

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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Pastor's Pen

Lighter Than Reality

One of the few unbroken things in my life from before Covid-19 is my love and appreciation for Professional Wrestling. A few times a year a few friends come over and we watch some of the big shows, WrestleMania, Summer Slam, and others. It is generally a good time and a great way to just relax and have some fun. While we have not had the same gatherings due to the pandemic, I keep watching and enjoying the athleticism and the storylines. And yes, before any of you rush to tell me, I know it is fake.

My love of wrestling has begun to extend to my children and David has watched shows with me and has even developed his own favorite wrestlers and characters. There is the occasional wrestling match in our home, which mostly consists of me tossing my children onto one of their beds with them endeavoring to tackle me as well. When we go to the pool, however, things change. While in the water, David can pick me up and push me under water. This is something that is not possible normally, but due to the buoyance of the water, David has an increase of strength, making bigger things possible.

In some respects, I feel like the Holy Spirit serves as our buoyancy. There are many times that the difficulties of life and the constant strain of day to day activities can be overwhelming. Yet God promises to share the burden with us and to help us, providing an advocate. The Holy Spirit is that important presence and it eases the burden. It makes it lighter, easier to bear. This does not mean the burden is removed. Nor does it mean that there is never any weight upon us. Rather, the Holy Spirit serves as our companion, helping to share and lighten the load. In doing so, things we thought were impossible or improbable become possible.

Trust in the Spirit, my friends. It can help lighten the load as we continue in this time of diaspora and distance. Know that you are in my prayers, and I hope I am in yours.

Andrew

Sermon Series for August

Stories of Faith: Bible Stories in Times of Doubt

Aug. 2:

"The Fiery Furnace"

Sermon: "Can you stand the heat?"

Daniel 3 (selections)

Aug. 9:

"The Lion's Den"

Sermon: "Alone with the Animals"

Daniel 6:10-24

Aug. 16:

"The City on the Hill"

Sermon: "Something's Coming..."

Jonah 3

Aug. 23:

"The Storm on the Sea"

Sermon: "Sit Down!

You're Rockin' the Boat"

Matthew 8:23-27

Aug. 30:

"The Garden of Gethsemane"

Sermon: "Please Don't Make Me Do It"

Mark 14:32-42

Happy Birthday

8/2	Vivian Jones Hardley Gill Laura Johnston Patrick Robbins	8/17	Madi Grace Catt Joshua Coopwood Jane McNeely Christine Preslar Tricia Price
8/3	Joshua Doyle Rick Gill Danny Moore	8/18	Bren Sutton
8/4	Michael Sample	8/19	Nina Luedke Ava Lucille Phillips Kari Robbins Marty Smith
8/5	Rod Alexander	8/20	Apperson Williams Ross Williams
8/6	Lee Fesmire Gary Talley	8/21	Marie Chrisman
8/7	Sue Bonds Evin Cooper Hugh Inman Stacy Webb	8/23	Ann Carpenter Noah Coopwood Bert Holt
8/9	Zane Carter	8/24	Jody Catt Mitch Shidler
8/10	Dalton Williams Beverly Vaughn	8/26	Cherrell Duncan Christy Miller Parker Sutton Kelly Walker Thomas Walker
8/11	Jerry Webb	8/27	Emily Letner
8/12	Brooke Williams	8/28	Max Chrisman
8/13	Marci Altemus Eric Chrisman Matt Hale Amanda Harlow Jane Ashley Stuckey	8/29	Carol Johnston Connie Marrs
8/14	Ethan Hinze Jim Johnston Cynthia Trimbell	8/30	Adam Cole Abbigale Simmons Patrick Simmons
8/15	Charles Horton	8/31	Sarah Higginbotham Avery Gill Bartt Vaughn
8/16	Rex Rogers		

