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



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Cover: Children's moment on Senior Sunday.

The seniors gave the children advice about growing up in the church. And in return, the little ones gave the seniors advice for surviving college. This moment can be found on our YouTube and Facebook pages.



LOVING ONE ANOTHER

Confirmands

Rachel Lane Coe

What does it mean to you for Jesus to be your savior? It means that you are forgiven for your sins and you are always loved.

What do you most like about being a part of our church? I like going back and helping with children's church on Sundays.

What are you looking forward to as part of youth group? I am looking forward to the trips that the youth groups take together.



Sam Keith Gibbs

What does it mean to you for Jesus to be your savior? It means that I get to say that I have a spot in heaven.

What do you most like about being a part of our church? It feels like one big family.

What are you looking forward to as part of youth group? I am looking forward to going to Veritas next year.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Confirmation Sunday was held Sunday, May 8th. This year we had two confirmands, Rachel Coe and Sam Gibbs. Rachel's sponsor was Rachael Vaughn and Sam's sponsor was Teresa Gardner. Both confirmands along with their sponsors participated in the ceremony in which each confirmand declared their faith in Christ and were reminded of their baptism. Confirmands participated in six weeks of classes with Bro. Bill to reach this momentous event.



Happy Birthday

(6/1) Bill 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 (6/17) Manning Shidler, Whitney Young (6/18) Jamey Boney, Kathryn Laughter, Will Preslar (6/20) David Brick, Jay Peyton (6/21) Kolby Jones, Chase Letner (6/22) Johnny Griffie (6/26) Nancy Fogleman, Mike Sargent (6/27) Kaylabeth Sample, Pam Scarbrough (6/29) Chris Archer (6/30) Lynett Bolton, Carron Cates



Giving

Total financial gifts for May

Budget (General) \$43,413.13	Cap. Improvement \$16,667.00
Children's Ministry \$335.00	Discretionary \$250.00
Gym \$100.00	Kitchen \$540.00
Memorials \$2,415.00	Misc. Fund \$14,125.00
Missions \$441.00	Youth \$100.00

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

Serving in Worship This Month

USHERS

Frank Fogleman	Andy Rawls
Steve Ford	Wayne Tabor

ACOLYTES

5th	Sam Owen
	Jackson Rawls
12th	AJ Kynch
	Colin Kynch
19th	Addie Claire Schwartz
	Clayton McCollum
26th	Mason Coe
	Levi Rikard

Summer Sermon Series

The Bible often uses unique names for God that reveal his character and attributes. As we discover more about God's names, we discover more about Him. Join us, starting on Sunday, June 5, as we get reintroduced to God through the power of his many names in our summer sermon series "Hello, My Name is God."



In Loving Memory of Francis Kaiser

Rita & Roger Gilmore

Joy Sample

In Loving Memory of Gloria Carter

Rita & Roger Gilmore

Janice & Kim Bellis

In Loving Memory of Mary Ann Scifers

Carol & David Acuff
Allison & Gary Wehrum
Teresa & Tony Gardner

Gail & Frank Fogleman
Carol & Doc Johnston
Stacy & Tim Parker

In Loving Memory of Patsy Catt

Sarah & John Traugh
Laura & Matt Entrekin
Nancy & Judge John Fogleman
Debbie & Frank Wallace
Dawn & John Brenner
Gail & Frank Fogleman
Teresa & Tony Gardner
Pam & Lance Scarbrough
Natalie & Jason Collard
Holly & Lannie Lancaster
Stacy & Tim Parker

Char & John Griffiee
Vesta & Billy McNeely
Nancy Baratti
Allison & Gary Wehrum
Tracey & Tracy Stokes
E. Jane McNeely
Donna Harral
Sue Bonds
Richard Howard
Dorothy Sample

In Loving Memory of Elizabeth Gill

Brittney & Ryan Carey
Jean & James Smith
Carolyn Emrich Orr
Martha & Hank Emrich

Carol Dalby
Debbie & John Scola
Teresa & Tony Gardner
Sue Bonds

Thank You!

On behalf of the entire Gill family and extended family, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the love, kindness, and generosity you have shown us. Losing a presence like Elizabeth is an unbearable pain, made only bearable by the people who have showered us in love during this time. For every prayer, every meal, every flower, and every tear - thank you for helping us celebrate her life and her spirit. We are very blessed to have this church family and community to lean on, and we thank God for each and every one of you.

