

We should never get tired hearing the story of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus, a man who is God in the flesh, overcame sin and death and promises us that through him we also shall overcome sin and death. But as Easter people, we become overcomers only by God's grace and through faith.



In Old Testament times, the priest would bring bulls, goats or a spotless lamb without any blemishes to be sacrificed as a sin offering for himself and for the people. The blood would purify and make amends for their sins. This was the old order of atonement. When Jesus came, He was a representation of the sacrificial lamb to take away the sins of the world. He was the final sacrifice. We no longer have to sacrifice animals to make atonement for our sins. Jesus has done this once and for all. It's His blood that cleanses us from all sin. Through faith in the resurrected Jesus, we are freed from sin so that we can live joyfully obedience to God.

Jesus was executed by being crucified on the cross. The sin of the world was upon Him, yet He was without sin and blameless. He bore it all. This is why Jesus is called the 'Lamb of God'. He was truly dead and truly came back to life on the third day. He appeared to many - eating and drinking with them. He appeared to them for 40 days, then ascended to Heaven. (Acts 1: 1-11) This is what we celebrate as Easter and the Ascension. So Easter people, raise your voices of praise to God for the victory we have in Christ Jesus! Let us celebrate Easter this year with a renewed sense of the greatness of our God and the redeemed nature of all those who love Him! Happy Easter!

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Joe

THE RESURRECTION

We hold so close to our hearts
The cross where Jesus died
But so much more than the blood-stained cross
Is that Jesus came back to life

The stone's been rolled away
The tomb lay open and bare
They looked for Him, and then the angel said
That He is no longer here

Oh what joy they must have felt
To see Him just once more!

TRUSTEES REPORT

We owe a gracious thank you to our congregation for the generous and prompt contributions of \$1,772 you made to defray the expenses of the blows that Mother Nature laid upon us this winter.

We continue to have a balance with Dave Leger. Hopefully, as we are entering the Lenten Season, Spring will arrive simultaneously and NO MORE SNOW. Thanks again for your help.

We continue to keep our church and parsonage in the care and service of the Trustees.

On behalf of the church, we have accepted a gift of a piano from the estate of Catherine W. Jenkins. Our pastor, musicians, sound director, and Bill Whisler are working on a plan for your consideration to accommodate this gift so we may add to our musical presentations. The piano was transported at no cost to the church and alterations, if necessary, should be minimal.

We will also be discussing at the trustee Meeting in April a covering in front of the balcony rail to curtain this sound apparatus. We have been in conference with Steve Freebery and Bill Whisler.

We plan to finish the parsonage paint job of the lower level of the parsonage when Pastor Joe became our pastor. We are finally winding up our 2013 tasks, but Pastor Joe and April have been very patient.

Thank you again for allowing your Trustees to care for your church and parsonage.

Betty Tull
President, Trustees

VISION TEAM

We have not gone away! Diane and Anne have been working very diligently keeping our post cards to community members and friends.

Thanks to all chairpersons for keeping them up to date on your schedules.

Our Lenten/Easter information card is on the way. Please talk this up with your families and friends. There is no better communication than person-to-person and your demonstration of the path you are personally following.

We will set a date for our next meeting following Easter.

Peace in our Risen Savior.
Betty

MISSIONS REPORT APRIL 2014



Family Promise

On April 23rd and 24th we at Marshallton UMC will participate in our first Family Promise activities. We will prepare meals for families in the Family Promise program at St. James Episcopal church. In addition we will be dining with them these two evenings and visiting with them after the meal until bed time. Two of our members will spend the night sleeping at St. James where the families sleep during that week. We are asking members of the congregation either to shop for foods needed during the week that we support Family Promise at St. James or to make donations for purchase of these foods. A list of the needed foods will be provided in future issues of the Sunday Bulletins.

Family Promise has been a very successful national program that helps the unemployed find jobs and homeless families find residences. It helps these families become self-supporting and return to being contributing members of society. There is a time limit on how long these families may be in the Family Promise program to insure that it isn't just a long term dependency support system.

We will be continuing this mission ministry 4 times a year and will be asking other members of the congregation to participate. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this new exciting and spiritually rewarding mission ministry. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Dr. Kymm Hockman or me.

