

MUMC *message*

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Drive-In Success!

On June 28th we began a new worship opportunity here at Marion UMC as we continue in this time of distancing. Our “Drive-In Worship Service” enables us to gather here at the church, share in a time of worship, and partake in communion. What a blessing! This service will continue throughout the month of July (maybe longer) and we hope to see you at 9:00am on Sunday here at Marion UMC for Drive-In Worship!

**COMMUNION
DURING
EVERY
DRIVE-IN
SERVICE**



Pastor's Pen

Baseball is Back (almost)

One of the more frustrating aspects of the Covid-19 pandemic and social distancing has been the loss of spectator sports. Right before the quarantine started I attended a Grizzlies game, totally unaware that it would be the last sporting event I would see for many months. For me, the hardest sport to be without has been Baseball. That is my sport. I grew up watching Braves games with my grandmother. Priscilla has long since come to terms with the endless summer nights spent watching games. My children too adapt during the summer, knowing that Dad will be watching the Braves. But over the last few months, what would otherwise be a time of game watching, has instead been empty.

I waited with bated breath for a plan to finally come out that MLB would resume play and finally, the day nears. July 24th, assuming things go as planned, the crack of the bat and the call of strikes will return. But the fans will not yet be back in the stands. I do not quite know how I feel about that. How will the game *feel*? Will it seem like the same game? Will it be better? Worse? What if players get sick?

All these questions are circulating around other aspects of life right now. What will the plan be for public schools? When will in-person worship resume (or be “normal” again)? Will there be football this year? Will I have to wear a mask? How will I adapt to all this difference? It understandably makes us nervous and anxious. I think more than anything we just want some sense of normal and return to life as usual. And yet it keeps holding off and holding off...

In Genesis, God calls Abram to a far away land. In I Samuel, King David is called out of the field. In Acts, the Apostle Paul is struck down in a bright light. Each of these moments was when what had been normal, shifted to something new. Each of these (and other) moments began new journeys and opportunities. As we continue to discover new things about our new normal, have courage. Pray constantly. Love your neighbors in new ways. Worship outside. Worship online. We find ourselves on a new path and we do not yet know where it will lead or end. But regardless of the duration, God remains present with us and beside us. There are many questions left to be answered, but through the power of the Holy Spirit, the answer will come.

Andrew

Happy Birthday

July 1	Bill Adams Lynda Avery Emily Burns Andrew Kjorlaug	July 8	Jamie Bell Laura Helms Jack Gerrard	July 20	Kayleigh Busby Lisa Heath Mike Sample
July 3	Melissa Sargent	July 9	Mark Miller	July 21	Alan Helms Michael McCarty
July 4	Tyler Carey Aidan Carey Mary Peyton Bell Wade Murray	July 11	Mickey Charlton	July 23	Vickie Sample
July 5	Susan Griffiee Leslie Brick	July 12	Marcia Sutton Tarryn Cohea	July 24	Patricia Jones
July 6	Kelly Fogleman	July 13	Taylor Starkey	July 26	Denny East Meghan Fowler Missy King
July 7	Elliot Allen Kristen Catt Lee Catt III Alex King Avery Kynch	July 14	Sandra Hall	July 27	Lee Catt IV Catherine Catt
		July 16	Blair LaRue Amy Henderson	July 28	Julie Burns David Catt Frank Harrison
		July 17	Eme Claire Bius Tony Gardner Tammy Hale	July 29	Vernon Coale Taylor Conrad Sam Stuckey
		July 18	Brian Doyle Chris Dunn		

Member Spotlight:

Misty Kennedy

How long have you been a member of MUMC?

I have been a member of MUMC for about 20 years.

Tell us about your family.

I have been married to George for 21 years. We have 3 children. Luke is 16, Ella Rivers is 13, and Witt is 11. Each of our children are involved in sports so life is pretty focused on them. We love to go to the lake during the summer.

Tell us about your job

I am an Occupational Therapist. I have provided therapy services primarily for the Marion School District for over 18 years.

What are your hobbies

I enjoy watching my kids play their various sports. I like to read and I LOVE to travel!!

What are you involved in at MUMC

I am a member of the Friends & Fellowship Sunday School Class. We love our class! I also help on the backpack program committee.

What is your favorite thing about our church

My favorite thing about our church is Hope for the Holidays. It is so great to see our congregation come together every year to provide for those less fortunate. It is such a blessing to be a part of that every Christmas Eve! I also really love that our youth lead this mission!!!



What is your favorite Bible Verse

My favorite verses are:

1 Corinthians 13:12: "For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."

1 Kings 19:11-12: "The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by. Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper."

What is your favorite worship song

Music is one of my favorite things about the worship service and has been since I was a little girl! I have so many that I love! Some of my favorites are "Are ye Able" and "How Great Thou Art." I also love the contemporary music including "10,000 Reasons," "Ancient Words," and "In Christ Alone."



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
The Family of Wilkes East
All Hospital Personnel
College & High School Seniors
First Responders (Covid19 Pandemic)

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

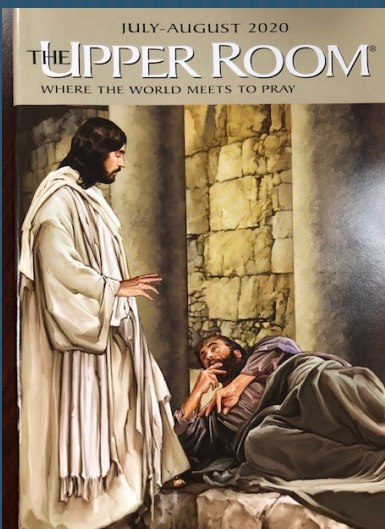
10:45 a.m. Online Worship Service
YouTube and FB



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THE UPPER ROOM

We have placed the Upper Rooms for July and August in a container located at the doors under the portico.



Adult and Children's Sunday School Lessons

Please be sure to access our weekly Sunday School Lessons on our website: Marionmethodistchurch.com and go to the Homebound Icon to take you to the Sunday School Curriculum and Sunday Bulletins.

Office Summer Hours: Monday—Thursday 9-1