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Marshall United Methodist Church

The Circuit Writer

NEWSLETTER

MONTHLY MESSAGE from the PASTOR

*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens.
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Hello beloved, happy August. As I am reflecting on what I would like to say this month, I am reminded that August means we are coming to the end of the summer. I know, I know. Let's not talk about this, right? However, as the writer of Ecclesiastes states, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

As summer comes to an end, think of the bright new opportunities that await us in the fall. We have our weekly Bible study on Wednesdays starting, our homecoming service, family movie nights, regular Sunday school, and worship services. I know there are many things I am forgetting about, but there are abundant opportunities to share the love of God with our neighbors in the community. We can share God's mercy, grace, and forgiveness with those who need to hear it. Doesn't that make you excited? I know it does me.

I want to remind you all that I am here for you. If you would like to make an appointment to talk about your faith, your understanding of God, or anything else, please call me. Also, if you see the blue Chevy Trax in the parking lot, stop on in and come see me and Mercury. He would love to see you! 🐾

Again, there is a time for everything and right now is a time for Marshall UMC to grow and show this town that not only do we love them, but God loves them so much more. Don't forget that God loves you, and so do I.

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

Things are progressing very well with the preschool remodel, albeit slower than expected. As we get closer to the start of the school year, we ask you to please volunteer if you have time. We still have a lot of organizing to do.

I was too excited to keep it in any longer and shared in worship that MUMPS was voted the best preschool in Fauquier County this past year! What a great honor and a big thank you to all those who voted for us.

Our open house will be on August 31, and all are welcome to come by and see what we have done. Thanks to everyone for all that you have done to aid your preschool here at Marshall UMC. Please use the QR code below for our list of supplies that we need for the upcoming school year if you can continue supporting us. Again, thank you so much.

Blessings - *Michelle Rowe*
Preschool Director



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



Instead of having an official August meeting, we will meet twice:

- on Sunday 8/6 after worship to assemble our 10 FISH book bags to benefit first-fifth graders all at Coleman Elementary &
- on Thursday 8/17 at Barrel Oak for a fun gathering!

We will participate in the Free Market-Back to School Day at Grace Episcopal in The Plains on Saturday, August 5, from 9-11am.

After the history talk (8/13), for MUMPS Open House (8/31), at homecoming, and for our annual chili drive (9/9), we will get cooking!

Also get ready for a Fall Yard Sale (10/14)!

We appreciate all the participation and support of Marshall Women! Thanks to everyone always.

SERVING in AUGUST.

Worship Leaders:

August 6 - Cheryl Kowalczyk
August 13 - Terri Hill
August 20 - Michelle Rowe
August 27 - Joe Bersack

Communion Steward:

