

OCTOBER
2024



Marshall United Methodist Church

The Circuit Writer

NEWSLETTER

MONTHLY MESSAGE from the PASTOR

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved.

Romans 8:22-24

Hello Beloved,

Happy fall y'all! What do you think about when fall comes around? Changing leaves, cooler weather, apple cider, pumpkin patches? October has become one of my favorite months, not only because it is my wife and son's birthday month, but because of all the things that come with fall. It is also a time when we feel nostalgic, contemplative, and sometimes even depressed as the days begin to get shorter and darker until we find ourselves in the heart of winter. During this time, hope mixes with heartache and joy is intertwined with sorrow. I heard someone say, "It is a season of groaning beauty."

I got to thinking about how that is representative of the Christian faith too. In Romans 8, Paul writes that all creation groans like a mother in childbirth, yearning for adoption and redemption. We know that we have struggles that bring grief and conflict in our lives. We know that we have sin in our lives, yet Jesus has made a way for us. The Holy Spirit continues to intercede for us, and God's love will win the day. The leaves in our lives might fall now, and the snow may come, but we know that come spring, new life will spring forth in our hearts. This is what we believe and that is the hope that we hold on to.

In October, we will continue our sermons series, "The Letters of John," which is tied into our Wednesday night Bible study. I encourage you to come and be a part of it all. I also encourage you to look at the list of upcoming activities and add many to your calendar. These are your invitations to be a part of the church outside of worship. Come and join us in other ways. You are always welcome and invited. Invite others to join us this fall. There are many fun events happening. Remember that Jesus loves you and so do I.

Blessings - 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

All are welcome to join in wonderful
community activities
starting this fall at

Marshall

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 3, November 7, December 5 (remaining 2024 dates)

Community Lunches

1st Thursday of every month @ 12noon in our Fellowship Hall
open to all seniors and neighbors

Friday, October 11

Outdoor Movie Night @ 7:30pm

Friday, October 18

Pumpkin Paint Night with MUMPS/Preschool @ 6pm

Sunday, October 20

Hymn Sing, Laity & Children Special Sunday 10:30am Service

Saturday, October 26

Trunk or Treat @ 6pm

Sunday, November 24

Harvest Lunch @ 12noon following 10:30am worship service

Wednesday, November 27

Thanksgiving Service @ 7pm

Saturday, November 30

Hanging of the Greens in our Sanctuary @ 9am

Saturday, December 7

Join MUMC & MUMPS for the

Marshall Christmas Parade, Book Fair & Holiday Market

Sunday, December 22

Children's Service & Birthday Party for Jesus during Sunday School @ 9am

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service @ 7pm

Mission & Outreach

GIVING

Please remember that our church's missions and 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 supportive outreach and positive impact in our community. Watch the SGG bulletin board outside the sanctuary, and you will see notes of appreciation pour in! Thank you for being a generous church!!

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Reminder for next month: The 2024 Charge Conference will be held on **November 3, 2024**, at Shenandoah University. Thanks for reports already turned in and in advance to all who plan to attend. Save the date! Jump in the van with PJ!!

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.



Serving in October

Worship Leaders:

October 6 - Betty West
October 13 - Joe Bersack
October 20 - Doris Edmonds
October 27 - Jeff Machamer

Communion Stewards:

Christine Burnham & Marge VanDeman

Counters:

October 6 - Terri Hill & Jeff Machamer
October 13 - Wendy Emery & Bob Lambert
October 20 - Cathy Lambert & Joe Bersack
October 27 - Laurie Bersack & Cheryl Kowalczyk



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

The first month of school has been fantastic!

The students are forming friendships and settling in well. Fellowship Fridays have quickly become a highlight of the week. The weekly chapel sessions with Pastor John and the enrichment classes have all been wonderful too. We are extremely grateful for the dedication of our volunteers and staff.

important date:

October 26th
Trunk or Treat
6:00 - 7:00 pm

If you are interested in setting up a trunk, please contact MUMPS!

fundraisers:

- Pumpkin Paint Night: October 18th from 6:00 - 7:00 pm \$5 a pumpkin. Paints, snacks, and a movie will be provided.
 - Get your MUMPS car magnets for \$10 each! Checks should be made payable to MUMPS.
 - You can reach out to place your Joe Corbi orders! Orders are due October 11th.
- We are accepting 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.



Amazon Wish List

You can view our preschool needs any time by using the QR code at left.

We appreciate your help, donations, and support all the time!

Warm Regards,

Kezia Glascock

Preschool Director

MUMC UMWiF

Breathe in the fall air, women & everyone!

This is "the perfect reminder to take time to sit back & contemplate the transformative wonders of autumn," and to rest up for the upcoming holiday bustle in the next few months!

A Prayer for Autumn Days - by Joyce Rupp

God of the seasons,
there is a time for everything;
there is a time for dying and a time for rising.
We need courage to enter into
the transformation process.

God of autumn,
the trees are saying goodbye to their green,
letting go of what has been.
We, too, have our moments of surrender,
with all their insecurity and risk.
Help us to let go when we need to do so.

God of fallen leaves
lying in colored patterns on the ground,
our lives have their own patterns.
As we see the patterns of our own growth,
may we learn from them.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights,
there is always the dimension of mystery
and wonder in our lives.
We always need to recognize your power-filled presence.
May we gain strength from this.

God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain,
many gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender.
We must wait for harvest in faith and hope.
Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.

God of geese going south
for another season, your wisdom enables us
to know what needs to be left behind
and what needs to be carried into the future.
We yearn for insight and vision.

God of flowers
touched with frost and windows wearing white designs,
may your love keep our hearts
from growing cold in the empty seasons.

God of life,
you believe in us, you enrich us,
you entrust us with the freedom to choose life.
For all this, we are grateful.

Amen.

<https://prayerist.com/prayer/autumndaysjoycerupp>



October Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

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

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.



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WORSHIP SERVICE
• 10:30 - 11:30am
Fellowship & Coffee Time

• 10 - 10:30am
(Adults & Kids)
Sunday School

• 9 - 10am
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