

APRIL  
2025



# Marshall United Methodist Church

## The Circuit Writer

# NEWSLETTER

### MONTHLY MESSAGE from the PASTOR



*<sup>5</sup>He who was seated on the throne said,  
"I am making everything new!"  
Then he said, "Write this down,  
for these words are trustworthy and true."*

*Revelation 21:5*



Dear Beloved,

Spring seems to finally be here. After a long, gray, and cold winter, it is finally time to see the sun shining, the flowers blooming, and the birds building their nests. During this time, I find myself reflecting on both the beauty of God's creation and the symbolism of new birth. Spring is a time for that. It is a time of renewal and rebirth, and a time when we can reflect on the miracle of God's creation and the hope for new beginnings.

I love springtime, even though all I do is sneeze and sniffle due to my allergies. This reminds me that there are just some things that we cannot control. I also enjoy watching people emerge from hibernation. After all the months of being bundled up and wearing multiple layers, people start to venture out in shorts and flip flops, even if it is still a bit chilly outside. They are so excited about the warmer weather that they might jump the gun a little. All this to really say that spring is an annual reminder that no matter how dark and cold the winter may be, there is always the promise of new life and growth.

In this time, I give thanks to God who brings new life out of death. I give thanks for the God who turns winter into spring. I give thanks that our God is a God of hope, and love, and grace. I give thanks that one day we will see the full glory of God's kingdom, when all things will be made new, and we will experience the joy of eternal spring. And I give thanks for YOU. As we come to another spring together, we are continuing to learn how we are to live into Jesus' calling for us to be the church to this community and to the world. And through this calling, we see new life. That is so exciting!

May God bless you and keep you this spring season and beyond.

*Blessings of love and grace - 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*

# For God So Loved the World

## Jesus Christ, 33

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull.

Betrayed by the Apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture and loss of blood.

Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the House of David. He was the son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, his devoted mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea.

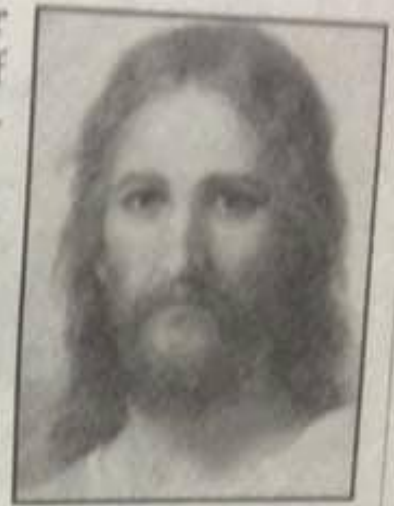
He was survived by his mother, Mary; his faithful apostles; numerous disciples and many other followers. Jesus was self-educated and spent most of his adult life working as a teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a medical doctor. It is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of his death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about his father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding more than 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, and healing a man who was born blind.

His body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family.

By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.

Easter services celebrating the life and ministry of Jesus will be held in area churches Sunday morning. Ministers throughout Whitley County are anticipating a morning of resurrection with



Jesus Christ



He  
is

Risen!

# MUMC in Motion

## Senior Stuff

The monthly luncheon for seniors and community is Thursday, April 3, at 12noon! Bring a friend, dish, smile.....

Next up, lunch at Northside in New Baltimore on April 16. Leaving the church at 11am. Signup at the luncheon or call Doris at 540-270-0676.

## Book Club

The group will meet on April 10th at 6:30pm to discuss The Overstory by Richard Powers. After that, the monthly meetings will move to the third Thursday of each month starting May 15th. Contact Debbie Machamer for info.

## Summer Previews

- MUMPS Summer Camp - July 7-11, 2025
- MUMC VBS/Vacation Bible School - July 14-18, 2025

Both programs will run 9am-12noon. *Volunteers needed!* Check the website for information & registration.

## Serving this Month

### Worship Leaders:

April 6 - Cathy Harris  
 April 13 - Smokey Jacobs  
 April 20 - Lisa Strahley  
 April 27 - Doris Edmonds

### Communion Stewards:

Laurie & Joe Bersack

### Usher:

Phil Harris

### Counters:

April 6 - Teresa Kurtz & Jeff Machamer  
 April 13 - Cathy Lambert & Joe Bersack  
 April 20 - Laurie Bersack & Cheryl Kowalczyk  
 April 27 - Betty West & Debbie Machamer

## Prayer

If you have prayers to be shared outside of Sunday services, please direct them to Pastor John Rowe at [johnrowe@vaumc.org](mailto:johnrowe@vaumc.org) or 703-357-5446; and/or [prayers@marshallumc.org](mailto:prayers@marshallumc.org).

## Giving

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*" to aid our community as well. Thanks for always being a generous church!

# April Celebrations

## birthdays & anniversaries

- 1 - Terri McGuinn
- 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 constantly underway, please email any **MAY** birthdays or anniversaries you'd like posted next month to [admin@marshallumc.org](mailto:admin@marshallumc.org).



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



We are so excited to share that as a school we exceeded our 100 books read for the month in honor of *Read Across America*. Together we read over 150 books and celebrated with an ice cream party!

A huge thank you to the community helpers who came to visit during the month of March. Firefighter Mr. B, Sheriff Falls and the K9 dogs and handlers, and Detective Mr. Van all shared great info with our students about how they help our community. MUMPS families and staff enjoyed our visit to the Marshall Library as well.

During April we will explore our monthly theme 'Earth' and watch the lifecycle of a caterpillar.

See photos on the next couple pages of the newsletter for all kinds of highlights of preschool happenings.

### important dates:

April 7

Make Up Day

April 14 - 18

Spring Break - No School

April 19

Easter Egg Hunt @11am

April 24 - 25

Spring Picture Days

April 27

Art Show & Silent Auction

3-5 pm

### 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 are 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,

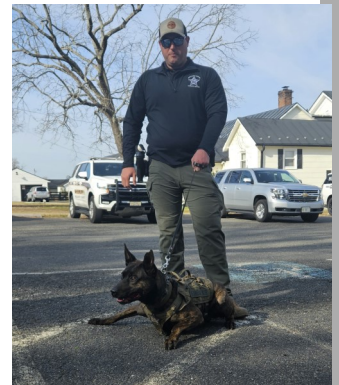
*Kezia Glascock*

Preschool Director



MARSHALL UNITED  
METHODIST PRESCHOOL







More fun to come  
for the Little Ones. . . .

A colorful poster for an Easter Egg Hunt. It features several pink bunnies, yellow and red flowers, and green leaves on a light background. The text is centered and reads:

MARSHALL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
**EASTER  
EGG HUNT**  
11:00 A.M.  
**APRIL 19TH**  
*Everyone is Welcome!*  
8405 W MAIN ST, MARSHALL, VA 20115  
PICTURES WITH THE EASTER BUNNY,  
CRAFTS, STORY TIME, AND LUNCH

A colorful poster for the MUMPS Art Show. It features a purple paintbrush, a brown palette with colorful paint spots, and various abstract shapes in orange, blue, and green. The text is centered and reads:

**MUMPS  
ART SHOW**  
AND SILENT AUCTION  
FUNDRAISER  
**APRIL 27TH 2025**  
3-5 PM

## 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.





MARSHALL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 • 9 - 10am Sunday School (Adults & Kids)  
 • 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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