Memorials for Wilkes D. East

John & Char Griffiee
 John & Lisa Heath
 Todd & Lynn Allen
 Frank & Gail Fogleman
 Frank & Debbie Wallace
 Roger & Rita Gilmore
 Jack & Lynda Avery
 Rebecca Ruth Circle
 Bart Turner
 Lannie & Holly Lancaster
 Dr. Jim & Carol Johnston
 David & Frances Wallace
 Cindy Gunther
 Ann Babcock
 Senator Keith Ingram
 Kent Ingram
 Julianne Portis
 Phyllis W. Thorpe
 Lynn & Paul Pirani
 Mid-South Sales
 Cecil & Kathy Alexander
 Judge John & Nancy Fogleman
 Scott & Ann Carpenter
 Nick & Beth Sutton
 Ted & Beth Rice
 Alica Maxine Whayne
 Lee Truck Broker, Inc.
 Marilyn Allen
 Syndi Landry
 Sam & Jane Lauderdale
 Scott & Terri Seller
 Alex & Joann Lieblong
 Allen & Laura Helmes
 Mike & Melissa Graham
 Mike & Brenda Catlett
 Jerry & Gloria Buckaloo
 Don & Judy Shepherd
 Mike & Anita McCarty
 Bob & Sharon Lane
 Mark & Susan Baioni
 William B. Benton, Sr.
 Mark & Alisa Criner
 Greg & Stephanie Fair
 Christopher & Rebecca Long
 Tommy & Ann Holcomb
 Tommy & Marcia Malone
 Mr. & Mrs. Murray Benton, Sr.
 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Benton, Sr.
 Mr. & Mrs. David L. Rains, Jr.
 Mr. & Mrs. Leven Williams
 The Hollywood Club (Max & Kara Clegg)
 Red Apple Inn and Country Club
 Henry Clay Bradford, III & Family
 Hatchie Coon Hunting & Fishing Club
 Jackie & Jane Fires & The Entire Fires Family

Member Spotlight: Abbigale Simmons

How long have you been a member of MUMC?

I started attending MUMC in 2012 when my family moved to Marion from Helena. We formally joined the church in 2014. I have currently been going through confirmation with Pastor Andrew this past year during WWF.

Tell us about your family.

My parents are Amy & Patrick Simmons. My mom is a librarian at MJHS and my dad is in Chemical Sales for Helena Chemical. I am an only child unless you count our dog Oakley (14) and our cat Bailey Bug (2). I am pretty sure that Oakley is my mom's favorite child.

Tell us about you.

Hi, my name is Abbigale Marie Simmons. I just finished the 6th grade at Herbert Carter Global Community. I am looking forward to 7th grade at MJHS.

What are your hobbies?

My favorite thing to do is play volleyball. I love to hit the volleyball against the outside of our house. So far I have only broken one window. I have been playing for Mid-South Volleyball the last 3 years but I recently made the team for MJHS. I will be playing for the school team in the fall. I am also running Cross Country.

What are you involved in at MUMC?

I have been attending WWF since Kindergarten. I have participated in VBS and many of the summer camps they have offered over the years. I have also been a faithful member of the Children's Choir and Acolyte frequently.

What is your favorite thing about our church?

One of my favorite things about church is watching the preschool kids sing and the praise band. I also enjoy hearing the church bells play throughout the day. My house is close enough to church that we can hear the bells chime during the day when I am outside.

What is your favorite Bible Verse?

My favorite bible verse is Isaiah 40:29, He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.



What is your favorite Worship Song?

One of my favorite christian singers is Riley Clemons. I love her song Fighting for Me. I was able to attend Winter Jam this past year and hear her preform, I loved every minute of it. I also like Crowder and his song Red Letters.

Prayer List

Cheryl Allen
Bill Barnett
Brittany Bius
Vince Callahan
Scott Carpenter
Marty Catt
Patsy Catt
Riley Clark
Mason Fowler
Leigh Garrett
Brenda Hale-Armstrong
Debbie Hale
Pat Jacobs
Leonard Kramer
Wayne Marconi
Roy Miller
Jeff Page
James Sample
Lynn Stanfield
Mart Thaxton
Martha Ann Weaver
Jane Williamson
Tim Williamson
All Hospital Personnel
Teachers, Staff and Students
First Responders (Covid19 Pandemic)
Nursing Home Residents & Staff

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. Drive-In Worship Service

10:45 a.m. Online Worship Service
YouTube and FB



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