Samaritan's Purse(Operation Christmas Child)

The final number of Christmas shoe boxes delivered around the world in 2013 is 9,985,210. This represents that many souls who were touched by God's love through our generous giving and the tireless work by thousands of volunteers around the world. This is an astoundingly successful outreach ministry that answers our prayers for extending our mission activities to places where we either can't or won't go. But that is not the end of the Samaritan's Purse project.

Children in more than 100 nations who have received shoe boxes have enrolled in the Greatest Journey. It is the follow-up discipleship program offered by Samaritan's Purse. The Greatest Journey consists of 12 engaging Bible lessons that teach the next generation of believers how to become devoted followers of Christ and boldly share their faith with others. The lessons, taught by trained local believers, reinforce the truth of the gospel and help children grow in their faith. Praise God more than 1.1 million boys and girls have prayed to receive Christ as their Savior through this ministry. This mission alone should make you feel that you are a part of a much larger endeavor that is helping to have God's will be done around the world.

Mission Giving

Please remember that Mission Sunday is the first Sunday of every month. To continue to be successful in our missions we need your continued giving in the special baskets using the mission envelopes at the altar when you come forward for Holy Communion on those first Sundays.

May God bless you all.
In His name and for his Service
Tom Pesickey, Missions Chair



“Generation Truth Youth”

I recently had a very real, concrete reminder that we should never doubt the Holy Spirit.

As I was preparing for the 30 Hour Famine, one of the suggestions from World Vision was to pick a “goal” or “target” amount of money to be raised. With only six students participating....and for the first time, at that, the task is a difficult one. I wasn't sure what kind of “salespeople” we had.

In prayer, the number \$2,000.00 kept coming to mind. I ignored this for a bit. But, the prompting was so strong....and finally I just wrote it on the poster (which is still hanging in Fellowship Hall).

Famine weekend came....and after adding up what we collected, our total was about \$1150....and I announced this number at the 9:00 AM worship on March 2. Between the two services, I was stopped by a number of people turning in checks and cash at the last minute....and the number I announced at the second worship was a great deal higher.

After the second worship, even more people stopped me. By the end of that day, I had, in hand, funds totaling \$1,975.00. Amazed, I sent the funds off to World Vision, thanking God for the generosity of my church family....and for His insistence that the \$2,000 goal was not unreasonable.

This morning, two weeks after the Famine, I arrived at church to find a check in my mailbox for \$25....making our final figure an even \$2,000.00.

Friends, the Holy Spirit is doing some incredible things here. Believe it.

The youth who participated in the Famine were Connal Daly, Maya Daly, Melanie Daly, Isaiah Carter, Jonathan Syva and Niyah Archie. These young ladies and gentlemen did a phenomenal job of painting the youth room (If you haven't checked it out, stop by! It's right above the church kitchen.), and collecting food for our food closet. Most importantly...no one whined or complained. Connal, Maya and Melanie had to leave for a few hours during the Famine, as they were participating in a school play. During their absence, Jonathan, Isaiah and Niyah, along with adult volunteers, collected non-perishable food from folks in the nearby neighborhoods. We filled up the back of my Jeep Cherokee...TWICE! Pretty cool, huh?

Thank you so much to the adults who made this happen: Lynn Beaty, Lorraine Scheib and Deacon Kymm Hockman. We would not have been able to have this event without you! Thanks also to Pastor Joe for celebrating Holy Communion to break our fast. May we always hunger and thirst for Jesus! And, to Gil and Chris Kirk and Chris and Annemarie Cooper...the meal you prepared for us was incredible!!!!

We have some special young folks in this church, and I am honored to be part of this ministry.

After the Famine, we began a five-part study of the book Heaven is for Real. It raises some interesting questions, and we are looking at some of the answers found in Scripture. As I write this, we are in week 3, and are talking about the question “How do I know I will live forever in God’s house?”

Coming up in April, we have an exciting pre-Easter event planned. “Walk with Jesus” is a family event that will take place at the church on April 12 from 10:00 AM-12:30 PM. Please plan on attending....and bring the whole family for an unforgettable Easter experience!

