

February | 2023

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



5th Sunday Potluck

Thank you to everyone who brought a dish to go along with the wonderful food prepared by the kitchen crew. Our first potluck of the year was a great success!





PRESCHOOL

MUMC preschool will begin accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year February 23rd. To enroll in the 3K program, a child must be three years old by August 1st, and to enroll in the 4K program, a child should be four years old by the same date.

Applications will be available beginning February 23rd in the church office, the preschool area, and on the church website.



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Let's munch

Wednesday Night Dinners
6:00 p.m.

Feb. 1st

Meal Cancelled due to inclement weather

Feb. 8th

Taco bar with all the trimmings, refried beans, rice, desserts and drinks

Feb. 15th
NO MEAL

Feb. 22nd / Ash Wednesday

Mardi Gras meal, Red beans and rice, shrimp and chicken poboys, mach choux, cupcakes and drinks

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Church Office Hours

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

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Giving

Total financial gifts for January

Budget (General)	Cap. Improvement
\$50,924.14	\$14,940.00

Discretionary Fund	Children's Ministry
\$300.00	\$2,500.00

Joyful Noise	Kitchen
\$321.50 (Dec & Jan)	\$70.00

Missions	Youth
\$410.00	\$100.00

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

10 REASONS to bring your child to Sunday School

While sleeping late can be nice, have you considered the benefits of Sunday School attendance for your child? Here are 10 reasons to make it a priority in your family.

1. **Age-Targeted Teaching:** Where else can your kids get Biblical instruction that's focused toward their developmental abilities?
2. **Friends:** In Sunday School, your child will build positive friendships with their peers by discovering God's Word together.
3. **It's Fun:** Sunday School is not Disneyland, but our teachers do work hard to teach the Bible in ways that are relevant and fun for kids.
4. **Spiritual Mentors:** A dedicated teacher can be a Christian role model who supports you and helps inspire the faith of your child.
5. **Systematic Bible Learning:** Our curriculum is designed to give a broad foundation, so children will understand how all the parts of Scripture point to Christ.
6. **Praying Teachers:** Our teachers consistently pray for your child's faith to grow. Coming to Sunday School gives another occasion for God to answer those requests.
7. **Big Reward For a Small Investment:** If you're already coming to church, just come a little earlier. That one change will equal over 800 hours of additional Christian teaching before your child graduates.
8. **Send the Right Message:** Making Sunday School a priority shows your kids that God's Word really does matter more than pillow-time.
9. **Adult Bible Fellowship:** While the children enjoy their class, you can fellowship with other adults in your own Bible study group.
10. **You'll Be On Time:** Families who come to Sunday School always get to worship on time. It's the easiest way to avoid being late.

Sunday school begins Sundays at 9:45 am. Our preschool through the sixth grade gather in our children's area where they hear a little about the lesson for the morning. Then they divide into two groups by age and study the same Bible story. Our youth, grades 7-12 meet in our youth building.

We have an amazing group of teachers who go above and beyond to help our children grow in their faith.



Serving in Worship This Month

USHERS

Ted Archer	Frank Fogleman
Les Callan	Tony Gardner
Denny East	Jeff Johnston

ACOLYTES

5th	Mollie Owen
	Jackson Rawls
12th	Lake Laughter
	Sam Owen
19th	Troy Cole
	Davis Fowler
26th	Katie Wynn Entrekin
	Levi Rikard

Mark Your Calendar



MUMC will host a church-wide mission project immediately after a 30-minute church service on Sunday, April 23. We will be packing meals for the Mission of Hope. This project is an international relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid for the worlds most vulnerable. Because of partners like our church, Mission of Hope is able to feed those that live in extreme poverty in different locations.

Feeding... Sharing... Loving...
Feeding the hungry, Sharing the "Good News"
Loving People.

Our congregation has supported hunger missions in the past packaging over 20,000 meals in less than two hours. We are so excited to bring this project back to help fight world hunger. Please mark your calendars to attend this event. If you would like to donate funds to support this project, please note "mission project" in the memo section of your check or contact the church office to make a donation.



We will serve pizza, drinks and cookies during the project. Child care will be available for infants to four years old.

CHURCH EVENTS:

TUESDAYS:

- Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 28 **Bible Study Fellowship** /6:20 pm
Education Building - Upstairs

WEDNESDAYS

- Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 25 **WWF & Children's Choir**
3:15 pm / Children's Area
- Feb. 1, 8 & 25 **Wed. Night Communion**
5:30 pm / Sanctuary
- Wednesday Night Dinner**
6:00 pm / Gym

THURSDAYS:

- Feb. 23 **Bible Study with Pastor Bill**
10:00 am
Genesis Classroom in FLC

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- Feb. 7 Trustees Meeting 6pm
 - Feb. 12 Bake Sale 10am—noon
 - Feb. 12 Second Sunday following Worship Service for 5th & 6th Graders
Noon-3pm
 - Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday Service

Upcoming / Mark Your Calendar

- Mar. 3-5 Veritas
- Apr. 2 Palm Sunday
- Apr. 23 Easter



Happy Birthday

(1) Foster Hart, Cori McCleskey, Max Stover (2) Sheryl Benson, Buster Benton, Reed Elizabeth Rikard, Wayne Tabor (3) Olivia Bailey Knight (4) William Carter (6) David Fogleman, Patrick O'Sullivan (7) Jerri Crase (8) Debbie Wallace, Mason Shidler, Amelia Phillips (9) Lynlee Morris, Jordan Tabor (11) Natalie Collard (13) James G Hart II, Jon Johnston Connor McFarland (15) Wesley Elizabeth Coe, Brad Jonas (16) Whit Collard, Michael East (17) Dorothy Sample (18) Kim Bellis, Slade Inman (21) Dale Henderson (23) Frank Wallace (25) John Heath, Brenda Williams (25) Frances King, Stephen Knych, Wesley Price (28) Katie Gray, Billie Williams