

MUMC *message*



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | OCTOBER 2020

HULLABALOO 2020

Saturday, October 24th from 9 a.m.—noon

This year's event will not be a full-scale event. We will have meat sales as usual, our annual fishing tournament and the country store.

Meat tickets are available now! Please contact Beverly Vaughn, Allison Wehrum or the church office to purchase or get tickets to sell.



Pork Loin \$20
Chicken (Half) \$6
Whole Barbeque Butt \$30

*Ticket sales are due October 10th

Meat pick up will be Friday, October 23rd and Saturday, Oct. 24th.

Country Store will be Saturday, October 24th.

Hullabaloo Fishing Tournament

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

The fishing tournament is scheduled for October 24th 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 5:30 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.

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Return From Exile

I was nervous. I will admit and own that. The thoughts flooding through my mind at 10:30am, as the first persons started to arrive for worship, were overflowing about masks, hand sanitizer, social distancing, and a plethora of “what if” scenarios. But then, as people began to arrive, those thoughts were slowly replaced by a sense of gratitude and warmth.

Indoor, in-person worship has resumed. Attached to this article you will find a picture of our first Sunday back in the sanctuary. It truly has felt like an exile of sorts. For many weeks we worshiped exclusively using internet connections. Later, we added our Drive-In worship service. It can be tempting to say, “church is back!”, but I challenge you to say something else: Church never stopped!

Each week, whether on YouTube and Facebook, in our parking lot, or now in our sanctuary we have continued to praise God and celebrate the risen Christ. We too now feel as though we have returned from exile, perhaps maybe even risen again. As we move forward into the next weeks, with 9:00am Drive-In (through October 25th), 10:45am in the Sanctuary, and our online presence on YouTube and Facebook, I pray that you will join in a Spirit of worship. While we may not be gathered in the same physical space, we can be gathered under the power of Jesus Christ.



See you next Sunday

Andrew

Sermon Series

"The Book of Revelation"

October 4th and October 11th

October 4th:	9:00 a.m. Stand alone Sermon 10:45 a.m.
Scripture	Revelation 2:8-17
Sermon:	"Churches and Letter"
October 11th:	9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Scripture:	Revelation 21:9
Sermon:	"The Final Reign of God"

Sermon Series

"For All The Saints..."

October 18th -November 1st

October 18th:	The God of the Suffering
Scripture:	Psalm 34:1-10, 22
Sermon:	"I Will Bless the Lord at All Times"
October 25th:	The God of the Hopeful
Scripture:	I John 3:1-3
Sermon:	"Things Will Turn Around..."
November 1st:	The God of the Meek and Poor
Scripture:	Matthew 5:1-12
Sermon:	"They're All Around You"

Memorials for Wilkes D. East

John and Debbie Scola

John and Dawn Brenner

Tina, Emilee, Brad, Homer and Bo Thompson

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP:

We are excited to announce that our Bible Study Fellowship Women's Evening Discussion Group will be studying the book of Genesis this year. The meeting night has switched to Tuesdays at 6:20 p.m. for this year. The introductory meeting was held Tuesday, September 15 over Zoom. If you are interested in joining this in-depth study and enjoying the fellowship of other women who are studying the same material, please contact Lisa Heath: lheath1@comcast.net; or Pat Nave: patnave@comcast.net.

The study is interdenominational and welcomes friends from the area! Please join us!!

CHURCH EVENTS:

Reoccurring Events:

TUESDAYS:

- Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27 **Bible Study Fellowship**
6:20 p.m. / Zoom Meeting
- Oct. 4th / Adult Sunday School Resumes
(Please check with your teacher to determine what date your class will resume)
- Oct. 19-23 / Hullabaloo set up
- Oct. 24 / Hullabaloo
Country Store / 9 a.m.-noon
Meat Sales / Oct. 23. 5:30 pm-7:00pm
Oct. 24. 10:00 am-2:00pm
Fishing Tournament / 5:30 a.m.
- Oct. 24 / Drop-off for Pumpkin Carving Contest (gym)
- Oct. 25 / Halloween Fun / Creepy Creative Costumes
From 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
Enter parking lot from Currie street and
Drive under portico on main parking lot
Contact Straley Owen for information
Sowen@marion-umc.com

Month of October:

Hope for the Holidays Can Drive

Canned green beans, sweet peas, corn and soup.

Please place items on the designated shelving in the Narthex on Sundays or deliver to the office.

Member Spotlight

Michelle Schwartz

How long have you been a member of MUMC?

Jeff and I moved to Marion in 2009 and began attending MUMC. We officially joined the church in 2012.

