



JANUARY
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Marshall United Methodist Church

The Circuit Writer

NEWSLETTER

MONTHLY MESSAGE from the PASTOR

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Colossians 3:17

Happy New Year, Beloved. I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we enter a new year, look back at your days of 2023.

Looking back, we see a world full of sin and despair. We see where we ourselves struggled to do what is right and to love God and our neighbors.

However, we also see God's grace in our lives and in the world. We see God bringing comfort through the storms of life and giving us strength to carry on. We see God working in our lives and in the world. Looking back, we see God at work in a world that is desperate for redemption, forgiveness, and peace.

Now, let's look ahead. What do you see? What do you see for your life? Your families? Your church? Your community?

The book of James is careful to warn us that we should be cautious in estimating our ability to predict the future. Truth be told, we do not know what lies ahead for us in 2024.

But my question is, does it really matter? If what we believe about God is true, does it matter that the future remains a mystery?

I don't think it does, because we know how it ends. We know that Christ returns, raises the dead, and gives everlasting life to those who are His. And we know that he has given us the gift of the Holy Spirit, so that we might walk in faith, not according to the flesh, through all the days of our pilgrimage as we wait for his return.

So Beloved, we rejoice for another year of faith; and we praise God for his promised presence & forgiveness in the year to come!

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*

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MUMPS - PRESCHOOL POST

MUMPS had a great month of December! The children worked very hard and were proud to share their songs and skit with parents, other family members, and friends. We ended the first half of the year with a hot chocolate party while we watched a Christmas movie.

Our school year resumes on Tuesday, January 9, and we are looking forward to seeing all of our students again, along with the possibility of adding several new children in January or February. Ms. Ruth (Umbel) will be serving as our interim director until a new permanent director is found. She spent several weeks shadowing the staff, assisting as needed, and is very excited to become a more active part of the MUMPS family. If you need to reach her for any preschool related questions, you can contact her at mumps@marshallumc.org.

Finally, on Sunday, January 14, from 3-5pm, MUMPS will have its first Art Show of the year along with a silent auction. All are invited to come enjoy the event with the opportunity to see the children's wonderful artwork on display!

United WOMEN In Faith

The women's group provided Christmas blessings to 3 seniors and 11 children and youth this year in the annual Angel Tree project. Gratitude to all who helped in so many ways to make this happen.

We are always looking for new ideas *and members* for the coming years. Our first 2024 meeting is on Saturday, January 6, at 9am! Come join in the fun, fellowship, and good works!!



JANUARY birthdays & anniversaries


- 3 - Paula Glascock
- 4 - Brian Quinn-Egeland
- 8 - Bradley Quinn-Egeland
- 11 - DeAnna Taylor
- 12 - Barbara Greene
- 13 - Wendy Emery
- 17 - Matthew Wyne
- 19 - Debbie Wyne
- 21 - James Swart
- 22 - Nancy Wright
- 23 - Jean Egeland
- 25 - Phil Harris
- 30 - Rachel Taylor
- 31 - Erica (Emery) Peterman

As updates to our celebration rosters are underway, please email any **FEBRUARY** 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." Another round of charitable checks has gone out already (reference right). Way to give, MUMC! 

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

Make it your personal mission in 2024 to make it a happy new year for others.

Continue bringing items for our Blessings Box. Donate non-perishables to FISH in the bins located by our glass doors. Volunteer at a local school. Donate to the library, SPCA, or a charity of your choice. Simply share a smile and spread kindness to everyone you see each day, spreading Christian love for a happier new year for all!



SGG report

God's Gifts
shared in December from
August - November 2023 giving

Friends of Fauquier Library
Gum Drop Square Event - \$400
Middleburg Humane Society - \$400
Dunivan Charity Giving to
Brookside Nursing Home - \$500
United Methodist Women in Faith
Angel Tree Project - \$900
American Foundation for
Suicide Prevention - \$400

TOTAL: \$2,600

SERVING in JANUARY:

Worship Leaders:

January 7 - Marcie Kozlencer
January 14 - Candy Glascock
January 21 - Cheryl Kowalczyk
January 28 - Joe Bersack

Communion Stewards:

Amy & Skip Glascock

Counters:

January 7 - Wendy Emery & Bob Lambert
January 14 - Terri Hill & Jeff Machamer
January 21 - Laurie Bersack & Cheryl Kowalczyk
January 28 - Debbie Machamer & Betty West

A Reading on Jesus Throughout the Bible

May this READING guide you while you journey through your Bible throughout the new year.

Just after his resurrection, Jesus appeared to a couple of his disciples on the road to Emmaus and began to explain to them - from Moses and all the prophets - how every story in the Old Testament had been about him. He was trying to give them confidence that he really was who he had told them he was. You might think that the resurrection itself was enough proof. But evidently Jesus believed it would be even more convincing to show them that every single page of a book written by more than 30 different authors over the space of 1,500 years had consistently told one story, and it was all about him.

We don't know exactly what he said that day, but I imagine it would have sounded something like this:

In Genesis, I was the Word of God, creating the heavens and the earth.

