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



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MUMC EVENTS

- Missions: Backpack Program starts up
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Our blessing of the backpacks was held Sunday, July 23rd. Bro. David led the blessing as the children, teachers and those who support education were invited join in.



Giving

Total financial gifts for July

Budget (General)
\$16,887.40

Cap. Improvement
\$7,417.00

Discretionary Fund
\$10.00

Memorials
\$225.00

Missions
\$30.00

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

HOW MAY WE PRAY WITH YOU?

Submit your prayer
request by texting
"MUMCPRAYS" to
77411



Pastor's Pen

"Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, focus on these things."

Philippians 4:8

Humans are funny creatures. We have an innate discontentment that drives us. We are never quite satisfied... always looking for the next new thing. Though we are capable of greatness, we often stumble over the smallest 'crack', and fall head-long into a pit of brokenness.

The apostle Paul offers a formula for peace and contentment: Feed the soul what it needs to be healthy and strong; fill it with things that will crowd out the corrupt and dislodge the deceptive.

Paul tells us to focus on what is true, just, pure, pleasing and commendable. But perhaps most important of all, we are to practice, practice, practice! *"Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you."* Phil. 4:9. This is not the 'quick-fix' many of us are looking for. It is hard work, but the rewards are worth the effort.

Life must never be taken for granted. We are under constant stress and, therefore, our hearts and minds need constant attention. Each day we need to feed and nurture them, just like our bodies. If we do this, Paul promises, *"The God of peace will be with [us]."*

It's just a thought – David F. Moseley



Happy Birthday

(8/1) Patrick Robbins (2) Hadley Gill, Vivian Jones, Laura Johnston (8/3) Joshua Doyle, Rick Gill, Danny Moore (8/4) Michael Sample (8/5) Rod Alexander (8/6) Lee Fesmire (8/7) Sue Bonds, Evin Cooper, Hugh Inman, Stacy Webb (8/9) Zane Fogleman (8/10) Dalton Williams, Beverly Vaughn (8/11) Jerry Webb (8/12) Brooke Williams (8/13) Matt Hale, Amanda Harlow, Jane Ashley Stuckey (8/14) Ethan Hinze, Jim Johnston, Cynthia Trimbell (8/15) Charles Horton, Rex Rogers (8/17) Madi Grace Catt, Jane McNeely, Christine Preslar, Tricia Price (8/18) Bren Sutton (8/19) Nina Luedke, Ava Lucille Phillips, Kari Robbins, Marty Smith (8/20) Apperson Williams, Ross Williams (8/23) Ann Carpenter, Bert Holt (8/24) Jody Catt, Mitch Shidler (8/26) Cherrell Duncan, Christy Miller, Parker Sutton, Kelly Walker, Thomas Walker (8/27) Connie Hale Lawrence, Emily Letner, Taylor McNeely (8/29) Carol Johnston, Connie Marrs (8/30) Adam Cole, Abbigale Simmons, Patrick Simmons (8/31) Avery Gill, Sarah Higginbotham, Justin Rikard, Bartt Vaughn

Final Good-bye

Some of our MUMC crew met at the church on June 6th to help Bro. Bill with his departure from Marion. They loaded the multiple boxes of books before heading to his apartment to load the moving van. Bro. Bill said his final good-byes to MUMC. We wish him the best at Bryant United Methodist Church.



BACKPACK PROGRAM AND SUMMER DISTRIBUTION

Our final food distribution was on Friday, July 21st for the summer food program. This program served 14 families with a total of 57 children this summer. We send Beverly Vaughn a big thank you for following through to make sure this program was completed as scheduled.

With school having started back on July 27th, we are getting ready to ramp up our Backpack Mission with Marion School District. The Backpack program reaches at least 100 elementary students each week, and in 2021, we extended this program to include a food pantry at the Marion Junior High School. We are looking to make our first deliveries to the school on August 18th or 25th, depending on how long it takes for the counselors to identify the students in need.

We are so blessed to have volunteers who step up to cover stocking, shopping, bagging and deliveries. Thank you to those who have volunteered to keep this mission a priority.

FEEDING THE FOOTBALL TEAM

We are on board to feed our football team before two home games. The first is August 25th and the second is their homecoming game on September 22nd. The teams will be served at 2:35 pm in the gym. Please contact the church office if you would like to help with food preparation, set up and breakdown of tables and chairs, or help with clean up. Also, if you would like to make a monetary donation, that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping us support our hometown football team.

POT LUCK SUNDAY

After a wonderful morning of worship, our congregation enjoyed a salad-themed pot luck to welcome Carol and Bro. David Moseley to our church. Thank you to everyone who prepared a dish for the meal and those who worked behind the scene to make this event a success!



Children's Sunday School

Our local school is back in session and our children's area Sunday school is ready and excited to teach our little ones more about God's love. All children's Sunday school classes are located in the children's area at 9:45 am

Adult Sunday School

Our adult Sunday school has moved to the Barbara Smith Family Life Center. Please join us at 9:45 am

BSF

Mark your calendars! Bible Study Fellowship will start back on Tuesday, September 12th @ 6:20 pm, upstairs in the education building.

IN THE MIDST OF LIFE'S CHAOS, IS IT POSSIBLE TO FIND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING' THAT PAUL TALKED ABOUT IN PHILIPPIANS 4:7?

ABSOLUTELY... 'THROUGH PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING' (SEE PHIL. 4:6.) AS GOD'S PEOPLE, WHEN WE JOIN HAND-IN-HAND AND HEART-TO-HEART, WE FIND THE PEACE OF GOD FLOWING IN AND THROUGH US.

THANKS BE TO GOD. – BRO. DAVID MOSELEY



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