

OCTOBER  
2023



Marshall United Methodist Church

The Circuit Writer

NEWSLETTER

MONTHLY  
MESSAGE  
from the  
PASTOR



...for MEN.

*Matthew 4:19*

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Hello, Beloved. Although I was on vacation during the production of this month's edition, I'll be back with a full pastor monthly message in the November issue. Blessings until then. I love you all, as does God.

*Peace & Grace - PJ*

*"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." John Wesley*

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## MUMPS - PRESCHOOL POST

MUMPS has had a super start to the school year! We have all been getting to know each other and learn routines. Classes have already taken field trips to the library. Much fun, learning, and excitement lies ahead as you can see in the upcoming plans....

### Mark your calendars for upcoming preschool events:

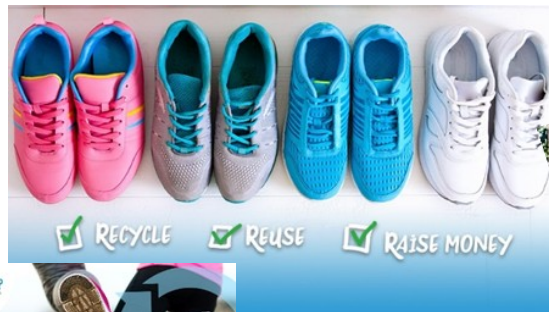
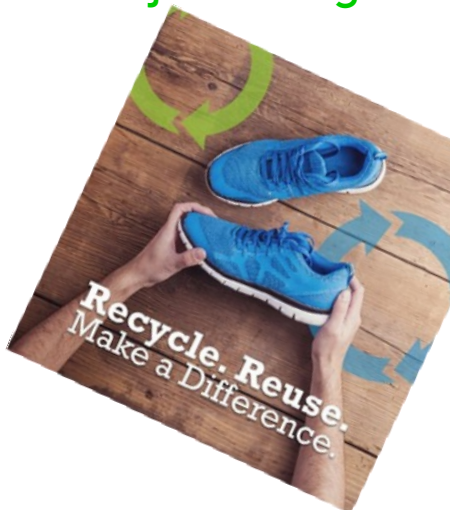
- 10/14 - MUMPS & Women's YARD SALE
- 10/21 - MUMPS/Family Living PUMPKIN PAINT
- 10/28 - MUMPS/Family Living TRUNK OR TREAT
- 11/16 - BOOK FAIR starts
- 11/16 - MUMPS Thanksgiving Feast
- 12/8 - MUMPS/Family Living GINGERBREAD HOUSE BUILDING
- 12/14 - Preschool Christmas Pageant

### Amazon Wish List

You can view our preschool needs any time by using this QR code. We appreciate your help, donations, and support all the time!



**Donate your gently worn sneakers to support the preschool.**  
**See Michelle for info or just bring them in!**



**got sneakers?**  
A Sneaker Recycling Organization

# United WOMEN In Faith



## Ladies fun/to-do list:

- Support our Yard Sale w/MUMPS on 10/14.
- Get involved with Halloween Trunk or Treat on 10/28.
- Decorate for Christmas on 11/25.
- Help with the Angel Tree in December for 10 kids
- Supply hot chocolate & candy canes at Christmas Parade 12/2.
- Don't miss Cookie Day fundraiser 12/10.
- Attend Women's Christmas Party w/white elephant gift exchange 12/15.
- Do our part for the Christmas Cantata with dinner on 12/17.
- Stay wonderful!



## Looking ahead to next month . . .

Mark down a couple dates for November now!

### Harvest Lunch:

Our Annual Harvest Lunch will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, **November 5th**, from 12noon to 2pm. Plan to attend our early Thanksgiving Feast! Mike Sweeney is returning to cook ham and turkeys that weekend and all the delicious sides. Bring a dessert to share and a neighbor or friend too! Donate a box of stuffing to go towards our Thanksgiving food sharing later in the month.

### “Museum of the Bible” Field Trip:

On **November 6th**, we will visit the Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC. Cost to enter is \$29.99 for age 18-64 and \$24.99 for 65 and over. We have a driver and will leave from the church parking lot that morning about 9am. Please sign up with Doris Edmonds or Terri Hill. There are only 13 seats on the van, so make your requests early!

