

**AUGUST | 2022**

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



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## Serving in Worship This Month

### USHERS

David Brick      Steve Sutton  
Luke Kennedy      Blake Vaughn

### ACOLYTES

7th      Davis Fowler  
Addi Clare Schwartz  
14th      Mason Coe  
Lake Laughter  
21st      AJ Kynch  
Colin Kynch  
28th      Katie Wynn Entrekin  
Mollie Ruth Owen

## JULY MISSION PROJECT

After the Eighth Street Mission for Jesus Christ reached out to our church for help, our Sunday School classes got busy. Each class was given a selection of food items to collect for 2 weeks. On July 10, a truck load of food that included breakfast foods, staple products, coffee, sugar, flour, pasta, sauces, canned vegetables, eggs, meat, butter and more was delivered to the Eighth Street Mission kitchen. To say that they were happy was an understatement.

Thank you to all of the classes that came together to make this project so successful.



Greetings Church Friends!

I wanted to provide a brief update on the financial position of our church. As a member, I would have found this information helpful and insightful. Now that I serve on the finance committee, I would like to provide this information to you all consistently.

Obviously, we have faced a series of challenges over the past several years, but fortunately, 2020 and 2021 were very good from a financial perspective. Congregational giving was strong in both years and met all of the operational and building needs of our church. However, 2022 has started much slower.

Through the end of June, giving for the operations is lower by ~15% from our budget; and giving for the building is lower by ~25% from budget. This is not a cause for panic; our Church does have reserves to meet shortfalls, but I ask that each of you evaluate your current position and your giving to the mission and ministry of our church.

We will continue to provide updates over the balance of the year, but please prayerfully consider the financial support that you can provide to our church.

MUMC Finance Committee  
Shelbi Cole, Chair



## Giving

### Total financial gifts for July

<b>Budget (General)</b> \$50,087.68	<b>Cap. Improvement</b> \$11,842.00
<b>Children's Ministries</b> \$65.00	<b>Discretionary Fund</b> \$0
<b>Hope for the Holidays</b> \$0	<b>Joyful Noise</b> \$213.71
<b>Kitchen Fund</b> \$0	<b>Memorials</b> \$350.00
<b>Misc.</b> \$3,900.00	<b>Missions</b> \$455.00

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

## Happy Birthday

(8/2) Vivian Jones, Hadley Gill, Laura Johnston, Patrick Robbins (8/3) Joshua Doyle, Rick Gill, Danny Moore (8/4) Michael Sample (8/5) Rod Alexander (8/6) Bill Cato, Lee Fesmire (8/7) Sue Bonds, Evin Cooper, Hugh Inman, Stacy Webb (8/9) Zane Fogleman (8/10) Dalton Williams, Beverly Vaughn (8/11) Jerry Webb (8/12) Brooke Williams (8/13) Matt Hale, Amanda Harlow, Jane Ashley Stuckey (8/14) Ethan Hinze, Jim Johnston, Cynthia Trimbell (8/15) Charles Horton (8/16) Rex Rogers (8/17) Madi Grace Catt, Jane McNeely, Christine Preslar, Tricia Price (8/18) Bren Sutton (8/19) Nina Luedke, Ava Lucille Phillips, Kari Robbins, Marty Smith (8/20) Apperson Williams, Ross Williams (8/23) Ann Carpenter, Noah Coopwood, Bert Holt (8/24) Jody Catt, Mitch Shidler (8/26) Cherrell Duncan, Christy Miller, Parker Sutton, Kelly Walker, Thomas Walker (8/27) Emily Letner (8/29) Carol Johnston, Connie Marrs (8/30) Adam Cole, Abbigale Simmons, Patrick Simmons (8/31) Sarah Higginbotham, Avery Gill, Bartt Vaughn



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



## Summer Camps

After our fun soccer camps, the children's ministry had two more action packed camps.

Jennifer Johnston led two fun days of Spanish Camp. The kids learned colors, numbers, shapes and more through fun games such as musical chairs, UNO and a scavenger hunt. After a day with señorita Jennifer, the oldest kids were treated to a meal at Mi Pueblo where they ordered lunch in Spanish.



Blake Vaughn led the kids through a fun culinary experience. Pizza and strawberry trifle was on the menu of this camp. The younger campers put together their pizzas, patted out their own dough and topped their strawberry dessert with whipped cream. The older campers prepped everything for their meal, including chopping veggies, making sauce and baking cakes for the trifle. After all their hard work, both groups of campers enjoyed yummy pizza and dessert.



Our three camps held this this summer would not have been so great without all the amazing volunteers. When you see these individuals, please be sure to thank them for giving of their time and talents to make summer fun for our kids:

Luke Kennedy, Jennifer Johnston, Blake Vaughn, Anna Werham, Ella Rivers Kennedy, Witt Kennedy, Miller Owen, Donavan Doyle, Avery Boney, Isabella Hinze, Bart Vaughn, Beverly Vaughn, Ginger Gibbs, Leslie Brick, Sam Gibbs and Susan Hale.



## Worship With Friends

Our Worship With Friends will kick off on Wednesday, August 24th! This is a paid-for, after-school program that provides rotations of music, devotional Bible lessons, crafts, recreation and snacks! This program is for children in grades K-6. The church is unable to provide transportation; however, students who attend HCGC may complete the walker form to be released to the church on Wednesdays.

The cost of WWF is \$75.00 per child, per semester. The cost provides for material fees, snacks and helps supplement youth workers. A sign-up link will be provided in the children's area and in upcoming bulletins.

As we prepare for WWF, volunteers are needed on a rotation basis. WWF starts back August 24th at 3:15 pm for children in grades K-6. Children's choir will be a part of WWF starting at 4:45pm. Please contact Michelle Schwartz with dates you will be able to help make this program a success.



## Take Me Out to the Ball game!

As we wind down summer, at least on the calendar, please join our church family for an afternoon with the Memphis Redbirds. The MUMC day will be on Sunday, September 11th at 2:00 pm at Autozone Stadium. Group tickets for this event are \$17 each, but are only available through August 27th.



Also, we want our congregation to show their support at Sunday School and the 10:45 Worship service on September 11th, by wearing your favorite team jersey for a morning of baseball-themed worship. Following our service, everyone is invited to head to the stadium.



Our Youth Director, Kolby Jones, took the youth off site to the Crosstown Concourse in Memphis on July 10th.

The youth group enjoyed chicken from Abners before a lesson from the book, Goliath Must Fall.



**Oct. 15**  
**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: \$25
- Chicken Halves: \$10



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### Church Office Hours

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

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