Kezia Glascock

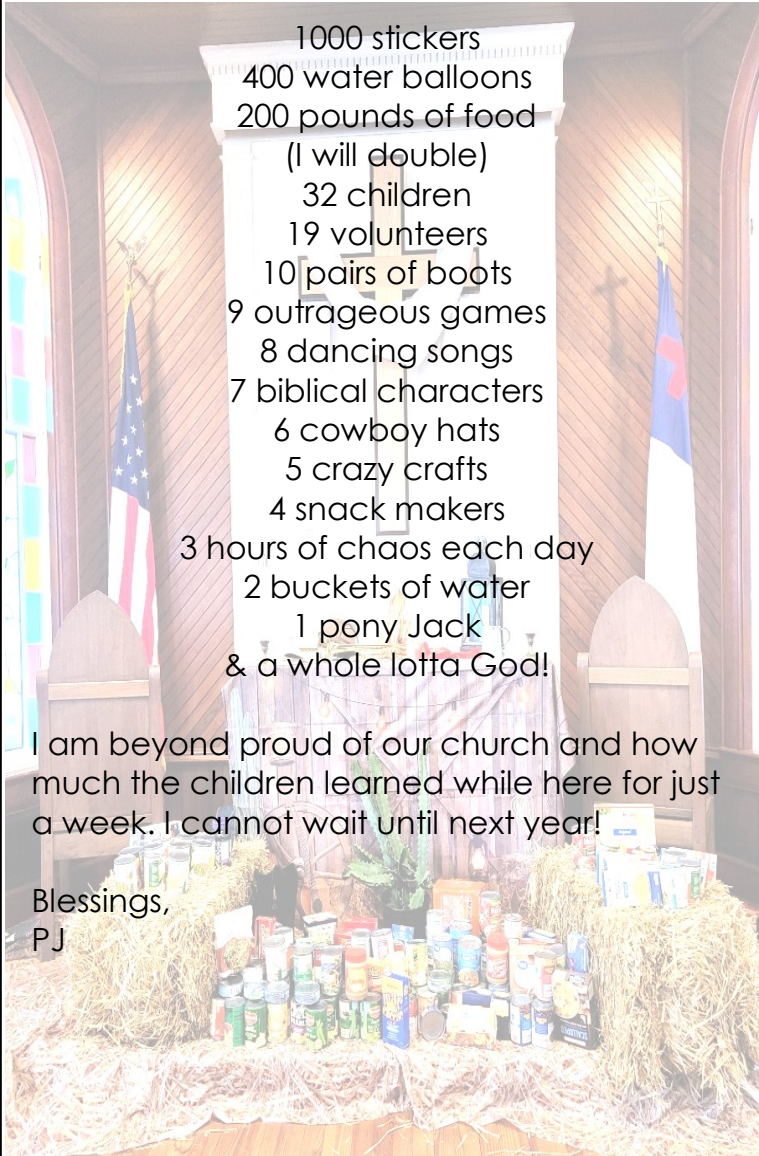
Counters:

August 6 - Debbie Machamer & Betty West
August 13 - Cathy Lambert & Joe Bersack
August 20 - Bob Lambert & Wendy Emery
August 27 - Jeff Machamer & Terri Hill

VBS MUMMC 2023 recap

VBS was amazing! I want to send a huge thank you out to all the volunteers and the whole congregation for your donations and more importantly your prayers.

You definitely made it a success, so much so that 32 children felt the love of God. I shared these stats in worship, but I would like to repeat them:



- 1000 stickers
- 400 water balloons
- 200 pounds of food
- (I will double)
- 32 children
- 19 volunteers
- 10 pairs of boots
- 9 outrageous games
- 8 dancing songs
- 7 biblical characters
- 6 cowboy hats
- 5 crazy crafts
- 4 snack makers
- 3 hours of chaos each day
- 2 buckets of water
- 1 pony Jack
- & a whole lotta God!

I am beyond proud of our church and how much the children learned while here for just a week. I cannot wait until next year!

Blessings,
PJ

Senior-Community Luncheon:

Join us Thursday 8/3 at 12noon for good food, fellowship, fun, song, and prayer!

MARSHALL HISTORY TALKS

A couple lectures remain, hosted by the Fauquier Heritage & Preservation Foundation in celebration of Marshall's 225th anniversary. Each speaker will begin at 2pm in the sanctuary followed by a Q&A time with refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

August 13

Our own **Ruth Payne Umbel** of a long-time Marshall family will recount her days at Lone Pine Dairy.

September 10

See **Darryl Jenkins** & his documentary on Fauquier County Poorhouses.

More info is available at the Fauquier Heritage & Preservation Foundation at 4132 Winchester Rd or

<https://www.thegottlibrary.org/>

Book Group:

We will meet Thursday 8/10 @6:30pm at the Bersack's house. See Debbie Machamer for more details if interested.

MISSION & OUTREACH

GIVE

Please remember that our church's missions and expenses require your support! You can *mail* in your donations 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 website is under repair.

We routinely donate 10% of general funds received to local non-profit charitable organizations as we "*share God's gifts.*" Thanks to everyone's generosity in the congregation, contributions have a high impact in our community. Just last month, \$2,900 was given as follows: Ashville Baptist Church (\$500), Hunters for the Hungry (\$500), The Plains Children's Day Care/ Summer Camp (\$500), MUMPS (\$500), and MUMC Mission Trip to Marion (\$900).

