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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

AVERY BONEY

How long have you been a member of MUMC?

I have been a part of MUMC all my life. My mom served as church secretary during the years that I attended both MUMC preschool and Parents' Day out programs, so I spent a great deal of time in the church buildings. All my time here earned me the nickname "Church Mouse" by Franklin Fogleman. He still calls me that to this day! I was a member of the 2017 MUMC Confirmation Class.

Tell us about your family.

My parents are Jamey and Shanna Boney. They have been members of this church for 22 years. I have one brother, Jase, who is a Sophomore at the University of Arkansas.

Tell us about your job.

I am a Junior at Marion High School. I recently became employed by MUMC as a nursery worker on Sunday mornings. I love working with the younger kids of our church!

What are your hobbies

I love to play tennis and am a member of the Marion High School Tennis Team. I also enjoy babysitting. I am a member of Delta Beta Sigma and enjoy the community service projects that we do.

What are you involved in at MUMC

I am involved in the MUMC youth group. I also serve as the youth representative for the MUMC Church Council. I have been a VBS helper over the years and have also helped with the WWF program. I work in the nursery on Sunday mornings and assist with Children's Church as needed. I love to help out as much as I can.

What is your favorite thing about our church

I enjoy being involved in the youth group and helping out in the children's activities.

What is your favorite Bible Verse

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

What is your favorite worship song

"Here As In Heaven"



Happy Birthday

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

What's
cooking?

October Menus

October 13th

Pot Roast
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Salad
Rolls
Drinks
Desserts

October 20th

Taco bar
With Trimmings
Chips/cheese dip/salsa
Rice
Drinks
Desserts

October 27th

Chili cook off
Bring your best pot of
chili and win prizes
Trunk or treat

Our kitchen crew has been feeding the Marion High Football team for several years on the afternoon of selected games. They are now extending this to include the Marion High School Band and the Marion High School Volleyball team.

If you would like to help with this mission, please contact Beverly or Bartt Vaughn @ bvaughn5@comcast.net.

The schedule for October is listed below.

October 1st

Feeding the
Football Team

October 8th

Feeding the
Band

October 22nd

Feeding the
Football Team

October 25th

Feeding the
Volleyball Team

Join us on Wednesdays

COMMUNION SERVICE

5:30 pm

with Rev. Dr. Bill Cato





Giving

Total financial gifts for July:

Budget (General)
\$42,805.26

Cap. Improvement
\$11,060.00

Children's Ministry
\$330.00

Discretionary Fund
\$335.00

Memorials Fund
\$2,422.50

Misc. Fund
\$6,100.00

Missions
\$524.00

Youth
\$100.00

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



James Sample

Laura & Matt Entrekkin

Sherri & James Marshall

Gail & Frank Fogleman

Sarah & John Traugh

Dawn & John Brenner

Jane Williamson

Char & John Griffiee

Barbara Reginelli

Jane & Charlie McNeely

Debbie Reginelli

Cindy & Tom French

Bond Family

Lynda & Jack Avery

Bart Turner

Rita & Roger Gilmore

Debbie & Frank Wallace

Brenda & Rod Alexander

Vesta & Billy McNeely

Sarah & Butch Higginbotham

Holly & Lannie Lancaster

Mary & Leven Williams

Shanna & Jamey Boney

Lisa & John Heath

Stacy & Tim Parker

Nancy & Judge John Fogleman

Serving in Worship This Month

USHERS

Denny East

Miller Owen

Danny Moore

Blake Vaughn

ACOLYTES

3rd Hadley Gill

Davis Fowler

10th Levi Rikard

Sam Owen

17th Mollie Owen

Clayton McCollum

24th Lake Laughter

Jackson Rawls

31st Mason Hardke

Mason Coe

HOW MAY WE PRAY WITH YOU?

Submit your prayer
request by texting
"MUMCPRAYS" to
77411



Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am deeply humbled and grateful to serve as your pastor. We certainly have a wonderful (and fun!) congregation that is helping to share the love of Christ with our community in some extraordinary ways. 2021 has certainly had its continued challenges but, together, we have handled every challenge with grace and a steadfast commitment. 2022 will bring new challenges as well as new opportunities to live out the gospel as a community of faith in the heart of Marion.

I thank God each day that I have the privilege of serving with such a vibrant congregation. I want you to know that I pray daily for this church. I pray that God will pour out the Spirit on our church and stir up spiritual revival among us. I pray that we will take discipleship seriously, that God will make every member of our church a committed follower of Jesus Christ in every area of life and that God would create a hunger for holiness in every soul. I pray that God will make each of us a passionate evangelist, sharing the good news of God's transforming love with every person we meet, and that God will use us as missionaries wherever we are in our daily lives. This is my prayer for our church. Everyday.

It has been a fruitful year of mission and there is much to celebrate. We also still have much to do in service to God's mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. It's a never-ending work, which is part of the joy of ministry!

