

MAY
2024



Marshall United Methodist Church

The Circuit Writer

NEWSLETTER

MONTHLY
MESSAGE
from the
PASTOR



Hello Beloved,

Those that know me, know that I like to ask questions. I love questions. Questioning and self-reflection open us up and cause us to look deep within ourselves. They turn the soil up in our lives and open our minds to what God is stirring up in our souls.

Jesus knew the transformative power of questions. He asked questions such as: "What do you want me to do for you?" "What do you think?" "Who do you say that I am?" "Do you love me?" "Do you want to be made well?" Beloved, what questions are you asking in this season of your own life?

I believe that doubts are also a form of questioning. Remember Thomas? Sometimes I think he gets a bad rap because he was human, and he was struggling with questions about why Jesus died. His grief, doubts, wonderings, and curiosities had him questioning things.

Wouldn't we be questioning things too? Maybe he was asking, *why Jesus left them or how God could have let Jesus' death happen at all.* However, here's the thing with Thomas, Thomas kept searching, seeking, and asking. Sometimes we need to touch and see something. That's okay because God will show you and use that experience to expand your faith.

So Beloved, what about you? What doubts do you have? What do you need to "touch and see" so that God can alleviate your unbelief about our current season?

Beloved, I am here to help you. We cannot do this alone. Continue to seek and ask God these questions, as you continue to self-reflect. Asking questions is a way to grow in God.

Blessings & Love - 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



What a joy it has been to work with our wonderful MUMPS children, parents, staff, and volunteers during the second half of the year! Watching our 2, 3, and 4-year-olds grow and learn together is an experience like none other. They are wonderful little sponges who pick up so much. Yes, they are watching, listening, and glom on to the good as well as the "oops" moments.

I have been blessed to work alongside some incredible teachers and assistant teachers this year. Thank you, MUMC, for your generous support of our program and the efforts of our staff:
Mrs. G, Mrs. Deb, Mrs. Katie, Ms. Jen, Ms. Frannie, and Mrs. Millie.

A very special thank you to our enrichment teachers who have come in week after week to work as volunteers with our kids. They include Laurie Bersack (Music), Frances Snider (Art), Christine Burnham (Science), and Joe Bersack (special reader at library time).

The generosity of our church, staff, and parents helped us to make \$1,875.00 at our Art Show and Silent Auction on the last Sunday of April. Your willingness to share God's gifts and your talents is a blessing beyond measure.

We have one final fundraiser for the year which will occur on Tuesday, May 7th, when the Foster's Grille locations in Marshall, Warrenton, and Haymarket will give us 20% of the value of your bill (excluding tax, of course) for meals purchased between 11:00am and closing. If you don't have one of our "coupons," simply tell the cashier that you are there to support MUMPS and we'll still reap their generous rewards. *Anyone and everyone is welcome to join in this fun and tasty fundraiser for the preschool just by mentioning us.*

Thank you for giving me this wonderful opportunity to serve God in a way that I certainly never imagined. What I now know as an absolute truth is that when He calls, there is no saying "no." Oh, how He loves you and me and the little ones!

Preschool Dates to Note in MAY:

Monday, May 6 - snow make-up day #3

Friday, May 10 - Mother's Day Tea @9am

Tuesday, May 14 - Donuts with Dad @9am

*Thursday, May 23 - Moving-On-Up Program
for 2 & 3 year olds at noon

*A reception with cookies and other refreshments will follow.

