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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

MARCIA SUTTON

**How long have you been a member of MUMC?** My family joined Marion United Methodist Church about 37 years ago.

**Tell us about your family.** I am married to Steve Sutton and we have three children and nine grandchildren. Nick and his wife Beth have Jett and Bren, Ben and his wife Erin have Parker, Ramer, and Lilli Greer, Laura and her husband Matt have Wyatt, Anna, Katie Wynn, and Thomas.

**Tell us about your job?** I retired from Marion School District where I worked at Marion High School as a teacher and counselor for 38 years. Presently my daughter Laura and I have a monogramming/embroidery business called Mint Tulip and I also play the piano at church.

**What are your hobbies?** In my free time, I enjoy reading and doing arts and crafts. Additionally, I like being able to watch my grandchildren in their sports and other activities.

**What are you involved in a MUMC?** At church, I have been involved in the music program for many years. I have played the piano for church and for the choir and have also played handbells. In past years, I taught a Sunday School class and was a member of one of the circles.

**What is your favorite thing about our church?** Definitely, my favorite thing about Marion Methodist Church is the people. It is wonderful that the people you worship with are also your family and friends. I have always felt so very welcome at this church.



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## Happy Birthday

(1) Ginger Barber, Olivia Coopwood (3) Madelyn Allison, John Whittington (4) Teresa Gardner (5) Preston Barber, Cindy Benton, Case Fesmire, Bart Turner (6) Austin Cates (7) Cindy French (9) Kevin Bellis, Whit Keasler, (10) Banks Barber, Joseph Hale, Garrett Sargent, David Tittle (11) Ripp Inman (12) Brynna Claire Fogleman, Tom French, Pamela Rosado (13) Holly Lancaster (15) Ann Harness, Jeremy Roeder, Jonythan Tribble (17) Allie Altemus, William S. Jonas, Emily Lugar (18) Sheila Henderson, Sheryl Tabor (20) Donovan Doyle, Sam Gibbs, Heath Jackson (21) Anne Hurst (22) Dana Robbins (23) Blake Vaughn (24) Brandon Moore, Jennifer Wallace (26) Lindley Abrams, Jeff Altemus, Laura Rikard (27) Mary C. Fogleman, James Mason Coe (29) Sarah Traugh (30) Kristin Allison, Jase Boney, Julie Heath, Jan Long



## Pastor's Pen

I'm writing this as I sit in the Memphis airport, waiting to leave on my vacation. Cyndi said I have to put something in the newsletter, so this is it.

First, I want to thank you all again for being such an incredible church. You are a most loving, supportive, and generous congregation. I consider myself blessed and highly favored to be your pastor.

One of my favorite stories in the Bible is the story of the journey of the Magi to see Jesus. There are a lot of

legends associated with the story. For example, traditionally one of the wise men had a not-so-wise sense of direction and constantly wandered off course. Part of the reason I like the story is because it is about traveling. And I love to travel.

There is something spiritual about travel. It often starts at the airport where our patience and faith in humankind can be put to the test. But more than that, travel opens up the soul to new experiences. We meet new people who can teach us about ourselves and about the

human experience. We learn and we grow in ways that are simply not possible otherwise.

Yes, traveling is a blessing, a means of grace even. So take the opportunity to expand your soul by way of the gift of traveling. May you find God in new people and new places.



## Pastor Appreciation Day

October was Pastor (or Clergy) Appreciation Month. It was a time to say "thank you" to the people who may be most visible as preachers and teachers, but who are "in reality" on-call 24/7 standing with congregants and friends offering spiritual support in times of confusion and transition, moments of heart-wrenching sorrow and events of overwhelming joy. They laugh, cry and pray with those whom they shepherd and serve.

Bro. Bill was asked by Bishop Mueller to relocate at an unusual time of the year. Once Bro. Andrew announced his plans to leave for the military, the United Methodist Church was tasked with the job of finding a replacement. Bro Bill arrived in January 2021 to a congregation with limited seating and face masks. We can only imagine how difficult that must have been for him trying to learn new faces. It was hard enough for some of us to recognize each other let alone a new pastor trying to learn who we are as individuals. Sunday School Classes held small group meetings to get to know him and, as time passed, we were able to let our guards down and not require masks.



On Sunday, October 24th, Bro. Bill was presented with a token of our appreciation just before leaving on a 10-day trip to Massachusetts and Maine. Also, our children's church presented Bro. Bill with a card of appreciation. Thank you, Bro. Bill, for all that you have done and continue to do for our church.

