

APRIL
2024



Marshall United Methodist Church

The Circuit Writer

NEWSLETTER

MONTHLY MESSAGE from the PASTOR

*¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.
And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Matthew 28:18-20

Dear Beloved,

Greetings of grace and peace to you in the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Beloved, we have just witnessed our Savior defeat death. Easter morning was such a glorious day. As emotionally draining as Holy Week is, Sunday is always amazing. We are so blessed by those of you who attended our worship services, along with those who watched online. We live in such a joyous time to be able to share in the same worship experience with others around the world. I am truly blessed by each one of you.

As we continue to celebrate our risen Savior, our job is not finished. In fact, it really has just begun. The days after Easter and the empty tomb are the very beginning of the church. As disciples of Jesus, we are not to just stand around, staring into the sky, watching for Jesus. Remember the angels that came down to the disciples? Didn't they tell them to get moving? Well, the angels are telling us to get moving. Don't forget our mission. Our mission is to make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world. How are we doing with this mission? We must be like Mary (the first evangelist) running from the tomb to tell the other disciples that Jesus is alive. Now, you and I must run to tell others about the love of Jesus.

This can be difficult for us sometimes. How do we share Jesus with others and not turn people off to Jesus? How do we evangelize without being jerks? One of the main ways is by our actions. St. Francis of Assisi said, "Preach the gospel at all times...use words when necessary." *Let others see God through us by our actions and by our deeds.* Even when we have difficult things going on in our lives, we are called to still act and serve like Jesus.

We must be bold and confident to share our why with those around us. Why do we believe in Jesus? Why do we have hope? Where does that hope come from?

If we can get comfortable with our why, then it becomes easier to share Jesus with others. When this happens, we will get more comfortable inviting people to church. We will get more comfortable inviting people to all the things that our church does. So Beloved, go out to the world, showing the love that God has for all God's people.

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*

MUMPS - PRESCHOOL POST



It is difficult to believe how quickly the last half of this school year is moving toward closure. We have had many wonderful experiences in the past several months with more to come in our immediate future.

We have challenged ourselves to collectively read five hundred books during the month of March. I have been binge-reading Dr. Seuss. Here are two of my favorite quotes from what I consider to be his greatest book, *Oh, The Places You'll Go*:
"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go".... and "You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So... get on your way!" Both caused me to reflect on our children's progress this year and the wonderful futures that they have ahead of them.

Dates to note in APRIL:

- Tuesday, April 9 – SPRING BREAK ENDS (Welcome Back!!!)
- Monday, April 22 – Snow Make-up Day #2 (School will be in session.)
- *Sunday, April 28 – ART SHOW & Silent Auction from 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

*Please come to see the children's artwork on display and bid on some of the fantastic baskets and other objects in our silent auction. Bring your family and friends. They will have a wonderful time, too!



SILENT AUCTION ITEMS WILL INCLUDE:

- Garden Basket
- Baking Basket
- Pampering Basket
- 3 Spring wreaths
- 2 Handmade pillows with books
- 2 Handmade quilts
- A photography session
- A horseback riding lesson

Blessings - Mrs. Ruth

United Methodist Women in Faith

Here are some recent highlights from the women's group:

- The UMWIF made over \$600 in chili fundraising.
- The Shrove Pancake Dinner went well, as well as the Lenten dinner we provided.
- Lisa Strahley will be the new events coordinator.
- The **Women's Retreat is April 5-7** at the Blessings Lodge. There are still 4-5 spaces available with fees covered by donated funds. Talk with Amy Taylor if you'd like to attend.
- Six women from the group attended the District Breakfast in Front Royal where they enjoyed an inspirational talk. They were able to donate \$100 in gift cards and together the group raised over \$1,000 in cards. Fauquier FISH received \$225 in gift cards.
- Women will assist with Sunrise Breakfast for Easter.
- We will help with the Rowe's anniversary event on April 20th.
- We are looking for ideas for Mother's Day and "ladies day out."
- There will be *no April meeting* due to the retreat.

- Come to the next monthly meeting on May 4th, or jump in the fun any time!



