

MAY  
2025



# Marshall United Methodist Church

## The Circuit Writer

# NEWSLETTER

### MONTHLY MESSAGE from the PASTOR

*Beloved, I have a question for you. "What controls you?" Now before you say, "nothing controls me," take a minute and think of the ways that we relinquish control. Maybe you won't make any plans on a Sunday afternoon to watch NFL football. Or maybe you are like me and cannot do anything in the morning before that first cup of coffee.*

Jesus is the only person who was ever meant to have control over our lives. In Colossians 1:17, Paul tells us that Jesus "is before all things, and in him all things hold together." It reminds me of the children's song, "He's got the whole world in his hands," and you know what, that is the safest place you can be. Take whatever struggles that you have, or the broken things in your life and give it to Jesus. Jesus will restore it.

By giving our lives to Jesus, the brokenness that separated us from God was removed. Our relationship was restored, and so were we. Through Jesus, God sees us as whole, holy, faultless and blameless. Beloved, that is good news. I know that it might be hard to accept, but that is the truth.

The Colossian Church needed some encouragement with this too. In verse 23, Paul told them to "continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News."

Beloved, God knows us and still loves us. God knows us and still sent Jesus to the cross for YOU and ME. How amazing is that? Through this month of May, take time to sit with the question that I asked earlier. What controls you? What do you need to work on? Is there any area of your life where you are struggling to feel holy and blameless? Come and talk with me. I am here for you.

Starting mid-May, I will be designating a day a week for visitations. If you would like for me to come and visit, there will be cards to fill out. If you want to meet me in the church or in the Marshall Diner, there will be cards to fill out. I want you to know that you can always call me and ask me to come visit. This would help me out greatly. Thank you so much. We are going to have a great summer. I hope you are ready for it.

*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*

# To Note this Month



# 2025

## Honoring Grads

Congratulations to high school graduates:

*Lauren Edmonds  
& Camden Snider*

Dear Lord,  
Bless the lives of graduates with goodness and love.  
Help them to use their gifts wisely,  
pursue their dreams boldly,  
and guide them to walk into the future  
with faith, hope, and great love.  
Amen.  
*(guideposts.org)*

## Serving in May

### Worship Leaders:

May 4 - Terri Hill & DeAnna Taylor  
May 11 - DeAnna Taylor  
May 18 - Jeff Machamer  
May 25 - Christine Burnham

### Communion Stewards:

Amy & Skip Glascock

### Usher:

Phil Harris

### Counters:

May 4 - Terri Hill & Jeff Machamer  
May 11 - Joe Bersack & Theresa Kurtz  
May 18 - TBD  
May 25 - Laurie Bersack & Cheryl Kowalczyk

## 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!

## May Celebrations

### birthdays & anniversaries

2 - Elyse Glascock  
11 - Jennifer Harris  
13 - Pam Barr  
16 - Hunter Glascock  
16 - Jack Conley  
19 - Steve Burnside  
19 - Sasha & Sean Fitzmaurice  
20 - Kevin McCullough  
21 - Candy Glascock  
22 - BJ Jeffries  
23 - Bette Conley  
23 - Kevin & Melissa Davidson  
25 - Ed Snider  
27 - Sarah Simpkins  
30 - Barbara Price

As updates to our celebration rosters are constantly underway, please email any **JUNE** birthdays or anniversaries you'd like posted next month to [admin@marshallumc.org](mailto:admin@marshallumc.org).

# 2025 SUMMER PROGRAMS PREVIEW



MUMPS

Summer Camp

Recommended for ages 2-10

July 7 - 11, 2025

9am - 12noon



MUMC

Vacation Bible School

Recommended for age 3 & up

July 14 - 18, 2025

9am - 12noon

Register on our website [marshallumc.org](http://marshallumc.org) OR  
call Pastor John @ 703-357-5446 for more info.  
VOLUNTEERS ALSO NEEDED!

# MUMC in Motion

## Women's Group



- We are delaying our meeting for a week this month to the later date of May 10th, still at 9am. Please come and let others know of the change.
- We will assist in preschool moving-up and graduation ceremonies on May 15th and 16th. Please contribute finger foods and/or attend. We will also be giving Bibles to the MUMPS grads!
- Plans are being made for our spring retreat; get excited!
- We are collecting for hygiene kits for this year's Annual Conference. The deadline is May 11th so they can be dropped off by May 15th at Macedonia UMC in White Post.
- \*The contents are listed on the next page of this newsletter with instructions on how to pack or assemble; or if you prefer, you can bring in your donations to be assembled for you. Bags or items may be left on the side pew, under the projector screen. Thanks to all who can help & contribute!

## Mother's Day Blessings

"Almighty God, we ask Your blessing on all women & mothers everywhere again this year. Fill their hearts with laughter and joy. Surround them with love from family and friends. Grant them health, peace, and fulfillment as they pursue their calling. Let them know their value and worth in Your eyes and ours. In Jesus' name, Amen."  
(Christianity.com)

## Senior Fun

Last month there was a beautiful day for an outing (seen below).

Next the group will leave the church at 9:30am to visit the Patsy Cline Museum in Winchester with lunch at the Golden Corral on Monday, May 12th, for more fun!

