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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

CHLOE HARRISON



How long have you been a member of MUMC? Frank and I became members in 2018, but we have been visiting since 2015.

Tell us about your family. My husband Frank and I have been together for 12 years, but married for 7 in September. We have 3 year old twin girls, Lorelai and Tinlee Mae. Lorelai is our sassy leader who takes charge in all that she does, including bossing her sister around. Tinlee Mae is our sassy mother hen who loves to take care of everyone, including her bossy sister. They bring so much pride and joy into our lives. Frank and I started our own

renovation company this year, L & T Renovations LLC. So far God has blessed us and we are looking forward to seeing what He has in store for us and our family as we take on this new adventure. Our girls love animals, especially horses so we spend a lot of time at my grandparent's farm as well as the zoo. We also enjoy traveling to see our family who all happen to live as far as Michigan to Cabot AR.

Tell us about your job. For 5 years I have worked for CASA of the Arkansas Delta as the volunteer coordinator for Crittenden County. We are court appointed special advocates and work with children who are already placed in foster care due to abuse or neglect. I train our volunteers so that they can work our cases we are assigned to by a Judge. I also do some public speaking to bring awareness about foster care at local schools as well as churches.

I love my job because every case is unique and I get to work with some pretty incredible people. I also love my job because I get to play a small role in helping families be reunified as well as helping new families come together by adoption. Some people may think my job is hard, but it's easy compared to what these kids have to deal with.

What are your hobbies? I love going to different thrift stores, baking, as well as gardening. Anything Pinterest related is right up my alley.

What are you involved in at MUMC: I help with VBS every summer and love it! It's a joy watching children learn about the love of Jesus.

What is your favorite thing about our church? I love many things about our church, but if I could only pick one, it would be the community within our church. I have always felt like we are one big family.

What is your favorite Bible Verse?
1 Corinthians 15:10
"But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not found vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."

What is your favorite worship song?
Shout to the Lord



Happy Birthday

(9/1) Straley Owen (9/2) Randy Benson, Taylor Landry (9/3) Chris Coopwood, Garrison Hardke, Vesta McNeely, Beverly Moore, Richard O'Beirne (9/4) Palmer Archer, Micah Archer, Hayden Archer (9/5) Trent Hanks, Brittany Hanks, Tim Parker (9/6) Katie Brick, Blake Meyer, Adam Rawls, Jacob Tabor (9/7) Amanda Elliot, Scott Fogleman (9/8) Kennedy Arceneaux, Nicole Devasier, Michelle Schwartz (9/9) Patti Coleman, Gail Fogleman, Paula Howerton (9/10) Eric Doyle, Linda Whitmarsh (9/11) Dustin Bolton (9/13) Thomas Doyle, Jennifer Johnston, Charlie McNeely (9/14) Lauren Nash, Clay Starkey (9/15) Jason Collard, Will Fogleman (9/16) Shane Hinze (9/17) Ford Chafin (9/18) Addison Schwartz, Mollie Owen, Sam Owen (9/19) Mason Fowler, Jay W. Hale, Austin LaRue, Sam Rawls (9/20) Rita Gilmore, Cliff Lafitte, Paxton Marotti (9/21) Nancy Ragsdale, Callie Wallace (9/22) Cissie Stuckey (9/23) Brenda Alexander, Jack Avery, Katie Entrekin, Peyton Fogleman, Susan Hale, John M. Heath (9/24) John Brenner, Fred C. Wesberry III (9/26) Jason Collard (9/27) Isabella Hinze, Forrest Jones, Ben Vaughn (9/28) Ted Archer, Hartley Charlton (9/29) Brittany Bius, Adam Fogleman, Barbara Reginnelli, Shelby Ward, Jeffrey Vaughn



Giving

**Total financial gifts for Aug. 1-22
included the following:**

General Budget
\$35,380.72

Capital Improvement
\$13,342.00

Children's Ministry
\$310.00

Memorials
\$475.00

Missions
\$519.00

Misc.
\$5,830.00

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

EVENTS:

- Sept. 1, 8, 15, and 22 WWF
3:00 p.m. / Children's Area
- Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 / Wed. Communion Service
5:30 p.m. / Sanctuary
- Sept. 1, 8 and 15 / Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 p.m. / Gym
- Sept. 1 / PDO Open House—11:00 a.m.
- Sept. 6 / Labor Day—Office Closed
- Sept. 7 / First Day—3 yr old Pre-school
- Sept. 8 / First Day—4 yr old Pre-school
- Sept. 13 / First Day—PDO
- Sept. 25 / Hullabaloo

CHOIR

Choir practice started back on Wednesday, August 25th. If you would like to join, please text our Music Director, Blake Owen @901-326-6279. We are so excited to be back practicing and we encourage everyone who loves to sing to join practice on Sundays @ 6:45 pm following our Wednesday Night Communion and Dinner.



