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Marshall United Methodist Church

The Circuit Writer

NEWSLETTER

MONTHLY MESSAGE from the PASTOR

What, then, shall we say in response to these things?

If God is for us, then who can be against us.

Romans 8:31

Over the last few weeks, I have been stressed. I have been riddled with anxiety. I have questioned my call. I have questioned my ability to lead my life, let alone a church. These interviews have a way of making you question yourself. Maybe they are this way for a person to lean into God more. Maybe one day I will know that for sure.

What I do know is that when we go through difficult situations like this, God is in the middle of it. God is there doing what God does best. Loving us. Protecting us. Guiding us. Encouraging us. In a song called "God Did It," TobyMac sings that when life is pushing down on us, our prayers are going up. As I stepped into each one of those interviews, prayers were going up. Not only from me, but from you. I felt them, and I hope that you feel them too.

Every day, I pray for you. I know many of you are going through difficult times, and I hope you know that God's got you. Sometimes it is hard to remember when we are faced with fear and anxiety. That is why we need to be reminded often. Romans 8:31 says, "If God is for us, then who can be against us." We would do well to plaster this up everywhere we can to see it and be reminded every day. Because God's got us!

God got me through these Board of Ordained Ministry interviews, and I know that God heard your prayers. As I write this, I still do not know the outcome, but by the time you read this, I will. Whatever the outcome is, I am pleased because I gave it all over to God and let God lead. God has blessed me to be here and pastor such an amazing congregation, and I thank God every day for this church and for you. Know that I am always here for you. Praying for you. Encouraging you. And I am here to help guide you to a deeper and more committed relationship with God, as you help and guide me to one as well.

I would be remiss if I didn't say to look at the calendar and share our events with your friends. Invite them to join us, especially in Sunday morning worship. Come and be a part of our Lenten Bible study, as well as our Sunday school. You will not regret it. It is so much fun. Come and give us a try. Remember God loves you and there is nothing you can do about it.

Blessings of hope and 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

Hang on, spring is coming!

He Makes All Things New

Like dirt upon the surface of the traveled road,

covered up with perfect snow,

and washed away in springs' melting flow,

He Makes All Things New.

Like a jewelsmith refining gold,

shaping it by fire into something beautiful and bold,

He Makes All Things New.

Like the artist who sees beauty in others' rubble,

and repurposes it with magnificent vision

to a breathtaking creation,

He Makes All Things New.

For he is the master carpenter taking our broken shards
of suffering

and rebuilding them into unimaginable masterpieces of
freedom and healing.

Always available when we call on his name,

he wipes our tears,

and sends away our shame.

Yet he doesn't stop there,

he redeems our story.

Like the most prolific heavenly author,

he ties every detail together to bring us life,

and to bring him glory.

He Makes All Things New.

Written By: Beth Kelly

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

- Thanks to all who contribute non-perishable food donations to our "blessings box" out front. Remember to check expiration dates on items to ensure they are still fresh.

"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

- The women's group will be assembling 2 baskets for families for Easter this year. Listen for details on how you can help with their collections too. Blessings!



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.



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Serving in March

Worship Leaders:

March 2 - Cheryl Kowalczyk
March 9 - Joe Bersack
March 16 - Marcie Kozlencer
March 23 - Candy Glascock
March 30 - Bob Lambert

Communion Stewards:

Kezia, Candy & Robert Glascock

Usher:

Phil Harris

Counters:

March 2 - Wendy Emery & Bob Lambert
March 9 - Cathy Lambert & Joe Bersack
March 16 - Laurie Bersack & Cheryl Kowalczyk
March 23 - TBD
March 30 - TBD



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



Our preschool cherubs are growing strong, as we head into spring and look forward to more playground time!

A huge thank you to Postmaster Stephanie for making our recent post office field trip so wonderful. The students loved stamping and mailing the letters to their families. Our Trike-A-Thon was a huge success raising over \$2,000! Parents Night Out was a night full of fun. We look forward to planning another in the upcoming months.

March will be another busy and exciting month, kicking off our "community helper" theme and celebrating "Read Across America" week.

important dates:

- 3.7.25 Firefighter Visit
- 3.10.25 MAKE-UP Day
- 3.12.25 Sheriff K-9 Visit
- 3.14.25 NO SCHOOL
- 3.21.25 Library Field Trip
- 3.24.25 MAKE-UP Day
- 3.25.25 Police Detective Visit

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

MUMC in Motion

Super Seniors

Most months, this great group jumps in the church van and heads out of town for a good time.

If you have dining destinations to recommend or areas to explore, share your ideas with Doris Edmonds or P.J.

Watch where they go next and join in!

Last month's bunch (seen below) enjoyed a buffet lunch in Culpeper.



UMWiF - Wonderful Women

We hope everyone enjoyed their Super Bowl chili while supporting the annual fundraiser last month.

Ladies will be busy in the kitchen again this month. Come out and help, support, or enjoy the **pancake dinner on March 4 for Shrove Tuesday** when they get to flipping flapjacks and more.

Help prepare or enjoy the ladies' simple comfort meal of soup and classic grilled cheese sandwiches as they are cooking again at the Lenten dinner on March 12.

Praise God for the loved & loving ladies of MUMC!



Book Buddies

This group usually gets together on the second Thursday of each month at the Machamers.

For this month of March, the reading selection is Howard's End by E. M. Forester, a classic story revolving around a house in Edwardian England that's the center of an inheritance dispute.

See Debbie Machamer if you have any questions.

Monthly Munching!

Don't miss our lovely luncheons:

- **SR/community meal on March 6** (1st Thursday monthly) at noon &
- **Potluck Luncheon on March 16** (after worship on 3rd Sundays)

March Birthday Celebrations



- 2 – Casey Barr
- 10 – Joey Bersack
- 11 – Marty Wyne
- 11 – JR Sweeney
- 12 - Gabriel Egeland
- 12 – Linda Bekermeier
- 17 – Jane Eickhoff
- 19 – Bruce Smith
- 20 – Melanie Brown
- 20 – Ralph Eickhoff
- 20 – Chip Brown
- 20 – Dustin Hill
- 28 – DeeDee Clark
- 29 - Skip Atkins

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

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

admin@marshallumc.org.

Special Study

A **six-week Lenten Bible Study** will run on **Wednesdays 3/12 through 4/16** w/dinners at **6:30pm** and studies starting about **7pm**. Please join us!

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 23	MON 24	TUE 25	WED 26	THU 27	FRI 28	SAT Mar 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Sunday School (Adult&Kids) 10am Fellowship/Coffee Time 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am TRUSTEE MTG 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm ESL BEGINNERS Class 7:30pm Choir Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm WEEKLY Bible Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm ESL INTERmediate Class 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women's PRAYER BREAKFAST
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