

MAY | 2024

MARION METHODIST CHURCH

“A Community in Christ where you can belong, become, and be a blessing”

“In Marion,
For The
Hearts of
Marion”



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MMC SPOTLIGHT CONFIRMANDS

LOVING ONE ANOTHER

Banks Barber

What does it mean to you for Jesus to be your Savior? It means that I will have eternal life in Heaven.

What do you most like about being a part of our church? What our church means to me is having a good community.

What are you looking forward to as part of youth group? I am looking forward to about youth is having a good group of friends meeting up once a month discussing the Christian faith.

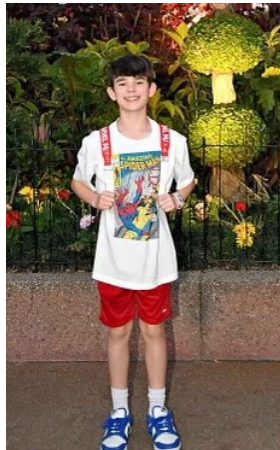


Sam Owen

What does it mean to you for Jesus to be your Savior? It makes me feel safe, honored, and blessed.

What do you most like about being a part of our church? Marion Methodist Church is a second home for me that makes me feel safe and cared for.

What are you looking forward to as part of youth group? Having fun and getting closer to God



Caroline Johnston

What does it mean to you for Jesus to be your Savior? He died on the cross for us so our sins are forgiven and when we die, we have eternal life.

What do you most like about being a part of our church? I like to learn about Jesus and lots of options to be involved. I love it at Christmas time.

What are you looking forward to as part of youth group? I am looking forward to youth group as an extension and comparison to the confirmation meeting. Youth trips! Learning to use/navigate my bible more.



Lake Laughter

What does it mean to you for Jesus to be your Savior? I think He is the best one we can ask for because He has done almost too much for me. That's what I think.

What do you most like about being a part of our church? I like what all kind of parties and visits we all have with the church.

What are you looking forward to as part of youth group? All of the things we will do around the church and for the church.



Mollie Owen

What does it mean to you for Jesus to be your Savior? For Jesus to be my Savior is the greatest thing to hear and know everyday when I wake up.

What do you most like about being a part of our church? The church to me is like a second home where I can be myself and around others who love Jesus like I do.

What are you looking forward to as part of youth group? For youth, I'm excited to meet new people, go on fun trips, but I'm mostly excited about learning more about God and Jesus.





Giving

Total financial gifts for April

Budget (General)
\$21,351.00

Cap. Improvement
\$12,080.00

Backpack Prog.
\$625.00

Memorials
\$2,150.00

Joe & Patsy Catt Scholarship Fund
\$25.55

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

welcome
TO
our family

Please join us in welcoming our newest members: We had several families officially join our church family over the last month.

Kathy and Wally Fowler

Tammy and Jay Hale

Chastity and John Johnston

Ashley and Van McNeely

Julie and Bob Nations

Paula Pace

Tammy Wallace

Memorials for Ann Carpenter

Brittney & Ryan Carey

Debbie Reginelli

Laura & Allen Helms

Gail & Frank A. Fogleman

Lynn & Todd Allen

Danette Watkins

Karen & Johnny Watkins

Sabrina & J.C. Wheeler

Susan Edrington Colford

Jacque & Boone Nance

Cecile Rose

David Wildy Farms Partnership

Prayer Concerns:

Rod Alexander, Chris Archer,
Curtis Bacon, McKenzie Blann,
Blake Blankenship, Sue Bonds,
Cathy Caldwell, Pat Davis,
Heather Grider, Mayson Hall,
Jane Hartley, Doc Johnston,
Jeff Johnston, Darlene Meek,
Wayne Nelson, Irma Parker,
Sidney Pickering, Ralph Roberts,
Charlie Sneathern,
Billie Williams

MISSIONS

We continue to serve the men of the 8th Street Mission each month. The group who served in April included Blake, Shea, Foster and James Hart along with Jennifer Fogleman, Debbie Reginelli, Barbara Reginelli Whitten, and Leslie Brick. They served BBQ, beans, slaw and desserts.



At the end of April we were delighted to have Pastor Dennis and his wife, Jane to assist with serving in this area. Others assisting were Holly and Lannie Lancaster along with Robyn and Mitch Shidler. The men were treated to lasagna, salad, bread and desserts.

POTLUCK

Last month's potluck was a resounding success, drawing in a lively crowd eager to indulge in the array of food. Jeff Schwartz, Blake Hart, Jody Catt, and Barrett McCullum showcased their culinary expertise, skillfully grilling BBQ and smoking sausages to perfection. Meanwhile, members of our congregation contributed a delightful assortment of side dishes and mouthwatering desserts, adding layers of flavor and variety to the feast. The atmosphere was overflowing with warmth as friends and neighbors gathered around to share stories, laughter, and good food. It was more than just a meal; it was an opportunity for meaningful fellowship and community bonding, reminding us of the joy that comes from coming together to celebrate and nourish both body and soul.



Welcoming Our Pastor!

Wow, what an awesome day starting with Pastor Dennis preaching and ending with a celebratory meal during which our leadership chairman, Lannie Lancaster announced that MMC voted unanimously to call Pastor Dennis Hermerding as the senior pastor! The unanimous vote to call Pastor Dennis is a significant moment for our church community. The congregation is thrilled to welcome Dennis and Jane to our church family.

