

2020 Prayer

Eternal God, pour 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 your vision for our congregation and community. Help us to be part of the making of disciples. Lead us in being your hands and feet in our community. In the name of Jesus, the holy one of God, we pray. Amen.

MUMC message

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Social Distancing at Marion UMC

The past few weeks have been difficult, but you have risen to the challenge. You have worshipped online, you have given your financial support, you have studied and read at home, and I know you are praying for and supporting each other. The next weeks will continue to challenge us, but I know you will respond. I pray that God's grace and mercy will be upon our church and community, and that very soon, we will see each other's faces again on Sunday mornings.

During this time, we ask you to continue to support the church in two very important ways.

Worship Online

During our suspension of on-campus worship, we ask that you worship with us online at one of our two platforms:

YouTube at "Marion UMC". Simply go to YouTube, search for **Marion UMC**, and subscribe to our channel. Enable notifications and you will receive a message when our worship service premier at 10:45am on Sunday mornings.

Facebook Live. Simply follow our Church Facebook page (@MarionUnitedMethodistChurch) and you will receive a notification when our services premier at 10:45am on Sunday mornings.

Financial Support

Please continue to help support our church financially during this time. You can do that most effectively through one of the following ways:

Mail your donation. You can continue to support the church by mailing a check.

Sign-up for online bill pay. Your bank will mail us your donation.

Use the EasyTithe Application.

Go to <https://app.easytithe.com/App/Giving/mumc> and you can give a donation online.

Use our Text to Give. Text the amount you would like to give to 870-322-6012 and follow the prompts to give your donation.

We are in uncharted territory. This is a unique and unprecedented situation and we are doing our best to adapt. Please be in prayer for our church, community, and nation throughout this time. Pray for all those affected by the current pandemic. Throughout the next days and weeks, we will do our best to keep you updated as the situation continues to evolve.

Easter Sunday at Marion UMC

After much reflection and prayer, we will celebrate Easter Sunday on the first Sunday we are able to be back in person here at Marion UMC. We know this is a difficult decision, but we look forward to when we can gather again and celebrate the risen Christ.

Easter Sunrise Online

While our main Easter service will wait until we can gather again in person, Pastor Andrew will be leading a special **Easter Sunrise Service ONLINE at 7:00am on April 12th**.

"The Man, the Myth, the Legend: Paul of Tarsus"

Interim Sermon Series: March 29th - May 10th

April 5th

"The Church at Corinth, Part 1"
I Corinthians 3:1-23

April 12th

"The Church at Philippi"
Philippians 2:1-11

April 19th

"The Church of Philemon"
Philemon 1-25

April 26th

"The Church at Galatia"
Galatians 3

May 5th

"The Church at Corinth, Part 2"
II Corinthians 4:16-5:10

May 10th

"The Church at Rome"
Romans 3:21-31

YOUTH



MUMC Youth

VERITAS

MUMC Youth spent the weekend of February 28-March 1 in Rogers, Arkansas attending Veritas. The annual conference is put on by the Arkansas Conference Council on Youth Ministries.

This year over 1,300 youth and youth leaders came together to celebrate what it means to be connected. Through inspirational words and music led by nationally known speakers and musicians, young people encountered the Lord in new and deeper ways. Worship describes those times we gather deliberately seeking to encounter God in Christ. God uses worship to transform lives, provoke change, inspire compassion and bind people to one another.

MUMC had 30 youth and 7 adults attend the event. Our youth group attended five worship sessions during Veritas. The group took advantage of some down time to visit Crystal Bridges in Bentonville, went bowling and played laser tag.



GIFTS FOR OUR SENIORS

Each year the circles of the United Methodist Women collect money to give as a gift to our high school seniors. The money is divided equally among the graduates. If you are not a circle member and would like to join this effort, please contact Jerri Crase, UMW president or the church office. Please keep the seniors in your prayers as they prepare for the next journey in their lives.



JASE BONEY

Graduate of Marion High School
Parents: Jamey and Shanna Boney
Jase plans to attend
The University of Arkansas.
Major undecided.



LAUREN CATT

Graduate of Marion High School
Parents: Jody and Tammy Catt
Lauren plans to attend
Arkansas State University
and will major in Nursing.



HARTLEY CHARLTON

Graduate of Marion High School
Parents: Micheal and Laura Charlton
Hartley plans to attend Mississippi
State University and will major in
Pre-Med or Pre-Dental.



CASE FESMIRE

Graduate of Marion High School
Parents: Lee and Robin Fesmire
Case plans to attend the
University of Central Arkansas.



MASON FOWLER

Graduate of Marion High School
 Parents: Tammy and Jay Hale
 Mason plans to attend
 College and become a contractor.



EMILY LETNER

Graduate of Marion High School
 Parents: Ross Letner and
 Lauren Letner
 Emily plans to attend
 Arkansas State University and
 will major in Biology.



EMMA STOKES

Graduate of Marion High School
 Parents: Tracey and Tracy
 Stokes
 Emma plans to attend the
 University of Central Arkansas
 and major in Art.



HEATH STUCKEY

Graduate of Christian Brothers
 High School
 Parents: Fred and Amelia
 Stuckey
 Heath plans to attend
 Lyon College and
 major in Pre-vet.



