplies to keep on hand for those students in need of the products throughout the year. The high volume of collections also allowed for the other magnet schools to receive the care packages. Our Mission Team also cooked and served dinner to the families during the Fresh Start event.



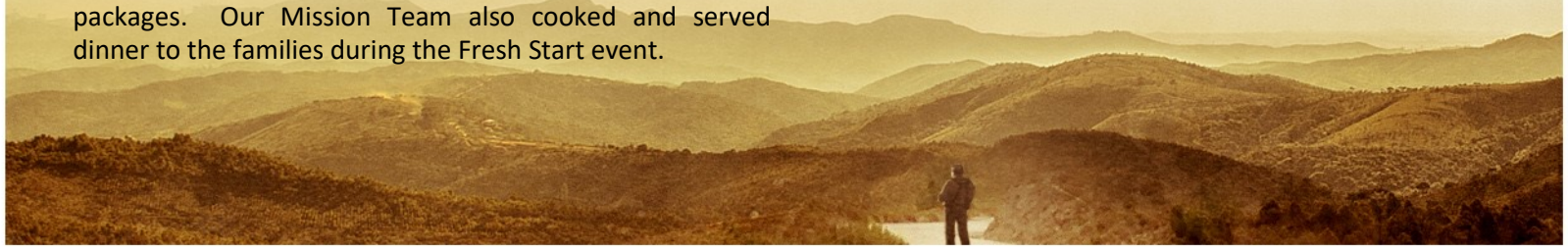
### Mission Team: Backpack Program

The MUMC Backpack Project continues to reach 100 students during the school year and is extended into the summer months to 50 families every other week. We hope to have a list of students for this school year within the next couple of weeks and are hoping to make our first delivery on September 13. We are planning to continue with monthly themes for this school year.

- Spaghetti O September - canned pasta
- Oatmeal October
- Nutri-grain November - ONLY nutri-grain brand is peanut free
- Dollars December

As of now, we are planning to continue with work days each Sunday prior to the distribution day on the following Wednesday. The Sunday work will consist of unpacking, sorting and boxing up food as well as clean up. To sign up, please email [bvaughn5@comcast.net](mailto:bvaughn5@comcast.net).

Please continue to assist with this project and ensure its sustainability this school year. This could not be successful without the generosity and loving spirit that this church possesses.







# Pastor's Pen

## ***Nostalgic Nostalgia***

Some years ago, I found myself in a lengthy discussion with a church youth group about tradition versus new things. The conversation began following a long church disagreement about worship music and style, that had effectively ended with the church deciding to stick with their more traditional style. The youth were frustrated, in some ways understandably so, feeling as though they were being ignored and disrespected. The conversation was difficult, fraught with emotion, and lasted nearly two hours. In the end we prayed and began the process of moving forward.

Flash forward a few months and I found myself in the same room, with the same youth group, discussing another issue of tradition versus new things. This time, however, the discussion was surrounding a renovation and renewal of the youth area. The conversation was in stark contrast to the previous conversation. Rather than the youth looking forward to the proposed changes, they were now proclaiming restraint, focusing on the "traditions" that had developed.

The irony in these situations was palpable, and in most ways, I think we all fall into this trap at some point or another. We are ready and willing to change something that we are not directly affected by or if we agree with the change. However, when we disagree or are affected directly, we generally respond with worry and concern. How do we overcome this sway back and forth?

Over the last several weeks we have been talking about "The Jesus Priorities" and how we can better follow in the ways of Jesus. We must seek to share healing, love as God loves, and center on prayer. Those things help us refocus and begin to hear the moving of the Spirit. However, the next steps bring us even deeper:

Spread the Word

Build Up Treasure in Heaven

Seek God's Will

To set Jesus as our priority we must be willing to embrace the direction Jesus leads, even when we may wonder what it may mean. We must set aside our own concerns for the concerns of the gospel. In this, we can find ourselves a new way in the paths of our savior.

Andrew

## **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!

### ***September Reading Guide: Hebrews, James and John epistles***

September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hebrews 1
September 3 <sup>d</sup>	Hebrews 2
September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Hebrews 3
September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Hebrews 4
September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Hebrews 5
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Hebrews 6
September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Hebrews 7
September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Hebrews 8
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Hebrews 9
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Hebrews 10
September 13 <sup>th</sup> :	Hebrews 11
September 14 <sup>th</sup> :	Hebrews 12
September 16 <sup>th</sup> :	Hebrews 13
September 17 <sup>th</sup> :	James 1
September 18 <sup>th</sup> :	James 2
September 19 <sup>th</sup> :	James 3
September 20 <sup>th</sup> :	James 4
September 21 <sup>st</sup> :	James 5
September 23 <sup>rd</sup> :	I John 1
September 24 <sup>th</sup> :	I John 2
September 25 <sup>th</sup> :	I John 3
September 26 <sup>th</sup> :	I John 4
September 27 <sup>th</sup> :	I John 5
September 28 <sup>th</sup> :	II John
September 30 <sup>th</sup> :	III John



