

AUGUST
2024



Marshall United Methodist Church

The Circuit Writer

NEWSLETTER



Hello Beloved - As August dawns upon us, I am shocked by the reality that summer is just about over! I know many of us are trying to squeeze in that one last vacation, or at least get outside for just a little bit of time. However, we are starting to transition back into the swing of our fall routines.

July was a long, productive, and eventful month. In worship, we talked about phrases that seem biblical but are not. I hope you have enjoyed this series, because I have. In August we will begin a sermon series that will work in conjunction with our Wednesday Bible study. We will be looking at the letters of John. I am very excited about this study and sermon series. I hope that you will make the time to join us for the study times as well on Wednesdays at 7pm.

In addition in July, we had our Scuba VBS and our mission trip to Marion VA. VBS was awesome, and I am very thankful for all the helpers who showed the 37 kids who attended God's love. We have gained children for preschool and our youth group as a result. What a blessing this is!

Our mission team was able to do multiple projects for people while down in Marion. What a fantastic outreach this was again too!

As we look ahead, fall will be full of activities, missions, study, fun, and worship. I pray that you join us in person or online. Also, invite people to come and worship with us. You never know who needs that invitation. Maybe an old friend is looking for something that we can provide. Perhaps a brand new friend is looking for a church. Invite someone this month to join us for worship. Also, spread the word about Homecoming. Pastor Levi will be our guest speaker, and we all are very excited for that annual event.

I hope & pray you all have a safe & spectacular end of summer.



"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



MARSHALL UMC VBS 2024

RECAP

SCUBA

DIVING INTO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

VBS SCUBA sizzled this summer!

The heat wave drove many in to MUMC during VBS week along with yearnings to dive deeper into our love of, learning about, and relationships with God.

The 37 participants enjoyed activities, treats, crafts, and music including our two special songs, "Thanks God" and "I have a friend."

HUGE THANKS to all who volunteered, sponsored, prayed, helped, and dove head and heart first into a very special week.





MUMPS - PRESCHOOL POST

I'm excited to share that I've accepted the position as the director of MUMPS. I'm eagerly anticipating a fantastic year ahead!

This summer, our three classrooms received some lovely updates, and they now look even more welcoming.

A warm welcome to Kaitlyn Loveless, joining us as the new teacher for the 3-year-olds. We're also glad to have Francine Bushrod back as the 2-year-old teacher; and Katie Rogers is returning as the 4-year-old teacher, with Jen Emery as her assistant.

We're currently hiring for a Teacher's Assistant position. Interested candidates, please forward your resumes to:

natalie.d.charlton@gmail.com

Our Summer Popsicle Social was a tremendous hit! It was a pleasure to meet both new and returning students and their families as we look forward to an outstanding school year!

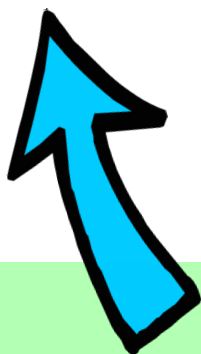
Here are a few highlights to get things started:

Important MUMPS Notes:

Fundraiser
Get your MUMPS car magnets for \$10 each! Checks should be made payable to MUMPS.

Important Dates in August
Teacher Work Days: August 19th-23rd & August 26th-30th
Open House: August 29th at 6pm

Important Dates in September
First Day of School: September 3rd



If you're interested in supporting our school, you can help by purchasing items from our Amazon wish list (see info below) or by donating paper towels, toilet rolls, tissues, and antibacterial hand soap throughout the year. We are so grateful for all of your prayers and support!

Warm Regards,

Kezia Glascock

Preschool Director

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!

wish list: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/13Q1X2QR963IV?ref=wl_share

MUMC UMWiF News

- **It's about time for our summer Ladies' Night Out!**
Women can bring a snack, friend, and/or game plus money to order food or drinks at **Three Fox Vineyards around 4pm on August 2.**

This event will replace our regular monthly meeting, i.e. NO AUGUST MEETING on Saturday morning.