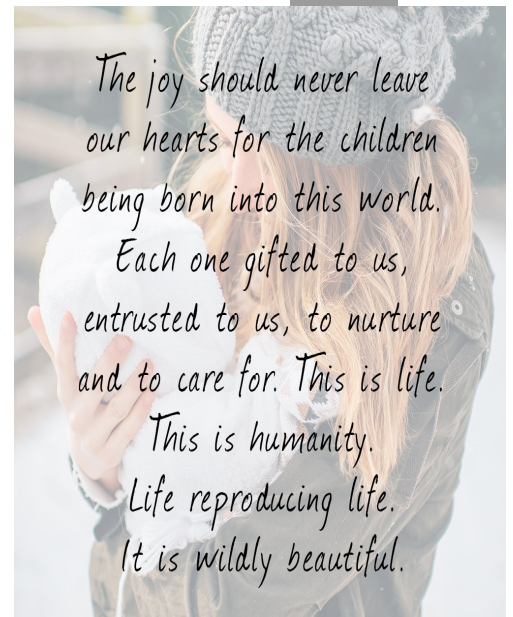
This is the last day of school for our 2 & 3 year olds.

**Friday, May 24 - Graduation for pre-K class @11am

**A luncheon will follow.

This will be the last day of school for our 4 year olds.

Blessings & Love - Mrs. Ruth



Marvelous May and More . . .



PRAISE to all

the moms, grandmas, sisters, aunts, godmothers, female role models, guardians, and every woman who nurtures each of God's children in loving ways.

We wish the women of MUMC and of the world all the love and gratitude they deserve in return.

We invite our ladies here to get and stay involved in all our women's group activities to spread more love. Join in our upcoming involvement in graduation celebrations including our preschool's, a repass, VBS this summer, and preparations for next school year.

Plus, check out the recap on the next page of our wonderful spring retreat we enjoyed just last month !

MUMC UMWif



Class of 2024

If you have or know an upcoming grad, please share their name and school, degree, or program etc. with Terri Hill:
terrih57@msn.com
or 540-270-3068.



MAY Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 – Elyse Glascock
- 11 – Jennifer Harris
- 13 – Pam Barr
- 16 – Hunter Glascock
- 16 – Jack Conley
- 19 – Steve Burnside
- 19 – Sasha & Sean Fitzmaurice
- 20 – Kevin McCullough
- 21 – Candy Glascock
- 22 – BJ Jeffries
- 23 - Bette Conley
- 23 – Kevin & Melissa Davidson
- 25 – Ed Snider
- 27 – Sarah Simpkins
- 30 – Barbara Price

As updates to our celebration rosters are underway, please email any **JUNE** birthdays or anniversaries you'd like posted next month to admin@marshallumc.org.



Marshall United Methodist Women in Faith



Our UMWIF enjoyed a wonderful weekend retreat in April and came back from a wonder-filled trip around the world learning more about our faith & ourselves. Deanna Taylor and Amy Taylor led our sessions traveling to Australia, Europe, Africa, Antarctica, and South America. We also took an afternoon to make some no-sew baby blankets to be donated to a local single moms' organization.

Next up is collecting for our Kits for Conference. We hope to have a fun local summer outing for all women! We will be collecting school supplies later in the summer also - details coming soon on all these plans. Stay tuned or join us at any meeting on the first Saturday of each month. We'd love to have you!



MISSION & OUTREACH

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS - LATEST!

Boys & Girls Club (camp): \$500

Camp Overlook: \$500

FISH: \$400

HEAL (equine vet therapy): \$200

Luray Fire Dept
(displaced families): \$500

Shenandoah Fire Dept
(displaced families): \$500

Willing Warriors
(vet support): \$200

WPER Radio: \$200

UMW (blessings box): \$120

MUMPS/Preschool: \$1,000

TOTAL:
\$4,120



GIVING

Please remember that our church's missions and 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, contributions have a high impact in our community. Check out the latest donations sent out last month. These April gifts were paying it forward out of our church's giving from January through March.

PRAYER

If you have or are aware of 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.

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

Moment for Mission

Submitted by Cathy Lambert

- Our annual mission trip to **Marion, VA**, is scheduled for **July 21 - 27, 2024!**
- It is a wonderful week of teamwork, fellowship, and opportunity to help others in need.
- Projects in the past have included building decks and ramps, repairing steps, painting rooms, etc.
- People of all skill levels are welcome to join us!
- Anyone interested please contact Cathy Lambert.