Tell us about your family.

Jeff and I were married on January 3, 2009 and have two children. Addi Clare turns 8 this month and is in the 2nd grade at Herbert Carter Global Community. Chase is our full of life 4 year old and attends St. Michaels PreK. Jeff moved south from central Ohio to begin his flying career and I was raised in Manila.

Tell us about your job.

Currently, I am an Assistant Nursing Professor at Arkansas State University and the coordinator of the West Memphis RN program. I enjoy working with the students on campus and seeing the difference their degree can make for them as well as their family. I am a pediatric nurse at heart and still work occasionally in nursing informatics at Le Bonheur.

What are your hobbies

I enjoy spending time with my family and entertaining. Our family enjoys spending as much time as possible at Greers Ferry. We enjoy watersports in the summer and hiking in the fall/spring. Jeff always has a project in the works and I enjoy helping/learning from him. I also enjoy reading when time is available.

What are you involved in at MUMC?

I am a member of the Crossroads Sunday School class, and enjoy working through the Bible with our group. I also assist with the Children's Ministry and am a member of the chancel choir. I appreciate building relationships with the women of our church through the Women of Grace circle. My family and I help fill bags for the backpack program and I fill the pantry at ASU Mid-South twice a week for students in need. (Thank you to our shoppers and stockers) I also serve on the finance and ministry committee.

What is your favorite thing about our church?

I love the fellowship that occurs within our church. MUMC has provided a sense of belonging since we moved to Marion many years ago. The friendships made through the church are very special to our family. These past few months have been difficult for everyone, and I look forward to once again worshipping together as a church family.



What is your favorite Bible Verse?

A verse I have found fitting over the past several months is Proverbs 3:5
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."

What is your favorite worship song?

Hymn: "I'll Fly Away" Albert Brumley

Praise Music: "My Testimony" Elevation Worship

Mission Team:

Backpack Program

We are waiting on numbers from the Marion School District to get the program up and running. Hopefully the first week of October. We have begun supplying food for ASU-Mid South. We will need individuals or groups to sign up to pack every couple of weeks.

*** volunteer opportunity for packing bags.

*** volunteer opportunity!!!!

We will also need someone to volunteer to be present during distribution for virtual learners. It will be on Friday afternoons.

For more information, please email Beverly Vaughn at Bvaughn5@comcast.net.

Feeding MHS Football Team

We are once again feeding the football team; however, we are not serving them on premises. Each meal is prepared and delivered to the school for the players to eat within the social distancing guidelines.

We are scheduled to feed the football team during October and November. Please contact Bartt or Beverly Vaughn if you are interested in helping with this event. Meal preparation starts around 10:00 pm on game day for the team to eat around 2:00 pm.

Yoga Fall Schedule

DAY	TIME	GROUP
Monday	4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Levels 1&2
Thursday	4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Levels 1&2

If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Gardner or the office.

Marion UMC Turkey Dinner Update:

After looking at possible plans and consulting with the UMW Circle leaders, we have come to the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Turkey Dinner. This is a difficult decision, but at present we are not confident we could properly prepare for the dinner while also maintaining healthy social distancing guidelines.

We look forward to another event in the future, but sadly the 2020 Turkey dinner is cancelled.

Jerri Crase

Marion UMC UMW President



Daily 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.*

Children's Ministry



Marion United Methodist Church Children's Ministry

Welcome to October 2020 - aren't we all looking forward to some cooler temperatures and beautiful fall weather? We all have desperately enjoyed our unconventional way of drive-in worship recently and especially returning to in-person worship! Seeing precious little faces in the car windows as they collect crayons and coloring pages each Sunday has been great!

Update on Sunday School:

I know that our "normal" has been anything but normal for months now, and I hope that whether your children have returned to in-person school or if your children are learning from home, that *everyone* is *safe* and *learning*! I am counting down and looking forward to having our sweet children return to Sunday School! Just like everything else, Sunday School will look a little different for a while. We will wear masks, we will meet in the gym so that we can space out appropriately, and we will learn about how much Jesus loves us! Many of our regular Sunday School teachers will not be joining us just yet, and therefore I will definitely be seeking assistance for parents that may be available or interested.

All of our classes will follow the same curriculum and share the same stories at this time - we look forward to resuming Sunday School for our children Sunday, November 1. Stay tuned to our church website, FaceBook page and church bulletins for more information!



