

**JUNE | 2023**

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



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## LOVING ONE ANOTHER

# MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

## Confirmands

Confirmation Sunday was held Sunday, May 14th. This year we had eight confirmands. Confirmands and sponsors were:

Ford Chafin & Sponsor Teresa Gardner; Beau Fenter & Sponsor Jeff Schwartz; Avery Gill & Sponsor Meghan Fowler; Sullivan McKewen & Sponsor David Fogleman; Jack Phillips & Sponsor Bartt & Beverly Vaughn; Owen Preslar & Sponsor Jennifer Johnston; Cameron Spencer & Sponsor Michelle Schwartz; and Jake Wright & Sponsor Garrison Hardke. Our confirmands along with their sponsors participated in the ceremony in which each confirmand declared their faith in Christ and were reminded of their baptism. Confirmands participated in six weeks of classes with Bro. Bill to reach this momentous event.

### Ford Chafin

**What does it mean to you for Jesus to be your savior?** It means He died on the cross for all of us and He is always there for us, no matter what choices we make.

**What do you most like about being a part of our church?** My favorite part of our church is all of the good people who are a part of it and how friendly everyone always is. I like helping with the younger kids too, especially in the gym.

**What are you looking forward to as part of youth group?** I'm looking forward to helping with projects in our church and community and meeting with friends on Sunday nights.



### Beau Fenter

**What does it mean to you for Jesus to be your savior?** Jesus died for me. He is with me all the time no matter what, in my heart. He saves me in all my life situations and He loves me.

**What do you most like about being a part of our church?** It is fun and good to be with friends that believe in God and His saving grace.

**What are you looking forward to as part of youth group?** Youth group will be fun to be with my friends and continue to learn more about God and His teachings.

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## Happy Birthday

(6/1) William Entrekin (6/2) Karen Jones (6/3) Tammy Catt (6/5) Baron Scifres (6/7) Mary-Katherine Werner (6/9) Lexie Laughter (6/10) Tracy Brick, Jeff Phillips (6/12) Eva O'Beirne (6/13) Avery Boney (6/15) Lincoln Hartwig, Sandy Nelson, Ava Sells (6/16) Sierra Arceneaux, (6/17) Manning Shidler, Whitney Young (6/18) Jamey Boney, Kathryn Laughter, Will Preslar (6/20) David Brick, Jay Peyton, Teddie Waring (6/21) Kolby Jones, Chase Letner (6/22) Johnny Griffiee (6/26) Nancy Fogleman, Mike Sargent (6/27) Kaylabeth Sample, Pam Scarbrough (6/29) Chris Archer (6/30) Lynett Bolton, Carron Cates





## Giving

### Total financial gifts for May

|  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Budget (General)</b><br>\$40,519.49 | <b>Cap. Improvement</b><br>\$7,207.00 |
| <b>Children's Ministry</b><br>\$0      | <b>Discretionary</b><br>\$40.00       |
| <b>Gym</b><br>\$0                      | <b>Kitchen</b><br>\$40.00             |
| <b>Memorials</b><br>\$1,160.00         | <b>Misc. Fund</b><br>\$2,775.31       |
| <b>Missions</b><br>\$435.00            | <b>Youth</b><br>\$100.00              |

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

## In Loving Memory of Scott Carpenter

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
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| Sarah & Paul O'Neal          | Nancy & Murray Benton     |
| Melissa Ennis                | Melinda Hannah            |
| Sandy Scidmore               | Carter Thomas             |
| Susan & Mark Baioni          |                           |

## Serving in Worship This Month

### USHERS

|            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| Steve Ford | Jim Johnston |
| Rick Gill  | Jeff Vaughn  |

### ACOLYTES

|      |                      |
|------|----------------------|
| 4th  | Davis Fowler         |
|      | Hadley Gill          |
| 11th | Katie Wynn Entrekin  |
|      | Levi Rikard          |
| 18th | Mason Coe            |
|      | Addi Clare Schwartz  |
| 25th | Lexi Claire Laughter |
|      | Clayton McCollum     |

## CHURCH EVENTS:

### JUNE

- June 13 Men's Ministry & Breakfast  
6:30am in the MUMC gym
- June 12—16 Youth Mission Project—Wynne
- June 18 Promotion Sunday 10:45am
- June 18—22 VBS / 5pm—7:30pm
- June 27 & 28 Summer Camp / Game Day  
10am-2pm

### JULY

- July 11 Men's Ministry & Breakfast  
6:30am in the MUMC gym
- July 11 Summer Camp / Cooking Camp  
10am—2pm
- July 18 & 19 Summer Camp / Bike Day  
10am-2pm



## *Congratulations* **CLASS OF 2023**



On Sunday, May 21, MUMC celebrated our high school seniors. 6 seniors were in attendance: Avery Boney, Whit Collard, Slade Inman, Jett Sutton, Blake Vaughn and Mady Williams.