*Join us on Wednesdays*

# COMMUNION SERVICE

5:30 pm

with Rev. Dr. Bill Cato





# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



## Trunk-or-Treat

What a fun Trunk-or-Treat!

Our awesome crew came together to move indoors and escape weather, and we hosted a huge group of costumed spooks and lots of treats! Thank you so much for our awesome volunteers!

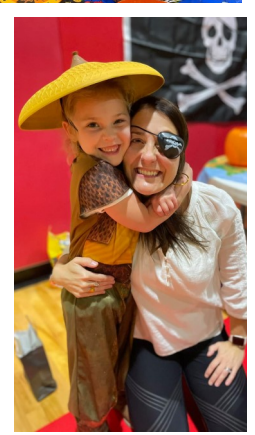


## Help Needed!

Our children are in need of some additional Sunday School teachers!

Michelle and Straley provide lessons, activities, and snacks - we just need a rotation of steady volunteers to help!

Whether you feel like blessing our children weekly, or as part of a team schedule - we would love to welcome some additional SS teachers!





## Food & Fellowship



Our Kitchen Crew  
fed the Marion  
volleyball team on  
Monday, October 25th.  
Our city was the  
location for this year's  
state volleyball



We will serve the Marion High Football team on November 4th. If you would like to help with this mission, please contact Beverly or Bartt Vaughn @ [bvaughn5@comcast.net](mailto:bvaughn5@comcast.net).

## YOUTH MINISTRIES



### Canned Goods Needed

The youth have started collecting canned goods for Hope for the Holidays. Items needed are: Green beans, corn, sweet peas, soup, mac & cheese, raviolis or spaghettiOs, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, crackers and rice. Donations can be dropped off at the church office during business hours or placed on the metal shelves located in the narthex.

### Health Kits

We are collecting travel size supplies for health kits to be distributed during the Hope for the Holidays. Items needed are: shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap bars, toothpaste, toothbrushes and small towels.

### Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and what a great time of the year to display the love of Christ and show gratitude for our good fortune by giving to those who are less fortunate. This Thanksgiving our youth will once again cook meals to be delivered on Thanksgiving morning.

Kolby Jones and Beverly Vaughn head this event and team with the Arkansas Council on Aging. Meals are prepped the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and are heated up Thursday morning for delivery to those individuals names provided to MUMC youth. If you would like to help our youth with food prep, packing or deliveries, please contact Kolby Jones, Beverly Vaughn or the church office. Meals are normally delivered before noon on Thanksgiving day.

### Hope for the Holidays—Adopt a Family

Forms for the program have been delivered to the Marion School District Counselors. Kolby Jones hopes to have the forms in hand and ready for distribution on Sunday, November 21st, but they could be available earlier. Further information will be announced in the Sunday Bulletins and during announcements on Sunday mornings or you can contact the church office to request a family.

**Youth meets  
Sundays  
5:30-7:00 pm**



## Giving

Total financial gifts for Oct. 1-Oct. 24th:

**Budget (General)**  
\$43,353.37

**Cap. Improvement**  
\$18,702.00

**Children's Ministry**  
\$180.00

**Discretionary Fund**  
\$110.00

**Memorials Fund**  
\$9,512.51

**Misc. Fund**  
\$8,750.00

**Missions**  
\$471.00

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



## MUMC Spotlight Con't

**What is your favorite Bible Verse?** This first Bible verse that I remember learning was John 3:16 and it always reminds me of how profound God's love is for all of us. I also like 1 Corinthians, chapter 13 and its words of love.

**What is your favorite worship song?** The people in the music department of this church would tell you that I have a new favorite song every Sunday. Hymns and praise songs remind me of people and events in my life and I truly do not have one favorite!! I can say that my favorite Christmas Song is "Bethlehem Morning".

## Serving in Worship This Month

### USHERS

Rich Busby Joe Laughter  
David Brick Andy Rawls

### ACOLYTES

7th Katie Wynn Entrekin  
Addie Claire Schwartz  
14th AJ Kynch  
Collin Kynch  
21st Rachel Cole  
Avery Gill  
28th Lake Laughter  
Sam Owen

## Menu For November

### Nov. 3rd

Pork Loin  
Hashbrown casserole  
Mac and cheese  
Green beans  
Salad  
Rolls

### Nov. 17th

Breakfast Bar  
Our youth will be  
cooking and raising  
money for Hope For  
The Holidays

