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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

Robin Coe

How long have you been a member of MUMC?

I've been a member of this church since 2008 although I am a life-long Methodist.

Tell us about your family.

I have been married to my husband, Matt, for nearly 15 years. We have three children: Rachel, Mason and Wesley and a dog named Millie.

Tell us about your job.

I am a speech-language pathologist and work at a small, private practice in West Memphis. I am primarily with early intervention and preschool-aged children but also some school-aged children. I also work as needed at another clinic with adult/neuro rehab patients.

What are your hobbies

Right now, my main hobby is taking kids from one activity to the next :) I also like to read and bake.

What are you involved in at MUMC?

I recently started helping with our youth Sunday School class. Through my Sunday School class, I have helped with Hope for the Holidays, Wednesday Night Suppers, and the backpack program.

What is your favorite thing about our church?

My favorite thing about our church has been our Crossroads Sunday School class. We have awesome leaders and have all formed great friendships. I feel very blessed to be a part of that group. I love Hope for the Holidays. It's great to see a community wide effort to help those less fortunate.

What is your favorite Bible Verse? Psalm 34:22 "Let your unfailing love surround us, Lord, for our hope is in you alone."

What is your favorite worship song?

10,000 Reasons and Hymn of Promise



Happy Birthday

(1) Kristen Bernard (2) John Fogleman, Heather Benson (3) Conner Catt, Bubba Cooper (4) Anna Rawls (5) Spencer Morris, Dustin Smith, Heath Stuckey (6) Devon Doyle, Abi Grace King, Kathryn Perkins (7) Wayne Croom, Jonathan Gill (8) Linda Coale (9) John Traugh (11) Diana Lugar (12) Steve Ford, Ann Rogers, Chris Ward (13) Carson Smith (14) Pam Betts, Cheryl Conrad, Pam Gray, Olivia Harvey (15) Catt Cole, Debbie Reginelli (16) Paula Moore (17) Matthew Coe, John Wallace (18) Stacy Parker (19) Ryan Carey (20) Patricia Charlton, Troy Elizabeth Cole, Jackson Lancaster (22) MacKenzie Massey, Amelia Stuckey (23) Buster Benton, Jr., Steve Sutton (24) Jeff Johnston (25) Shanna Boney, Olivia Walker (26) Magnus Fowler, Terry Gibbs (27) Matt Moore (29) Joanna Chafin (30) Jaxson Hinze, Weston Hinze

Pastor's Pen

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a town and spend a year there, doing business and making money." Yet you do not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes — James 4:13-14, NRSVue

Wow! That was fast! One more year has come and gone and a new one is upon us.

When you look back on 2022, did everything go according to plan? Were you able to anticipate everything that happened? Or, did not happen? Did some things turn out better than you expected and not as bad as you had imagined? Or did things just pretty much work out as you thought they would? Any surprises? Any sudden changes? As we look forward to the new year, I wonder if our prognostications will fare any better.

Scripture implores us to remember that we do not plan or work alone in our world, but to recognize God is at work as well. Certainly we are taught to live with intention, "counting the costs," planning and working diligently. At the same time, we are to understand that our time is ultimately in the hands of God.

I think James teaches us that as we look back, and as we look forward, that it is God who gives us breath and life and a day or year to live in. It is for God's purposes that we were made. Yes, we may review and plan, but we do so knowing that it is for Him and not ourselves, so that no matter what may come, we will endeavor to do what is right in the days, months, and years that are given.

Maybe as we are reviewing and resolving this season, we will be thankful that we have today, and we will do those things that we know in our hearts are the "right things to do". Perhaps James is telling us that if we do that, the days will take care of themselves. I am praying this year that we see the blessing and purpose of each day, to live joyfully for others and to give God the glory for his goodness.

Happy New Year!



Join us on Wednesdays
January 11, 18 & 25

COMMUNION
SERVICE

5:30 pm

with Rev. Dr. Bill Cato





Giving

Total financial gifts for December

Budget (General) \$63,724.26	Cap. Improvement \$25,757.00
Children's Ministry \$0	Hope for the Holidays \$2,500.00
Memorials \$1,400.00	Misc. Fund \$11,781.00
Missions \$2,145.00	Youth \$0

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

CHURCH EVENTS:

TUESDAYS:

- Jan 10, 17, 24, 31 **Bible Study Fellowship** / 6:20 pm
Education Building - Upstairs

WEDNESDAYS

- Jan. 18 & 25 **WWF & Children's Choir**
3:15 pm / Children's Area
- Jan. 11, 18 & 25 **Wed. Night Communion**
5:30 pm / Sanctuary
- Wednesday Night Dinner**
6:00 pm / Gym

THURSDAYS:

- To be Announced **Bible Study with our Pastor**
Genesis Classroom in FLC / 10:00 am

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- Jan. 2. Office Closed
 - Jan. 8 Second Sunday following Worship
Service for 5th & 6th Graders
Lunch & Bible Study
 - Jan. 16 Office Closed in observance of
Martin Luther King Day
 - Jan. 29 Potluck following Worship Service

Serving in Worship This Month

USHERS

Rich Busby	Andy Rawls
Rick Gill	Steve Sutton
Danny Moore	Neal Williams

ACOLYTES

1st	Addi Clare Schwartz
	Mollie Owen
8th	Mason Coe
	Mason Hardke
15th	Katie Wynn Enrekin
	Hadley Gill
22th	AJ Kynch
	Collin Kynch
29th	Lexi Claire Laughter
	Clayton McCullum

MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory of Debra Shivers

Stacy and Tim Parker	Patricia and Fred Swan
The Bond Family	Lynn Pirani
Barbara Williams	Barbara Reginelli
Donald Shivers	Patricia Moore
Lucie Brackin	
Debbie Reginelli	
Frances and Allen King	
Martha Ann Fleming	
Sarah and Butch Higgingbotham	