Choir Room
Ed. Hall Bldg.

IT IS YOUR
TURN!



Serving in Worship This Month

Ushers

Ted Archer
Rich Busby
Les Callan
Donovan Doyle
Steve Ford
Luke Kennedy



Missions and Meals

The MSD Backpack Program is underway this school year.

We will be filling bags with food items and delivering to each elementary school every Friday. Food items that are included in the weekly bag are: pop tarts, nutrigrain bars, cereal, canned pasta, Mac and cheese, Vienna sausages, ramen noodles, and a variety of snacks.

New this year is a food pantry for the Junior High students. This will allow food to be distributed on an individual, as needed, basis. This will also allow for more discretion for the older students.

Leslie Brick and Jennifer Fogleman, along with MSD staff will be monitoring this weekly. It must be noted that this has been utilized at the high school for the past couple of years with good success, under the supervision of Pam Young.

Please contact Beverly Vaughn to sign up for a packing date.



What's cooking?

**WEDNESDAYS
6:00-7:00 pm**

Sept. 1st	Sept. 8th	Sept. 15th	Sept. 22nd
Beef and Chicken Enchiladas Side dishes have yet to be determined Chips & Salsa Desserts Tea & Water	Choice of 2 Pastas, 2 Sauces with Meatballs (or Chicken Breast) Salad Bread Desserts Tea & Water	Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Rolls Dessert Tea & Water	No Dinner Hullabaloo Prep
			Sept. 29th No Dinner Fall Break

Pastor's Pen

Can you feel it yet? Fall is almost here.

Soon the fields will lie dormant, leaves will change from green to gold and orange, the mornings will turn crisp. Children enter and exit school buses with backpacks in tow. College students have been delivered to their dorms or apartments. The first signs of halloween are in every store, with a smattering of Thanksgiving and Christmas-too-early also to be found.

So how was your summer? Was it graced with periods of rest? Did you spend time on the road or at the beach with family and friends? Did you catch God's when you heard the birds singing you awake in the morning? Did you see the beauty of God's creation in the sunset and the fireflies dancing in the approaching darkness?

Every season brings its own adventure of the world in which we live. Every season comes with its own sense of grace and wonder. Every season tells its own unique story of the God who created all things and called them good.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge" (Psalm 19:1-2)

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease" (Genesis 8:22)

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23).

The anonymous preacher (traditionally thought to be Solomon) who wrote the book of Ecclesiastes reminds us that the changes in the weather are not the only seasons we experience in life. In fact, he reminds us that "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens" (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Solomon gives several examples of the constantly turning seasons of life: times of weeping and rejoicing, times of war and peace, times of building and tearing down, times of giving and times of saving.

At the end of his list of seasons in Ecclesiastes 3, Solomon says that God makes everything beautiful in its own time. Because of that, the preacher recommends that the best thing for humankind in whatever we do in any season is to be joyful, "do good" as long as we live, and take pleasure in our toil or work, whatever it is. He says that this is God's gift to man. In other words, God is in control so enjoy yourselves! Isn't that kind of a fun thought?!

Sometimes changes in our life don't seem so fun. By nature, we don't always like change. If that's you, remember that God is in control, no matter the season. He's good to you, and He'll take care of you, so enjoy whatever God has in store for your next season of life!



Join us on Wednesdays

COMMUNION SERVICE

5:30 p.m.

with Rev. Dr. Bill Cato





Sundays 5:30-7:00 pm



YOUTH OUTING

The youth group took advantage of the bridge reopening to watch a Redbirds game.

SIGN UP FOR YOUTH TEXT UPDATES

If you are between the ages of 13 and 18, please contact Kolby Jones to get on the list for receiving text updates on dates of fellowship, events and off campus outings.

