Linden/Markham/Marshall Cooperative Parish

The Circuit Writer NEWSLETTER

Matthew 14:28-29

"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.



SEPTEMBER 2021

Greetings of grace and peace to you, in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. School has started and fall is right around the corner. Well, not according to the weather outside. Nevertheless, fall is coming, and I have been very encouraged over the rising attendance over the last few months at all three churches. Especially during the summer months. However, we still have plenty of room in our sanctuaries to keep growing.

Over the last few weeks, we have been talking about being disciples for Jesus Christ and the transformation of the world. Also, in the last few weeks, we have talked about sharing the love of God with all those around us and being the light in the world. In order for us to change the world, we have to start close to home. First, we must change ourselves, and once we have changed for Christ, we must reach out to our family, friends, and community. That starts by inviting people to church. When was the last time that you invited someone to church?

There are always reasons that we don't. It is too early for some people. My friends believe in God, but church really isn't their thing. I feel a bit uncomfortable asking people to come. Well, Jesus tells Peter to step out of the boat and come to him. Beloved, that is our calling too. We need to step out of the boat and go to Jesus and bring people with us. When there is an opportunity to invite someone to come to church and you get that nervous or scared feeling...that is when you pray to God and ask for His strength. Ask God to help you share your faith with that person. You never know, that person might be waiting for an invitation.

Over the next few weeks, we have some amazing opportunities to share Christ with our family, friends, and community. On September 11th, Linden will be hosting a community picnic event, full of vendors, food, and music. On September 17th, Markham will be hosting a family movie night outside of the church. On September 19th, Marshall will be hosting their homecoming service with a luncheon afterwards. These are special times for us to share the love that God has for all of the people in our lives. I encourage you to pray about who you will invite to church. Ask God to help you. Beloved, who is God laying on your heart to invite them into his love? That is what disciples do, and we are disciples of Christ.

Blessings,

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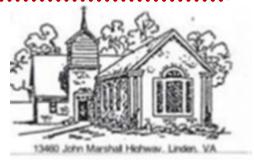
"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." - John Wesley

CHARGE CONFERENCE REMINDER:

On Monday, October 11 @ 7pm, we will meet in person & Zoom w/the DS.



Markham United Methodist Church 3212 Stone Church Road Markham, VA 22643



Linden United Methodist Church 13460 John Marshall Hwy Linden, VA 22642 church phone: 540-636-9497

September 19, 2021 Homecoming Services & Fellowship All are welcome to join us! Guest Speaker Rev. Richard Cobb



Marshall United Methodist Church mailing address: PO Box 144 Marshall, VA 20116 location: 8405 West Main Street church phone: 540-364-2506

We are delighted to be reopening **Marshall United Methodist Preschool (MUMPS)** this year! School starts Wednesday, September 8, 2021, with Preschool Back to School Day on Tuesday, September 7.

Fourteen children are enrolled. Michelle Rowe will be teaching a class of 3-year-olds. Heather Teague will be back to teach the 4-year-olds, as well as direct MUMPS. Jen Emery will be the preschool assistant for the classrooms.

Christian ideals are an important part of our day. Pastor John will lead weekly chapel time. Our program is one of several outreach ministries of the Marshall United Methodist Church.

In preparation for the year, the Marshall congregation filled an array of requested donations. Director Heather Teague expressed gratitude as follows:

Dear MUMC Family,

The staff here at MUMPS would like to send you their heartfelt thanks for all the supplies, prayers and support that you have given towards the opening of MUMPS this year. We are blown away by the response to our "need board" and by your generosity. Most of all we covet your prayers and support, and continue to ask for them as this exciting and new year of preschool gets underway! Kindly,

The Preschool Staff



Children's Ministry

Marie Lyon, our Children's Ministry Director, would like to *start a children's Sunday School on Sunday mornings at 10am.* Talk to Marie or Pastor John to get involved. Currently, we have special children's message time during the 11am worship service. Children are always welcome at any service.