Love,
The Gill family

Congratulations

CLASS OF 2022

On Sunday, May 22, MUMC celebrated our high school seniors. 8 seniors were in attendance: James Adland, Elliot Allen, Donovan Doyle, Anna Caroline Fesmire, Ben Gerrard, Laura Johnston, Luke Kennedy, and Dawson Whittington. Ben Gerrard shared a moment in the spotlight to talk about winning the baseball team's 5A state championship game. All the students were invited to come forward one last time for the children's moment. The seniors were presented with gifts from the church including:

- 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 Barbara Smith Family Life Center to enjoy a fabulous meal prepared by our extraordinary kitchen crew.



New Scholarship Opportunities starting in 2023!

The Catt family asked that we announce a new scholarship for graduating seniors who have attended the youth program at MUMC. The scholarship has been established through the Arkansas Community Foundation in memory of Patsy and Joe Catt and the first recipient will be selected and announced in the year 2023. The MUMC pastor, youth director, two MUMC lay members along with three members of the Catt family will sit on the committee to select the recipient for the scholarship. The designated amount of the scholarship will be a minimum of \$1,000 annually. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Stacey Harrah (Patsy's little sister) at 870-761-4248 or spharrah@gmail.com or you may contact Bethany Hilkert, the Donor Stewardship Officer at 501-372-1116 or toll free 888-220-2723. If you would like to donate to the scholarship fund, please see the information below.

Checks can be sent to:
Bethany Hilkert, Donor Stewardship Officer
Arkansas Community Foundation/Catt
5 Allied Drive, Suite 51110
Building 5, 11th Floor
Little Rock, AR 72202

Also, there is an online link available: arcf.org/Catt

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Promotion Sunday—June 12 during the
10:45 Worship Service

Children's Directors

Teresa Gardner
and Michelle Schwartz



VBS STARTS JUNE 12th!!

It's time for our favorite summer event, VBS!!!! We get started on Sunday, June 12th from 5:00 – 7:30 pm. We will learn how God provides for us through lessons,

games, science experiments, songs and crafts. Be sure to register online to attend and volunteer.

<https://marion-united-methodist-church.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

SUMMER FUN AT MUMC

This summer along with a super week of VBS, our children's ministry will offer three summer camps. Each camp will have a day for kids entering kindergarten through 3 grade and a day for kids going into grades 4 through 6. All Camps will be held from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

1. Our first camp will be a soccer camp. Sign your kids up for a fun day burning energy and learning awesome soccer moves from some of Marion's best players (MHS soccer team). Grades K-3 will be held on Tuesday, June 28, and grades 4-6 will be held on Thursday, June 30. Each camper will need to bring a sack lunch; water and snacks will be provided.
2. Spanish camp is set for July 12 and 14. Kids will not only learn to speak Spanish, but fun traditions, games, and even enjoy a yummy Spanish lunch. Grades K-3 will be held Tuesday, July 12, and grades 4-6 will be held Thursday, July 14.
3. Some of MUMC's finest chefs will be on hand to help the kids make some tasty treats (and maybe share a secret or two). Grades K-3 will be held Tuesday, July 19, and grades 4-6 will be held Thursday, July 21.



The cost for camp is \$10.00 per camp per child. Any child registering for all three camps will pay a total of \$25.00.



You can register by scanning the code, pick up a form in the Narthex or children's area or download the form on our website.

Please be sure to sign up early before classes fill up.



This picture is too cute not to share. As Chloe Harrison said, "There are two kinds of people in the world".

The Harrison twins sitting in church, one colors and one is decorating her face.



The WWF Children's Choir performed Sunday, May 1, in honor of the dedication of the new Joe Catt Children's Area.



CHANGES IN THE CHILDREN'S AREA

We have been so blessed to have had the duo team of Straley Owen and Michelle Schwartz leading the children's area for over a year now. Both Straley and Michelle have decided to cut back on time in the children's area; however, they will still be involved. Michelle has agreed to continue the WWF program along with VBS and will help out on some Sundays. Straley has also indicated that she wants to continue with volunteering when available. Thank you Straley and Michelle for all the hard work you put into this program and our precious children. With those changes being made, we are so excited to announce that Teresa Gardner has agreed to fill in as Interim Children's Director. She has organized some fun summer camps (soccer, Spanish and cooking), so be sure to get your children signed up early.

MUMC PRESCHOOL

4-yr old preschool—Shepherds

3-yr old preschool—Sheep



When you are the only kids at My Big Backyard and the weather is awesome... you get the best field trip.



When your preschool is in the heart of town, you get to visit the Chamber of Commerce for a map to find your house, walk to Ally B's for a snack, and check out the court house.



