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



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The youth will need volunteers to help fill plates and deliver meals to seniors on Thanksgiving morning at 8:00 am in the gym and kitchen areas.



LOVING ONE ANOTHER

MUMC SPOTLIGHT

PAM YOUNG

How long have you been a member of MUMC?

I started attending MUMC in 2009 and joined a year later.

Tell us about your family.

My family includes my fur baby KitKat, a niece, twin nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Tell us about your job.

I am retired from the State of Arkansas.

What are your hobbies

My hobbies include reading, fishing and shopping. I like to attend arts and crafts shows.

What are you involved in at MUMC?

I am involved in the delivery aspect of the backpack program at our church, collect items from merchants and work the silent auction during Hullabaloo and volunteer where needed at our summer VBS program.

What is your favorite thing about our church?

My favorite thing about church is how we reach out to our community.

What is your favorite Bible Verse? My favorite Bible verse is "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13

What is your favorite worship song?

My favorite worship son is "Amazing Gracy, My Chains are Gone"



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, Grace Sells (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

Report from the Finance Committee

Fall is a wonderful time in Marion. The heat and humidity give us a break. We get college football every Saturday. Hullabaloo, Halloween, Thanksgiving....

But the fall is also a very important time in the financial planning of the church. As a church, we take an assessment of how our year is going, and look to project into the next year.

Did you know that it takes nearly one million dollars each year to operate and maintain our church? Our largest "expense" is for the people that lead our ministry and our missions (full list on the back of your bulletin). Our second largest expense is making our mortgage payments on our beautiful facility. From there, we pay utilities, insurance, maintenance – all of the normal, everyday expenses.

Each year our Church Council approves an annual budget for the upcoming year, and I am pleased to report that in 2020, 2021 and 2022 we have actually spent less than we have budgeted to spend! Also, congregational giving in 2020 and 2021 was greater than our expenses – so we ended each of those years with a surplus. However, 2022 has been a different story – while expenses have been kept in check – congregation giving has not met those expenses. It is not a cause for panic (our church does have reserves to meet shortfalls), but it is something that I would ask each of you to reflect upon. We have 2 months left in the year, so please prayerfully consider the financial contribution that you can make to our church over these next 2 months. Every bit helps.

Further, all throughout the month of November, we will be asking you to complete and return an Estimate of Giving card for 2023 – a way for you to express your financial commitment to our church. This is OUR Church – and the money that we give allows us to further God's work in our community and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your continued financial support to Marion United Methodist Church!

Shelbi Cole, Finance Chair

Year to Date Through 9/30/2022

General Giving \$416,093 Operational Expenses \$459,768 (Shortfall \$43,675)

Building/Capital Giving \$128,430 Mortgage Payments \$229,680 (Shortfall \$101,249)

Join us on Wednesdays

**COMMUNION
SERVICE**

Nov. 2, 9 & 30

5:30 pm

with Rev. Dr. Bill Cato





Giving

Total financial gifts for October

Budget (General) \$52,109.70	Cap. Improvement \$25,209.56
Children's Ministry \$ -0-	Hope for the Holidays \$21,325.00
Memorials \$ -0-	Misc. Fund \$10,800.00
Missions \$720.00	Youth \$650.00

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

Serving in Worship This Month

USHERS

Jeremy McFarland	Blake Vaughn
Wayne Tabor	Jeff Vaughn
Bart Turner	Neal Williams

ACOLYTES

6th	Hadley Gill
	Addi Clare Schwartz
13th	Troy Cole
	Davis Fowler
20th	Lexi Laughter
	Clayton McCollum
27th	Katie Wynn Entrekin
	Levi Rikard

CHURCH EVENTS:

TUESDAYS:

- Nov. 1, 8, 15 & 29 **Bible Study Fellowship** / 6:20 pm
Education Building - Upstairs

WEDNESDAYS

- Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30 **WWF**
3:15 pm / Children's Area
- Children's Choir**
4:45 pm / Children's Choir
- Adult Choir**
6:45 pm / Sanctuary
- Nov. 2, 9 & 30 **Wed. Night Communion**
5:30 pm / Sanctuary
- Wednesday Night Dinner**
6:00 pm / Gym

THURSDAYS:

- Nov. 3 and 10 **Bible Study with our Pastor**
Genesis Classroom in FLC / 10:00 am
- Nov. 6 All Saints Sunday
- Nov. 13 5th & 6th Graders Lunch & Bible Study
- Nov. 20 Hope for the Holidays Adoption
Following Sunday Service in Narthex
- Nov. 24 Youth deliver Turkey Dinners
- Dec. 8 Youth Chili-Cinnamon Roll Sale
- Dec. 11 Children's Christmas Program
10:45 am
- Dec. 18 Adult Choir Christmas Program
10:45 a.m.
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
6:00 pm

HOW MAY WE PRAY WITH YOU?

Submit your prayer
request by texting
"MUMCPRAYS" to
77411



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER



Dates and Meals for November are as follows:

Nov. 2

Annual Chili Cook-Off.
Please bring your best pot of Chili to be judged. Awards will be given for Best Tasting and Hottest. It is always a lot of fun. Don't miss out! We will also have all of the fixings to go with your bowl of chili!



Nov. 9

Breakfast Bar
This will be supporting our youth group and raising money for our upcoming Hope for the Holidays project.