Update on Rock Painting:

During quarantine our Sunday School teachers dropped off goody bags for their Sunday School kiddos. Inside the bags were little summer-fun tokens, but also rocks to be painted! We encouraged our children to paint fun designs on their rocks. Our plan is to use our rocks to help create a special rock garden by our MUMC children! If you have painted rocks for the church, please feel free to bring them by the children's area on Sunday mornings or even drop them off at the church office. We will gather all of the rocks and then use them outside the entrance doors under the portico. If you have not had a chance to paint your rocks - let your creativity run wild! Or let Straley know if you need some additional rocks!

Straley Owen, Children's Director

Halloween Fun!

In accordance with the latest CDC guidelines regarding Halloween celebrations, we will be shifting gears a little this fall while still having fun! We will not have a traditional Trunk-or-Treat, but rather a Creepy Creative Costume Competition and a Family Pumpkin Carving Competition!

Creepy Creative Costumes!

We will have a drive-through from **4-5 Sunday, October 25**. The line will start on Currie street and drive under the church portico on the main parking lot. We capture pictures of our costume participants for a contest on Facebook! **Just like our Blessing of the Backpack goodies, the church will provide a bag of goodies for all children who participate!!** Some costume categories to help with ideas ...

Frightful Family Fun - wear coordinating costumes for the entire family!
Favorite person from the Bible or Favorite Bible Duo!
Favorite Snack Food
Favorite Cartoon
Superhero



Pumpkin Carving Competition

We invite families to bring their carved pumpkins to be judged! We are looking for the most innovative and frightfully fun pumpkins!

Bring your carved jack-o-lantern creation to the church gym on **Saturday, Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to noon**. We will socially distance our pumpkins and then allow congregation members to vote on the best pumpkin Sunday morning when they attend church.

We are excited about having fun in a non-traditional way and we invite you all to participate!

Preschool



The three and four year old preschool class met for their first chapel lesson of the school year where they learned about Noah and the Ark.

Youth



Our youth group met in person on Sunday, September 20th for worship, pizza and games. If you would like to get information on events for the Youth Program, please contact Kolby Jones @ 901.493.0683.

Our Hope for the Holidays program is ramping up for 2020. The youth director will deliver the Holiday forms to the Marion School District in early October to get families assigned for the adoption process.

We are collecting can goods for our families during October, November and December. If you would like to help, please purchase items and drop off on the designated shelving located in the Narthex on Sundays or drop the items by the office during the week.

Month of October: Canned green beans , sweet peas, corn, and soup.

Month of November: Canned fruit and spaghettiOs or ravioli, peanut butter and jelly.

Month of December: 2 lb. Bags of rice, Mac n cheese, saltine crackers

October Birthdays

10/2	Robert Allison Payne Bius Shannon Busby Kathy Fowler Cathy Horton	10/10	Colby Ramsey Fred Wesberry	10/16	Will Boon Jessica Shidler Croom Witt Kennedy Daniel Robbins	10/26	Rich Busby Katherine Carpenter Alex Webb Joel Hollis Werner
10/3	Misty Kennedy	10/11	Sandy Webb	10/18	Nicholas Beaman	10/27	Julie O'Quin Blake Owen
10/5	Gail Harlow Paula Pace	10/12	Paul Allen Ginger Gibbs	10/19	Billy McNeely	10/28	Linda Cosgrove Don Hanks Chloe Harrison Lake Laughter
10/7	Rachel Benson Averie Ward	10/13	Barbara Barnett Michael Charlton Wally Fowler	10/21	Drew Landry Elizabeth Williams	10/29	Bill Bernard Emma Kjorlaug
10/8	Ramer Sutton Debi Williams	10/14	Conner Allison Cooper Allison Erica Archer East Thomas Gerrard Mandy Hinze	10/22	Kristi Doyle	10/30	Lynn Murray
				10/23	Shelbi Cole	10/31	Ross Letner
				10/25	Austin Rawls		

Prayer Concerns:

Cheryl Allen; Claire Bacon;
Vince Callahan; Harold Carpenter;
Scott Carpenter; Marty Catt; Patsy
Catt; Terri Catt; Teddy Ferguson;
Mason Fowler; Leigh Garrett;
Debbie Hale; The Helton Family;
Pat Jacobs; Leonard Kramer;
Wayne Marconi; Roy Miller; Jeff
Page; Peppi Pirani; James Sample;
Lance Scarborough; Mart
Thaxton; Martha Ann Weaver;
Billie Williams; Jane Williamson;
Tim Williamson; All Hospital
Personnel, First Responders,
Nursing Home Residents & Staff;
Teachers, staff, faculty, and
students; 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. Indoor In-person Worship
and
Online Worship Service



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