All the students were invited to come forward one last time for the children's moment. The seniors were presented with gifts from the church including:

- A Bible and devotional book to help each senior remember God while going through the challenges of college,
- A powerpack to charge their phones to always have a charge to contact their families,
- An amazon gift card as a little something just for them, and
- A glow in the dark frisbee to remember to have fun during the next course of their lives.

After the service, our seniors and their families gathered in the Barbara Smith Family Life Center to enjoy a fabulous meal prepared by our extraordinary kitchen crew.



### Joe and Patsy Catt Family Scholarship

This was our first year for the Joe and Patsy Catt Family Scholarship. To qualify, the recipient had to participate in the youth program at Marion United Methodist Church and will have to attend an accredited college or university. This first scholarship was awarded to Blake Vaughn. The presentation was made by Matt Hale, long time friend of Joe and Patsy Catt, and Lauren Catt, granddaughter of Joe and Patsy Catt.



### MUMC Preschool College Scholarship

Each year, MUMC preschool awards a college scholarship to a preschool graduate. To qualify, the graduating senior must have attended MUMC preschool two years, be graduating from Marion High School, and be a member of MUMC. This year's recipient was Avery Boney. Congratulations, Avery!





## Pastor's Pen

Summer is here! Schools are dismissing classes, vacations are being planned, beaches are in view. Praise God for a new season. Summertime is also a good time to renew our spiritual lives – even with all our coming and going, visits and vacations. The summer months are the season of growth and maturity.

When you are making your packing list, be sure to include the Bible. Read a particular part of the Bible like the Psalms or a Gospel. While you are planning your daily vacation activities, make sure to set aside time for prayer and reflection. Just because you are on a trip doesn't

mean you should take a vacation from God. Jonah tried that once ... it didn't work out too well!

What better time to look for God's presence, grace, and abundance that when you are out experiencing some place in the world that is different from the usual. So, make room for a daily devotion, prayer time, maybe even visit a church in the town where you are visiting or vacationing. And, when you get back, share your experiences with us. Tell us where and how you saw God at work!

During this summer of "coming and going" remember, God is

going with you. Always remember where you are from and to whom you belong. Praise God for a new season in which to experience the fullness of life with God. May this summer be filled with spiritual growth and renewal for you, your family, and our church.



### Confirmands Con't...

#### Avery Gill

**What does it mean to you for Jesus to be your savior?**

It means that He will always protect me and be with me all the time.

**What do you most like about being a part of our church?**

Confirmation

**What are you looking forward to as part of youth group?**

I was looking forward to everything about youth but, unfortunately my family will be moving.



#### Sullivan McKewen

**What does it mean to you for Jesus to be your savior?**

Jesus is always with me.

**What do you most like about being a part of our church?**

I like Second Sunday, Vacation Bible School and Wednesday Night Dinners.



**What are you looking forward to as part of youth group?**

Hope for the Holidays and the Christmas Parade chili supper.

#### Jack Phillips

**What does it mean to you for Jesus to be your savior?**

Jesus will always be with me in all of my journeys.

**What do you most like about being a part of our church?**

I have grown up in this church and love that I'm now a member.



**What are you looking forward to as part of youth group?**

The fellowship and all of the service projects that the youth group participates in.

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# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Promotion Sunday—June 18 during the  
10:45 Worship Service

Children's Directors

Teresa Gardner  
and Michelle Schwartz

## SUMMER CAMPS

**ALL CAMPS WILL BE FROM 10AM—2PM.**

All campers must be pre-registered to attend camps. Registration forms can be picked up in the narthex or children's area.

### Game Day!!!! June 27 & 28

- Campers will have fun playing old backyard games like Red Rover & Four Square.
- Children will need to bring a sack lunch and a bottle of water
- Cost \$5

### Cooking Camp — July 11 & 12

- Some of MUMC's best chefs will be in the kitchen to teach the campers how to prepare a yummy meal.
- Bring a bottle of water
- Cost \$10

### Bike Day / Beginning July 18 & 19

Tuesdays — Campers entering grades kindergarten through 3rd.

Thursdays— Campers entering grades 4th through 6th.

- Campers will learn bike safety, have races, and peddle through the neighborhood.
- Bring a sack lunch and a water bottle, bike and helmet
- Cost \$5



Our worship service on April 30th was filled with music by the MUMC children accompanied by our adult choir and praise band. Pictured above was singing Thunder and below was singing, "I can see clearly now" as everyone wore sunglasses.