These little yogis did such a great job showing everyone all the poses they have learned this year.

Exciting changes to MUMC Preschool!

Meet The MUMC Preschool Teachers...

Teresa Gardner is the Preschool Director and Pre-K4 Shepherd Class teacher. She has been teaching preschool at MUMC for 24 years. Teresa is excited to begin her 25th year teaching alongside Joanna Chafin and Jennifer Morgan. She has been a church member for almost 30 years. Teresa's grandchildren both attended MUMC preschool.

Joanna Chafin will be teaching the Pre-K3 Sheep Class during the 2022-2023 school year. Joanna has been a church member for almost 10 years. She has a background and Master's Degree in Social Work. Joanna's two sons both attended MUMC preschool.

Jennifer Morgan is the assistant teacher in the Sheep and Shepherd Classes. She has a background in English and a Master's Degree in Education. Jennifer has taught locally in past years at Herbert Carter Global Community Magnet and Wynne Primary School. Her oldest daughter recently graduated from MUMC preschool, and her younger daughter will attend preschool in the fall.

Our preschool is focused on nurturing and preparing the whole child for kindergarten academically, socially, and emotionally. We implement reading, math, phonics, and life skills within the Christian-based curriculum ABC Jesus Loves Me. This upcoming year, we will also begin teaching the Heggerty Phonemic Awareness curriculum in our Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 classes. Our preschool is also offering extended hours! We allow parents to customize their child's schedule to fit each family's needs. Rates can be found on our website. Contact 870-771-0064 for more details.



MUMC Preschool College Scholarship

Each year, MUMC preschool awards a college scholarship to a preschool graduate. To qualify, the graduating senior must have attended MUMC preschool two years, be graduating from Marion High School, and be a member of MUMC. This year's recipient was Luke Kennedy. Congratulations, Luke!!



Graduation Class 2022

Graduation day for the Super Shepherds! There are no words for how awesome this crew of kids are! Get ready world... here they come!



Interview with Magnus Taylor Fowler

Playing with his friends and being with his Mamie have been Magnus's favorite things at preschool. He is really going to miss yoga and seeing Bro. Bill, Ms. Sheila, Ms. Cyndi and Ms. Tracy. During summer vacation, Magnus will go to the beach with his family and swim at the pool. He will be going to kindergarten at West Memphis Christian School, and can't wait to see his sister Davis there. When Magnus is 15, he will be a policeman and a firefighter, earning about \$15, that he will give to people that don't have money. He plans to drive a motorcycle and live in the field by his Mamie, Yes and Duke. Magnus wants to get married when he is 15 and have 1 or 6 kids.



A quick prayer before graduation.

Congratulations Brantley, Brynna Claire, Camp, Jaxon, Layne, Madelyn Rose, Magnus, Patton, Saylah, Valorie and William!!



Hat toss after graduation

EXIT INTERVIEWS:

Each year the Preschool Director, Teresa Gardner sits down with each Shepherd to interview them about their experiences during preschool, and what they want to do when they grow up. The following are some of the interviews. Enjoy!!

Interview with Layne Charles Sullivan

Layne has had so much fun at MUMC preschool. He has really enjoyed playing on the playground with his friends. He is going to miss playing in the gym and with blocks. This summer, Layne has big plans to celebrate his birthday at the beach and swim a lot at Kimmie's. When he is all grown at 16, Layne plans to be a football player earning around \$18. Some day he is going to get married and have two kids. They will move to the farm at Imboden. Layne will work hard deer hunting and feeding the cows.

Interview with Patton Steele Chafin

Patton will be going to West Memphis Christian School for Kindergarten and is looking forward to playing outside and in centers there. He has had a great time at MUMC Preschool playing with toys and is really going to miss his whole class. This summer, Patton wants to play with Magnus and Brantley, and eat lots of French fries. When he is 7, Patton will be a farmer and an amazing basketball player. He will earn about \$50 cash...enough to buy groceries. He plans to live in West Memphis, get married and have 3 kids.

Interview with Madelyn Rose Morgan

Madelyn has loved being a preschooler at MUMC preschool. She has had lots of fun making crafts. Madelyn is really going to miss her friends and the playground. This summer, she has plans to celebrate her birthday, swim and eat enchiladas. After a fun summer Madelyn will attend kindergarten at Herbert Carter Global School. She is super excited to spend a long time everyday at kindergarten. When she is 35, she will be a veterinarian, and a mom at 40. Madelyn plans to live in a lake house with her 100 kids. She is not sure if she will get married (is everybody doing that marry thing?).

