



FEBRUARY
2025

Marshall United Methodist Church

The Circuit Writer

NEWSLETTER

MONTHLY MESSAGE from the PASTOR

³⁴ "A new command I give you:

Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

³⁵ "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35

Every time the end of the month rolls around, the first thing that always seems to come to my mind is how fast the last month went. When I thought I was getting comfortable with the idea of it being 2025, just like that, we are heading into February. At first glance, February seems a little quiet. However, our church is a busy church. On the 1st, our women are getting together for their meeting, then meeting again on the 8th to make chili for the Super bowl. The first Thursday of the month is our community luncheon. On the 13th, the senior group and I will be going to Culpepper for lunch, and all are invited. There is also book club on the 13th. Each Wednesday we have our Bible Study. We are currently studying the Book of Nehemiah, and you are invited to join us. There are many other things happening. Please check our calendar and join in. And of course, don't forget about our Sunday morning worship services. Please come, and bring friends often.

In John 13, we read about the new command that Jesus gives to his disciples and to us. In that time, it was a radical teaching. Loving others like Jesus has loved us. The world that they lived in was very similar to ours now, and Jesus was trying to get the point across to treat others the way you would want to be treated. Golden rule. Makes sense, doesn't it? They struggled to see love in their day, just as we struggle to see love now.

Beloved, only when a heart has been changed by the power of the gospel can we truly love another person. A life lived without Jesus is a life lived without love, and the sad thing is that is the norm these days. Jesus knew that getting a group of people to really "love" one another would be powerful. When the world sees true Christians love others, they see the love of God. That is what Jesus meant when he said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples." Not because of your looks, or the language you speak, but by the way you love others. It really is that simple. Trust me.

Marshall UMC, it is my hope and prayer that your heart is full of the love of God and that this church will continue to be a place where people radically love one another, all in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Starting this month, we will be moving our fellowship location to the hallway right outside of the sanctuary. This is a great opportunity to get together to know, love, and fellowship with one another. We will have coffee and pastries too! Come at 10am any or every Sunday before worship. I am excited to be able to have this time with you.

Blessings of hope, love, and peace - 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

Love one another



God is love

1 John 4:16

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. **God is love.** Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

GIVING

Mission & Outreach

Please remember that our church's missions & operational expenses require your support! You can *mail* in your donations anytime to the church at MUMC PO Box 144, Marshall, VA 20116; or simply leave gifts in the *offering plate* at services.

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, we have a terrific impact in our community. You can view notes of gratitude on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Thanks for always being a generous church!!

MISSIONS

- In this bitter winter we are having, be grateful for warmth and shelter; but don't forget those who are cold and hungry. In that respect, many thanks to those who add items to our **blessings box** out front.
- Thanks also to all those who donated & participated in our annual **Marshall Warm Up** on 2/26/25 this year.
- Gratitude in advance to all who work, help, and support the women's group in their annual **chili** cooking fundraiser coming up soon. Be sure to purchase a jar to enjoy which will help the ladies fund their important projects & missions through the year. *Love offerings or suggested donations of ~\$10 per jar accepted.*



"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'
Matthew 25:40 NIV

PRAYER

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

Pastor John Rowe
at johnrowe@vaumc.org
or 703-357-5446;
and/or
prayers@marshallumc.org.

God blesses us to be a blessing to others.

Serving in February

Worship Leaders:

February 2 - Smokey Jacobs
February 9 - Terri Hill
February 16 - Jeff Machamer
February 23 - Betty West

Communion Stewards:

Cathy & Bob Lambert

Counters:

February 2 - Cathy Lambert & Joe Bersack
February 9 - Laurie Bersack & Cheryl Kowalczyk
February 16 - Debbie Machamer & Betty West
February 23 - Terri Hill & Jeff Machamer



M.U.M.P.S. - Preschool Post



We are happy to be back at school after our holiday break and snow days.

important dates:

February 7
Parents' Night Out 4-6pm

February 13
Post Office Field Trip

February 21
Trike-A-Thon

fundraisers:

- Get your MUMPS car magnets for \$10 each! Checks should be made payable to MUMPS.
 - MUMPS t-shirts are \$15 each! Checks should be made payable to MUMPS.
- We are accepting gently used or new sneakers for our Got Sneakers fundraiser.



If you're interested in supporting our preschool, you can help by donating paper towels, toilet tissue, and antibacterial hand soap throughout the year.

We are grateful for all prayers & support.



Warm Regards,

Kezia Glascock

Preschool Director

Our Active Congregation

Super Seniors

Trips resume! On Thursday 2/13, seniors will depart at 10:30am for lunch in Culpeper under pastor's guide!

UMWiF - Wonderful Women

What is February without a jar of chili lovingly made by the women's group?!

How will you eat yours?

in a bag...



on a potato...



in a bread bowl...



on a dog...



with lots of toppings...