Senior/Community Lunches:

Next serving on <u>September 2</u> at Noon at Marshall UMC!

MUMC hosts a luncheon for seniors and all local friends the first Thursday of each month. Anyone and everyone is welcome at noon!

Mark your calendars for the rest of the year, as follows:

September 2 October 7 November 4 December 2

If you attend regularly, please bring a covered dish or dessert to share. First timers do not need to bring a dish. Come enjoy food, fellowship, and any song that breaks out!

Marshall **MEN** meet on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Join us!



Marshall United Methodist WOMEN - MUMW

- Blessed by such a wonderful church family, we were able to sponsor 15 bookbags for FISH and supported a school
 drive in the Plains.
- We are going strong collecting monthly items for the Hope Boxes that will be sent to Appalachia in March. We are shooting to fill a minimum of 12 boxes.
- On Saturday, September 11th, we are cooking chili for opening Sunday of the football season, with big plans for the funds raised. Come by the church to make purchases from 12-2pm. We need your support like never before. Like we said, there are BIG plans for the funds raised. We sold out on the Saturday in February for the Super Bowl. No promises that we will have jars on Sunday after church!
- On September 25th, we are holding a fall yard sale. Your junk is another person's treasure. So start gathering items and rent a table for \$10! Set up at 7:30am. Sale time is 8-1.
- We are currently seeking officers for the 2022 year. If you are interested in serving please see Amy!





Mission & Outreach

Fauguier FISH Collection: INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED SNACKS

Each month we collect different food items to include in the Weekend Power Packs that are available for pick up at area public schools. FISH is currently requesting *individually wrapped snacks like granola bars*, *packs of peanut butter or cheese crackers*, *and other nutritious items along those lines*. *NO chocolate or candy though*, *please!*

There are tubs outside the double glass doors of the church to drop off any non-perishable items at any time. Thanks to everyone for donations and involvement!

All donations for the FISH pantry are greatly appreciated and delivered in a timely manner. Please direct any questions to Terri Hill or Pastor John.

Giving

All online offerings now go through the Virginia Conference online payment system. You can click on the GIVE button on the Marshallumc.org web page any time or click right here to give *electronically*!

If you would like to make a donation online, follow these steps:

Click "Donate" and follow the link

Enter the amount you'd like to donate

Enter "Marshall UMC" for Local Church Name

Enter "Marshall" for Local Church City

Enter "484900" for GCFA#



You can alternately *mail* in your weekly donations to the church address at MUMC PO Box 144, Marshall, VA 20116; or simply leave gifts in the *offering plate* at worship times.

Please remember that our church missions and expenses require support. We greatly appreciate offerings and donations that help us continue good works for our congregation and the greater community. In conjunction, we are proud to tithe 10% of our offerings when "sharing God's gifts" with various local charities twice a year. This summer, over \$3,000 (in checks) was mailed to a variety of local organizations (listed in chart below) as MUMC continued to tithe 10% in outreach support. Bless all who give to help us give help to others in need. Check out all the letters and notes hung on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary expressing gratitude for the good that we extended throughout our community. Help us to continue to reach out to our community and to those in need through your financial blessings.

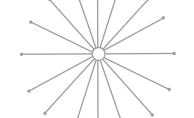
Thanks from DeAnna, Treasurer

Sharing God's Gifts Summer 2021

Are you interested in singing in this year's cantata?
We will be listening to it for the first time on Tuesday, September 21st. Rehearsals will be each Tuesday night from 8-9pm, with an additional rehearsal or two scheduled as needed. The cantata is planned for Sunday, December 19, at 7pm. Mark your calendars....... "We need a little Christmas now!"

	Fauquier Education Farm	\$200.00
j	Fauquier Free Clinic	\$500.00
Carlo Carlo	Fauquier SPCA	\$500.00
1	Heartland Hospice	\$200.00
100	Hospice Support of Fauquier County	\$500.00
	Hunters for the Hungry	\$200.00
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	WPER	\$100.00





We are in prayer constantly for relief from the COVID-19 pandemic and ask all community, country, and world leaders to hear God's will and bring peace and justice for us all.