November and December are big months for our youth. They feed 50 to 100 individuals on Thanksgiving, and start collecting, organizing and shopping for the annual Hope for the Holidays program.

Our youth meet most Sundays from 5:30-7:00 pm. If you have any questions about our student ministries, please text Kolby Jones @ 901-493-0682 or send an email to kjones@marion-umc.com.

YOUTH USHERS

Our ushers are excited to include some of our youth on Sunday morning in the Usher duties. Over the last month, Jett Sutton and Blake Vaughn assisted in the process. Keep a watch for others joining our usher leaders and let them know how proud we are of them for taking on this new role at MUMC.

SEPT. 25 HULLABALOO

If you would like to purchase or pick up meat tickets to sell for Hullabaloo, please come by the church office.

Meat prices are:

- Butts: \$35
- Pork Tenderloins :\$20
- Chicken Halves: \$8

SPECIAL PROJECT

Would you like to help our church send a more powerful and exciting message about who we are and what we do? Our exterior signs are the first place the community reads what we have to say. Our current digital sign needs to be replaced and updated and we also have the opportunity to add an additional digital sign on Military Road. The new signs will be full color and have a sharper picture than the current monochromatic display. This will greatly increase our ability to advertise our church activities and worship services in more appealing ways. The estimated total cost for the project is \$75,000.00 and we are well on our way toward meeting this goal. You can help us complete this exciting new project by making a designated gift toward the purchase of the new signs. Thank you for your generous gift.

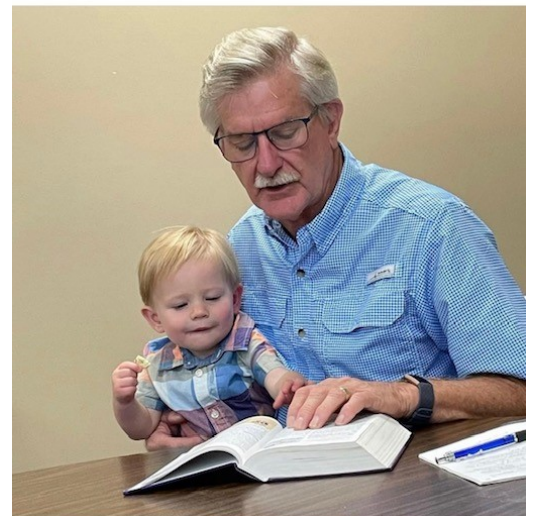


This project will update both the Hwy. 77 sign and the Military Road sign.



Grace and Peace Sunday School

He just thought he was teaching the "young adult" class. Whitten loves Mr. David!!!



HOW MAY WE PRAY WITH YOU?

Submit your prayer request by texting "MUMCPRAYS" to 77411

PRESCHOOL

PDO

Our preschool program consists of two classes, 3-yr olds (known as Sheep) and 4-yr olds (known as Shepherds). We do have a couple of spots available if you know of someone who might be interested in either class. For more information, or to get signed up, please contact Teresa Gardner.

The 3-yr old class will start on Tuesday, September 7th. They will be taught by Ms. Tori Fraley and will attend classes Tuesdays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m.-noon.

Our 4-yr old class will start on Wednesday, September 8th. They will be taught by Ms. Teresa Gardner and will attend classes Tuesdays through Fridays from 9:00 a.m. -noon.

For those parents who need or want their children to enjoy additional time with classmates, there are options of yoga and lunch buddies.



Our teachers have been decorating classrooms and prepping for the first day of school. The preschool Open House for each class was held during the first week of August.

MUMC and First United Methodist Church preschool teachers attended a CPR training class in our Family Life Center. Ms. Teresa and Ms. Tori went through the class and obtained certification in CPR.

Our Parent's Day Out (PDO) program will host a drive-thru Open House on Thursday, September 2nd from 11:00 a.m.-noon. Classes will begin on Monday, September 13th.

Our PDO teachers are Ms. Pam Scarbrough and Ms. Kristi Stotts.

These kiddos range in ages from the time they start walking until they are able to attend the 3-yr-old class. The program fills up quickly (usually a year in advance) so keep that in mind as spring rolls around.



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Church Office Hours

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