



MUMMC *message*

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 Worst Thanksgiving Ever...But Not Really

2005 was a hard holiday season for my family. Over that previous Summer, my maternal grandmother had received some very difficult diagnoses regarding her health. While treatment initially worked, the cancer quickly returned, and it became clear she was going to die. The next few months were filled with last visits, last conversations, and last moments until that day arrived in November when she died. It was the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

For us this was particularly difficult as Thanksgiving had always been a holiday we spent with my mother's family. Nanny would cook the spread of a lifetime every year:

- Turkey
- Ham
- Dressing
- Purple hull peas
- Greens
- Cornbread
- And much more...

On Wednesday after her death, we ventured to Atlanta for the funeral, with a large pan of "chicken and dressing" from a family friend. We wouldn't be able to have a traditional meal, but we could still eat together. However, late that night the meal disagreed with me and I found myself very sick for the next 36 hours. While the rest of the family went ahead down to Athens to prepare for the service, I honestly wondered if I would make the funeral at all. Luckily, by Saturday morning I was fit enough to go and we arrived in time for the service. A couple of hours later, we were on our way home.

At the time, I half-jokingly said it was our "worst thanksgiving ever". And by nearly every traditional metric, it had been horrible. Yet, as the years have passed, I have a certain fondness for that thanksgiving week. It was, to this point, the last time the whole family was together on my mother's side. We remembered the person who had given us so many reasons to be thankful for many Thanksgivings before. Even despite illness, travel, and a fair bit of chaos, I remember this Thanksgiving for the time we spent as a family, remembering our loved one.

Give thanks. Say it. Do it. Mean it. It matters. You do not know what you may not get the chance to do again. This Thanksgiving, open your heart and give thanks.

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!

Reading Plan for November 2019 : II Samuel

November 1:	II Samuel 1	November 15:	II Samuel 13
November 2:	II Samuel 2	November 16:	II Samuel 14
November 4:	II Samuel 3	November 18:	II Samuel 15
November 5:	II Samuel 4	November 19:	II Samuel 16
November 6:	II Samuel 5	November 20:	II Samuel 17
November 7:	II Samuel 6	November 21:	II Samuel 18
November 8:	II Samuel 7	November 22:	II Samuel 19
November 9:	II Samuel 8	November 23:	II Samuel 20
November 10:	II Samuel 9	November 25:	II Samuel 21
November 11:	II Samuel 10	November 26:	II Samuel 22
November 13:	II Samuel 11	November 27:	II Samuel 23
November 14:	II Samuel 12	November 29:	II Samuel 24

November 2019 Sermon Series:

Do All The Good You Can!

This November we will be talking about the past, present, and future of our congregation as we seek to continuing making disciples and working in God's Reign. Using a common United Methodist adage,

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

We will be looking at how we can do good in our church, community, and world for the sharing of God's kingdom.

November 3 rd :	"By all the means you can..."
November 10 th :	"In all the ways you can..."
November 17 th :	"To all the people you can..."

Wednesday Night Dinners

November 6
Taco Bar with all
of the trimmings
Dessert and drinks

November 20
Chili Cook Off
Please bring your favorite
recipe and enter the contest.
Prizes will be awarded.
Toppings and desserts provided.

November 13
No Dinner due to
the UMW Turkey
Dinner

November 27
No dinner due to
Thanksgiving

CHURCH EVENTS

- Nov. 6, 13 & 20

WWF

3:00 p.m. / Children's Area

Wed. Night Communion

5:30 p.m. / Sanctuary

- Nov. 6 & 20

Wednesday Night Dinner

6:00 p.m. / Gym

- Nov. 7, 14, 21 & 26

Bible Study Fellowship

6:20 p.m./ Education Building

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- Nov. 7 Pre-School Field Trip / Memphis Zoo
 - Nov. 11 Week of prep work for Turkey Dinner
 - Nov. 14 UMW Annual Turkey Dinner
 - Nov. 25 –29 PDO and Preschool Thanksgiving Break
 - Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Dinner Deliveries

SAVE THE DATE!!

- Dec. 15 Christmas Musical

New To Our Church Family



Paula Pace and Samantha McAnnally joined our MUMC Family on Sunday, October 27th.

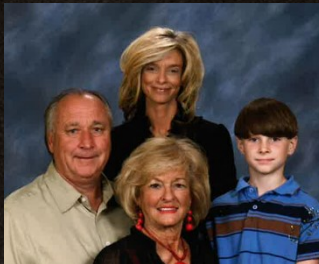
Member Spotlight: Rita Gilmore

How long have you been a member?

I've been a member of MUMC since 1983.

Tell us about your family.

I have been married to Roger Gilmore for 28 years. I have one son Keith Houchin married to Vonda who lives in Weiner, Arkansas; one daughter, Leah Mack married to Brad who lives in Jonesboro and one daughter, Mandy Hutchin who passed away five years ago. My grandson Kessler lives with his parents in Jonesboro and my other grandson, Evin attends Ark. Tech in Russellville.



