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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

TAYLOR FOWLER

How long have you been a member of MUMC?

I've been a member of MUMC for 13 years.

Tell us about your family.

My wife, Meghan, who I met at MUMC, and I have two children, Davis Elizabeth(10) and Magnus Taylor (5). We also have a dog, Duke, a horse, Roxanne and several ducks.

Tell us about your job.

I work in the petrochemical and refining business, performing inspections based off of current code and client-driven criteria.

What are your hobbies

My hobbies are spending time with my family, fishing and hanging out with friends.

What are you involved in at MUMC?

I play drums for the praise and worship team, and I am a member of the Grace and Peace Sunday School Class. Mr. David Fogleman is a great teacher! I also don't mind helping out the greatest mother n' law in the world, Teresa Gardner (MUMC Children's and Preschool Director) at whatever she needs help with.

What is your favorite thing about our church?

My favorite thing about church IS probably the Wednesday Night Suppers where we not only have a fabulous meal, but also great fellowship. Those guys and gals do an excellent job at whatever they cook each week.

What is your favorite Bible Verse? My favorite Bible verse is "Do not worry about anything, but in everything be prayerful." Philippians 4:6

What is your favorite worship song?

My favorite worship son is Arise My Soul Arise arranged by Celeste Letchworth.



Happy Birthday



(2) Robert Allison, Payne Bius, Shannon Busby, Kathy Fowler, Grover Shannon, Cathy Horton (3) Misty Kennedy (5)Gail Harlow, Paula Pace (7) Averie Ward (8) Ramer Sutton, Debi Williams (10) Fred Wesberry (11) Sandy Webb (12) Paul Allen, Ginger Gibbs (13) Barbara Barnett Michael Charlton, Wally Fowler, Conner Allison, Cooper Allison, Erica Archer East, Thomas Gerrard, Mandy Hinze (16) Jessica Croom, Witt Kennedy (19) Billy McNeely (21) Drew Landry, Elizabeth Williams (22) Kristi Doyle (23) Shelbi Cole (25) Tracy McDonald, 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

Pastor's Pen

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers." (Romans 12: 9-13)

The New Revised Standard version places the verses above under the subject of "The Marks of the True Christian." Subject headings rarely catch my attention but this one did. It's powerful, and somewhat convicting, to think that the Christian life should bear some distinctive marks. Our faith should produce evidence that we follow Jesus.

The quick and commanding phrases in this passage offer us some goals for the Christian life. According to Paul, the true Christian is marked by overwhelming

love, passionate service, and extreme generosity. These attributes are to be integrated into the grit and grind of our daily life. They are to be manifested in the way we work, talk, and treat others.

John Wesley, too, believed that Methodist Christians in particular should bear certain distinctive marks that define life. Steve Harper wrote a book called *Five Marks of a Methodist* that was based on one of Wesley's sermons. Harper breaks Wesley's advice down into five phrases. A Methodist:

1. Loves God
2. Rejoices in God
3. Gives Thanks
4. Prays Constantly
5. Loves Others

That's a short, easily memorable guide for life.

Further, Wesley also gave us the General Rules as a helpful guide for living life. In short form, the General Rules are:

1. Do no harm
2. Do good to others
3. Stay in love with God by attending to the Means of Grace

All of these sets of rules complement the others. They all suggest basically the same kind of life.

Perhaps it would be a good exercise to spend a few weeks meditating on each of the rules above. Take a phrase per day from Paul's list for the next 13 days. Then take 8 days to consider the Wesleyan rules for life. If we spend time prayerfully working these characteristics into our everyday life I think we might be surprised at how different our lives look in 21 days.



Join us on Wednesdays

OCT. 19 & 26

COMMUNION
SERVICE

5:30 pm

with Rev. Dr. Bill Cato





Giving

Total financial gifts for September

Budget (General)
\$41,809.72

Cap. Improvement
\$7,671.00

Children's Ministry
\$0

Hope for the Holidays
\$0

Joyful Noise
\$190.00

Memorials
\$0

Misc. Fund
\$350.00

Missions
\$335.00

Youth
\$600.00

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

Serving in Worship This Month

USHERS

Lee Fesmire

Andy Rawls

Jeff Johnston

Jett Sutton

Joey Laughter

Nick Sutton

ACOLYTES

2nd AJ Knych

Colin Knych

9th Mason Coe

Katie Wynn Entrekin

16th Mollie Owen

Addi Clare Schwartz

23rd Lake Laughter

Sam Owen

23rd Mason Hardke

Levi Rikard

CHURCH EVENTS:

TUESDAYS:

- Oct 4, 11, 18 & 25 **Bible Study Fellowship** / 6:20 pm
Education Building - Upstairs

WEDNESDAYS

- Oct .12, 19 & 26 **WWF**
3:15 pm / Children's Area
- Children's Choir**
4:45 pm / Children's Choir
- Adult Choir**
6:45 pm / Sanctuary
- Oct. 19 & 26 **Wed. Night Communion**
5:30 pm / Sanctuary
- Wednesday Night Dinner**
6:00 pm / Gym

THURSDAYS:

- Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27 **Bible Study with our Pastor**
Genesis Classroom in FLC / 10:00 am

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- Oct. 9 5th & 6th Graders Lunch & Bible Study
 - Oct. 9-14 Hullabaloo set up
 - Oct. 15 Hullabaloo / 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Silent Auction / Country Store / Games / Concession / Children's Area
 - Oct. 30 Trunk or Treat - MUMC Parking Lot

HOW MAY WE PRAY WITH YOU?