If you have or are aware of prayers to be shared outside of Sunday services, please direct them as follows:

Lori Terwilliger at Linden via email address <u>2lpt@earthlink.net</u> or call/text to 540-252-8341 the church office at <u>admin@marshallumc.org</u> or 540-364-2506 to leave a phone message Pastor John Rowe at <u>johnrowe@vaumc.org</u> or 703-357-5446 *and/or* finally, any and all prayer updates and additions can be sent to <u>prayers@marshallumc.org</u>.

All are welcome to continue posting prayer requests during Facebook Live worship services on Sundays as well as during Pastor John's morning Daily Devotions on Facebook Live.

You can view the daily devotions Pastor John posts:

click here for daily devotions



Prayers are also lifted every Sunday and Wednesday evening during *Ripples to Rapids prayer times* at 7pm on Zoom and in the sanctuary at Linden UMC. Drop by and stay for a minute or for 30 to share your prayers, and help us to lift up the prayers of others; or you can join us from anywhere by clicking below and using this info:

Topic: Sunday and Wednesday Prayer Session Schedule: Sunday at 7 PM, Wednesday at 7 PM

Duration: 30 minutes
Meeting ID: 612 362 4831
Passcode: 908910

<u>Prior to</u> Ripples to Rapids prayer times, Pastor John is at Linden on Sunday & Wednesday evenings from 6 - 7pm as well for anyone who wants to talk personally.

Thank you for praying. God bless and care for us all!







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On September 9th, the book group will meet next at the home of Ralph & Jane Eickhoff at 10012 Cobbler View Drive in Delaplane at 6:30pm for food and conversation, with book discussions following around 7:15pm. Here is the current reading list for the group:

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The Guest List by Lucy Foley

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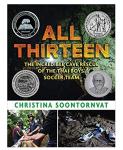
Eight Perfect Murders by Peter Swanson

NOVEMBER 2021



Incredible Winston Browne by Sean Dietrich

DECEMBER- TENTATIVE



All Thirteen
by Christina Soontornvat

JANUARY 2022



Four Winds by Kristin Hannah

Marshall September Schedule:



Worship Leaders

September 5 - Louis Nichols September 12 - Betty West September 19 - Smokey Jacobs September 26 - Laurie Bersack

Communion Steward for September

Amy & Mike Taylor

Counters

September 5 - Cheryl & Laurie September 12 - Jeff & Terri September 19 - Amy & Cathy September 26 - Joe & Bob

Thank you for your service

September Birthdays & Anniversaries cooperative parish

2-Sal Ortiz

4-Helen Ballard

5-Carly Onopa

14-Steve Thorpe

14-Jeff & Lori Terwilliger

15-Bill Arbogast

18-Bob Lambert

22-Elizabeth Glascock

23-Kyle Kowalczyk

23-Gilbert Lane

24-Amy Glascock

24-Kevin & Kristin McCullough

25-Mike Taylor

Happy wishes to all!

If you would like anniversary or celebration photos posted, email them to admin@marshallumc.org.

We're on the Web

www.marshallumc.org
www.umclinden-markham.org
www.facebook.com/
MarshallVAUMC
www.facebook.com/

click here for LMM calendar

DEADLINES for this NEWSLETTER!

All news, articles, announcements, etc. for the next month's newsletter needs to be sent to admin@marshallumc.org by the 25th of each month from here forward. Thank you in advance for your contributions and promptness. If you have any questions or need help, just ask Marti Church, admin assistant at Marshall UMC.

