



The Circuit Writer NEWSLETTER

Linden ~ Markham ~ Marshall UMC Cooperative Parish

January 2022

1 Peter 1:3-5

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

Hello Beloved. Greetings of grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I write this on the first day back from being out for almost two weeks with Covid. With all of the symptoms that occurred, none of them hurt my heart more than to not be in church with all of you during the Christmas time. Over the course of being sick and stuck at home, I struggled. I struggled physically, but more so emotionally and spiritually. I even had a few serious conversations with God. These conversations were a lot of me trying to tell God my plans, while questioning God's plans. We all know how that works out, don't we? Yet, there I was trying to argue with God about things. As Christmas day came and went, I began to realize that no matter what is happening in our lives, God is in control. It might not always seem that way, but God is always in control. I think that is something that we need to remember as we head into this new year. Yes, Christmas this year was different...again. However, did that stop Christmas from coming? Absolutely not. Did that stop us from remembering that Christ came for our salvation? Not a chance.

Which leads me to this. We are in the year 2022, and Jesus is the same now as he was way back then. Jesus gives us new birth, just as Peter talks about in this scripture. We have an inheritance into the kingdom of God that will never fade away. It will never perish. And even with this looming pandemic that seems to not want to go away, even with hurts and heartaches in our lives, we are shielded by God's power. We are protected and we are covered by our God until the second coming of Jesus in which then we will celebrate God's triumph over evil at last. I like to say that we have read the book and we know how it ends.

As this new year begins, let us not make these resolutions to better ourselves but put other people down. Let's make these resolutions to better ourselves and raise others up. Let's make resolutions that are going to make us and those around us better people than we were yesterday. Because that is what God wants from us. We are so loved by God and God has not and will not ever leave us. I think as we enter this new year, let us look to God for strength. Let us look to God for love, and let us look to God for guidance. Remember, God is love, and because God is love...YOU ARE LOVED. If we can remember this and share that with those who are in our lives, then regardless of what this year brings, we will make it through.

I look forward to getting back to worship, service, and outreach with each and every one of you. We have many things planned this year and I know that God is not through with us here in the Linden/Markham/Marshall Co-Op. I cannot wait to see what God has planned for us because we know it will be special. I love you all. Have a happy New Year. God Bless.

With love and grace,

PJ

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**LMM UMC Cooperative Parish
is 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 schedule of activities

Happy New Year!

"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



Floral Celebration

2021 Christmas Came

Despite covid curveballs, the LMM UMC Cooperative Parish still rejoiced in Christmas! Special speakers made surprise appearances during some Sunday services. Children celebrated at an early birthday party on December 18. Sounds of the season rang out on December 19. Other special seasonal moments were captured in photos shown here. At other times "zoom" brought us together in our modern world where faith and perseverance still find a way.

Most importantly, we all had time to reflect on God's greatest gift, the birth of Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, in this world and in our lives forever. We move forward toward a new year with God's promises, through His Son, for peace and love, hope for health and prosperity, and faith He will bring us goodness and light. No, not covid, no grinchies, not a thing... nothing stopped Christmas from coming. It came. It came just the same. Because a babe in the manger came all that time ago. And the world will never be the same!

"And there were in the same country shepherds, abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them! And they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not! For, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all my people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ, the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the Heavenly Host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth peace, and good will toward men."

May the new year invigorate our souls. May you celebrate the heart connections that make life satisfying and find comfort and healing in your broken places. Move forward with a kind, brave and grateful heart as we look to twelve months of new adventures, growth, and His blessings, strength and goodness.



2021 Poinsettia Dedications (Marshall)

In loving memory of
Wayne Edmonds
by Doris Edmonds

In loving memory of
Mark & Frostie Glascock
by Buddy & Paula Glascock

In loving memory of
Jim Brown
**Elizabeth Frame &
Henderson Glascock**
by Robert &
Candy Glascock

In loving memory of
Henderson Glascock
by Shirley Glascock

In loving memory of
Jim Lawrence
by Mo Lawrence

In loving memory of
Tommy Weeks
by Carol Weeks

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In honor of
Matt Murphy
by Doris Edmonds

In honor of
our family
by Jim & Peaches Simpson

MUMPS Preschool Post

Thank you to all who participated in the parade on our Christmas float! We had a great time and an amazing float entry this year!

