Linden - Markham - Marshall United Methodist Church Cooperative Parish The Circuit Writer NEWSLETTER

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:45, NIV

Hello, beloved. Greetings of grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. On the last Sunday of September, I spoke about being blessed by God by serving others. We have a tendency, because of our sinful nature, to convince ourselves that serving ourselves is what is best and will make us happy. However, as Christians, we are called to live differently. We are called to go against the sinful nature of this world, but how do we do this? We do this by fixing our eyes upon Jesus and serving others like Jesus did. He is our perfect example of service towards others. He came into this world to serve, not to be served.

Jesus served in love. Paul tells us in Galatians 5:13, "You, my brothers, and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." Serving others involves more than just our actions. It involves our hearts and attitudes towards each other WHILE we are serving. Again, it involves love. Jesus served with true humility and love while he helped people from different backgrounds and social standings. He did not serve begrudgingly. So, neither should we.

We are to serve with honor and respect. We should treat each other how we want to be treated. Bottom line is that our actions and our words should reflect Christ and how He loves.

Over the next few months, we will have opportunities to serve with love and kindness in our various churches. How will you step up and serve for your church? Where will you give your gifts and talents to benefit the kingdom of God here within our cooperative parish?

I am excited to find out, and I am excited to show our communities that we are here for them. Always remember that Jesus loves you and so do I.

If you have paperwork for the Charge

Conference to get in, please submit it by

CHARGE CONFERENCE - November 6 @3pm





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10/14. Thank you!

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We are on the Web!

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

> *Click on "events" on the website to see schedules of activities on our monthly calendars.

"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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We have had a wonderful first month of school! We learned all about apples, fall, and firefighters. We even visited the firehouse! We also learned the letters L, F, E, the shape oval, the number 1, and the colors black and white.

We are so excited to go to the pumpkin patch on the 6th of October!

We are hosting a fall festival and trunk or treat on the 29th of October from 11-5. Hope to see everyone there!

Blessings!

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Michelle Rowe - MUMPS Preschool Director

Marshall United Methodist WOMEN

All ladies are invited to join us anytime helping with church activities like the upcoming harvest luncheon, Thanksgiving events, and the Cantata dinner to be held on December 18. Or just party with us on December 15 at 6pm for this year's women's Christmas celebration!

New officers will be needed in 2023 as well, if you feel called to lead. Meetings are held just once a month on the first Saturdays at 9am at MarshallUMC.

You are bound to enjoy the female fellowship in service to our church, local community, and beyond.

Serving MarshallUMC in OCTOBER:

Worship Leaders

October 2 - Cathy Harris October 9 - Smokey Jacobs October 16 - Laurie Bersack October 23 - Doris Edmonds October 30 - Bob Lambert

Communion Steward:

Terri Hill

Counters

October 2 - Amy Taylor & Cathy Lambert October 9 - Joe Bersack & Bob Lambert October 16 - Debbie Machamer & Betty West October 23 - Cheryl Kowalczyk & Laurie Bersack October 30 - Jeff Machamer & Terri Hill

Book Group

To recap, here are the plans for the rest of the year: October - The Kepos Series by Erica Rue (pen name of Erica Eickhoff) November - The Elderly Lady series by Helene Tursten December - Christmas read & party - TBD For more information, contact Debbie Machamer at gnomeswim8511@gmail.com.

Senior/Community Lunches

Here are the remaining dates for 2022 as we continue to gather at **noon** for food, fellowship & song together on the 1st Thursday of each month: October 6, November 3, and December 1.

<u> Thank you for your participation!</u>





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Linden News

Please join us at 10:45am each Sunday in the fellowship hall as we continue our discussion of Rick Warren's 6-part study entitled "God's Answers to Life's Difficult Questions." Everyone is welcome.

The last Linden Methodist Women's Pop-Up Market/Yard Sale of this season will be held on Saturday, October 8th, from 10am-2pm. There will be a wide variety of vendors, and food will be provided by the Linden Methodist Women. Proceeds will be used to benefit local needs and the new church roof.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor (or know of someone who might be), please contact Cindy Kokernak at cyndisueva@aol.com for a vendor form and information. There will be a limited number of spaces available both inside and outside for \$25.00. Yard Sale spaces are available for \$10.00. See you there!

The October meeting for the Linden Methodist Women will be held on Sunday 10/9 at 2pm.

Mark your calendar and come to Linden Methodist Women's Fall Harvest Dinner and Blind Auction on Saturday, November 12th (Time TBD). Veterans eat FREE!

<u>Serving LindenUMC this month are:</u> Judy Blood on the 2nd, Cindy Kokernak on the 9th, John Kokernak on the 16th, Sal Ortiz on the 23rd, and Michelle Rowe on the 30th.