Email: admin@marshallumc.org 540-364-2506

Cooperative Parish Testimonies, Inspiration, Stories and Events

"But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'Because you did Moses to raise a pole with a bronze snake on it so that not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them." (Numbers 20:12)



As you walk up to Mount Nebo, you pass a freestanding sculpture of Moses. The sculpture combines the face of Moses with the Books of Moses (the Old Testament). As you continue further, you see a huge, two-ton round stone thought to be a

stone used to close tombs. In actuality, it is a Sun Disk used around 600 BC by the Babylonians to worship Shemesh, their god of the sun.

Mount Nebo, in Moab, is where God told Moses to go up to the top of Pisgah (summit or peak) to view the Promised Land. Moses was not permitted to go into the Promised Land because of his disobedience (Numbers 20:8-12). Before Moses died, God allowed him to look "from Gilead to Dan, all of the Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar." (Deut. 34:1b-3) God then buried Moses in the valley opposite Beth Peor in Moab (Deut. 34:5-8). To date, the grave of Moses has never been found. While the grave may exist somewhere, Moses won't be there as he was seen talking with Jesus at the Transfiguration (Matt. 17:3, Mark 9:4, Luke 9:30).

The Church of the Memorial of Moses, was built by the Franciscans of Jerusalem and local Bedouins in 1933. It was constructed over the remains of a Byzantine church basilica and monastery on the mountain top in the fifth to sixth-century AD. An earthquake in 749 AD not only destroyed the original church, it buried the beautiful mosaic floor that ironically preserved it. In perfect condition, all the original mosaic colors and details can still been seen.

Near the present-day church, on the terrace of Mount Nebo, stands The Brazen Serpent **Monument.** It is a metal sculpture which looks like a cross with a serpent wrapped around it. The sculpture combines two events. First, it recalls when the Lord sent venomous snakes among the Israelites because of their complaining; and, He instructed



anyone bitten by a snake would be healed and live if they looked upon the pole (Numbers 21:4-9). Second, it recalls Jesus hanging on the cross for the forgiveness of sins which healed the relationship between God and His creation. It brings to mind the Caduceus, a symbol associated with doctors and the medical field.

Mount Nebo is one of the most important Biblical sites in Jordan. I count myself fortunate and blessed to have been one of the millions of people, from all over the world, to have been there. Sadly for Moses, it was the last place he journeved to and from where he was only able to view the Promised Land. Sadly for me, it was also the last place I journeyed to on my pilgrimage. And, like Moses, I too was able to look out upon the red hills of the Moab and see the Promised Land. Our guide in Jordan, Omar Hanna Karborani, wrote in his book "The Land of God" that although Moses never entered the earthly Promised Land, died on Mount Nebo and was buried by God, that was not the end of his story. Based on Luke 9:30, Moses appeared "in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus." God spared Moses and allowed him entrance into the Heavenly Promised Land. Unlike Moses, I entered the earthly Promised Land. Like Moses, it is my earnest prayer that it is God's will that "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord Jesus will be saved" (Rom. 10:13); and one day, enter His Heavenly Promised Land too.

As I write this article, it has been exactly 18 months since Doris and I departed JFK for an eleven-day pilgrimage to the Holy Lands of Israel and Jordan (seven days in Israel and four days in Jordan). Writing these articles, sharing my photos, celebrating Christmas 2020 and Easter has kept the whole experience fresh in my mind. Truthfully, not a day goes by when something about the pilgrimage doesn't come up.

Before going on the pilgrimage, some people tried to discourage me from going for safety reasons or tried to justify my not going by saying you don't have to go to the Holy land to find God or Jesus. So, why go to the Holy Land? Being a Christian, a Disciple, a passionate reader and studier of Scripture with a love of history, as well as being a frustrated archaeologist, what other place would I most want to go? What better way to add more dimension to one's relationship with the Lord? Some say when you go to the Holy Land, you see the Bible in color. True, but not only in color but for real and in 3-D. I can no longer read about places in Scripture without revisiting, reexperiencing and seeing them more vividly now. Not everyone, who dreams or prays about making such a pilgrimage, is blessed to do so. It has been my desire and pleasure to share with you what I can,

through theses articles, about the Holy Land. That way, in the event you plan to go there, you can be better prepared and have some idea of what to expect. And if you can't go, my hope was to help you visualize the Holy Land, if only through my eyes and my shared experiences.