This year, 11 young people made their first public profession of faith in Christ

at our annual confirmation service. This is real cause for celebration! Making new disciples is the heartbeat of the church – it is the very reason we exist. Thanks be to God for these new and growing disciples.

It is our job – as we promised – to do everything we can to strengthen them in their faith. Children and youth are the future pastors, missionaries, lay servants, and leaders of our congregations. They are a sign of God's promise that the Christian faith will continue to a new generation. Are you involved with the children's and youth ministry of this church? If not, I would challenge you to find a way to be involved. You can teach Sunday School, be a confirmation sponsor, go on a mission trip, serve with WWF or MUMC Youth, present children's sermons ... there are any number of ways to help. Children and Youth ministries should be a top priority for our congregation.

One of the areas of ministry we need to address is evangelism. I know that's a scary word for a lot of people. But evangelism should be the joy of every disciple. Just think about the difference faith and the love of God in Christ has made in your life. Think about how you have been supported, comforted, encouraged, challenged, and changed by being part of a community of faith. Now, don't you want others to share in that experience? Don't you want others to know that God loves them? Don't you think the message of God's love in Christ can make a real difference in the world, in our community, and in the hearts and lives of our neighbors? Evangelism is not

primarily about church growth; rather, it is about kingdom growth.

As part of our evangelism strategy, we have already taken some important steps to increase the visibility of our church in the community. We are part of a mailing program that automatically sends a postcard invitation from our church every month to every person who moves within a 5 mile radius of our church. Additionally, we are now advertising on the video broadcast of Marion sports programs as well as the Wynne radio station. Finally, we have new t-shirts that serve as a fun way to let others know about our church. We will be offering evangelism training in the next year and I want to strongly encourage you to take part. You already know the good news. This training will simply give you the awareness and confidence you need to share it.

I'm looking forward to what God has in store for Marion United Methodist Church in 2022. I believe that with the power of the Holy Spirit we will see many signs and wonders of lives being transformed by God's love. Thank you again for your faithful service to our community.



"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

Ephesians 6:18

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Worship With Friends

Our children have gathered for the past several Wednesdays ... and we are SO happy to be reunited! At Worship With Friends we follow a rotation schedule of activities similar to Vacation Bible School. Our children have been learning about detailed scripture studies on Genesis and the creation. They've played application games reviewing God's creation, and learned to use sign language to share a Bible verse - and it has been "supremely good!" Special thanks to our AWESOME volunteers - Sarah Higgenbotham, Kathy Eide, and Laura Entekin!



We are on break for the next two weeks due to the Marion School District calendar.

MARION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TRUNK OR TREAT

ALL KIDS WELCOME TO JOIN THE FUN!

October 27, 2021 | 5:15 PM - 6:30 PM
CHURCH PARKING LOT

Chili Cook Off!

CHILI COOK OFF DINNER
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
ADULTS \$7
KIDS \$5

More details will be revealed during Sunday announcements.

Our children's ministry wanted to take a moment to talk about our Mr. Joe.

Mr. Joe was everything to so many! He was an active volunteer and mentored many of our children over the years. He served at our weekly Worship With Friends, taught our kiddos at Sunday School while spoiling them with homemade cookies. He fed our children during Vacation Bible School, served as Santa and the Easter Bunny. There were so many countless volunteer hours - and let us NOT forget how many pockets full of suckers the children of MUMC have consumed!!!



We are all who we are today thanks to his Godly leadership and friendship. He loved God. He loved his community. He loved his church. He was fiercely protective and loving of his family and friends.



Mr. Joe was like no other. Because we knew him... we have been changed for good.



We love you, Mr. Joe!





Our youth started the month out working one of our missions by packing for our backpack program. Also, the team put together bags to be given out at the 5K Run in honor and support of Allison Wehrum.



Teresa Gardner held an Acolyte training session on Sunday, August 29th. She was excited to have 12 children attend the class. The new acolytes started participating during our Sunday Service last month. We are so blessed to have so many children stepping up.

HULLABALOO 2021



Although our Hullabaloo has been scaled down during 2020 and 2021, it continues to be a success. As always, we couldn't do it each and every year without our many dedicated volunteers.

We hope to have totals soon and will report to the congregation. Thank you to all who helped this year.



Within days of our Hullabaloo event, we lost two pillars who headed Hullabaloo meat sales each and every year. It is an understatement to say that these two individuals will leave a huge void in future Hullabaloo celebrations. Please continue to keep the families in your prayers as they adjust to life without Mr. James Sample and Mr. Joe Catt.



PRESCHOOL



Our 4-yr-old preschool taught by Ms. Teresa.



Our preschoolers go to chapel every Tuesday morning. On their first chapel, Bro. Bill taught the kids that, just like they searched for his missing bobble head, Jesus will always find them and be there to love them.



Our 3-yr-old preschool taught by Ms. Toni.



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

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