JANE ELLEN WHITTINGTON

Graduate of Marion High
 School
 Parents: John and Ellen
 Whittington
 Jane Ellen plans to attend
 Mississippi State University.

Member Spotlight:

Lannie Lancaster

How long have you been a member of MUMC? 20 years

Tell us about your family.

I've been married to Holly (I definitely married up!) for 23 years. Our son, Jackson, has grown up in the church. He's 21 and a junior at U of A.



Tell us about your job. I've been fortunate enough to get to have two careers. I'm a veterinary graduate of LSU (Geaux Tigers!). In 1999, Dr. Bell purchased my practice and I began working with Holly's dad in our family's two dealerships in Marked Tree. Throughout the ups and downs, the car business is a lot of fun and you get to meet many people. During the GM bankruptcy of 2009, our dealership was slated for closure. Members of this church spearheaded a community uprising that led to GM reversing their decision after telling us NO through two appeals. It was a lesson for me that God is in control and all things happen through Him.

What are your hobbies? Deer hunting and Razorback sports (still a closet Tiger fan!)

What are you involved in at MUMC? I've been fortunate to be involved in many jobs at the church such as the building committee, finance committee, & nominating committee. Presently I'm on the SPRC. However, my favorite "job" at the church is to serve on the media team with Vance Bacon and Frank Wallace. I didn't realize back in 2005 that I would get to be a part of an evolving ministry of the church. The changes that have come along are enormous. Thankfully, we've always been ahead of the curve and now we are prepared for the Covid-19 crisis and already have the capability to record and stream our services during this period of social distancing.



What is your favorite thing about our church? Our church has always been a welcoming church. I remember the day we joined Marion UMC and Joe Catt rushed back to the nursery to bring Jackson in to be included. I could name dozens of people who are always there wherever there is a need. I love the joy of participating in Hope for the Holidays and witnessing our church being The Church.



What is your favorite Bible Verse?
 John 16:33 - "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

What is your favorite worship song?
 Your Grace is Enough – Matt Maher



Happy Birthday

		4/15	Gray Patterson Hayden Roeder Anna Wehrum
4/1	Logan Landry	4/16	Baylus East
4/2	Andy Rawls Courtney Rawls	4/17	Sandy Bagwell
4/3	Erin Sutton	4/18	Kenny Conrad
4/4	Jim Bagwell Annalee Parker	4/19	Ben Barber Amy Holt Robyn Price Joel Sargent
4/5	April Buffington Cooper Gill Neal Williams	4/21	Robin Coe Allen King
4/6	Charlene Kelley	4/22	William Collard Glenys Moore TJ Stotts
4/8	Eddy Cates Myles Holt Owen Preslar	4/24	Taylor Roeder
4/9	Missy Bius Stan Price	4/25	Bree Rikard Kristie Stotts Jane Ellen Whittington
4/10	Ellen Whittington	4/26	Wilkes East Blake Hart
4/11	Lillian Fogleman Riley Tittle	4/27	Nancy Baratti
4/13	Harper Doyle	4/29	Ella Grace Maranto Luke Myers
4/14	Sara Betts Laura Charlton Brandon Gill Fletcher Smith Hawkins Smith		

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

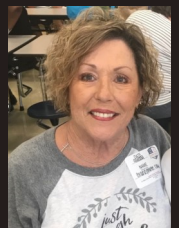
WEDNESDAY EVENING
5:30 p.m. Communion
Service



Marion United Methodist Church

New To Our Family

Linda Wells joined our church family on Sunday, February 23, 2020.



CHURCH UPDATES:

Office Hours for the time being will be from 9:00am until 1:00pm Monday through Thursday. Other hours are available by appointment.

Sunday School curriculum will be available each week under the Portico in protective containers. The containers will be stocked and set out by Thursday afternoon. There will be lessons available for all age groups, as well as a copy of the upcoming order of worship. We will also be emailing these files out Thursday afternoon as well.

Reading Guide: throughout this time, Pastor Andrew asks us to read the bible together as a community. If you would like to participate, the first part we will read together is the Gospel of Luke. Read one chapter per-day.

Wednesday Devotion and Prayer will be led by Pastor Andrew each week at Noon on both Facebook Live and YouTube. If you are unable to watch live, please be aware it will be immediately archived for future viewing.

MUMC PDO: Our PDO program has begun enrollment for the 2020-2021 year. Registration forms and fees should be mailed to MUMC PDO Program, P. O. Box 389, Marion, AR 72364 by April 17th. Your child must be walking to enroll in our program. Most of our children are 1-2 years of age at the time of enrollment. Enrollment is limited. We will contact all applicants in May regarding your enrollment status

PDO Information: <https://www.marionmethodistchurch.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/PDO-information.pdf>

PDO Registration: <https://www.marionmethodistchurch.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/PDO-registration-form.pdf>

MUMC PRESCHOOL: Preschool open enrollment has begun. Applications are available on our church website or you may print from the link provided below. For additional information please email preschool@marion-umc.com.

Application: <https://www.marionmethodistchurch.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Preschool-Application-2020-1.pdf>