Tell us about your job

I have been a hairdresser for 35 years, and I continue to work 2 days a week at The Last Tangle. Also, I am very blessed to serve those who request a hairstylist at Broadway Nursing Home every Tuesday.

Tell us about your hobbies.

I love to make flower arrangements, sing, cook and bake. I enjoy going out to eat or the movies every Friday with friends and once a month I play Bunco with a group of friends.

What are you involved in at MUMC? I am a member of the Seekers and Servers Sunday School Class and I am in the MUMC Sister's Circle. Our Circle adopts a family from the Hope for Holidays program put on by our youth. This brings such joy to shop for those in need during the Christmas Season. I have been volunteering with the WWF children's program for the past year and truly have enjoyed watching and helping with the children.

I am over the making of the dressing for the turkey dinner put on by the UMW every year. Roger and I were on the Hullabaloo Committee and cooked in our home before the cooking was moved to the church parking lot. We also have smoked turkeys for the turkey dinner. I also cook and help with the Wednesday Night Dinners.

I have enjoyed singing in the Chancel Choir for many years, served on the SPRC Committee and served on the Mission Committee. I received a pin and certificate several years ago for Outstanding Women UMW.

What is your favorite thing about our church?

People at MUMC are so good and friendly. If there is a need, the congregation always steps up to help special projects.

What is your favorite Bible Verse?

Corinthians 1:13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

What is your favorite worship song? There is something about that name, How great thou art and It is Well with my Soul.



Wednesday Night Service

Kolby Jones led the Wednesday Night Service on October 2nd. He spoke on "When God wants you to grow, he makes you uncomfortable".



Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

MISSION OUTREACH

MUMC was able to donate two twin beds and bedding to Mr. Willie. As many of you may know, Mr. Willie helps in the kitchen every Wednesday Night and also during other special events during the year. We learned that he was in need of bedding and through a very generous donation by a church member and his family, we were able to fill that need for Mr. Willie and his wife.



Hullabaloo 2019



The annual Hullabaloo event was held on Saturday, October 26th. Although the weather did not cooperate, we had no problem with attendance and having fun. Of course this could not have been possible without the many volunteers who continue to step up year after year. This year we moved the children's activities into the gym even before there was a chance of rain. This turned out to be a hit all the way around. With the games in the gym, we were able to have our first Corn Hole Tournament with our winners, Brian Doyle and Paul Allen taking the 1st place prize and Corn Hole Champion title.

The preliminary results from the event are as follows:

Country Store	\$ 7,465.80
Concessions	\$ 1,209.50
Games	\$ 919.00
Meat Sales	\$ 17,761.00
Silent Auction	\$ 3,221.00
Subtotal:	\$30,576.30
Less Expenses to date:	\$ 6,823.25

Preliminary Profit Total: \$23,753.05



Youth



MUMC Youth

Our youth group working the concession stand at Trunk or Treat Tailgate on Sunday, October 27th.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Don't forget we have several events coming up in November and December that will need a great deal of volunteers.

- November 27th: The youth and volunteers will cook meals for Thanksgiving day deliveries. (See Thanksgiving Meals below for more information)
- December 12th: The youth will have a Concession Sale during the Christmas Parade beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the youth building and in front of the youth building. We will need volunteers to not only cook chili, but also help with the event that evening.
- Hope for the Holidays is just around the corner. Kolby Jones has received our list of families for this year. The family adoption process will begin soon, but please remember we also need volunteers to help shop, wrap and bag gifts for the families.

Please contact Kolby Jones (kjones@marion-umc.com) to help with any and all of these great projects.



The youth group attended the Southeast District Council . The event helps to connect youth from all areas in our district. The Fall Connection was held on October 20th at the First United Methodist Church in West Memphis where the teens participated in worship, singing, games and different stations with different things such as putting together food kits.

We are collecting can goods for our families for Hope for the Holidays. If you would like to help, a list of items and dates are below:

Week Nov. 4-10 / Canned green beans and corn

Week Nov. 11-17 / Canned sweet peas and spaghetti

Week Nov. 18 -24 / Canned soup and fruit

Week Nov. 25-Dec. 1 / Peanut butter and Jelly

Week Dec. 2-8 / Mac n cheese and cereal

Week Dec. 9-15 / Saltine crackers and 2 lb bags of rice.

Chili Recipe for Dec. 12th

We need help cooking chili for the upcoming annual youth fundraiser to be held before and during the Marion Christmas Parade. All proceeds from the event will go towards the Hope for the Holidays program. For those interested in cooking, please use the recipe below, package in ziploc bags, freeze and deliver to the church office or to Kolby Jones.

CHILI RECIPE:

- 2 lb. ground beef
- 4 (15 oz.) cans diced tomatoes
- 2 (15 oz.) cans kidney beans, drained
- 2 small white onion, diced (12 oz bag frozen onions)
- 2 Tbsp. chili powder
- 3 teaspoons of garlic salt
- 2 (15 oz.) cans of tomato sauce
- 4 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon oregano

In a large stockpot, cook ground beef over medium-high heat until brown, stirring frequently. Add remaining ingredients and stir to combine. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to medium-low, cover and simmer for 15 minutes or until the onion is cooked and softened.