In Loving Memory of Charles Stokes

Ashley and Van McNeely
Thomas Meurrier
Jenny and Rob Hood
Cheryl and Michael Hood
Holly and Lannie Lancaster

In Loving Memory of Patsy Catt

Robin and Lee Fesmire

In Loving Memory of Jane Williamson

Richard Cockrill, Jr.
Sheena and Andy Williamson

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES 2023

Chairperson	Brian Doyle
Vice Chairperson	Bart Turner
Sec. of Council/ Charge Conference	Jerri Crase
Treasurer	Frank Fogleman
Secretary	Sheila Henderson
Administrator	Cyndi James
Lay Leader	Matt Entrekin
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Matt Entrekin
Alternate LMAC	Francis Wallace
Sup. Of Sunday School	Scott Fogleman Sally Streeter
Chair of Finance	Shelbi Cole
Chair SPRC	Lannie Lancaster
Chair Trustees	Marty Cooper
Youth Minister	Kolby Jones
Children's Minister	Teresa Gardner
Music Minister	Blake Owen
UMW President	Jerri Crase
Hullabaloo Coordinator	Allison Wehrum
Membership Secretary	Sheila Henderson
Usher Coordinators	Rich Busby Scott Carpenter Tony Gardner
Wedding Liasons	Dawn Brenner Nancy Fogleman

Members at Large:

2023: Brian Doyle, Carol Johnston, Chloe Harrison
 2024: Jason Collard, Wayne Croom, Whit Keasler
 2025: Ann Carpenter, Miller Owen, John Fogleman

Trustees

2023: Steve Ford, Stacy Parker, David Fogleman
 2024: Jack Avery, Steve Knych, Don Nelson
 2025: Rich Busby, Marty Cooper, Jeff Schwartz

Finance:

2023: Shelbi Cole, Josh Doyle, Mitch Shidler
 2024: Robin Fesmire, Ashley McNeely, Tracey Stokes
 2025: Garrison Hardke, Jeff Johnston, Justin Rikard

SPRC:

2023: Franklin Fogleman, Lannie Lancaster, Bartt Vaughn
 2024: David Brick, Kristi Doyle, Misty Kennedy
 2025: Ted Archer, Jennifer Johnston, Steve Sutton

Nominations:

2023: Nancy Fogleman, Betsy Laughter, Tim Parker
 2024: Jerri Crase, Syndi Landry, Anna Rawls
 2025: Devin Doyle, Laura Entrekin, Frances King

Preschool Board:

2023: Leslie Brick, Sean Gray, Jennifer Johnston
 2024: Laura Rikard, Dana Robbins, Allison Wehrum
 2025: Jennifer Fogleman, Debbie Reginelli, Will Wright

Youth & Children's Advisory Council

Shelbi Cole	Isabella Hinze
Jerri Crase	Colby Jonas
Franklin Fogleman	Cassie Morris
Tom French	Beverly Vaughn
Ginger Gibbs	

Memorial Committee:

Church Council Chair: Brian Doyle
 Sup. Of Sunday School: Scott Fogleman & Sally Streeter
 Chair of Finance: Shelbi Cole
 Chair of Trustees: Marty Cooper
 Lay Leader: Matt Entrekin
 Treasurer: Frank Fogleman
 Finance Secretary: Sheila Henderson

Missions:

Tracy Brick, Laura Entrekin, Tim Parker, Bartt Vaughn



Our adult choir preformed Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 18th. Soloist were Kathy Eide and Matt Entrekin and Laura Entrekin was our Liturgist

Lighting of the Advent Candles during our Christmas Season



The children's program, A Christmas Story was preformed on Sunday, December 11th.



Our Christmas Eve Service is always a special evening. This year Pastor Bill asked for all funds given during the service be donated to the Elizabeth Gill Upstander Scholarship in Memory of Elizabeth Gill. Funds raised totaled \$1,481 and will be presented to Dr. Glen Fenter once school is back in session.



Hope for the Holidays



This year we received a list of 64 families from counselors at the Marion School District and Kids for the Future. Our congregation adopted 51 families, the youth group adopted 3 families and the remaining families were funded through donations made directly towards this mission. This year we had over 300 children touched by this of which Karen Jones shopped for 69 who were not adopted.

The volume of food needed to make this event a success is astronomical. The Marion School District once again collected canned items totaling over 4,500 items. Those items along with donations from our congregation provided enough food boxes for the 64 families. We also purchased perishables items the day before Christmas Eve from donated funds .

Thank you to everyone who continues to make this mission a success from bringing food items, wrapping gifts, bringing care package items, providing funds, adopting families, and making deliveries on Christmas Eve morning. It is because of you that this mission continues to thrive.



PRESCHOOL



A trip to the Peabody to not only watch the ducks parade to the water, but they also assisted with rolling out the red carpet. Afterwards they enjoyed hot cocoa and chocolate chip cookies.

The preschoolers helped to make some children happy on Christmas Eve morning by donating gifts to our Hope for the Holidays event.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Dates and Meals for January are as follows:

Jan. 11	Pork chops, greens, white beans, cornbread, and desserts
Jan. 18	Lasagna, salad, bread and desserts
Jan. 25	Chicken spaghetti, green beans, corn on the cob, rolls and desserts



Our Second Sunday kids had a fun time in December. After doing a project at church they had lunch at Belly Acres and enjoyed hearing the Christmas Story at the Singing Tree.



Year End Statements

Contributions statements will be mailed to the last known address of all congregation members. If you have moved this past year, please contact Sheila or Cyndi in the church office to update your current address.



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Marcia Sutton, Pianist

Church Office Hours

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

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