## VBS

Vacation Bible School is finally here! We will kick off June 18 and conclude June 22, from 5pm-7:30pm. We cannot wait to call all our little superheroes into action for our fun-filled week. The QR code to register your child or children is below in Red. The Blue QR Code is an Amazon wish list of items needed this year for those who would like to contribute.



Please contact Michelle Schwartz to help with this exciting event.



# Graduation Class 2023

**Graduation day for the Super Shepherds!  
There are no words for how awesome  
this crew of kids are! Get ready world...  
here they come!**



## EXIT INTERVIEWS:

Each year the Preschool Director, Teresa Gardner sits down with each Shepherd to interview them about their experiences during preschool, and what they want to do when they grow up. The following are some of the interviews. Enjoy!!

### Interview with Callan Pirani

Callan has loved being at MUMC Preschool. She has had fun learning, especially the Lord's Prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, and singing the Star Spangled Banner. Callan will really miss her preschool friends. She is excited about the new friends she will make in kindergarten. She plans to home school like her big brothers, Trace and Carter. When she grows up, Callan wants to be the kind of doctor that helps the people that are hurt and sick. As a doctor, she wants to make enough money to buy a car and lunch. She also wants to make enough money to buy a house with a yellow roof (she already has \$40 saved for her house). Callan will get married when she is older and have 3 kids when she is 37.

### Interview with Everett Dodds

MUMC has been lots of fun for Everett. He has loved doing the Freeze Dance and playing outside. Everett is getting excited about learning more in kindergarten but is going to miss preschool parties and doing the ABC song and dance. Everett plans to have two kids, one boy and one girl; he doesn't plan on having a wife. He wants to be a pastor and tell everyone to love Jesus. Everett wants to live at Disney World and at the beach where he can watch storms.

### Interview with Isabella Hagar

Isabella will be attending kindergarten at W.M. Christian School. She is excited about having homework and hopefully some jobs. Isabella has had a great time at MUMC preschool, she will really miss Funday Mondays, and dancing to Mr. B. She plans to be a dentist, and maybe a doctor too, when she grows up, which will be when she is 10. Isabella plans to have 5 kids; she will get married when she is 89. She will live in a purple house really far away, maybe Memphis.

### Interview with Jill Stevens

Jill has had a great time at MUMC Preschool. She has loved learning and playing outside. She is super excited about her home school room for kindergarten but is going to miss playing with her preschool friends. Jill is also really ready to move to Alaska with her whole family. When she grows up, Jill plans to live in Hernando, where she will be a healthy doctor. She is going to marry a police officer and they will have 3 kids. When she makes some money at her doctor job, she wants to buy a house. It will be pink and blue, and have a black roof.

### Interview with Wyatt Proctor

Wyatt has had a great time at MUMC Preschool. His favorite things have been the playground, learning and Legos. He is really going to miss his teachers, but is excited about kindergarten. Wyatt will be going to kindergarten at W.M. Christian, where he can't wait to play on the playground and learn even more. Wyatt plans to have 9 kids by the time he is 33. He will never marry but his kids can. For his carrier, Wyatt plans to drive a yellow monster truck with the number 24 on it. He plans to live in Mississippi with all 9 of his kids.

### Interview with Max Prater

Max will be attending kindergarten at Richland Elementary. While he will really miss his teachers, and looking at nature on the playground. Max is excited about learning to read in kindergarten. Max has big plans for his future. While living in West Memphis in a regular house, he will be both a farmer and a scientist. As a scientist, Max will do lots of experiments. He will be a farmer of both animals and the land. With the money he earns from his careers, he plans to buy more science stuff. Max has no plans to marry, and as far as having kids...that would be a hard life!

**Congratulations Callan, Max, Everett, Isabella, Jill and Wyatt!!**



## Confirmands Con't

### Owen Preslar

**What does it mean to you for Jesus to be your savior?**

It means I'm forgiven and will be able to go to Heaven one day and see my loved ones again.

**What do you most like about being a part of our church?**

I enjoy being involved in church activities with my friends.

**What are you looking forward to as part of youth group?** I'm looking forward to going on trips together.



### Cameron Spencer

**What does it mean to you for Jesus to be your savior?**

It means a lot that He gave his life for mine so that I and others who believe in Him can be together in Heaven one day.



**What do you most like about being a part of our church?**

I like learning more about our church in the confirmation class, getting to volunteer for the Mission of Hope Program, and worshipping on Christmas Eve during the beautiful candlelight service.

**What are you looking forward to as part of youth group?**

I look forward to helping people when we go on mission trips in other towns and when we volunteer close to home.



### Jake Wright

**What does it mean to you for Jesus to be your savior?** He died on the cross to forgive our sins.

**What do you most like about being a part of our church?** Packing bags for the backpack program.

**What are you looking forward to as part of youth group?** Helping with more service projects.



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#### Church Office Hours

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