All Prayer Requests

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

Pastor John Rowe at johnrowe@vaumc.org or 703-357-5446 and/or

any and all prayer updates and additions can be sent to prayers@marshallumc.org

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 daily devotions that Pastor John posts on our website.

Come to RIPPLES TO RAPIDS

prayer services on Wednesday nights at 7pm to share joys, cares and concerns and have communion.

<u>Giving</u>

Please remember that our church's missions and expenses require your support! All online offerings now go through the Virginia Conference online payment system.

You can click on the **GIVE** button here or on the **marshallumc.org web page** at absolutely any time!

If you would like to make a donation online, please 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# Markham News

Date to Note: Markham has an Admin Council/Finance meeting on Tuesday 10/11 at 6pm. For 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.

Prayer Warrior Studies Continue

The Prayer Warrior Group will have its next session Tuesday <u>10/4</u> via Zoom at <u>7:00 pm</u>. We will be studying Psalm 103 - Getting Our Priorities Straight & Psalm 125: God's Protection and Salvation. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits..." Psalm 103:2. If you have any questions, contact Michele Middleton at <u>mmiddletoncpa@aol.com</u> or 703-380-0141.

You can alternately *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.

As we continue to "share God's gifts" by donating 10% of the general fund we receive from your tithes to non-profit charitable organizations, remember to check the MUMC missions bulletin board outside the sanctuary door to view all the "thanks" and notes we receive. What a difference your gifts make in the lives of others!

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MISSION & OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Supporting Our Neighbors

MarshallUMC will be partnering with NFAC (Northern Fauquier Assistance Coalition) this year to provide a day of thanksgiving meal pick-ups on November 19. We will host drop offs on the 17th and a packing day on the 18th. More information will be going out later in October but this is a heads-up as we will also ask for some helpers on that Friday and Saturday. This group is very responsive to food needs in our area so there is sure to be LOTS of food and plenty of help. We appreciate everyone who will join in the effort as hopefully this will bring new folks our way at MarshallUMC as we seek to serve those in our local community!



Marshall UMC invites school age children to drop in after school for homework help on Tuesdays.

We will have adults available to assist as needed with homework or class work - <u>3:30—6pm.</u>

Adults have been background checked and certified in our Church's Safe Sanctuary training.

Please email <u>admin@marshallumc.org</u>or johnrowe@vaumc.org

if you are interested in participating.

This is a free service for our community children!

Parents will need to request bus service from Fauquier county transportation. We will help you with this. We have been assured a bus will be available to MUMC.



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OCTOBER 1 - Terri Hill 2 - Brian & Georgi Green 2 - Aiden Winderweedle 3 - Jay Rowe 5 - Brian Murphy 5 - George Murphy 6 - Judy Blood 7 - Bill Moore 7 - Kathy Drummond 8 - Tamsen (Eickhoff) Rea 8 - Peaches Simpson 20 - Tina (Carter) Brooks 20 - Nathan Egeland 20 - Karen Schmidt 21 - Angela Wine 24 - Nick Moon 25 - Kevin Schmidt 25 - Jonathan Lyon 26 - David Moon 26 - Travis Lane III 26 - Michelle Rowe 26 - Roger & Judy Blood 26 - Dave Beard & Sandy Kielsgard 27 - Charles Prince 29 - Mikey Lyon 29 - Zach & Dawn Bueno 31 - Andrew Glascock Happy wishes to all!

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

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READING & REFLECTION

An article for MarshallUMC from the Administrative Council: Changes are coming the United Methodist Church!

Greetings from the Council. The United Methodist Church is expected to vote on numerous issues at the 2024 General Conference. The extent of the changes are not known at this time, but one of the most impactful topics will be the social acceptance of homosexuality.

The following paragraphs are excerpts from the UMC Webpage:

What is the Church's position on homosexuality? (umc.org)

"Underlying this is the constitutional principle of <u>inclusiveness of the church</u>. Everyone is welcome to worship and actively participate in the life of our churches. Laypersons may become members and <u>live out their faith</u> through their local church without respect to sexual orientation or practice.

Homosexuality was first openly debated at General Conference in 1972, four years after the formation of The United Methodist Church, resulting in the addition of first statement on homosexuality. While affirming belief that persons of homosexual orientation are persons of sacred worth who need the ministry and guidance of the church, the statement added that the church "does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching." [Timeline: <u>https://www.umnews.org/en/news/gc2016-tackling-44-year-stance-on-homosexuality</u>]

Since that time, the church has maintained the position that "the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching." This draws a distinction between orientation and practice, or behavior. Sexual relations are affirmed only within the covenant of <u>monogamous, heterosexual marriage</u>. The United Methodist Church supports laws that define <u>marriage</u> as the union of one man and one woman.

