

MUMC message

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | OCTOBER 2019

HULLABALOO 2019

Hullabaloo is quickly approaching! Mark your calendars for October 26th to come check out the silent auction, country store, and the children's games.

New this year:

1st Annual Hullabaloo Corn Hole Tournament

2 game guarantee

\$20 per team

1st place award and remainder of the proceeds will go to the Hullabaloo fund! Please sign up by 3:00 p.m. on October 25th. To sign up, please contact Misty Kennedy at mmkennedy99@comcast.net

MUMC will sell t-shirts during the event—size small to x-large \$15 and xxl or larger \$18. Proceeds will go towards Hullabaloo and Mission Funds.

Email bvaughn5@comcast.net to place your order.



Meat Sales:

Hullabaloo meat sales began September 18th and will end Sunday, October 20th. Tickets can be picked up from Bartt and Beverly Vaughn, Kristi Doyle or the church office.

Boston butts are \$30

Half chickens are \$6

And new this year pork tenderloins are \$20

Fishing Tournament October 26th

Jeff Johnston will once again organize another fishing tournament with the proceeds going towards Hullabaloo.

The fishing tournament is scheduled for October 26th at Horseshoe Lake. Launch site will be at the Surf Club. Entry fee is \$150 per boat / \$20 Big Bass pot.

Registration will start at 5:00 a.m. with breakfast snacks served. Please arrive on time to pay and check in. Blast off will be at safe daylight.

Weigh-in at 3:00 p.m. with 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Johnston @ 901.277.6321.



Pastor's Pen

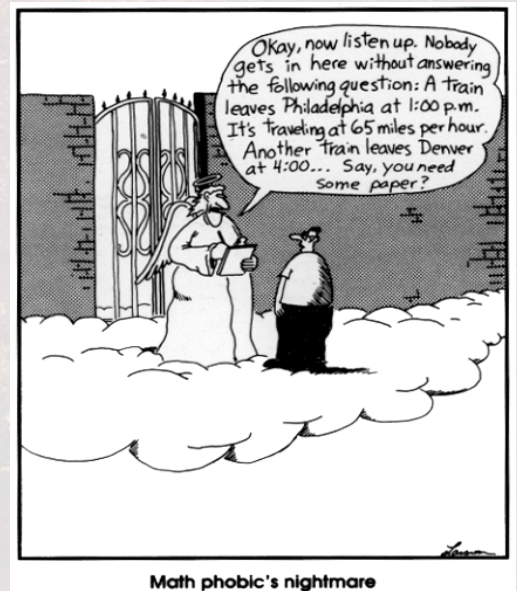
The Right Answer?

Anyone ever felt like this? Like the only way to get where you wanted to go was to confront something you absolutely hate to do? Like the only way to reach peace was to answer some extremely difficult questions or to take on some impossible problems. For the unfortunate math phobic gentleman in our comic today he has the classic question: when will the trains collide?

There are times when things just seem to want to collide. Our jobs become overwhelming, our families are stressed, we may be ill, or there may be some larger over arching issue altogether. Eventually, if we are not careful, everything around us can collide, making one large mess of ourselves and those around us. And sad to say, most of us wait until things are either colliding or are about to collide to do anything about it. We put off making the hard choices, we delay making needed changes, and we refrain from examining ourselves.

Luckily, to enter the Kingdom of Heaven we will not need to answer questions about a train leaving Philadelphia and another leaving Denver. Nor will we have to know the entire bible from Genesis to Revelation. Nor will lives need to be together and without stress. We will not even need to know all the teachings of Jesus and all the ponderings of Paul. Instead, we are told by God to trust in the Holy Spirit's guidance, believe in the saving and forgiving power of Jesus, and transform our lives into ones of obedience unto the Lord. By trusting in the incredible power of the Lord, we can answer the hard questions of our lives and avoid those collisions.