What a nice time we had at our Christmas program on December 16th. The children did a wonderful job singing their songs and portraying the nativity.

We are looking forward to a great second half of our school year!!

Heather Teague - MUMPS Preschool Director



SR/Community Lunches:

Next serving on January 6
at noon at Marshall UMC!
If you attend regularly, you know the drill: please bring a covered dish or dessert to share. Invite a friend too. First timers need not bring a dish. Here are the dates of the first Thursday of every month when we will enjoy food, fellowship & song together in 2022:

January 6
February 3
March 3
April 7
May 5
June 2
July 7
August 4
September 1
October 6
November 3
December 1

Children's Ministry ☺

Kids can come every week at 10am for Children's Sunday School at Marshall UMC.

Children are always welcome at any service!

Gratitude to all who have added more kids' special events and opportunities lately too!

Marshall United Methodist WOMEN - MUMW



- MUMW plan to have our monthly meeting on Saturday, January 8, after we put away decorations to un-decorate the church.
- Collections continue for Hope for Appalachia.
- We look forward to Super Bowl chili making, our retreat, and other spring events.
- All women are invited to join us any time as we charge into a new year!

🎵 Marshall Music

Gratitude to all who practiced, helped, prepared, performed, attended, served made the Christmas Cantata wonderful in so many ways! Fellow singers who have attended many of our cantatas over the years said that it was one of the best (if not the best) ever presented! After a well deserved break, the choir will return to singing again on Sunday, January 9. Praise to all who lift their voices for the Glory of God!

📖 Book Group

We will meet on January 13 to discuss Four Winds by Kirsten Hannah and our potential reads for 2022. If you are interested in joining us, contact Debbie Machamer at gnomeswim8511@gmail.com.

"Books are a uniquely portable magic." – Stephen King

Serving Marshall in January:

Worship Leaders

January 2 - Bob Lambert
January 9 - Amy Taylor
January 16 - Joe Bersack
January 23 - Cathy Harris
January 30 - Cheryl Kowalczyk

Communion Stewards for January

Terri Hill

Counters

January 2 - Joe Bersack & Bob Lambert
January 9 - Debbie Machamer & Betty West
January 16 - TBD
January 23 - TBD
January 30 - TBD

Thank you for your participation!

Linden News



Our Sunday School class continues to read and discuss Max Lucado's book, "Before Amen - The Power of a Simple Prayer." We meet at 10:45am in the back of the church sanctuary.

Please come and join us!

Our January worship leaders are: Judy Blood on the 2nd, Cindy Kokernak on the 9th, John Kokernack on the 16th, Sal Ortiz on the 23rd and Michelle Rowe on January 30, 2022.

Markham News



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

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 2lpt@earthlink.net or call/text to 540-252-8341

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

finally, 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 the daily devotions Pastor John posts online on our website.

Ripples to Rapids to Resume

Starting January 19, 2022, we will have a prayer service on Wednesdays at 7pm. The location will be determined and format slightly revised. This service will have a time for lifting up prayers and for communion. We hope many will attend these sessions as we give joys, cares and concerns to God.