... or straight out of the jar?



Ladies will be cooking on Saturday 2/8 with jars ready around 11am; or pick up a jar or two or more at church on Sunday 2/9! Enjoy and thanks!!

Book Buddies

To quote Debbie Machamer, "I hope the Book Club reading list for 2025 will further nurture your love of reading. I love how each month we come together for food and fellowship and afterwards have lively discussions."

Whether you have or haven't attended before, pick any or many of the following monthly (tentative) titles and join in!

Feb - North Woods by Daniel Mason
This historical fiction about a house in the woods of New England is told thru the lives of those who inhabit it across centuries.

March - Howard's End by E. M. Forester
A classic story revolving around another house, this one in Edwardian England, causes an inheritance dispute.

April - Overstory by Richard Powers
This is a monumental novel about reimagining our place in the living world.

May - Calamity of Souls by David Baldacci
This work of legal fiction is set in southern VA!

June - James by Percival Everett is a back-story to The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain.

July - Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone by Benjamin Stevenson is a humorous mystery!

August - True Biz by Sara Novic dives into the world of school for deaf kids.

September - Frozen River by Ariel Lawson will chill you!

October - Table for Two is a collection of stories by Amor Towles.

November - TBD

December - Mister Dickens and His Carol by Samantha Silva gives a new take on the cherished classic.

February Birthdays

- 6 - Marie Lyon
- 11 - Danial Glascock
- 12 - Erica Eickhoff
- 13 - Suzanne Simpson
- 13 - Cathy Lambert
- 19 - Lil Jacobs
- 20 - Robert Glascock
- 27 - Chris Burnside
- 27 - Maddie Grace Fitzmaurice

As updates to our celebration rosters are constantly underway, please email any

MARCH birthdays or anniversaries you'd like posted next month to

admin@marshallumc.org.



2025 Marshall Leadership

Church Council Chair: TBD

Church Council Committee: Joe Bersack, Laurie Bersack, Doris Edmonds, Amy Glascock, Candy Glascock, Kezia Glascock, Cathy Harris, Terri Hill, Cheryl Kowalczyk, Debbie Machamer, Bill Snider, DeAnna Taylor, Pastor John

Lay Leaders: Joe Bersack, DeAnna Taylor

Lay Servants: Laurie Bersack, Terri Hill, Cheryl Kowalczyk, Amy Taylor

Lay Member to Annual Conference: Cheryl Kowalczyk

District Steward: Wendy Emery

SPRC Chair: TBD

SPRC Committee: Joe Bersack, Lisa Burnside, Cheryl Kowalczyk, Amy Taylor, DeAnna Taylor

Recording Secretary: Candy Glascock

Finance Committee: Debbie Machamer (chair), Joe Bersack, Amy Glascock, Terri Hill, Cheryl Kowalczyk, Bill Snider, DeAnna Taylor

Financial Secretary: Cheryl Kowalczyk

Treasurer: DeAnna Taylor

Trustee Chair: TBD

Trustee Committee: Kezia Glascock, Skip Glascock, Phil Harris, Bob Lambert

Worship Committee: Cathy Harris (chair), Candy Glascock, Terri Hill, Bob Lambert, Amy Taylor, DeAnna Taylor, Ruth Umbel, Pastor John

Senior Ministries & Memorials Co-Chairs: Doris Edmonds & Terri Hill

Children's Ministry: vacant

Christian Education Committee: DeAnna Taylor (chair), Joe Bersack, Laurie Bersack, Terri Hill, Cheryl Kowalczyk, Debbie Machamer, Bonnie Murphy, Rich Umbel, Pastor John

Family Life Ministry Committee: Kezia Glascock (chair), Candy Glascock, Pastor John

Mission Committee: Bill Snider (chair), Amy Glascock, Smokey Jacobs, Bob Lambert, Cathy Lambert, Frances Snider, Rich Umbel, Pastor John

Outreach: Laurie Bersack

Communications: Marti Church, Terri Hill, Pastor John

Nominations Committee: Pastor John (chair), Joe Bersack, Laurie Bersack, Christine Burnham, Bonnie Murphy, DeAnna Taylor, Marge VanDeman

Safe Sanctuaries: Terri Hill (chair), Pastor John

Technology Committee: Pastor John (chair), Bob Lambert, Cathy Lambert, Debbie Machamer, Amy Taylor, Rich Umbel

UMWIF: Lisa Strahley (Chair), Christine Burnham (vice-chair)

Usher: Phil Harris

Serve.



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



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SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30	FRI 31	SAT Feb 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Sunday School (Adult& 10am Fellowship/Coffee Tin 10:30am Worship Service 12pm WARM UP Marshall Ev 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm ESL BEGINners Clas 7:30pm Choir Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm WEEKLY Bible Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm ESL INTERmediate C 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Women's Meeting
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