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A monthly newsletter of Marion United Methodist Church encouraging faith, love, and action.



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LOVING ONE ANOTHER

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

“Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 3:18)

Marty Cooper



How long have you been a member of MUMC? I joined MUMC in 1995.

Tell us about your family. I am married to my wife Karen and we have been married 40 years. We have two children Kristin Cooper Allison and Martin (Bubba) Cooper. Kristin and Rob (husband) have five (5) children Madesyn, McKenzie, Madelyn, Conner and Cooper. Bubba has one son Cade.

Tell us about your job. I owned Cooper Glass Company for 30 years and sold it in February 2020. I still work for Cooper Glass and estimate projects on a daily basis. We fabricate aluminum and install it along

with glass ,in commercial buildings such as office buildings, banks, apartments, and we also work on hospitals and churches. We do this in 7 states.

What are your hobbies? I love to fish and hunt with my grandchildren. We all enjoy going to Greer's Ferry and tubing and skiing. I enjoy golf and also traveling with Karen and the kids.

What are you involved in at MUMC? I am the chairman of the Church Trustees and have been for the last six years. I have had the great pleasure of working with the Trustees to make sure we keep the church and all the grounds in a good working order. We also manage the insurances, trusts, and loans associated with the church. I am also involved with all the great people who work so tirelessly before and during Hullabaloo. I worked with the cooking team and it's a dedicated group.

What is your favorite thing about out church? I think my favorite thing about our church is that our members are always willing to give and work for our church and community whenever needed.

What is your favorite Bible Verse? John 15:5 - KJV - I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

What is your favorite worship song? He Lives!!

Happy Birthday



(6/1) William Entrekin (6/2) Karen Jones (6/3) Tammy Catt (6/9) Lexie Laughter (6/10) Tracy Brick, Jeff Phillips (6/12) Eva O'Beirne (6/13) Avery Boney (6/15) Lincoln Hartwig, Sandy Nelson, Ava Sells (6/16) Sierra Arceneaux, James Sample (6/17) Manning Shidler, Whitney Young (6/18) Jamey Boney, Kathryn Laughter, Will Preslar (6/20) David Brick, Jay Peyton (6/21) Elizabeth Gill, Kolby Jones, Chase Letner (6/22) Johnny Griffiee (6/26) Nancy Fogleman, Mike Sargent (6/27) Kaylabeth Sample, Pam Scarbrough (6/28) Jane Williamson (6/29) Chris Archer (6/30) Lynett Bolton, Carron Cates



Giving Report

Total financial gifts for May:

General Budget
\$61,965.00

Capital Improvement
\$66,068.00

Children's Ministry
\$215.00

Discretionary Fund
\$10.00

Hope for the Holidays
\$500.00

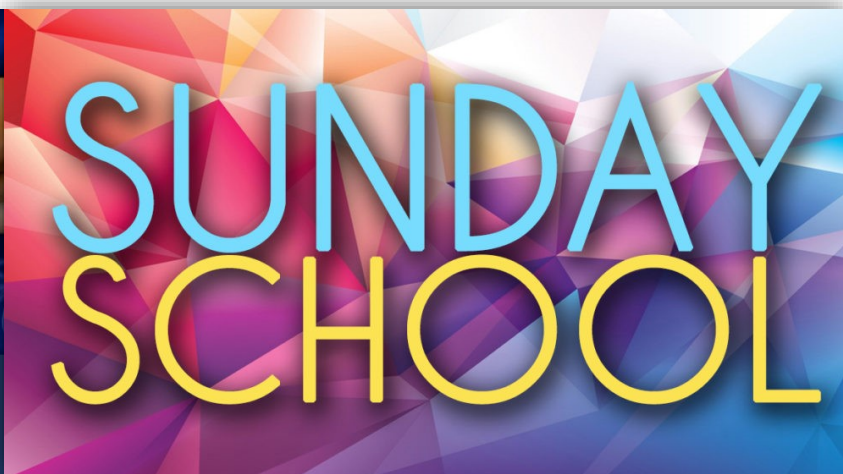
Kitchen
\$40.00

Miscellaneous
\$5,100.00

Missions
\$593.00

Youth
\$200.00

Thank you for your generous support for the ministries of our church.