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV. Rejoice always, **pray continually**, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*



- 3 – Paula Glascock
- 4 – Brian Quinn-Egeland
- 4 – Stephen Lee
- 5 – David Moon & Christine Fletcher
- 8 – Bradley Quinn-Egeland
- 10 – Colin Michael Fitzmaurice
- 11 – Edie Crook
- 11 – DeAnna Taylor
- 12 – Barbara Greene
- 13 – Wendy Emery
- 13 – Catherine Reynolds
- 13 – Vicky Spears
- 15 – Danny Devers
- 15 – Leann Brown
- 15 – Chris McCoy
- 17 – Matthew Wyne
- 19 – Debbie Wyne
- 20 – Mary Lou Morris
- 21 – James Swart
- 22 – Nancy Wright
- 23 – Cody Showers
- 23 – Jean Egeland
- 25 – Phil Harris
- 30 – Rachel Taylor
- 31 – Erica (Emery) Peterman
- 31 – Alice Devers

Happy wishes to all!

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

Mission & Outreach

Fauquier FISH Collection: Please keep donating **individually wrapped snacks**. Thanks!



New Fauquier County 2nd Food Bank Open

The joint project between Emmanuel Episcopal Church and Fauquier County Food Bank is now open! The goals are to reach seniors and also to help reduce transportation costs as the first food bank that opened in Fauquier County is in Warrenton which may be quite a way for some people to drive.

The Emmanuel Episcopal Church DELAPLANE location is a full-service food bank and the current hours are 10 am - 2 pm on every Wednesday and 9:30 am - 12:30 pm on the 1st Saturday of each month.

For additional information you may call Kathy at 703-431-2309 or send an email to sharetheharvestcfb@gmail.com.

Giving

give

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

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 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!



HAPPY New Year

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face
shine upon you, and be gracious to you...



DEADLINES for this NEWSLETTER!

All news, articles, announcements, etc. for the next month's newsletter need to be sent to admin@marshallumc.org **by the 25th of each month.**

Thanks for contributions and promptness.

If you have any questions or need help, just ask Marti Church, admin assistant at Marshall UMC.

Email: admin@marshallumc.org
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 Newsletter
DEADLine: 25th

NEW**2022 Linden/Markham/Marshall Leadership Teams****LMM Cooperative Parish Staff Parish Relations Committee**Cooperative Chair: *Michele Middleton***Markham***Michelle 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: *Brook Middleton*Lay Leader: *Bonnie Schmidt, John Fedorchak*SPRC Committee: *Gregg Malinsky, Brook Middleton, Michele Middleton, Tom Falkowski*Finance Chair: *Debbie Jo Foster*Treasurer: *Kathy 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 Malinsky, Michele Middleton***Linden Leadership**Church Council Chair: *Sal Ortiz*SPRC Chair: *vacant*Treasurer: *Kathy Drummond*Finance Chair: *John Kokernak*Finance Committee: *Pastor John, Sal Ortiz, Loyd Dunford, Judy Blood, Kathy Drummond*Trustees Chairs: *vacant*Trustees Committee: *John Kokernak, Jeff Terwilliger*Parsonage Trustees: *Loyd Dunford (chair),**Steve Showers (co-chair), John Kokernak*Recording Secretary: *Cindy Kokernak*

Lay Member to Annual Conference:

Young Adult Rep: *Jay Rowe*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: *Maureen Dunford, Sal Ortiz, Sheila Showers***Marshall Leadership**Church Council Chair: *Bob Lambert*SPRC Chair: *Amy Glascock*Lay Leaders: *DeAnna Taylor, Joe Bersack*Recording Secretary: *Candy Glascock*Worship Chair: *Cathy Harris*Finance Chair: *Debbie Machamer*Finance Committee: *Amy Taylor, DeAnna Taylor, Bob Lambert, Cheryl Kowalczyk,*Trustee Chairs: *TBD*Trustee Committee: *Rachel Taylor, Jeff**Machamer, Rick Kowalczyk, Rich Umbel*Lay Member to Annual Conference: *TBD*District Steward: *Wendy Emery*

Young Adult Ministries:

Older Adult Ministries, Memorials:

*Doris Edmonds*Children's Ministry: *Marie Lyon*Education Lead: *Cheryl Kowalczyk*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, Amy Glascock, Smokey Jacobs, Mo Lawrence, Bonnie Murphy***Serve.**

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HEARTS,
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MINDS,
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DOORS.

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