SERVING in MAY:

Worship Leaders:

May 5 - Terri Hill
May 12 - Bob Lambert
May 19 - Cathy Harris
May 26 - Joe Bersack

Communion Stewards:

Jeff & Debbie Machamer

Counters:

May 5 - Laurie Bersack & Cheryl Kowalczyk
May 12 - Debbie Machamer & Betty West
May 19 - Jeff Machamer & Terri Hill
May 26 - Bob Lambert & Wendy Emery



When God Created Mothers

Erma Bombeck

When the Good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And God said, "Have you read the specs on this order? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic. Have 180 moveable parts...all replaceable. Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap that disappears when she stands up. A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair. And six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands.... no way."

It's not the hands that are causing me problems," God remarked, "it's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel. God nodded.

"One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say, 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

God," said the angel touching his sleeve gently, "Get some rest tomorrow...."

"I can't," said God, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick...can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger...and can get a nine year old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.

"But tough!" said God excitedly. "You can't imagine what this mother can do or endure."

-"Can it think?"

"Not only can it think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek.

"There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You that You were trying to put too much into this model."

It's not a leak," said the Lord, "It's a tear."

-"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride."

"You are a genius," said the angel.

Somberly, God said, "I didn't put it there."

SOURCE:

<https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/193095-when-god-created-mothers-when-the-good-lord-was-creating>

If you want to change the world, go home and love your family.

Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without going away better & happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness.

I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.

I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do.

I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength.

I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things.

Your true character is most accurately measured by how you treat those who can do "nothing" for you.

Small things done with great love will change the world.

Mother Teresa

2024 Marshall Leadership

Church Council Chair: Cathy Lambert

Church Council Committee: Cliff Barr, Joe Bersack, Laurie Bersack, Amy Glascock, Candy Glascock, Terri Hill, Cheryl Kowalczyk, Debbie Machamer, Jeff Machamer, Amy Taylor, DeAnna Taylor

Lay Leaders: Joe Bersack, DeAnna Taylor

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

Lay Member to Annual Conference: Michelle Rowe

District Steward: Wendy Emery

SPRC Chair: Terri Hill

SPRC Committee: Cliff Barr, Lisa Burnside, Cheryl Kowalczyk, Amy Taylor

Recording Secretary: Candy Glascock

Finance Chair: Debbie Machamer

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

Financial Secretary: Cheryl Kowalczyk

Treasurer: DeAnna Taylor

Trustee Chair: Rich Umbel

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

Worship Chair: Cathy Harris

Worship Committee: Candy Glascock, Terri Hill, Bob Lambert, Amy Taylor, DeAnna Taylor, Ruth Umbel

Older Adult Ministries, Memorials: Doris Edmonds

Children's Ministry: vacant

Christian Education Committee: Terri Hill, Bonnie Murphy, DeAnna Taylor, Pastor John

Family Life Ministries Chair: Kezia Glascock

Family Life Ministry Committee: Candy Glascock, Pastor John

Mission Committee: Amy Glascock, Bob Lambert, Cathy Lambert

Outreach: Laurie Bersack

Communications: Marti Church, Terri Hill

Nominations Chair: Pastor John

Nominations Committee: Joe Bersack, Christine Burnham, Smokey Jacobs, Bonnie Murphy, DeAnna Taylor, Marge VanDeman

Safe Sanctuaries: Pastor John

Technology Chair: Pastor John

Technology Committee: Bob Lambert, Debbie Machamer, Michelle Rowe, Amy Taylor

UMWIF Chair: Terri Hill

Serve.





MARSHALL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Sunday School (Adults & Kids)
 • 9 - 10am
 • 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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SUN 28	MON 29	TUE 30	WED 1	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Sunday School (Adult) 10am Fellowship/Coffee 1 10:30am Worship Service 3pm Kids/Youth Group 3pm MUMPS Art Show 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm Choir Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm WEEKLY Bible Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Monthly Luncheon 6:30pm ESL INT 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Women's Meeting
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