Our Sunday School is from 9:45-10:30 a.m. If you are interested in visiting or joining a class, the contact information is listed below.

ADULT Classes to choose from and contact information are as follows::

- 1) Crossroads Class, Matt Entrekin at matt.entrekin@ftnfinancial.com
- 2) Friends and Fellowship Class, Kristi Doyle at kristidoyle1022@gmail.com
- 3) Seekers and Servers Class, Beverly Moore at bdm9370@yahoo.com or Jane Hartley at janehartley@comcast.net
- 4) John Robbins Class, Sarah Traugh at poppyandmimi@gmail.com
- 5) Grace and Peace Class, David Fogleman at dfborn2farm@aol.com
- 6) Genesis Class, Jack Avery at javeryconst@aol.com

The Genesis class meets on the main floor in the Family Life Center. All other adult classes meet upstairs in the Education Building located off the main parking lot on Hwy. 77.

YOUTH:

Our youth group is located in the Matt Sample Youth Building. Please contact Brian Doyle at brian.doyle@afbic.com

CHILDREN: (Please see Straley Owen or Michelle Schwartz)

- Nursery is provided for babies up to 2 years old in the children's area.
- Children from 2 yrs old through 4th grade meet downstairs in the children's area of the Education Building.
- 5th and 6th grade meet upstairs in the Education Building.

Serving in Worship This Month

Acolytes

6th– Addie Claire Schwartz
13th—Beau Fenter, Levi Rikard
20th—Jackson Rawls, Cameron Spencer
27th—Davis Fowler, Lake Laughter

Ushers

David Brick	Jeremy Roeder
Steve Ford	Jay Salter
Tony Gardner	Wayne Tabor



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Confirmation Sunday was held Sunday, May 9th. Each confirmand and his/her sponsor participated in the ceremony in which each confirmand declared their faith in Christ and were reminded of their baptism. The group of 11 completed six weeks of classes with Bro. Bill to reach this momentous event.



YOUTH OUTREACH

MUMC members Luke Kennedy, Donovan Doyle, and Blake Vaughn delivered stress balls to Special Education classes at Marion Public Schools. The students made the stress balls as an outreach project during Sunday night youth meeting.



CROSSROADS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Crossroads Sunday School celebrated Cinco De Mayo at the home of Jeff and Michelle Schwartz. This was an opportunity for the group to enjoy fellowship outside the church. After fellowship, everyone enjoyed a taco bar and visiting with each other while the children played.



Whitten Reed
Morris



On Sunday, May 16th Marion United Methodist Church welcomed Whitten Reed Morris as our newest member through his baptism. Whitten was born July 4, 2020. Whitten is pictured below with proud parents, Spencer and Cassie Morris along with big sister, Lynlee.



Pastor's Pen

"Never restrain or put out the fire of the Holy Spirit." (1 Thessalonians 5:19, The Passion Translation)

We have just completed the Easter season with its culmination in the celebration of Pentecost. Pentecost is another name for the Jewish Feast of Weeks which was a harvest festival. As our newly confirmed church members can tell you, "pent" indicates 5 and Pentecost is so named because it occurs fifty days after Passover.

Pentecost is a celebration of the most neglected member of the Holy Trinity—The Holy Spirit. It is a bit strange that we should so often neglect the Spirit because He is literally the life-giver of the Church! The Spirit is our constant companion, and is the presence and power of God within us.

So, I thought I would take this space to briefly list some of the works of the Spirit.

1. The Holy Spirit makes us God's children (Romans 8:16)
2. The Holy Spirit comforts us (John 14:16-17)
3. The Holy Spirit guides us (Romans 8:14)
4. The Holy Spirit teaches us (John 14:26)
5. The Holy Spirit corrects us (John 16:8)
5. The Holy Spirit transforms us (2 Corinthians 3:17-18)
6. The Holy Spirit produces goodness in us (Galatians 5:16-26)
7. The Holy Spirit gives us gifts to serve others (1 Corinthians 12)
8. The Holy Spirit empowers us (Acts 1:8)
9. The Holy Spirit initiates us in the church (1 Corinthians 12:13)
10. The Holy Spirit prays for us (Romans 8:26-27)
11. The Holy Spirit gives us regenerates or gives us new birth (John 3:5)
12. The Holy Spirit directs our worship (Ephesians 5:17-20)

The Holy Spirit works in so many incredible ways in our lives. It's no wonder Paul urged the Thessalonians to never do anything that might restrain or dampen the work of the Spirit among them. Similarly, Paul wrote to his student, Timothy: "Don't minimize the powerful gift that operates in your life, for it was imparted to you by the laying on of hands of the elders and was activated through the prophecy they spoke over you." (1 Timothy 4:14, The Passion Translation).