PRAY

If have or you 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 TRIP

Project Crossroads in Marion VA was AWESOME!

What a week! From July 16-21, seven members of Marshall UMC went to Marion on a mission trip. We worked with Project Crossroads, a Christian organization that organizes teams like ours, to work on projects that help improve the lives of local people in need.

This year's project was building a small deck and a 36' long ramp on a gradual slope, so that a 79-year-old woman with a wheelchair could safely exit and enter her home. With funds generously donated by you and by other congregations like ours, Project Crossroads was able to buy the necessary materials, and our team provided the labor.

It was an amazing week of hard work, teamwork, fellowship, fun, and even evening trips for ice cream! What a blessing it is to serve others! This has been an annual event for our church (other than during the covid pandemic), so if you are interested in joining us next year (date TBD), please see Cathy or Bob Lambert. All are welcome!

Blessings,
Cathy Lambert



As We Bid Farewell to Summer

Thank you, God, for the pleasures of summer,
the bright sunny days and perfect moonlit evenings,
the smells of mowed grass and air thick with rain.
Thank you for days at the lake
and evenings chasing fireflies,
for vacations and festivals,
picnics and cookouts,
baseball and concerts and swimsuits and popsicles.
Thank you for the fireworks of thunderstorms,
for watermelon sweetness,
for summer's pace and summer's grace,
for all your beauty and power, faithfulness
and fecundity
displayed in summer,
Amen.

Citation:

[https://guideposts.org/prayer/seasonal-prayers/
five-prayers-for-the-end-of-summer/](https://guideposts.org/prayer/seasonal-prayers/five-prayers-for-the-end-of-summer/)

AUGUST birthdays & anniversaries

1 - Edna Moore
2 - Bonnie Murphy
2 - Matthew Wines
4 - Doris Edmonds
6 - Kyle Smith
8 - Jimmy Lyon
14 - Amy Taylor
18 - Anita Burke
20 - Katie Rowe
25 - Anne Fishback
26 - Paul Lawrence
29 - Donnie Wine
31 - Gunnar Grottoes
31 - Steve Snider

As updates to our
celebration rosters are
underway, please email
any **SEPTEMBER** birthdays or
anniversaries you'd like
posted next month to
admin@marshallumc.org.

2023 Marshall Leadership

Church Council Chair: Bob Lambert

SPRC Chair: Terri Hill

Lay Leaders: DeAnna Taylor, Joe Bersack

Recording Secretary: Candy Glascock

Worship Chair: Cathy Harris

Finance Chair: Debbie Machamer

Finance Committee: Amy Glascock, Jeff Machamer, Joe Bersack,
DeAnna Taylor, Bob Lambert, Cheryl Kowalczyk, Terri Hill

Trustee Chair: Jeff Machamer

Trustee Committee: Rick Kowalczyk, Rich Umbel, Jeff Machamer, Phil Harris

Lay Member to Annual Conference: Michelle Rowe

District Steward: Wendy Emery

Young Adult Ministries:

Older Adult Ministries, Memorials: Doris Edmonds

Children's Ministry:

Education Lead: DeAnna Taylor, Terri Hill

Family Life Ministries: Kezia Glascock

Mission Leads: Cathy & Bob Lambert

Outreach Lead: Laurie Bersack

Communications Lead: Terri Hill

Nominations Chair: Pastor John Rowe

Nominations Committee: Smokey Jacobs, Mo Lawrence, Bonnie Murphy,
Joe Bersack, DeAnna Taylor



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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SUN 30	MON 31	TUE Aug 1	WED 2	THU 3	FRI 4	SAT 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Sunday School (Adult & Kids) 10am Fellowship/Coffee Time 10:30am HYMN SING on the Lawn 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm ESL Beginners 7:30pm Marshall Choir 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Monthly Luncheon 		
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