Call Doris Edmonds at 540-270-0676 if you have questions.





# \*Collecting for Conference Kits Continued

## hygiene donation items needed

- One hand towel (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches)
  - o **No** kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- One washcloth
  - o **No** kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- One comb
  - o *Must be sturdy with at least 4-7 inches of teeth.*
  - o **No** pocket combs or picks
  - o *Rattail & combs without handles acceptable but must have at least 4-7 inches of teeth.*
- One toenail or fingernail clipper
  - o **No** emery boards or metal nail files
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)
  - o **No** Ivory or Jergen's soap please!
  - o Do not remove from packaging.
- One adult toothbrush
  - o **Do not** remove from packaging.
  - o Personal advertising not acceptable
- 10 adhesive bandages (¾ by 3 inches)
  - o Common household bandages acceptable
- One one-gallon size re-sealable bag

*\*Do not add toothpaste when assembling kits*



## hygiene kit assembly instructions

- Lay hand towel flat on a table.
- Lay the washcloth in the center of the hand towel.
- Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth (except plastic bag).
- Fold the sides of the hand towel to cover the items.
- Grasp the bundle tightly and roll over the remainder of the towel.
- Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag, remove air, and seal.

*\*Assembling kits yourself is optional; or we will take care of this step for you!*



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



April was all about Earth. We watched the lifecycle of a caterpillar and released butterflies. The students learned about the lifecycle of chickens and had visits with baby chicks. We explored the life cycle of a plant, and students planted their very own flowers.

Our art show with silent auction was a huge success again this year! We thank everyone for continual support of the preschool.

Enjoy photo highlights on the next page of this newsletter.

Next, we are preparing for end of the year celebrations. Everyone is invited to come celebrate what a fantastic year it has been!

### important dates:

May 5

Make Up Day

May 5 - 9

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 8

Mother's Day Tea

May 9

Donuts with Dad

May 15

2-3's Moving Up Ceremony @12 noon

May 16

Graduation for the 4's @11am

May 19-21

Teacher Work Days

### 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.

### SUMMER CAMP:

MUMPS will offer a week of summer fun from July 7-11 in the mornings 9am - 12noon.

This is recommended for ages 2-10.

Registration can be completed on the church website [marshallumc.org](http://marshallumc.org).



Warm Regards,

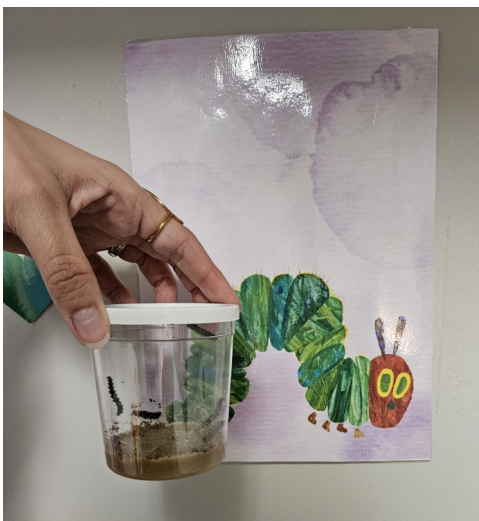
*Kezia Glascock*

Preschool Director



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## 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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WORSHIP SERVICE  
• 10:30 - 11:30am  
Fellowship & Coffee Time

• 9 - 10am  
Sunday School  
(Adults & Kids)

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| SUN<br>27  | MON<br>28  | TUE<br>29   | WED<br>30  | THU<br>May 1   | FRI<br>2                           | SAT<br>3  |
|--|--|---|--|--|------------------------------------|---|
| <p><b>MUMPS Art Show/Silent Auction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Sunday School (Adult&amp;Kids)</li> <li>10am Fellowship/Coffee Time</li> <li>10:30am Worship Service</li> </ul> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30pm ESL BEGInners Class</li> <li>7:30pm Choir Practice</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm WEEKLY Bible Study</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12pm Monthly Luncheon</li> <li>6:30pm ESL INtermediate Class</li> </ul>   |                                    |   |
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| <p><b>Happy Mother's Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Sunday School (Adult&amp;Kids)</li> <li>10am Fellowship/Coffee Time</li> <li>10:30am Worship Service</li> </ul>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:45pm HOA mtg</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30pm ESL BEGInners Class</li> <li>7:30pm Choir Practice</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm WEEKLY Bible Study</li> </ul> | <p><b>MUMPS Ceremony 2s &amp; 3s</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30pm ESL INtermediate Class</li> <li>6:30pm Book Club Mtg</li> </ul> | <p><b>MUMPS Graduation Day</b></p> |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Sunday School (Adult&amp;Kids)</li> <li>10am Fellowship/Coffee Time</li> <li>10:30am Worship Service</li> <li>12pm Potluck Church Luncheon</li> </ul>       |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30pm ESL BEGInners Class</li> <li>7:30pm Choir Practice</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm WEEKLY Bible Study</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30pm ESL INtermediate Class</li> <li>7pm Finance &amp; Council Mtgs</li> </ul>                                |                                    |   |
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