Thanksgiving Meals

The holidays are a unique time of the year which allows us to reach out to others in many ways and display the love of Christ to a watching world. Thanksgiving in particular is a great time to show gratitude for our good fortune by giving to those who are less fortunate. This year our youth will once again prepare and deliver plate lunches to approximately 100 elderly individuals.

Each year, the youth work with the Arkansas Council on Aging to seek out individuals who, without our assistance, would not enjoy a typical Thanksgiving meal. Our youth will meet on Wednesday, November 27th at 5:00 pm to begin preparation of the food to be delivered the following day. On Thanksgiving day, the youth and volunteers will warm food, prepare plates and deliver the meals to all the individuals on the list by noon.

Children's Area

WWF:

We've been fortunate to have a guest artist - Gail Fogleman - come work with our students on two occasions! She worked with our younger students in September and our older students in October. We love having church members come and share their talents with our WWF children! The kids love the opportunity to learn from and connect with our church members.

Representatives of the church missions committee Beverly Vaughn and Misty Kennedy also came to share with our students. These ladies helped our students understand the importance and value in the service provided by first responders including our military, firefighters, school resource officers, and local and state law enforcement. Students correlated service and sacrifice to stories from the Bible while they created goody bags for the special people mentioned above.

Again - may we halt for a moment and give PRAISE for the adult volunteers and youth who come unfailingly on Wednesday afternoons to work for our kiddos?!?!

Please add Sunday, Dec. 15, to your calendars and plan to attend the special joint Christmas musical of the children's choir and adult chancel choir. Our amazing kitchen crew will be hosting dinner once again!

Children's Church:

We have an awesome and growing group of young children who attend our Children's Church during Sunday morning services. We absolutely have enough students that we need two classrooms for students to ensure they are able to learn in a safe environment. We are out of volunteers after Nov. 10, and Straley needs help to make sure this special time for our young children might be maintained. Please see her to help our youngest church members any Sunday other than Communion Sunday!



Trunk or Treat Tailgate 2019



Preschool and PDO

Photo Below: Stop by the children’s area of our church any weekday and you will find classrooms full of young children. With 35 children enrolled in our Parent’s Day Out and Preschool Programs, there is never a dull (or quite) moment throughout the week at MUMC.



Ms. Sara from 4-H talked with the shepherds class about the importance of having something healthy to drink. She showed them the amount of sugar in some of their favorite drinks. After the examples the class decided water was the healthiest!



Our preschoolers practice giving with a cheerful heart by donating oatmeal and pop tarts to the backpack program. Each month the classes will bring and deliver items to the pantry.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

		Nov. 11	Ripp Inman	Nov. 21	Anne Hurst
Nov. 1	Ginger Barber Olivia Coopwood	Nov. 12	Brynna Claire Fogleman Tom French	Nov. 22	Dana Robbins
Nov. 3	Madelyn Allison John Whittington	Nov. 13	Holly Lancaster	Nov. 23	Elizabeth TeBaerts Blake Vaughn
Nov. 4	Teresa Gardner	Nov. 14	Tess Ramsey	Nov. 24	Brandon Moore Jennifer Wallace
Nov. 5	Preston Barber Cindy Benton Case Fesmire	Nov. 15	Ann Harness Jeremy Roeder Jonythan Tribble	Nov. 26	Lindley Abrams Jeff Altemus Laura Rikard
Nov. 6	Austin Cates	Nov. 16	Gary Kelley	Nov. 27	Mary C. Fogleman James Mason Coe
Nov. 7	Julia Denton Cindy French	Nov. 17	William S. Jonas Emily Lugar	Nov. 29	Sarah Traugh
Nov. 9	Kevin Bellis Whit Keasler	Nov. 18	Sheila Henderson Sheryl Tabor	Nov. 30	Kristin Allison Jase Boney Julie Heath Jan Long
Nov. 10	Banks Barber Joseph Hale Tanner Ramsey Garrett Sargent David Tittle	Nov. 19	Matthew Conley		
		Nov. 20	Donovan Doyle Sam Gibbs Heath Jackson		

November Ushers

Jim Bagwell Jay Hale
Denny East Garrison Hardke
Rick Gill Wayne Nelson

November Acolytes

3rd Jack Phillips and Owen Pressler
10th Davis Fowler and Abby Simmons
17th Beau and Izzy Fenter
24th AJ Kynch and Lake Laughter

November Greeters

Youth Group

November Altar Flower Calendar

3rd Bart Turner
10th Open
17th Diana Lugar
24th Open

Prayer List

Patsy Catt, Elizabeth Williams, Leigh Garrett, Dee Helton, Scott Bonds, Ralph Roberts, 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



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