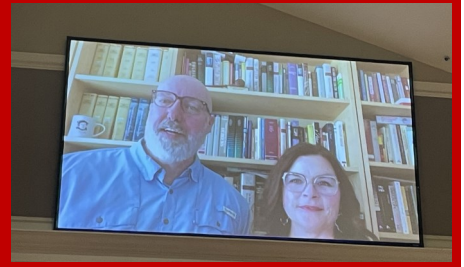


The Hermerding's will head back to Houston to sell their home, pack up and head to Arkansas with his first official date as our pastor to be July 14th. Let's all keep Dennis and Jane in our prayers as they make this transition.



PASTORIAL SEARCH

Dr. Hunter Bailey guided the congregation through the intricate journey of selecting a new pastor, emphasizing the importance of aligning with the church's vision and values. Following extensive evaluation, Lannie Lancaster proudly announced Dennis Hermerding as the recommended candidate for the role and announced that Pastor Dennis will lead our service on April 28th after which the congregation will have an opportunity to extend a call to Pastor Dennis as our new pastor. Everyone who attended watched a pre-recorded message from Pastor Dennis and his wife, Jane.

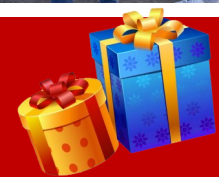


MEET AND GREET

The week of April 22nd was filled with lunch and dinner meetings for Pastor Dennis and Jane. At the end of the week, a couple of families hosted a bonfire for Pastor Dennis and his family to meet with some of our younger families. More than 50 people attended the gathering, where hot dogs and jambalaya were served. The evening concluded with roasting marshmallows and making s'mores by the fire. It was a wonderful night of fellowship and food for everyone involved.



Happy Birthday



(5/1) Ben Sutton (5/4) Landon Miller (5/8) Mike Walker (5/9) Brittany Carey (5/11) Caroline Johnston, Erin McKewen, Jett Sutton (5/12) Hanna Betts, Dawn Brenner, Harris Hale (5/13) Nick Sutton (5/14) Lance Scarbrough (5/19) Jennifer Fogleman (5/21) Piper McFarland, Woody Trimbell, Frances Wallace (5/22) Olivia Brick, Joseph Laughter (5/23) Cross Fogleman, Mason Hardke (5/24) Amy Simmons (5/26) Abby Hale, Patrick Scifres (5/28) Landon Scarbrough (5/31) Rieves Wallace

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Sunday School
9:45-10:30 am

VBS: JUNE 17-19

We need help organizing our Vacation Bible School program. Our theme this year will be Camp Firelight. Dates selected are June 17-19 from 5:00-7:30 pm. Please contact the office if you are willing to help with this program. THANK YOU!



The children double bagged shopping bags during children's church for the backpack program. Thank you to Shea Hart and Allison Wehrum for overseeing this project and helping one of our missions.

Backpack Program:

You're never too young to learn the value of giving. Laura and Bree Rikard, alongside Gail Fogleman, dedicated an afternoon to packing bags for the backpack program. Their efforts embody the spirit of generosity and community support, showing that age is no barrier to making a difference.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The launch of our children's church couldn't have been timed more perfectly. As the older boys delved into the Bible to select a scripture for communal reading, the younger ones immersed themselves in coloring activities. Following the spiritual engagement, everyone relished the beautiful weather, flocking to the playground for some outdoor fun. It is with much gratitude that we extend our heartfelt thanks to Sharon Rikard and Justin Rikard for their dedication in resurrecting this cherished program. If you're eager to contribute and volunteer for a Sunday session, please reach out to Sharon Rikard to get involved.



YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth nights
this month.

May 5th & 19th

Our Marion Methodist Youth teamed with First Youth West Memphis for an evening of food, fellowship, devotion, and multiple games on Sunday, April 7th. Even the adults participated. Collaborative efforts like this, bringing together different youth groups for food, fellowship, and spiritual growth, can have a profound impact on everyone involved. Kudos to all the volunteers who made this youth evening so much fun.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our youth meetings in May. We have selected May 5th and May 19th starting at 5:30 pm.

Also, don't forget our Seniors will be recognized on Sunday, May 19th during worship service.



MMC Youth met Sunday, April 21st and enjoyed food, fellowship, and fun! Dinner was provided by Kelly & Franklin Fogleman and Tammy & Jody Catt. Amy Simmons led the group in a devotion. Afterwards, the group enjoyed the beautiful day with some beach volleyball.



ECLIPSE WATCH PARTY!

The Marion Chamber of Commerce and Marion Methodist Church collaborated to host a 2024 Eclipse Watch Party on Monday, April 8th, creating an exciting community event. With food trucks and space for dining and entertainment, the atmosphere buzzed with enthusiasm. As the eclipse progressed, anticipation mounted until the moment of totality arrived. Suddenly, the world around us plunged into darkness, prompting the automatic activation of our parking lot lights. In that surreal moment, surrounded by friends and neighbors, we shared in the awe-inspiring spectacle of nature. It was truly an unforgettable experience, bringing our community together in wonder and appreciation of the cosmos.



MMC

Leadership

Lannie Lancaster, Board of Managers Chairperson
Tracy Brick, David Fogleman; Frank Fogleman; Franklin Fogleman;
David Rikard; Jeff Schwartz; Mitch Shidler and Steve Sutton

STAFF

Cyndi James, Business Administrator
Marcia Sutton, Pianist
Debbie Wallace, Organist
Tracy McDonald, Custodian

Teresa Gardner, Preschool Director/Teacher
Joanna Chafin and Jennifer Morgan, Preschool Teachers
Pam Scarbrough, PDO Director/Teacher
Kristie Stotts, PDO Director/Teacher

Church Office Hours
Monday-Thursday (9:00-3:00)