## OCTOBER EVENTS:

10/4  
Pet Blessing  
Service 6pm

10/5  
Senior/Community  
Luncheon @12noon

10/14  
MUMPS/Women's  
YARD SALE

10/15  
Laity Sunday  
10:30 Service -  
Outdoor Hymn Sing

10/21  
MUMPS/Family Living  
PUMPKIN PAINT

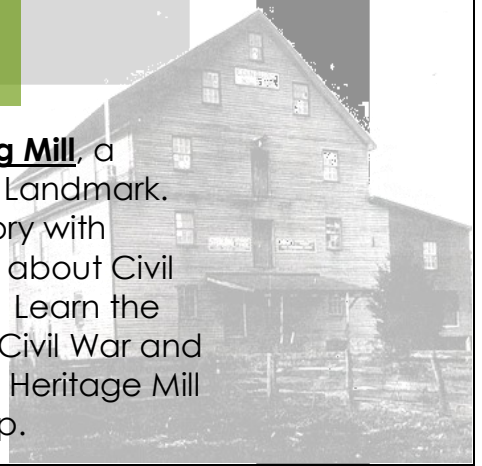
10/22  
Children's Special  
10:30 Sunday Service

10/23  
Senior Trip 11am  
Edinburg Mill

10/28  
MUMPS/Family Living  
TRUNK OR TREAT

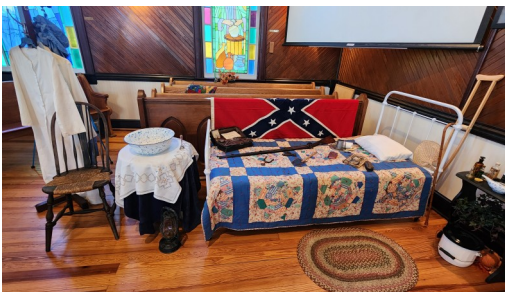
# SENIOR Fall Trip

On Monday, **October 23, at 11am**, we will head out for **the Edinburg Mill**, a Shenandoah Valley Cultural Heritage Museum and Virginia Historic Landmark. The 1848 Edinburg Mill recreates Shenandoah Valley hands-on history with memorabilia, antiques, old equipment and tools, as well as exhibits about Civil War history, the nation's first civilian conservation camp, plus more. Learn the fascinating story of how the mill survived Sheridan's fires during the Civil War and keep an eye out for the resident ghost Frankie! The mill also houses Heritage Mill Wines 1848, the Edinburg Mill Restaurant, and The Museum Gift Shop.



## A little more HISTORY - of our very own!

Did you know that our church and others were hospitals during the Civil War? Several of our members recently helped with reenactments and Mo Lawrence supplied many items for the exhibits as part of Marshall's 225th Celebration. How fantastic! Stay tuned for more of our church history to be presented in next month's November newsletter.





Dear Lord,  
Way to go  
on the  
fall color  
thing.  
Love, Me



**OCTOBER**  
*birthdays*  
&  
*anniversaries*

- 1-Terri Hill
- 3-Jay Rowe
- 5-Brian Murphy
- 5-George Murphy
- 8-Tamsen (Eickhoff) Rea
- 8-Peaches Simpson
- 20-Nathan Egeland
- 21-Angela Wine
- 25-Jonathan Lyon
- 26-Michelle Rowe
- 29-Mikey Lyon
- 31-Andrew Glascock

*As updates to our celebration rosters are underway, please email any **NOVEMBER** birthdays or anniversaries you'd like posted next month to [admin@marshallumc.org](mailto:admin@marshallumc.org).*

# MISSION & OUTREACH

## GIVING

Please remember that our church's missions and expenses require your support! You can *mail* in your donations to the church at *MUMC PO Box 144, Marshall, VA 20116*; or simply leave gifts in the *offering plate* at services. The "give" button on website is under repair.

We routinely donate 10% of general funds received to local non-profit charitable organizations as we "*share God's gifts.*" Thanks to everyone's generosity in the congregation, contributions have a high impact in our community. Check out the SGG bulletin board outside the sanctuary to see notes of appreciation recently received.

## PRAYERS

If have or you are aware of prayers to be shared outside of Sunday services, please direct them to:

Pastor John Rowe at [johnrowe@vaumc.org](mailto:johnrowe@vaumc.org) or 703-357-5446; and/or [prayers@marshallumc.org](mailto:prayers@marshallumc.org).

