

# WELCOME GUESTS!

Thank you for coming today. We would love to have you back, get to know you better, provide you info to get to know us better, or assist with any needs you have in any way we can. Please feel free to leave a message, or your info here, or a request for a personal contact or visit. All info is optional, private, and confidential.

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address:  
phone:  
email:  
note/request:

## BLESSINGS greetings & gratitude!

Peace be with you!  
Thank you to everyone who attended and participated today. It is wonderful having you here; please join us again any or every Sunday for our activities and service! Don't miss weekday opportunities to be involved too. For information about our church, please visit:

**marshallumc.org**  
www.marshallumc.org  
www.facebook.com/MarshallVAUMC  
OR  
contact:  
Pastor John Rowe  
703-357-5446  
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## weeklySCRIPTURE

*Memory Bible Verse of the Week  
for Children, Teens & Adults  
Week 20: 1 Thessalonians 5:18, KJV*

"In every thing give thanks:  
for this is the will of God  
in Christ Jesus  
concerning you."

Marshall UMC is honored to support our community by tithing 10% of our offerings to local non-profit charitable organizations.

## this week's ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Potluck Luncheon:**  
**CANCELLED TODAY**  
The next Potluck Lunch  
will be held on **Sunday, June 22.**

**Weekly Bible Study**  
**Wednesday 5/21** study @7pm.  
We are continuing with Nehemiah.

**Church Council Meeting**  
Thursday 5/22 @7pm.

**Celebrating All Grads**  
If you have anyone for the church to honor, please give names to Terri Hill.  
**GRADUATION SUNDAY will be held on JUNE 8, 2025!**

**Special Sunday Features**  
Join us each week for Sunday School; both kid's & adult classes start @9am. You can also enjoy fellowship time each week @10am before services w/ coffee & pastries outside the sanctuary.

## Marshall UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## 5th Sunday of Easter

### welcome to our church

"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

#### MARSHALL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

- 9 -10am - Sunday School (Adults & Kids)
- 10 -10:30am - Fellowship & Coffee Time
- 10:30am - WORSHIP SERVICE

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8405 West Main Street  
Marshall VA 20115  
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PO Box 144  
Marshall VA 20116  
phone: 540-364-2506  
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# May 18 2025

"This is the day the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it."  
(Psalm 118:22-24 NKJV)

## participating today:

Pastor: Rev. John Rowe  
Music:  
Dante Burns & Laurie Bersack  
Worship Leader: Cheryl Kowalczyk  
Communion Stewards:  
Amy & Skip Glascock  
Usher: Phil Harris  
Counters:  
TBD

## next week:

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 25, 2025

Pastor: Rev. John Rowe  
Sermon Series:  
Fruit That's Always In Season  
Sermon Title: Joy is a Fruit of the Spirit  
Scripture: Hebrews 12:2-3

Music:  
Laurie Bersack & Dante Burns  
Worship Leader: Christine Burnham  
May Communion Stewards:  
Amy & Skip Glascock  
Usher: Phil Harris  
Counters:  
Laurie Bersack & Cheryl Kowalczyk

# WORSHIPcelebration

## ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Holy Spirit works within us, giving us the ability to live in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness.

**May the Spirit guide us to choose good actions, to walk in obedience to God, and to reject the deeds of the flesh.**

Let us come before God, seeking to be transformed by His Spirit, bearing fruit that brings glory to His name.

**Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

***Blest Be the Tie That Binds*** (UMH 557)

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Holy God, we thank you for the freedom we have in Christ, a freedom that calls us to serve one another in love, not to indulge the desires of the flesh. Help us to walk by the Spirit and to be transformed into the image of Christ. We ask for your guidance and strength to resist the temptations of the flesh and to cultivate the fruit of your Spirit within us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*** (UMH 95)

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(Worship Leader Only)*

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read, and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. Amen.

PSALTER READING

Psalms 136 (pp. 616-617)

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 5:13-26 (pp. 1154-1155)

ANTHEM

***Breath of God***

MESSAGE: Love is a Fruit of the Spirit

## Affirmation of Faith

\*A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

**We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

(UMH p.12)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

\*CLOSING HYMN

***The Gift of Love*** (UMH 408)

## SENDING FORTH

\*CARRYING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

***God Be with You till We Meet Again*** (UMH 672 v.1)



Use this margin to make notes as desired.

\*Please stand as comfortably able.  
**Bold print** indicates congregation participation.

Use this space to write down prayer concerns as you wish.