We will not have dinners on Nov. 10th and 24th

## *In Loving Memory of Margaret Fogleman*

Allison & Gary Wehrum

Carol and Dr. James Johnston

Carol & David Acuff

## *In Loving Memory James Sample*

Doris & Rev. Wayne Clark  
Becky & Dentie Doyle  
Frances & Allen King  
Baylus & Denny East  
Allison & Gary Wehrum  
Shireen & Scott Fogleman  
Kristi & Brian Doyle  
Marcia & Steve Sutton  
Jennifer & David Fogleman  
Patsy Catt  
Ann & Scott Carpenter  
Jane & Mark Parani

Friends & Fellowship S.S.  
Elizabeth & Garrison Hardke  
Janice & Phillip Ward  
Francis & David Wallace  
Carol & Dr. James Johnston  
Teresa & Tony Gardner  
Amelia & Fred Stuckey  
Cyndi James  
Sheila Henderson  
Tracy & David Brick  
Carol & David Acuff  
Gloria Carter

Anne Hurst  
Rowena Stuckey  
Richard Howard  
Joy Sample  
Sandy Meyers  
Barbara Stuckey  
Dr. Jane Ashley Huey  
Nancy Baratti  
Elizabeth Laughter  
Caryl & G.W. Sorrells  
Becky & Steve Singleton

## *In Loving Memory Joe Catt*

Lynda & Jack Avery  
Friends & Fellowship S.S.  
Allison & Gary Wehrum  
Vesta & Billy McNeely  
Debbie & Frank Wallace  
Sandy & James Bagwell  
Stacy & Jan Webb  
Jane & Charlie McNeely  
Eva & Richard O'Beirne  
Char & John Griffiee  
Ashley & Van McNeely  
Holly & Lannie Lancaster  
Sarah & John Traugh  
Kristi & Brian Doyle  
Marcia & Steve Sutton  
Cindy & Tom French  
Shawna & Jamey Boney  
Lisa & John Heath  
Mandy & Buddy McCain  
Gail & Frank Fogleman  
Teresa & Tony Gardner  
Amelia & Fred Stuckey  
Caryl & G.W. Sorrells  
Ann & Scott Carpenter  
Laura & Matt Entrekin  
Jan & Milton Burning  
Becky & Steve Singleton  
Gloria Carter

Renee & Jeff Bennett  
Dawn & John Brenner  
April & Jeff Masengale  
Brenda & Rod Alexander  
Brittney & Ryan Carey  
Elizabeth & Garrison Hardke  
Mary Alice Gerrard  
Nancy Baratti  
Baylus & Denny East  
Tracy & David Brick  
Patti Coleman  
Dana Robbins  
Bart Turner  
Anne Hurst  
Sue Bailey & Family  
Debbie Reginelli  
Frances & Allen King  
Robert Pressly  
Wood Harlan  
Scott Pressly  
Cissy Reynolds  
Frances, Julia & Joey Kaiser  
Shea Gross  
Carol & David Acuff  
Tamme Griggs  
Charleen & Daniel Kelley  
Patricia & William Entrekin  
Vickie & Mike Sample

The Bond Family  
Sheila Henderson  
Tracy McDonald  
James Shannon  
Cyndi James  
Vance Bacon  
Robin Catt  
Joy Sample  
Gerrye Martine  
Vance Bacon  
Elizabeth Laughter  
Dorothy Sample  
Richard Howard  
Sarah & Butch Higginbotham  
Tammie Jackson & Family  
Nancy & Judge John Fogleman  
Francis & David Wallace  
Doris & Rev. Wayne Clark  
Jennifer & David Fogleman  
Melissa & Tom Donaldson  
Carol & Dr. James Johnston  
Julie Truelove  
Pam Betts  
Jane Williamson  
Beverly & Bartt Vaughn  
Lynette & Grafton Moore  
Jane & Mark Pirani

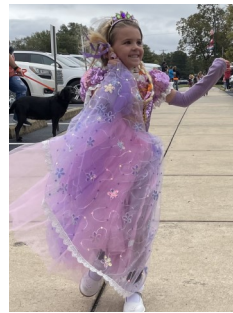


# PRESCHOOL



## Sweets, treats and stories

Susan Hale and Ellen Whittington share Halloween fun with preschool. Along with help from the kids, Ms. Ellen read *The Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid Of Anything*, and Ms. Susan helped them decorate Halloween cookies.



## Parades are fun!

Preschool celebrated Halloween in a big way! They started their day hearing some of their favorite Halloween stories, then dressed as witches, Power Rangers, princesses, fighter pilots, policemen, and lots more as they headed out for their annual Halloween parade. A crowd of parents, grandparents, and friends cheered the little goblins on. After the parade, the kids all enjoyed a fun party with games, crafts, and snacks.



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**Marcia Sutton, Pianist**

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

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