Submit your prayer
request by texting
"MUMCPRAYS" to
77411



MUMC FAMILY DAY



Thank you to Teresa Gardner for making arrangements for our church family to attend a Redbirds game at Autozone Park on September 11th. Sixty-five tickets were purchased for the event and the weather couldn't have been any better. Although the Redbirds did not take home the win, the event provided for some great MUMC fellowship. Our kiddos had fun running bases after the game to demonstrate their young talents. Thanks to all who attended the game.



BIBLE STUDY with Dr. William Cato

We are continuing our Bible Study Group on Thursday from 10:00–11:00 am. Please join us as we work our way through the book of Mark.

The group meets in the Genesis Classroom located in the Family Life Center.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office at 870-739-3434.



BACKPACK PROGRAM

A few of the Grace and Peace Sunday school members spent the morning of Sunday, August 28th, in the mission / backpack room getting bags ready for deliveries to our local MSD schools on Fridays.



MUMC CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our church leadership held a meeting on Sunday, September 18th to address questions with regard to the process of choices available to Methodist Churches. The meeting was well attended and additional meetings will be scheduled once more information becomes available to our pastor and leadership team. If you have any questions or would like to have discussions with a member of our leadership, they are:



Chair of Church Council: Brian Doyle
Lay Leader: Matt Entrekin
Chair of Trustees: Marty Cooper
Chair of Finance: Shelbi Cole

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Our Sunday school classes played a game of Bible baseball teaching them how we are to play fair with others.

"Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules".

2 Timothy 2:5

THANK YOU FROM WWF!

Our kiddos attending WWF spent their afternoon on September 21st baking and packing cookies for our local law enforcement officers. They took a short walk next door to the police station to deliver the fresh-baked goodies and let them know how much we appreciate them and all the work they do to protect our community.



SECOND SUNDAYS

Our children's ministry is excited to announce a new program we are starting for all our fifth and sixth graders at MUMC. We are calling the program SECOND SUNDAY. Once a month we will meet, following the Sunday morning worship service, for lunch and an activity.

We hope to encourage our tweenagers to become more involved in our church through this time of fellowship. We plan to do a mission project, Bible study and have lots of fun and laughs.

Our first SECOND SUNDAY will be Sunday, October 9th. We will meet in the children's area following church. We will have lunch at church, have an activity and be through by 3:00 pm

We have an amazing group of fifth and sixth graders in our church and hope to see them join this monthly program. To register your child, please contact Teresa Gardner @ 870-559-6770 or tgardner@marion-umc.com.

PRESCHOOL

MUMC preschool is back in session! The kids are having fun playing and learning with their friends. Pictured is Bro. Bill at Chapel with the preschool teaching the story of Noah's faith and trust in God to keep the Ark afloat when the flood waters rose. He demonstrated this by using a paperclip trick where the paperclip floats at the end rather than sinking in water.



Weekly chapel with Bro. Bill is such fun. The children helped Bro. Bill find his lost duck. Afterwards he told them the story of the Shepherd who went in search of his one lost sheep. In class we learned how Jesus is our Good Shepherd and that he will never leave us.



NEW FLOORING FOR OUR PLAYGROUND!!

Thanks to a generous donation, our playground has a new floor! All of the kids at MUMC and the adults who work with them are so very grateful. Hopefully we can add a sunshade to the existing playground to help it last longer.



PDO

Our PDO program returned at the beginning of September. This month they have been meeting all the new friends who have joined the class.

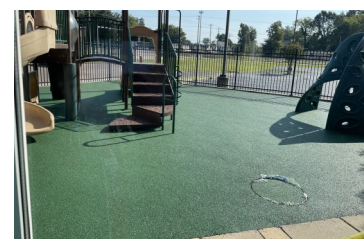
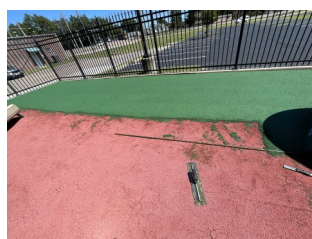


They are learning about the color red, circle shapes and the letter "A".



We had our first mystery reader. Jack's dad, Mr. Tyler, read one of Jack's favorite books Hey Coach! to us.

Also, we had a former preschool graduate, Davis Fowler, come read to the children.



Before and after photos

Marion United Methodist Church

Back and Better Than Ever!

Hullabaloo

Sat. Oct. 15 2022

9 am - 2 pm
81 Military Rd

- Kids Games
- Country Store
- Concessions
- Silent Auction
- Meat Sales

Boston Butt	\$35	<u>Meat Pick-Up Times</u>
Chicken 1/2	\$10	Fri. 10/14... 5:30-7pm
Pork Loin	\$25	Sat. 10/15... 10am-2pm

Church Office: 870.739.3434

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Dates and Meals for October are as follows:

- Oct. 19 Meal prepared by the Friends and Fellowship classroom and the Grace and Peace classroom: Pasta Bar with 2 sauces, 2 meats, salad, bread, dessert, tea and water
- Oct. 26 Meal prepared by the MUMC kitchen crew: Pot roast, mashed potatoes, carrots, desserts, tea and water



FEEDING OUR ATHLETICS

Thanks to our volunteers, we are not only able to feed our MSD football team but are able to extend this mission to the MSD soccer team, band, etc. We will serve the football team on October 7th before they head to play against the Searcy Lions.



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Church Office Hours

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