## New to Our Church Family:



Daniel, Kari and  
Patrick Robbins



Jereme, Farrah,  
Connor and Piper  
McFarland



Glenn and Linda  
Whitmarsh



Marty Smith



Ryce Smith

***Give**, and it will be **given** to you. A good measure,  
pressed down, shaken together and running over,  
will be poured into your lap. For with the measure  
you use, it will be measured to you."*

*Luke 6:38*

## The Dollar-A-Week Program

Beginning Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> we will start a new giving program here at Marion UMC. Each \$1 bill or \$1 coin placed in the offering plate will go directly to our mission fund to better enable us to be in mission and ministry to our community.



## September Events at MUMC

Reoccurring Events:

### Wednesdays

- Sept. 4, 11, 18 and 25 / **WWF** / 3:00 p.m. / Children's Area
- Sept. 4, 11, 18 and 25 / **Wed. Communion** / 5:30 p.m. / Sanctuary
- Sept. 4, 11, 18 and 25 / **Wednesday Night Dinner**  
6:00 p.m. / Gym
- Sept. 4, 11, 18 and 25 / **Marion Rotary** / Noon / Youth Building

### Thursdays:

- Sept. 12, 19 & 26 / **Bible Study Fellowship** / 6:20 p.m.  
Education Building / Upstairs

- Sept. 2 / Labor Day—Office Closed
- Sept. 3 / First Day—3 yr old Pre-school
- Sept. 4 / First Day—4 yr old Pre-school
- Sept. 9 / PDO Open House—5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 12 / First Day—PDO (Parent's Day Out Program)
- Sept. 12 / Retired Teachers Meeting / 1:00 p.m. / Youth Bldg.
- Sept. 14 / Painting of the Youth Building

SAVE THE DATE!!

- Hullabaloo: **October 26th**—NOTE: We will not have a rummage sale this year
- Fishing Tournament benefiting Hullabaloo—**October 26th**  
Entry Fee: \$150 per boat / \$20 Big Bass Pot  
Registration : 5:00 a.m. (breakfast snacks served)  
Blast off : Safe daylight.  
Weigh-in: 3:00 p.m.  
(food served during awards ceremony)  
Guaranteed payout based on 20 boat field:  
First place : \$800 payout with \$250 Big Bass.  
Cash and prize payouts through 5th place.  
Contact for Tournament—Jeff Johnston @ 901.277.6321
- Trunk or Treat Tailgate— **October 27th** / 4:00 pm—5:30 pm  
Contact Straley Owen for information  
Sowen@marion-umc.com

- Annual Turkey Dinner — **November 14th**
- Christmas Musical — **December 15th**

## Feeding MHS Football Team

MUMC will once again feed the Marion High School football team during the upcoming football season. We are scheduled to feed them twice during the month of September. If you enjoy football and are a Patriots fan, then this just might be an area for you to volunteer. Meal preparation starts around 12:30 p.m. on the day of the game in order to feed the team at 3:30 p.m.

We need volunteers to help with food prep, serving, setting up tables and clean up on September 6th and 27th. If you do not have time to volunteer but would like to make a monetary donation, please take it to the church office with a note stating where the donation is to be credited. To volunteer, please contact Bartt Vaughn at [bartt.vaughn@ergon.com](mailto:bartt.vaughn@ergon.com).

## Wednesday Night Dinners are Back!!!

### SEPTEMBER 4

Dairy bar style dinner with choice of hamburgers, bacon, chicken sandwiches, chicken strips, fries, onion rings, or salad with grilled or fried chicken add-ons available. Desserts: milkshakes and ice cream

### SEPTEMBER 11

Pasta bar with choice of 2 pastas, 2 sauces, 2 meats, salad bar, bread, and desserts

### SEPTEMBER 18

Smothered pork chops, scalloped potatoes, sweet corn, broccoli, bread and desserts

### SEPTEMBER 25

Chicken, vegetables, bread, salad and dessert

## 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.*

## Bible Study Fellowship

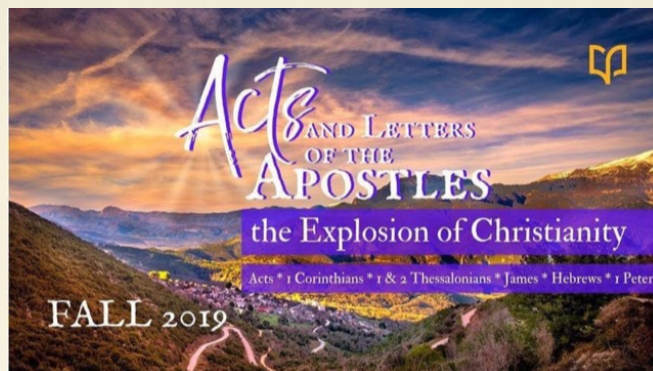
This year, our Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) will begin on Thursday, September 12th — Acts and Letters of the Apostles. Women all over the world are doing the same study and learning the same things each week. This year the MUMC BSF group will be a women's group. We will not host a man's group at this time; however, if that option does become available, we will inform everyone in our weekly emails and/or monthly newsletter.