Trust. Hope. Believe.
Andrew



Math phobic's nightmare

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 Guide for October 2019: Gospel of John

October 1:	John 1
October 2:	John 2
October 3:	John 3
October 4:	John 4
October 5:	John 5
October 7:	John 6
October 8:	John 7
October 9:	John 8
October 10:	John 9
October 11:	John 10
October 12:	John 11
October 14:	John 12
October 15:	John 13
October 16:	John 14
October 17:	John 15
October 18:	John 16
October 19:	John 17
October 21:	John 18
October 22:	John 19
October 23:	John 20
October 24:	John 21

October Sermon Series:

"Living Well, Dying with God"

This October we will be considering what it means to live well, place our trust in God, prepare for the next life, and die in the promises of Jesus. This series will help us see how we are living lives for Christ while alive and prepare for the next life.

October 6 th :	Living Well
October 13 th :	Serving God
October 20 th :	Dying Well
October 27 th :	Reigning Forever

Church Events

Reoccurring Events:

WEDNESDAYS

- Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

WWF

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

Wed. Night Communion

5:30 p.m. / Sanctuary

Wednesday Night Dinner

6:00 p.m. / Gym

THURSDAYS:

- Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

Bible Study Fellowship

6:20 p.m. / Education Building

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- Oct. 8 / Trustees Meeting / 6:00 p.m.
 - Oct. 10 / Retired Teachers Meeting / 1:00 p.m.
Barbara Smith Family Life Center
 - Oct. 12 / District Lay Training
 - Oct. 20 / Youth to Fall Connection / Contact Kolby Jones @
kjones@marion-umc.com for more information
 - Oct. 21–25 / Hullabaloo set up
 - Oct. 26 / Hullabaloo / 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Silent Auction / Country Store /
Games / Corn Hole Tournament /
Concession / Children's Area /
Fishing Tournament
 - Oct. 27 / Trunk or Treat Tailgate / 4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.
Contact Straley Owen for information
Sowen@marion-umc.com

SAVE THE DATE!!

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

Wednesday Night Dinners are Back!!!

Our Wednesday Night Dinners started back with the theme of Mel's Diner featuring our very own Paula Moore as Flo. Our dinners continue to thrive with over 100 guests each week. If you haven't picked a date to join us, please do so soon. Our meals are \$7 per person or a maximum of \$25 for a family of 5 or more.

A big thank you to the Friends and Fellowship and Crossroads Sunday school classes for cooking 2 weeks during September.

We are looking forward to our first Drive up or PICK up to go dinner on October 30. This will keep you from being out too late two nights that week due to Halloween.

The Kitchen Crew has loved being able to present to our newest church members a homemade bread pudding and a Wednesday Night Dinner Voucher. Please see a member of the kitchen crew if you have joined the church recently and not received one.



The menu for the month of October is:

Oct 2: Meatloaf and Shepherds Pie
Mashed potatoes, cabbage, lima beans, salad bar, rolls

Oct. 9: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, Mac and cheese,
corn dogs, salad, rolls, dessert

Oct. 16 Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, peas, salad, rolls,
dessert

Oct. 23 No meal — Hullabaloo preparation

Oct. 30 Dinners to go—drive through pick up ready
time to be announced at a later date

Your choice of taco soup and other soup options,
grilled cheese, kitchen crew chef salad, parmesan
crisps and desserts



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

Member's Spotlight

Jane Ellen Whittington

How long have you been a member of MUMC?

I've been a member of MUMC my entire life, and it has been a constant source of love and support!

Tell us about your family.

My mom is a speech pathologist at Math Science Technology Magnet School at Marion, and has been a member of MUMC for almost all of her life, my dad is a mechanical engineer from Forrest City, and I have one little brother, Dawson, who is in 10th grade.

Tell us about your job

I love working with kids and right now I have been helping in the nursery during church on Sunday's and I love it! I also babysit a lot.

Tell us about your hobbies.