When you want to fully experience the Holy Land, you must totally engage all you senses. Nothing can ever compare to being there to hear it, smell it, taste it, touch it and see it with your own eyes; let alone be moved spiritually. I **heard** people, from all over the world, speaking different languages like Hebrew, German, English and more. A Jewish store owner, in Bethlehem, recited the Lord's prayer for us in Arabic. Tour guides, holding their flags, were heard educating their pilgrims. And you couldn't miss hearing the muezzin, on a loud speaker, calling Muslims to prayer five times a day. I was able to **smell** and **taste** foods typical of both ancient and modern times. I had falafel which resembles a meatball but is made of chick peas, had St. Peter's fish right out of the Sea of Galilee, enjoyed the best banana ever; and, there's nothing like the taste of fresh-baked sesame bread. I thoroughly enjoyed eating different foods on the buffets at our hotels that served traditional, Kosher and more familiar American dishes. I touched some of the most ancient, sacred, Biblical and historical landmarks like the rock designating the birthplace of Jesus at the Church of the Nativity, sat on the Teaching Steps and left prayers at Herod's Second Temple's Western Wall.

Although it was 2,000 years later, I saw sites similar to how Jesus did and believe I could have stood and walked in His footsteps. However, in contrast, I also saw modern-day Israel and Jordan. When it comes to the dress code, you **see** everything from traditional, if not ancient dress, to more western styles. However, all clothing must be conservative and modest especially at religious sites. The prevalent head ware worn by men was the keffiyeh or shemagh. It is a checkered head cloth held on by a black cord called the igal. Colors do matter as they reflect political affiliations. The red and white and black and white keffiyeh are worn by Arabs who are associated with Palestinian Marxists or the Palestinian Liberation movement. The blue and white keffiyeh is worn by Jordanians. Orthodox Jewish men wear the yarmulke or the streimel (a round fur hat) on their heads. Hasidic men wear black long coats, pants, shoes and white shirt. Hasidic women wear the tichel-a kerchief, a sheitel-a tightly worn head scarf or a wig and are usually covered from head to foot. Muslim women wore anything from the Burga to the more modern business suit along with the hijab headscarf or simple face veil. **Spiritually**, I renewed my Baptism at the holy Jordan River, celebrated the Sacrament of

Communion at the Garden Tomb and was able to deal with and extend forgiveness. This experience has no doubt enriched my relationship with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and tremendously deepened my faith.

Truthfully, my words or ability to fully express what I experienced are inadequate at best. Consequently, I had to prayerfully seek what God wanted me to share. I pray that all I was blessed to experience and all I was inspired to write about gives glory to God (1 Cor. 10:31). I am always happy to share my 900+ photos, stories and precious memories of my most cherished pilgrimage. Of all my travels to other states and countries, the Holy Land - especially Israel - is my very most favorite. I was blessed to have made this trip with my dear friend Doris Edmonds where we shared precious moments and made unforgettable memories together. I could never imagine making such a special trip with anyone else but her. This whole experience has left a permanent imprint on me and my life. Without a doubt, if I could go there again, I'd go back in a minute because I feel as though I left a part of me there - my heart. Please pray for peace in Israel.

"I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify Your name forever." (Psalm 86:12)

You don't have to take my word for it, take His Word for it.