When Paul writes to Timothy of *the* gift he is most likely referring to the Holy Spirit rather than any particular spiritual gift of talent.

I love the word picture Paul paints for us of the Holy Spirit like a wild horse being restrained and then allowed to run free. There is so much energy in that idea!

I want to encourage you to get to know the Holy Spirit over this summer. Pray to Him. Ask Him to fill you. Ask Him to transform you. Ask Him to teach you.

The Spirit is God on the inside of us.
He is in you, right now. Let go of the reins!
Let Him gallop through your soul!



Summer Sermon Series started May 30th



JESUS

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BETTER

A STUDY
IN HEBREWS

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES

Bro. Bill recognized students during Worship Service on Sunday, May 23, 2021. The following students obtained the high honor of being inducted into the National Honor Society during the month of May. Please be sure to congratulate these individuals on their academic achievement.



Anna Caroline Fesmire



Blake Vaughn



Elliott Allen



Luke Kennedy



Avery Boney



Donovan Doyle



Emilee Jones



Sydney Collard

Congratulations!

Abel Robbins

Avery Walters

Bea Forbis

Caroline Portis



Jacob DeLosSantos

Lola Kate Crisler

Madeline Wiles

Madelyn Rose Morgan

Patton Chafin

Although this school year has had many challenges, our 4-year-old class was able to learn so much and they had the benefit of two different pastors during the year. Pastor Andrew was here until January and Bro. Bill stepped in during February to hold chapel with the children. Our Preschool ceremony was held Wednesday, May 19th during which the children showed off some of the things they learned. The program started with the children reciting the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Lord's Prayer. They also recited the Books of the Bible, counted to 100 and sang "Jesus in the Morning" and "I'm in the Lord's Army". The children all dressed in their red hats and gowns and received their graduation diplomas in the sanctuary with all their family and friends watching. We wish this special group of kiddos the best of luck next year as they head off to Kindergarten. A great big thank you to our teachers, Teresa Gardner, Tori Fraley and Elizabeth Williams.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



VBS DEADLINES

Registration forms and Shirt Orders are due by June 20th.

Also, please be sure to help with volunteering for this great event.



Our Sunday Fun was held on May 23rd with fellowship, games and food. Our kitchen crew served up hamburgers and hot dogs from the grill as adults visited and caught up on family news that transpired over the last year.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Please be sure to sign up for a Sunday or two for our children's church. We have a lot of children involved in this program and want to make sure that it continues to flourish.



Children of all ages enjoyed the two bouncy houses, Connect Four, hula hoops and many more games. Our own children's director, Straley Owen, even got in on the fun of sliding on the bouncy house.

Thank you to everyone who made this event possible.

VBS2021

JULY 13-16

@ 5:30 PM

DESTINATION



UNEARTHING THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS
JEREMIAH 29:13

Congratulations CLASS OF 2021

Our Senior Sunday celebration was held Sunday, May 23, 2021. Bro. Bill and Kolby Jones presented our seniors with a backpack containing several items and gave an explanation of each gift:

- A Bible and devotional book to help each senior remember God while going through the challenges of college,
- A powerpack to charge their phones to always have a charge to contact their families,
- An amazon gift card as a little something just for them, and
- A glow in the dark frisbee to remember to have fun during the next course of their lives.

After the service, our seniors and their families gathered in the Matt Sample Youth Building to enjoy a fabulous meal prepared by our extraordinary kitchen crew.



Congratulations

*Buster, Claire, Kyndell, Preston,
Sydney and Tyler.*



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Kristi Stotts, PDO Director/Teacher

Debbie Wallace, Organist

Marcia Sutton, Pianist

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday (9:00-3:00); Friday (9:00-12:00)