Interview with Brynna Claire Fogleman

Brynna Claire plans to attend kindergarten at Herbert Carter Global School and is excited to learn more about math. While she is ready for kindergarten, she is really going to miss her friends, teachers and playing in centers at preschool. By the time she is 22, Brynna Claire plans to be a rock star, earning 25 million 65 per month. She would also like to get married when she is 22, and will have ZERO kids. She will live on her same street, but not with her parents.

The Joe Catt Children's Area

And

The Matt Sample Youth Building

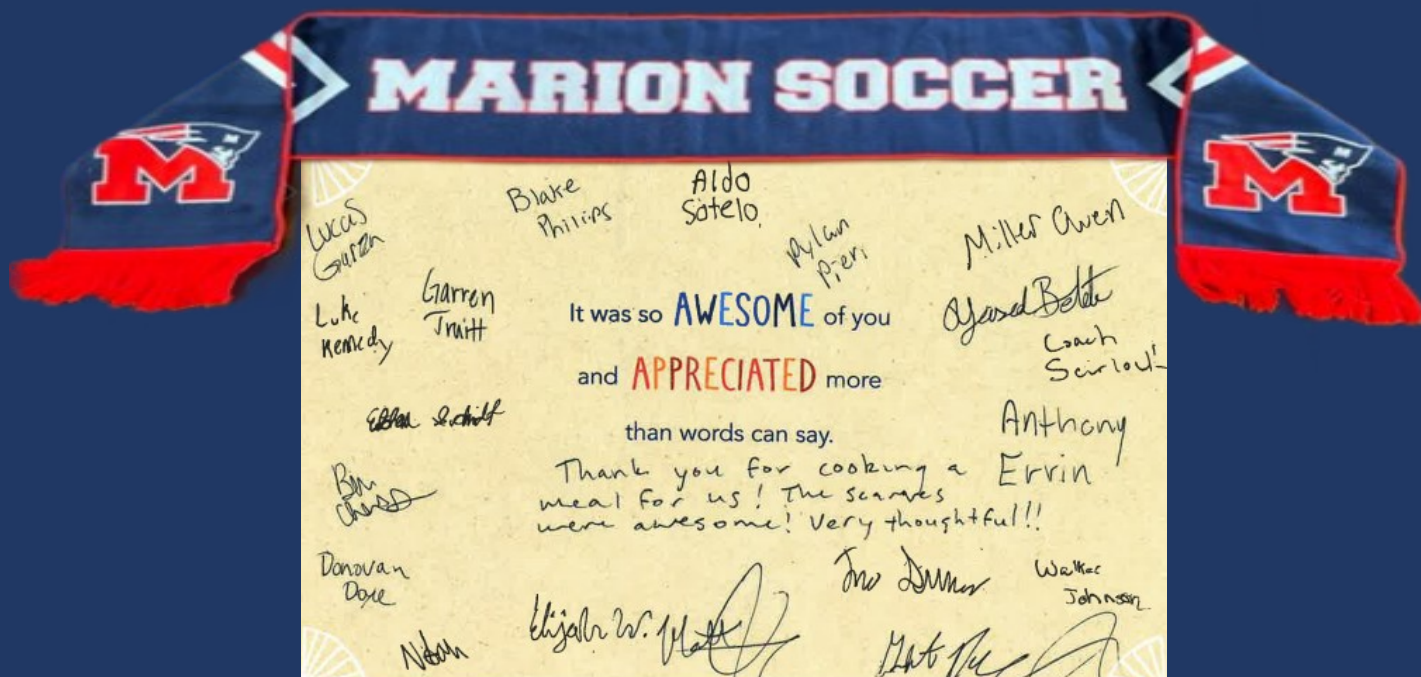
The crowd gathered in the education hall for a dedication of the children's area and a re-dedication of the Matt Sample Youth Building. Dr. Bill Cato and Lannie Lancaster presented a plaque naming the children's wing as the Joe Catt Children's Area. The plaque is located just inside the main children's area behind the counter.

Following that presentation, the crowd moved to the area just outside the youth building for the re-dedication of the Matt Sample Youth Building. The memorial wall for Matt Sample was removed during the renovation process of the youth building. The memorial wall along with the new plaque will go up once the State has completed the road-widening process and the trustees determine if the main entrance will need to be relocated. Until that time, we have placed the plaque on an easel just outside the entrance to the Matt Sample Youth Building.

Following the presentations, everyone gathered for coffee, juice, donuts and fellowship in the Narthex. Thank you to everyone who helped pull this event together.



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Church Office Hours

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