In Exodus, I was the Passover Lamb, whose blood was sprinkled on the doorposts of your heart so that you could escape the bonds of slavery.

In Leviticus, I was the temple, the holy place where you met with God.

In Numbers, I was your ever-present guide, your pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night.

In Deuteronomy, I was the prophet coming who is greater than Moses.

In Joshua, I was the conquering warrior leading you into the Promised Land.

In Judges, I was the broken Savior rising up to rescue you.

In Ruth, I was your kinsman-redeemer.

In 1&2 Samuel, I was the pure-hearted shepherd king, who rushed out to face your giants all alone.

In 1&2 Kings, I was the righteous ruler.

In 1&2 Chronicles, I was the restorer of the kingdom.

In Ezra, the faithful scribe.

In Nehemiah, the rebuilders of the walls.

In Esther, I was your advocate, risking my life to restore you to royalty.

In Job, I was your living Redeemer.

In the Psalms, I was the one who hears your cries.

In Proverbs, I am wisdom personified.

In Ecclesiastes, I am the meaning that lets you escape the madness.

In the Song of Solomon, I am your lover and your bridegroom.

In Isaiah, I was the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, wounded for your transgressions and bruised for your iniquities.

In Jeremiah, I am the Spirit that writes God's laws on your hearts.

In Lamentations, I was the weeping prophet.

In Ezekiel, I was the river of life bringing healing to the nations.

In Daniel, the fourth man in the fire.

In Hosea, I was the ever-faithful husband pursuing my unfaithful bride.

In Joel, I was the restorer of all that they have eaten.

In Amos, I was your burden bearer.

In Obadiah, the judge of all the earth.

In Jonah, the prophet cast out into the storm so that you could be brought in.

In Micah, the everlasting ruler born to us in Bethlehem.

In Nahum, the Avenger of God's elect.

In Habakkuk, your reason to rejoice even when our fields are empty.

In Zephaniah, I am the great Reformer.

In Haggai, the cleansing fountain.

In Zechariah, the pierced Son whom every eye on earth will one day behold.

And in Malachi, I am the Sun of Righteousness rising with healing in my wings.

But the Bible doesn't end there. He wasn't just promised. He came.

In Matthew, he's the King of the Jews.

In Mark, he's the Son of God.

In Luke, he's the Savior born to us in the city of David, Christ the Lord.

In John, he's the Word become flesh, dwelling among us.

In Acts, he is Christ the risen Lord, proclaiming salvation to the nations.

In Romans, he's the Justifier.

In 1&2 Corinthians, the Spirit at work in the churches.

In Galatians, he is the righteousness imputed to us by faith.

In Ephesians, our righteous armor.

In Philippians, the God who meets our every need.

In Colossians, the firstborn of all creation.

In 1&2 Thessalonians, he's descending from heaven with a shout, coming to meet us together in the clouds.

In 1&2 Timothy, the one mediator between God and man.

In Titus, our faithful pastor.

In Philemon, our Redeemer, restoring us to service.

In Hebrews, our great high priest.

In James, the life at work in our faith.

In 1&2 Peter, our living cornerstone.

In 1, 2, & 3 John, our advocate, pleading his righteousness in our place.

In Jude, he's God our Savior, the one who keeps us from stumbling and presents blameless in his presence with great joy.

And in Revelation, he's the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world, the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

It's always only ever been about him. He is the center of it all blameless in his presence with great joy.

Contributed by Doris Edmonds

A PRAYER to Welcome the New Year

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we come before you with hearts full of anticipation and gratitude. We thank you for the gift of life and for the journey that has brought us to this moment.

Lord, we acknowledge the highs and lows of the past year - the joys and sorrows, the victories and challenges. Through it all, your presence has been our constant source of strength and hope.

As we welcome this new year, we place it in your capable hands. We trust in your plan and purpose for our lives, knowing that your ways are higher than our ways, and your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

We pray for your guidance in the coming year. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and wisdom. Help us to discern your will in all that we do and to walk in obedience to your Word.

Fill our hearts with hope, joy, and peace. May your love and grace shine brightly in our lives and be a source of light in a world that often needs it.

Lord, grant us the courage to face the unknown with faith and trust. In times of uncertainty, remind us that you are our anchor, our refuge, and our strength.

We thank you for the lessons and blessings of the past and look forward to the opportunities and adventures that the future holds. May we use our time, talents, and resources to bring glory to your name and to be a blessing to others.

In the name of Jesus, we welcome the new year with open hearts, renewed faith, and the confidence that you will be with us every step of the way. Amen.

citation:

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/prayer/prayers-for-new-year-pray-to-renew-heart-and-mind.html>

Wishing
you all a
wonderfully
happy
healthy
blessed
&
beautiful
New Year!

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

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.



Marshall United Methodist Church
Sunday School (Adults & Kids)
• 9 - 10am
• 10 - 10:30am
• 10:30 - 11:30am
Fellowship & Coffee Time
WORSHIP SERVICE
location: 8405 West Main Street
Marshall VA 20115
mailing: PO Box 144
Marshall VA 20116
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