If you are in grades 6-12 (or know someone in that age group) and would like to learn more about GTY, please contact me (cell 302-545-3961 or email sharon1960@hotmail.com) with any questions. Also, feel free to “like” our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/GTYMarshalltonUMC>). Also, if you are an adult, and would like to make a difference in the lives of our young members, I would love to hear from you.

God’s blessings to all of you!

Sharon

Thank You

“I would like to thank my Church Family for their prayers, cards and calls during my illness. I had a few difficult times but I knew God was with me and I had the assurance that I was in His care. God never gives us more than we can handle.”

Betty Becker

“Thank you so much to Don & Margaret Godwin for help and support they gave me for my eyes glasses.”

Bless you both
Bob C. Fontello

A big thank you to all the church members that attended and celebrated my special day. Also, a very special thanks for the gifts, balloons and the many cards. It was so great to see everyone.

Fondly, Virgie

*A happy time was had by all who attended
Virgie Arbogast’s 100th Birthday Party.*



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Well Spring has finally sprung!!! The calendar says that but I don't think mother nature got the message. Keep praying for nicer weather; the kids need to get outside to run off some of their energy!!

We had our annual children's used clothing and toy sale. Thanks to everyone who donated items and came to the sale. It was a very successful endeavor.

We have started our enrollment for the summer and for the academic school year of 2014-2015. Summer is already full and the school year is filling up fast!! If you know of anyone who is interested in MUMS for the school year have them give us a call. We are getting calls every day.

The MUMS staff is going to be making chocolate covered Easter eggs to sell. We will have them available on April 6 and Palm Sunday. They are half pound eggs; butter cream, peanut butter and coconut cream. We are taking orders; please see Karen Lester or me to place an order. The cost of the eggs is \$8.00 and they are worth every penny.

Have a great Easter and remember Jesus died on the cross for you and me!!!

Beth Panariello (Director)

MARSHALLTON UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The MUMW is planning a Spring Luncheon on May 6th at 12:00 o'clock. The cost is \$10.00 and there will be one seating only. There are 100 tickets to be purchased and paid for in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door. We will be having some very nice door prizes.

We are asking for donations of suitable, gift quality items.(jewelry, decorator items, make-up, lotions etc.) Gift certificates are wonderful also. Contact me or any member of the UMW to donate. My no. is 998-5555.

Shelva Lewis, MUMW President

COME JOIN US!!

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

9:00am to 3:00pm - Crafts, Vendors, Food, Bake Sale, Silent Auction
March of Dimes Fundraiser - Team Tony's Angels - Questions, see
Lauren Temple.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

7:30am to 8:30am, All Men Welcome - \$5
Men in Christian Endeavor (MICE) Breakfast Meeting w/ Speaker

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2014

10:00am to 12:30pm, All Families Welcome
Easter Family Event - "Walk With Jesus" - a Unique, Family-Oriented, Fun Event
Offering a High Energy Break from Traditional Easter Egg Hunt Activities.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2014

5:00pm to 7:30pm, All Are Welcome - Bring a Pot Luck Dish to Share
Passover Seder Teaching & Pot Luck Dinner (Showing Christ in the Passover)

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2014

7:00pm, All Are Welcome
Maundy Thursday Service

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2014

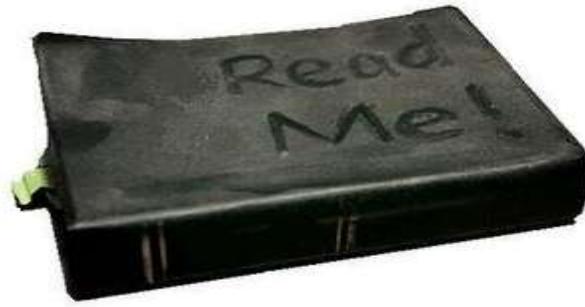
6:00am., All Are Welcome
Easter Sunrise Service

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2014

9:00am, All Are Welcome
Easter Contemporary Service and Children's Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2014