Nov. 30

Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, corn, rolls, desserts



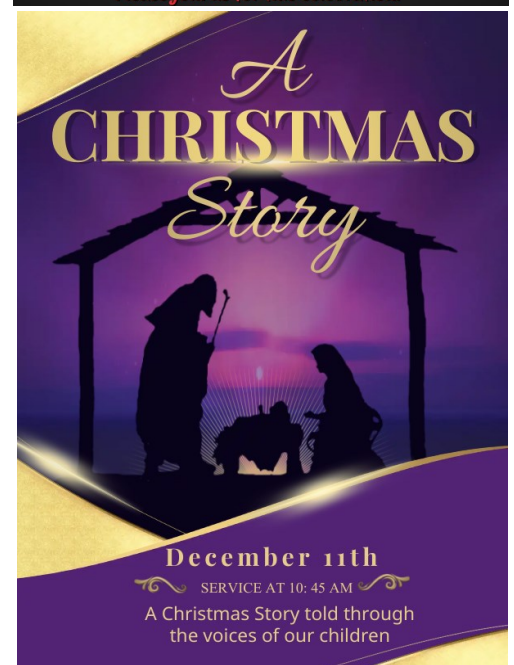
Red Poinsettias will beautify the sanctuary December 18th through Christmas Day. If you would like to place one or more poinsettias in the sanctuary in memory of or in honor of loved ones, please complete an order form located on the tables in the Narthex. Please return the order form along with a check in the amount of \$27.00 for each poinsettia purchased. Orders will be taken through noon on December 10th. Please turn your order in as soon as possible.

BAPTISM

Sophie Katherine Smith



On Sunday, October 30th Marion United Methodist Church welcomed Sophie Katherine Smith as our newest member through her baptism. Sophie was born September 25, 2021. Pictured above are proud parents Dustin and Ashley Smith, big brother Carson and God parents, Brooke and Kevin Ritter.



HULLABALLOO

2022



Our first Hullabaloo since the pandemic did not disappoint. Our gym was full of members and visitors shopping, eating, playing games and bidding on silent auction items. Thank you to everyone who participated with donations and those who volunteered your time. Our final numbers from the event:

Meat Sales:	\$ 9,074.59
Games:	\$ 582.00
Concession:	\$ 1,201.58
Silent Auction:	\$ 3,859.00
Country Store:	\$ 8,563.00
TOTAL:	\$23,280.17



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Our first Second Sunday was great. This amazing group of tweenagers had fun with a scavenger hunt through the church and working on a mission project within our church. If you spot the "mini Methodist" scribble sheets in the pews, this is the group that puts them out.

Our next Second Sunday will be November 13th. If you have a child in the 5th or 6th grade and would like them to be a part of this program please contact Teresa Gardner.



Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat 2022 was a hit. The kids enjoyed seeing all the creative trunks and the work that went into making this event a success. Over 100 kiddos participated in the event. The youth hosted a successful concession stand.

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PRESCHOOL

Now
Mondays
Thru
Fridays

Teachers:
Teresa Gardner
Joanna Chafin
Jennifer Morgan

Along with learning their ABCs and 1,2,3s, our preschoolers learned about integrity. From the story of Jonah and the Big Fish and the book The Rainbow Fish, we talked about always doing the right thing.



This year, preschool has added Funday Monday to our program. This day is giving kids the opportunity to have more time learning and playing with their preschool friends.

YOGA



Thank you to Graham's mom for being our mystery reader. The kids all love hearing Ms. Lauren read Corduroy's Best Halloween Ever.



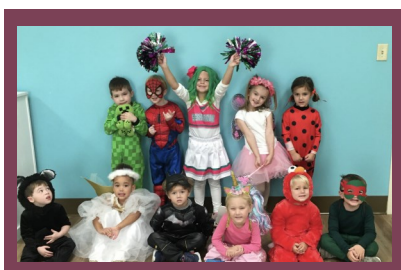
Yoga class taught by Ms. Teresa each week.

Weekly Chapel where the kiddos learn a Bible story from Bro. Bill.

CHAPEL



Our preschoolers decked out in costumes for the annual Halloween parade.



Each month the preschoolers make a donation to the backpack program. This month was Mac-n-Cheese.

BACKPACKS



This year our preschoolers are learning a new ABC song and dance.

ABCs



Con't. Trunk or Treat

The best trunk goes to the Ford family. As promised, they win a free Wednesday night dinner for the remainder of this year. Michelle and Theresa appreciate the support received to, once again, make a fun event for families.



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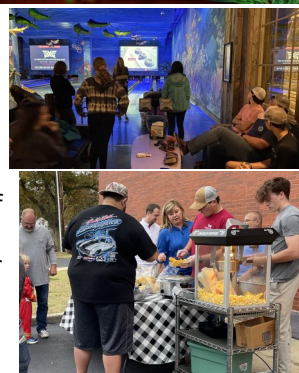
Debbie Wallace, Organist

Marcia Sutton, Pianist



Family adoptions will begin on
Sunday, November 20th, following
Worship Service in the Narthex.

The weather kept our youth from going to the corn maze, but they didn't let that stop the fun. They headed to a night of bowling and dinner at Central BBQ. Our youth also worked the concession for Trunk or Treat.



Church Office Hours

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

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