MEETING DATES and TIMES: Every Thursday at 6:20 p.m.

PLACE: MUMC Education Building / Upstairs

Please enter the church through the entrance under the canopy located on the main parking area.

You may sign up for BSF upon arrival or contact Lisa Heath to get signed up for this year's event. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lisa Heath @ 901.410.3677 for more information.





# Membership Spotlight: Matt Coe



**How long have you been a member of MUMC?** Robin and I joined in 2009. We attended regularly for about a year or so before joining the church. Robin and I visited several churches after we got married, searching for a church home. Mr. Julian Fogleman, who was my senior law partner at the time, invited us to visit MUMC one Sunday. He was persistent in asking me every Monday after the previous Sunday's visit if Robin and I enjoyed ourselves. He was equally persistent in asking me every Friday preceding the next Sunday service if he would see me in church this coming Sunday. Let's just say we have been coming ever since.

**Tell us about your family:** Robin and I have been married for 11 years. We have 3 children. Rachel Lane, age 9, Mason, age 6 and Wesley Elizabeth, age 3. We also have a 12 year old brown lab mix named Brinkley who my wife rescued.

**Tell us about your job:** I am a lawyer. I am currently a partner at Rogers, Coe and Sumpter in West Memphis. (formerly Fogleman, Rogers and Coe) and have served in this capacity since 2005. Since 2012, I have also served as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Crittenden County. I am tasked with prosecuting 1/3 of the total felony docket each year. I have litigated thousands of cases before the Circuit Court from complex civil litigation, criminal cases, divorce and child custody cases, juvenile court cases, ½ day bench trials to week long jury trials.

I am currently running for Circuit Judge in the 2020 election. I will be seeking to fill the Second Judicial District Division 8 position, currently held by Judge John Fogleman, who has announced he will retire and not seek reelection. The seat covers Crittenden, Poinsett, Mississippi, Greene, Craighead and Clay Counties in Northeast Arkansas.

**What are your hobbies:** Besides spending time with my family, I enjoy hunting and fishing. In my younger days I would duck hunt 30-40 days out of the season but those days have passed. I still enjoy duck hunting but I deer hunt and turkey hunt more these days. If I had to only choose one and give up all the others, I would just turkey hunt. If you have never done it, don't do it. It's a disease and you don't want to catch it. Just ask Robin her thoughts on turkey season. I have enjoyed introducing my children to hunting to fishing. Rachel has ventured into the dove fields, deer stands and timber duck holes with me on many occasions, but I am convinced that she just wants to spend time with me, for which I am eternally grateful. She could care less about if we see a deer or a duck, she just wants to know what's for breakfast. Mason is a completely different story. He has taken to hunting and fishing like a fish to water. Whether its fishing, dove hunting, deer hunting, duck hunting or turkey hunting, he is fully immersed. He watches YouTube channels on it, doesn't understand why there are only certain times you can go, doesn't understand why you let certain deer walk and why you shouldn't shoot a turkey outside of 40 yards. He is guaranteed to be up before me if we are going hunting in the morning and is guaranteed to not pay attention to anything in school that day if I am checking him out early to go with me in the afternoon. He has shown himself to have a little streak of luck as well. He caught a small bull shark on his first cast into the ocean on an inshore fishing trip I took him on this year. I told him he didn't need to get a big head.

**What are you involved in at MUMC:** I am a member of the Crossroads Sunday School Class. I have served on the Church Counsel, and I am currently a member of the Staff Parrish Relations Committee.

**What is your favorite thing about our church:** The people. Our congregation gives of their time, money, resources and talents more than any congregation I have been around, whether it is Wednesday nights suppers, WWF for the kids, Vacation Bible School, Hullabaloo, Turkey Dinner, or the backpack program. There are too many instances to list. I have seen instances where visitors come to our church, not knowing a soul, only to be approached by several people to be invited to sit with them during the service or come to some other church function. We just have good people.

**What is your favorite Bible Verse:** Galatians 6, Versus 9: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

**What is your favorite worship song:** "Blessed Assurance". However, if I hear "Amazing Grace" being played on bagpipes, everything else going on in the world ceases.





# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Marion United Methodist Church Children's Ministry

## **Worship With Friends**

We are beyond excited to kick-off another fun and faith-filled session of our Wednesday Worship With Friends starting Sept. 4! This year we look to add to our friends and incorporate more opportunities for missions work, creative art, worship, and fellowship.