United Methodist Women
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APRIL birthdays & anniversaries

- 1 – Cassie Machamer
- 2 – Michael Wines
- 3 – Chuck Lawrence
- 4 – Wendy Swart
- 8 - Corey Wheeler
- 8 - Sasha Eleyce Fitzmaurice
- 7 – Ashley Brown
- 7 – Jordan Taylor
- 11 – Justin Glascock
- 14 – John Rowe
- 15 – Lynn West
- 15 – David & Terri Hill
- 17 – John & Michelle Rowe
- 19 – Justin Jacobs
- 25 – Michelle Sweeney
- 29 – Gary Machamer

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

MISSION & OUTREACH



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*. (The "give" button on the 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 continually received.

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.

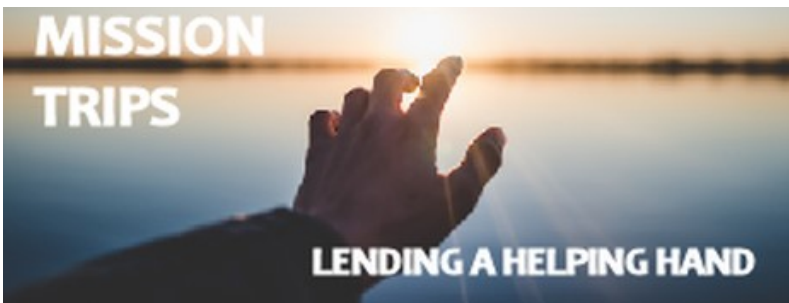
Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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 APRIL:

Worship Leaders:

April 7 - Jeff Machamer
April 14 - Marcie Kozlencer
April 21 - Smokey Jacobs
April 28 - Candy Glascock

Communion Stewards:

Candy & Robert Glascock

Counters:

April 7 - Betty West & TBD
April 14 - Terri Hill & Jeff Machamer
April 21 - Wendy Emery & TBD
April 28 - Joe Bersack & TBD



How does your spiritual garden grow?

The Lord will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring. Isaiah 58:11 (NLT)

Ask Jesus to make you like a beautiful “well-watered garden.”

By Rebecca Barlow Jordan from “Guideposts”

For years I had dreamed about lush flower gardens, and even filled a notebook with pictures of beautiful flowers and various styles of gardens. Each time I found a new idea online or in a garden magazine, I'd show my husband. I knew gardening was my passion, not his, so I tried to be careful not to pressure him. I never thought my dreams would become reality.

But a few years ago he actually suggested we draw up some ideas for a perennial garden. I was in garden heaven, creating, planning, choosing - and then planting several garden areas. They were not as exquisite as the ones in my idea notebook, but they were beautiful to me.

I soon discovered, however, that what I enjoyed was not gardening, but gardens. Gardening requires maintenance: watering, fertilizing, mulching, and yes, pulling weeds. At times, the work is overwhelming just to keep the garden growing and beautiful. Maintenance was low on my “enjoyable” list. But, oh, the joy of sitting in my garden among the fragrant flowers! It is well worth the work.

The Christian life is sometimes like that. We fall in love with Jesus, with His Word, with becoming more Christ-like. Everything looks beautiful. Until the maintenance comes. The discipline of faithfulness challenges us; temptation distracts us; and difficulties threaten to overwhelm us. Growth requires intentionality. To keep the garden of our heart beautiful and well-watered, we must cooperate with Jesus, the Master Gardener. Sometimes, that work costs us time, comfort, pain. But a well-watered, maintained garden - whether a physical one or a spiritual one - will proclaim His beauty. Jesus makes all the work worthwhile.

FAITH STEP: Do you enjoy gardens or gardening? Ask Jesus to make you like a beautiful “well-watered garden.” Cooperate with Him today by including a spiritual discipline such as time in His Word, prayer, or Bible study.

SOURCE:

<https://guideposts.org/prayer/prayers-for-stronger-faith/how-does-your-spiritual-garden-grow/>

Hosea 10:12 (NLT)

“I said, ‘Plant the good seeds of righteousness and you will harvest a crop of love.

Plow up the hard ground of your hearts for now is the time to seek the Lord that he may come and shower

righteousness upon you.’”



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: Jeff Machamer

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



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SUN 31	MON Apr 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4	FRI 5	SAT 6
EASTER Sunrise Service & Breakfast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Sunday School (Adults) 10:30am Worship Service 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm Choir Practice 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Monthly Luncheon 6:30pm ESL INT 	Women's Retreat	Women's Retreat
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Sunday School (Adults) 10am Fellowship/Coffee Ti 10:30am Worship Service 12pm Potluck Church Lunc 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm Choir Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Education Mtg 7pm WEEKLY Bible Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm ESL INT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2pm Wedding 	
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