When I'm not in school, I love to read and spend time with my family and friends. I'm in Delta Beta Sigma, and am currently serving as an officer this year. This year I have also had the chance to be a Trench leader for the Marion High School student section, and I have loved going to different games to support my friends.

What are you involved in at MUMC and what is your favorite thing about our church?

I am in the youth group and have been in youth since confirmation in 7th grade and I help with WWF on Wednesday's. Every year our youth goes to Veritas, a church retreat, and every year it is something that I always look forward to! My favorite thing about MUMC is our children's ministries. I grew up coming to WWF and all of the camps we hosted, and absolutely loved it. Now that I am older, I have also had the chance to work with Straley Owen, who was my teacher in 8th grade and has continued to support and encourage me through our church. Also, growing up in our church, I feel like I have a wonderful church family that has always taken care of me. From Teresa Gardner in WWF, Tim and Stacy Parker and Kolby Jones, and Straley Owen, I have always been surrounded and led by Christ-like role models.

What is your favorite Bible Verse?

My favorite bible verse is Psalm 61:2- *"When my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the rock that is higher than I."*

What is your favorite worship song?

My favorite worship song is *Build My Life* by Pat Barrett.



Mission Team: Backpack Program

MUMC's local mission project, the Marion School District Backpack Program is in full swing. We had our first distribution on Friday, September 27th. We sent 70 bags filled with lunch, dinner, and snack items home with the children.

We are able to continue our backpack program because of the generous monetary and food donations from our congregation. Volunteers purchase items, take inventory, stock and pack bags for delivery to children every week. Currently bags are delivered to children participating in the program through the Marion Magnet Schools. Deliveries are made every Friday during the school year.

We will continue to have work days each Sunday prior to the distribution day the following week. .

Thank you to those who have signed up to work the pantry, those who continue to donate time each week and those who financially support this mission.

Feeding MHS Football Team

We are scheduled to feed the football team Friday, October 11th. Please contact Bartt or Beverly Vaughn if you are interested in helping with this event. 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.

Yoga Fall Schedule

DAY	TIME	GROUP
Monday	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Ageless
Tuesday	4:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	Levels 1&2
Thursday	8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Levels 1&2 (class led)
Thursday	5:00 p.m. - 6:16 p.m.	Levels 1&2

If you have never practiced, the Monday morning class is a great place to start. If you have been away from yoga now is a great time to begin again.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Marion United Methodist Church Children's Ministry

Worship With Friends

We kicked off our 2019-2020 Worship With Friends with a record-high group of great kids ready to learn more about their own personal walk with Jesus!

We've learned about prayer, unspoken heroes, and what it looks like when God can see things we don't understand to create greatness! We have learned we all have a purpose!

Can we talk about volunteers for a moment? Our church family has been phenomenal and helped to take amazing leadership positions by working with our children each week. Our youth presence has been outstanding. All of those demonstrates to our children that: They Matter!!!



Trunk-or-Treat

Mark your creepy calendars for Sunday, Oct. 27! We will search for treats in all of the trunks at our Trunk-or-Treat Tailgate!

Youth will be selling concessions and we would LOVE to have an even larger, festive event than last year!

Sign-ups will be posted soon in the Narthex, so pull out your treats and wipe away the cobwebs so that you can show out and have a blast Sunday afternoon!

Sunday, Oct. 27
4:00 -5:30 pm
Church parking lot

Sunday School

Our dedicated and loving Sunday School volunteers work endlessly to help teach our children about the Bible and the wonderful stories within His word! Classes begin at 9:45 each morning and we would love to see all of our children each week!

Diana Lugar continues to lead our toddler class, while Tony Gardner and Holly Lancaster head our pre-school/ kindergarten class! Pam Betts and Debbie Scola work with our next group of children, followed by Joe Catt and Liz Laughter, only to have Teresa Gardner finalize our great crew with our oldest group of students! We definitely welcome additional teachers - join our fun!