Want to be a part of the fun? Want to know how you might help be Christian mentors for our future?

We need adult volunteers to help regularly on Wednesday afternoons; we need help providing snacks to feed lots of hungry children after a long day of learning at school; we need opportunities for our talented church family to share their talents with our students!

We hope to host a rotation-style platform where students will start off with study time, play time and snack, followed by a weekly Bible lesson, and an associated experience to extend upon the lesson.

Worship With Friends is a free program provided by our church for students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade - we simply ask that parents "pay" by volunteering snacks and their valuable time to help with our valuable children!

## **Promotion Sunday**

Promotion Sunday was August 25 and children starting kindergarten and third grade received new Bibles from our congregation. Sunday School students were moved up to a new class and classes kicked off new curriculum!

## **Trunk-or-Treat!**

Step 1: Mark your calendars...

Step 2: Buy all the candy ...

Step 3: Plan the most amazing and spooctacular trunk...

Step 4: Plan a fiendishly-fun costume...

Step 5: Buy some more candy ...

We are scared silly we are so excited that Trunk-or-Treat will be Sunday, Oct. 27, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the church parking lot (weather permitting).



## **Back to School Bash Success**

Our Back to School Bash was a great success and enjoyed by our church family! During our worship service we had special prayers offered over our students, faculty, staff, and school administration. Special tags were provided to place on all backpacks and bags to help carry blessings wherever the bags may roam!

Following worship our awesome kitchen crew provided a hot dog lunch for our church family while our children ran off some excitement and pre-school jitters!



# September Birthdays

9/1	Straley Owen	9/10	Eric Doyle	9/23	Brenda Alexander Jack Avery Katie Entrekin Peyton Fogleman Susan Hale John M. Heath Priscilla Kjorlaug
9/2	Randy Benson Taylor Landry	9/11	Dustin Bolton		
9/3	Chris Coopwood Garrison Hardke Jason McKewen Vesta McNeely Beverly Moore Richard O'Beirne	9/13	Thomas Doyle Jennifer Johnston Charlie McNeely	9/24	John Brenner Fred C. Wesberry III
9/4	Palmer Archer Micah Archer Hayden Archer Sydney Masengale	9/14	Clay Starkey	9/26	Jason Collard
		9/15	Jason Collard Will Fogleman	9/27	Isabella Hinze Forrest Jones Ben Vaughn
9/5	Trent Hanks Brittany Hanks Tim Parker	9/16	Shane Hinze	9/28	Ted Archer Hartley Charlton
		9/17	Ford Chafin Mike Molloy	9/29	Brittany Bius Adam Fogleman Jeff Masengale Shelby Ward Jeffrey Vaughn
9/6	Katie Brick LaKeshia Lee Blake Meyer Adam Rawls Jacob Tabor	9/18	Addison Schwartz Mollie Owen Sam Owen	9/30	Abbigale Simmons
		9/19	Mason Fowler Jay W. Hale Austin LaRue Sam Rawls		
9/7	Amanda Elliot Scott Fogleman	9/20	Rita Gilmore Cliff Lafitte Paxton Marotti		
9/8	Kennedy Arceneaux Nicole Roeder Michelle Schwartz	9/21	Nancy Ragsdale Callie Wallace		
9/9	Gail Fogleman Paula Howerton	9/22	Cissie Stuckey		

## Memorials for Dick Busby

Tim, Stacy and Annalee Parker  
Lannie and Holly Lancaster  
Jane Williamson  
Tom and Cindy French  
Charles and Cathy Horton  
Judge John and Nancy Fogleman  
Bart Turner  
Robert and Diane Lugar  
John and Debbie Scola  
Cyndi James  
James and Dorothy Sample  
Denny and Baylus East  
W.A. and Melba Wren  
Scott and Ann Carpenter  
Patti Hayne Rainey

## Memorials for Dale Cloud

John and Debbie Scola  
Sister Circle  
Joe and Patsy Catt  
James and Dorothy Sample  
Judge John and Nancy Fogleman



## September Ushers

Rob Allison	Rex Gill
Ted Archer	Nick Sutton
Rich Busby	Mike Walker

## September Acolytes

1st	Davis Fowler and Jackson Rawls
8th	Molly and Sam Owen
15th	Lake Laughter and Banks Barber
22nd	Cooper and Conner Allison
29th	AJ Knych and Sullivan McKewen

## September Greeters

Genesis Sunday School Class

## September Altar Flower Calendar

1st	Open
8th	John and Jennifer Wallace
15th	Open
22nd	Bill and Pat Entrekin
29th	Open

## Prayer List

Anderson Prescott Scola, Chris Dunn, Scott Carpenter, Mart Thaxton, Sam Watts, 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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