Based on these positions about homosexual practice and marriage, the Church has also maintained restrictions regarding clergy. Pastors may not be "self-avowed, practicing homosexuals" and may not conduct ceremonies that celebrate same-sex weddings or unions. Such ceremonies also may not be held on church property.

With a body of over 12 million members globally, United Methodists are not of one mind about how to be in ministry with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people.

Some members feel strongly that the church should uphold its current stances regarding gay clergy and marriage. Others strongly advocate for inclusion of LGBTQ Christians in all aspects of life in the church.

The impasse over homosexuality has led to uncertainty about the Church's future. Calls for separating the denomination have increased. The delay of the 2020 General Conference to 2024, caused by the pandemic and the difficulty it created to obtain visas for many delegates, has led to one of these groups, the Wesleyan Covenant Association, to announce it would launch a new denomination (the <u>Global Methodist Church</u>) beginning on May 1, 2022. At the present time (late August 2022), around 470 congregations in the United States (of over 30,000, so just under 1.6%) have completed a disaffiliation process as of 2019. It is unknown which or how many of these may have joined the GMC.

When the next General Conference can convene, however, it will address multiple legislative proposals to alter existing church policies (in both more exclusive and more inclusive directions) and to divide or restructure the denomination as a result of differences on these and other issues. There is no way to predict at this time how that General Conference may respond to proposals related to restructure or separation. Based on what is known about the delegation, however, it seems unlikely that the current policies regarding human sexuality will be substantially altered."

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Impact to MarshallUMC

All that being said, the United Methodist Church may likely become more progressive and allow practicing homosexual pastors and conduct ceremonies that celebrate same-sex weddings or unions.

Churches that wish to remain "traditional" would disaffiliate from the UMC. These churches would have the option to join the Global Methodist Church (GMC) or become an independent church. Note: Disaffiliation with the UMC comes with a substantial financial cost.

Marshall UMC will have the opportunity to decide our future. Will we be a traditional church? Will we be a progressive church? If we stayed with the UMC, would anything change at MarshallUMC?

No decision has to be made now, but the Council would like to engage the congregation in the discussion. Please feel free to speak to a council member or Pastor John about this topic. When the time comes, everyone will have the opportunity to attend the meeting, cast a vote, and help determine the direction of MarshallUMC.

We will provide monthly updates to you through the newsletter.

Your brother in Christ, Bob Lambert

Council Chair

You may wish to make your own list of pros and cons of staying with or disaffiliating from the UMC.

For example, here are some thoughts on the option to stay with United Methodist Church (not to disaffiliate):

| Advantages (Pros) | Disadvantages (Cons) | | |
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| Stay with our heritage and history of what we have been as a UMC | Lose our identity in the community | | |
| Keep our current pastor (for now) | After general conference decision of 2024, it may change the book of discipline and we may receive a non-traditional pastor | | |
| Use our money for service and outreach versus to disaffiliate | If we wait until after the general conference decision to "leave," we will lose our church, parsonage and our money (but not our relationships with God and each other) | | |
| UMC is a known organization | Global UM is new and pastor assignment is unknown | | |
| Our Marshall community needs us and we need them | It may be inevitable that we lose membership regardless of our decision | | |

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2022 Linden - Markham - Marshall Leadership Teams

LMM Cooperative Parish Staff Parish Relations Committee Cooperative Chair: Michele Middleton

Markham

Michele Middleton (Chair), Gregg Malinsky, Bonnie Schmidt, Brook Middleton, John Fedorchak, Tom Falkowski

Linden TBD (Chair), Sal Ortiz, Judy Blood, Lori Terwilliger

Marshall

Amy Glascock (Chair), Joe Bersack, DeAnna Taylor, Cliff Barr, Terri Hill, Smokey Jacobs

Markham Leadership

Church Council Chair: Michele Middleton SPRC Chair: Michele Middleton Lay Leader: Bonnie Schmidt SPRC Committee: Gregg Malinsky, Brook Middleton, Michele Middleton, Tom Falkowski Finance Chair: Debbie Jo Foster Treasurer: Kathv Gum Finance Committee: Edith Middleton, John Fedorchak. Bonnie Schmidt. Brook Middleton Trustee Chair: Brook Middleton Trustee Committee: Henry Green, Brian Green, Bonnie Schmidt, Edith Middleton, Brook Middleton Parsonage Trustees: Brook Middleton, Nancy Sickel, Edith Middleton Recording Secretary: Theresa Malinsky Alternate Member to Annual Conference: Age Level Ministries: vacant Nurture, Hospitality, Worship: Edith Middleton Community Missions: Nancy Sickel Nominations Chair: Pastor John Rowe Nominations Committee: Theresa Malinksy, Michele Middleton

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