Helping serve in Sunday School with our Children's Church is an outstanding way to show our sweet children the continuum of the church family!

We have some of the BEST Sunday School teachers to make stories of the Bible come to life for our students each week!

Our amazing Pam Betts had class inside a tent Sunday, September 22nd to help illustrate an age-old story for her students!



Acolytes

Our Acolytes finalized Acolyte training during August under the direction of Teresa Gardner. We are so proud of the dedication of these children and how they are serving our church.



PDO

PDO is back in full swing!

Having fun making new friends and learning all about the color red!



Preschool

The preschoolers were so excited to have special visitors, two Pygmy Goats, during their second week of school. The goats belong to one of the preschooler’s Mimi who was gracious and brought the goats by for the children to see and pet.



Youth MUMC Youth




SOUTHEAST DISTRICT COUNCIL
ON YOUTH MINISTRIES
PRESENTS
**FALL
CONNECTION**

INFLATABLES
GAMES
WORSHIP
FOOD

A TIME TO CONNECT
WITH OTHER YOUTH
FROM AROUND OUR
DISTRICT!

OCTOBER 20, 2019
2-6PM
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
215 N MISSOURI ST
WEST MEMPHIS, AR
FREE EVENT
(OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN FOR YSF AND TO OFFSET
EVENT COST)

FOR MORE INFO
OR TO RSVP
CONTACT CARISSA @
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870-329-4500
(CALL OR TEXT)

The youth will attend the Southeast District Council at the Fall Connection on October 20th from 2-6 at the First United Methodist church in West Memphis. This event will help to connect youth from all areas in the District.



We are in the process of giving the youth building some minor improvements. The youth group gathered on Saturday, September 14th to paint the classrooms in the youth building. There were a total of 17 youth who pitched in to make this happen. A big thank you to the boy scouts parents for removing wallpaper and trimming in the walls for the youth, the office staff for painting, cleaning and removing the cove base from the walls and lastly to Mike and Ruby McFarland for painting the main youth area and hallways. We hope to have the building open for meetings soon.



October Birthdays

10/2	Robert Allison Payne Bius Shannon Busby Kathy Fowler Cathy Horton	10/10	Colby Ramsey Fred Wesberry	10/16	Jessica Shidler Croom Witt Kennedy Daniel Robbins	10/25	Austin Rawls
10/3	Misty Kennedy	10/11	Sandy Webb	10/18	Nicholas Beaman	10/26	Rich Busby Katherine Carpenter Alex Webb Joel Hollis Werner
10/5	Gail Harlow	10/12	Paul Allen Ginger Gibbs	10/19	Billy McNeely	10/27	Blake Owen
10/7	Rachel Benson Averie Ward	10/13	Michael Charlton Wally Fowler	10/21	Drew Landry Elizabeth Williams	10/28	Linda Cosgrove Don Hanks Chloe Harrison Lake Laughter
10/8	Ramer Sutton Debi Williams	10/14	Conner Allison Cooper Allison Erica Archer East Thomas Gerrard Mandy Hinz	10/22	Kristi Doyle	10/29	Emma Kjorlaug
				10/23	Shelbi Cole	10/30	Lynn Murray
				10/24	Shelley Griffee		

October Ushers

David Brick Jeff Johnston
Joe Catt Wayne Taber
Lee Fesmire Jeff Vaughn

October Acolytes

6th Rachel Coe & Harper Doyle
13th Gray Collard & Callan McCollum
20th Avery Gill & Cameron Spencer
27th Samatha McAnally and Witt Kennedy

October Greeters

Friends and Fellowship Sunday School Class

October Altar Flower Calendar

6th Syndi Landry
13th Open
20th Madison Brogdon
27th Paula Howerton

Prayer List

Leroy Moore, Carolyn Moore, Sandy Montgomery, Ralph Roberts, Wesson Perry, 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



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