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.  
*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

## MISSION

### Food Drives

Thanks to all who have brought in food items for our *Blessings Box* over the past weeks. Our cabinets are filling up and it is a "blessing" to see!

Last year, we teamed with the Northern Fauquier Assistance Coalition to provide a bag of groceries for Thanksgiving to those who sign up to reserve one. The bag contains basic staples for family meals including vegetables, fruit, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, dried beans, and some special Thanksgiving items. We have pledged to collect 100 boxes of stuffing and 200 packets of gravy mix this year.

Please continue bringing in items for our *Blessing Box* and perhaps once a month pick up a box of stuffing and a packet of gravy. Your generosity and compassion for our neighbors is greatly appreciated.

Our day of packing will be Friday, **November 17**, and the pick up day is **November 18** from 9-11am. If you know of any families who could use an extra bag of groceries, we can send them a reservation form for the food.

If you have any questions, contact Terri Hill, [terrih57@msn.com](mailto:terrih57@msn.com) or 540-270-3068. Thank you!



## SERVING in OCTOBER:

### Worship Leaders:

October 1 - Jeff Machamer  
October 8 - Cheryl Kowalczyk  
October 15 - Marcie Kozlencer  
October 22 - Joe Bersack  
October 29 - Laurie Bersack

### Communion Steward:

Carol Weeks

### Counters:

October 1 - Jeff Machamer & Terri Hill  
October 8 - Cheryl Kowalczyk & Laurie Bersack  
October 15 - Debbie Machamer & Betty West  
October 22 - Cathy Lambert & Joe Bersack  
October 29 - Bob Lambert & Wendy Emery

# Praise for Pumpkin Spice & Jesus Christ!

Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin.

God picks you from the patch, lifts you up,  
and takes you in.

John 15:16

He washes all the dirt off of you.

2 Corinthians 5:17

He opens you up, touches you deep inside,  
and scoops out all the yucky stuff -  
including the seeds of doubt, hate,  
and greed, etc.

Romans 6:6

Then He carves you a new smiling face.

Psalms 71:23

And He puts His light inside you to shine  
for all the world to see.

Matthew 5:16



Happy  
Holy  
Fabulous  
Fall!



## 2023 Marshall Leadership

Church Council Chair: Bob Lambert

SPRC Chair: Terri Hill

Lay Leaders: DeAnna Taylor, Joe Bersack

Recording Secretary: Candy Glascock

Worship Chair: Cathy Harris

Finance Chair: Debbie Machamer

Finance Committee: Amy Glascock, Jeff Machamer, Joe Bersack,  
DeAnna Taylor, Bob Lambert, Cheryl Kowalczyk, Terri Hill

Trustee Chair: Jeff Machamer

Trustee Committee: Rick Kowalczyk, Rich Umbel, Jeff Machamer, Phil Harris

Lay Member to Annual Conference: Michelle Rowe

District Steward: Wendy Emery

Young Adult Ministries:

Older Adult Ministries, Memorials: Doris Edmonds

Children's Ministry:

Education Lead: DeAnna Taylor, Terri Hill

Family Life Ministries: Kezia Glascock

Mission Leads: Cathy & Bob Lambert

Outreach Lead: Laurie Bersack

Communications Lead: Terri Hill

Nominations Chair: Pastor John Rowe

Nominations Committee: Smokey Jacobs, Mo Lawrence, Bonnie Murphy,  
Joe Bersack, DeAnna Taylor



Serve.





MARSHALL  
UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH

• 9 - 10am  
Sunday School  
(Adults & Kids)  
• 10 - 10:30am  
Fellowship & Coffee Time  
• 10:30 - 11:30am  
WORSHIP SERVICE

location:  
8405 West Main Street  
Marshall VA 20115  
mailing:  
PO Box 144  
Marshall VA 20116  
contacts: 540-364-2506  
admin@marshallumc.org

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DOORS.



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SUN Oct 1	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5	FRI 6	SAT 7
<b>Marshall 225th Celebration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Sunday School (Adult&amp;KG)</li> <li>10am Fellowship/Coffee Time</li> <li>10:30am Worship Service</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30pm ESL Beginners</li> <li>7:30pm Choir Practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6pm PET Blessing Service</li> <li>7pm Weekly BIBILE STUDY</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12pm Monthly Luncheon</li> <li>6:30pm ESL INT</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Women's Meeting</li> </ul>
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