For the glory of God, by Bonnie Jean Murphy

Part of the glory of God, by Bonnie Jean Murphy



2021 Linden/Markham/Marshall Leadership Teams

LMM Cooperative Parish Staff Parish Relations Committee

Cooperative Chair: Cindy Kokernak

Linden

Cindy Kokernak (Chair), Sheila Showers, Sal Ortiz, Judy Blood

Markham

Bonnie Schmidt (Chair), Gregg Malinsky, Edith Middleton, Brook Middleton, John Fedorchak

Marshall

Amy Glascock (Chair), Joe Bersack, Bob Lambert, DeAnna Taylor

Linden Leadership

Church Council Chair: Steve Showers SPRC Chair: Cindy Kokernak Treasurer: Kathy Drummond Finance Chair: vacant

Finance Committee: Pastor John, Sal Ortiz, Steve Showers, Loyd Dunford, Cindy Kokernak Finance Chair: Debbie Jo Foster

Trustees Co-Chairs: Loyd Dunford.

Steve Showers

Trustees Committee: John Kokernak, Mary Potter, Stuart Showers, Jeff Terwilliger Parsonage Trustees: Loyd Dunford (chair), Steve Showers (co-chair), John Kokernak Recording Secretary: Lori Terwilliger Lay Member to Annual Conference: Sal Ortiz

Young Adult Rep: vacant Adult Discipleship: Sal Ortiz

Worship Chair, Music: Connie Clatterbuck Nurture, Evangelism: Genia Ortiz Church Historian: Helen Kenney

Communications Director: Lori Terwilliger

UMW President: Cindy Kokernak Nominations Chair: John Rowe

Nominations committee: Ruth Ann Rector. Helen Kenney, Maureen Dunford, Sal Ortiz

Markham Leadership

Church Council Chair: Michele Middleton

SPRC Chair: Bonnie Schmidt Lay Leader: Bonnie Schmidt

SPRC Committee: Gregg Malinsky, Brook

Middleton, Edith Middleton, John Fedorchak

Treasurer: Nancy Sickel

Finance Committee: Edith Middleton, John Fedorchak, Bonnie Schmidt, Brook Middleton,

Nancy Sickel

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Trustee Committee: Cheryll Green, Nancy Sickel, Michele Middleton, Henry Green Parsonage Trustees: Brook Middleton, Nancy

Sickel. Edith Middleton

Recording Secretary: Theresa Malinsky Alternate Member to Annual Conference:

Edith Middleton

Age Level Ministries: vacant Nurture, Hospitality, Worship:

Edith Middleton

Community Missions: Nancy Sickel Nominations Chair: Pastor John Rowe Nominations Committee: John Fedorchak.

Edith Middleton

Marshall Leadership

Church Council Chair: Amy Taylor SPRC Chair: Amy Glascock

Lay Leaders: DeAnna Taylor, Joe Bersack Recording Secretary: Candy Glascock

Worship Chair: Cathy Harris Finance Chair: Debbie Machamer

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Children's Ministry: Marie Lyon Education Lead: Cheryl Kowalcyzk Family Life Ministries: Frances Snider,

Kezia Glascock

Mission Leads: Cathy & Bob Lambert Outreach Lead: Laurie Bersack Communications Lead: Terri Hill Nominations Chair: Pastor John Rowe Nominations Committee: Mary Jane Eichorn,

Candy Glascock, Amy Glascock,

Mo Lawrence, Amy Taylor, Bob Lambert

Linden News



Linden UMC will be hosting a community picnic and vendor fair with music on September 11, 2021. The fun starts at 3:00pm! All are welcome! C'mon out and support the church! Our Sunday School continues watching Season One of the series, The Chosen, with a discussion following. Please join us at 11:00am. Episodes of this highly acclaimed television drama based on Jesus Christ's life are also available for free through YouTube.

Markham News



Markham UMC will be hosting an outdoor family movie night on September 17 @ 7pm. Bring your blanket and lawn chairs. There will be drinks and popcorn. The movie starts at 7:30pm! For more opportunities beyond our 8:15am Sunday morning services, please contact Bonnie Schmidt at stillcre8tions@aol.com and (540) 364-1071 or Michele Middleton at mmiddletoncpa@aol.com and (703) 380-0141.

Romand 8:28: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.



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