- More fun is to come with homecoming weekend, movie night 9/13, and an ice cream social 9/14, etc.

Our monthly meetings are always open to all females on the first Saturday of each month at 9am. Come, get, and stay involved! We need each other, as this article attests:

"Time passes. Life happens. Distance separates. Children grow up. Jobs come and go. Love waxes and wanes. Men don't do what they're supposed to do. Hearts break. Parents die. Colleagues forget favors. Careers end. BUT.....

Sisters are there, no matter how much time and how many miles are between you. A girlfriend is never farther away than needing her can reach.

When you have to walk that lonesome valley and you have to walk it by yourself, the women in your life will be on the valley's rim, cheering you on, praying for you, pulling for you, intervening on your behalf, and waiting with open arms at the valley's end. Sometimes, they will even break the rules and walk beside you . . . or come in and carry you out.

Girlfriends, daughters, granddaughters, daughters-in-law, sisters, sisters-in-law, mothers, grandmothers, aunts, nieces, cousins, and extended family, all bless our life!

The world wouldn't be the same without women, and neither would I. When we began this adventure called womanhood, we had no idea of the incredible joys or sorrows that lay ahead. Nor did we know how much we would need each other. Every day, we need each other still.

Pass this on to all the women who help make your life meaningful. I just did." --Author unknown



August Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 - Edna Moore
- 2 - Bonnie Murphy
- 2 - Matthew Wines
- 4 - Doris Edmonds
- 6 - Kyle Smith
- 8 - Jimmy Lyon
- 14 - Amy Taylor
- 18 - Anita Burke
- 20 - Katie Rowe
- 25 - Anne Fishback
- 26 - Paul Lawrence
- 29 - Donnie Wines
- 31 - Gunnar Grottoes
- 31 - Steve Snider

As updates to our celebration rosters are underway, please email any **SEPTEMBER** 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.

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.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Continue bringing items for our Blessings Box. (Check expiration dates haven't passed.)
- Donate non-perishables to FISH in bins located by our glass doors.
- Send a donation the next time your mail includes a charitable request from organizations like UNICEF, St. Jude's, Heifer International, Mercy Ships, Doctors Without Borders, Smile Train, etc. Or look them up online.
- Visit an elderly neighbor.
- Volunteer at our preschool or a county school.
Keep FCPS in your prayers as a new school year approaches.
- Hold a door, share a smile, pray in a restaurant.
- Find any opportunity to help, care, and give!
- On the next page, check out what our Missions Team accomplished in Marion VA during their weeklong trip just completed. Oh the good we can do in God's grace, will, and strength!!....

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 AUGUST

Worship Leaders:

- August 4 - Laurie Bersack
- August 11 - Marcie Kozlencer
- August 18 - Bob Lambert
- August 25 - Terri Hill

Communion Stewards:

Candy & Robert Glascock

Counters:

- August 4 - Wendy Emery & Bob Lambert
- August 11 - Cathy Lambert & Joe Bersack
- August 18 - Laurie Bersack & Cheryl Kowalczyk
- August 25 - Debbie Machamer & Betty West

Mission Trip Recap

The MUMC 2024 Summer Mission Trip to Marion VA from July 21-27 was tremendous!

The mission team had a very productive, successful week. They were able to complete two different projects that will allow people to enter and exit their homes more safely. For the first project, they removed an old rotting back porch. They replaced it with a new deck that was level with the back door and added steps off the end of the deck. They also replaced rotting wood in the frame around the back door. For the second project, they removed soft, rotted flooring from a laundry room/backdoor entryway and replaced it with new plywood and vinyl flooring. The team even found time at the end of the day to enjoy some ice cream! THANKS to all for prayers, work & the financial support that helped make this happen!



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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SUN 28	MON 29	TUE 30	WED 31	THU Aug 1	FRI 2	SAT 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Sunday School (Adult& 10am Fellowship/Coffee Tir 10:30am Worship Service 3pm Kids/Youth Group 			<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"> 4pm UMW Ladies Night Out 	
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