11:00am, All Are Welcome
Easter Traditional Service



DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR APRIL, 2014

GOD'S WORD: GIVING US WITH HOPE

Day	Book	Chapter	Day	Book	Chapter
1	Psalms	33	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>		
2	Psalms	34	17	Matthew	27:1-26
3	Psalms	40	<i>Good Friday</i>		
4	Psalms	41	18	Matthew	27:27-56
5	Psalms	42	19	Matthew	27:57-66
<i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>			<i>Easter Sunday</i>		
6	Isaiah	40:1-31	20	Matthew	28:1-20
7	Isaiah	49:1-26	21	John	20:1-31
8	Isaiah	51:1-23	22	John	21:1-25
9	Isaiah	52:1-12	23	Hebrews	4:1-13
10	Isaiah	52:13-53:12	24	Hebrews	4:14-5:14
11	Matthew	20:1-19	25	Hebrews	6:1-20
12	Matthew	20:20-34	26	Hebrews	7:1-28
<i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i>			27	Hebrews	8:1-13
13	Matthew	21:1-17	28	Hebrews	9:1-22
14	Matthew	21:18-46	29	Hebrews	9:23:10-18
15	Matthew	26:1-35	30	Hebrews	10:19-39
16	Matthew	26:36-75			

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES FOR APRIL, 2014



BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO
IAN LESTER WHO CELEBRATED HIS 10TH BIRTHDAY ON MARCH 17TH
AND KAREN JAMES ON MARCH 26TH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<i>APRIL</i>				<i>May</i>	
<i>1</i>	<i>Sharon Hayden</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Kerri Lenker</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Nigel Raman</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>Sherron Long</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Samuel Hayden</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Ron Caldwell</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>Cheryl Jackson</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Pastor Hayden</i>		
<i>8</i>	<i>Matthew Howell</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>Kappy Stevens</i>		
<i>9</i>	<i>Anna Kuhar</i>		<i>Beverly Wright</i>		
<i>10</i>	<i>Randall Johns</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>Mavis Posey</i>		
<i>16</i>	<i>April Archie</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>Lynne Barnett</i>		
	<i>Niyah Archie</i>		<i>Tom Pesickey</i>		
<i>17</i>	<i>Ruth Ann Cope</i>		<i>Patty Powell</i>		
<i>18</i>	<i>Margaret Godwin</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Patty Caldwell</i>		



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

<i>APRIL</i>		<i>MAY</i>			
<i>11</i>	<i>Mary Jane & Charles Graham</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Lester & Lisa Carlisle, Sr.</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Roosevelt & Carolina Rowsey</i>

APRIL, 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30pm - Praise Team 7:45pm - Chancel Choir	2 9:00am, 1:30pm & 7:00pm - Disc. Bible Study Noon-Lenten Service	3	4 7:00-9:00PM - Youth Group	5 9:00pm-3:00pm -March of Dimes Fundraiser
6 7:30am - Last MICE Breakfast 9:00am- Praise & Worship 11:00am- Worship Service	7	8 10:30am - Alice Ball Circle Mtg. 6:30pm - Praise Team 7:45pm - Chancel Choir	9 10:30am - Marian Rowe Circle Mtg. 9:00am, 1:30pm & 7:00pm - Disc. Bible Study Noon-Lenten Service	10	11 7:00-9:00PM - Youth Group	12 9:00am - 12:30pm - Easter Family Event - <i>"Walk With Jesus"</i> 5:00pm - 7:00pm - Passover Seder Teaching & Pot Luck Dinner
13 PALM SUNDAY 9:00am- Praise & Worship 11:00am- Worship Service	14	15 6:30pm - Praise Team 7:00 - Rebekah Circle 7:45pm - Chancel Choir	16 9:00am, 1:30pm & 7:00pm - Disc. Bible Study Noon-Lenten Service	17 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00pm - Service	18 GOOD FRIDAY Noon Service at St. James Episcopal Church 7:00-9:00pm - Youth Group	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY 6:00am - Sunrise Service 9:00am- Contemporary Service 11:00am-Traditional Service	21	22 6:30pm - Praise Team 7:45pm - Chancel Choir	16 9:00am, 1:30pm & 7:00pm - Disc. Bible Study	24	25 7:00-9:00pm - Youth Group	26
27 7:30am - MICE Breakfast 9:00am- Praise & Worship 11:00am- Worship Service	28	29 6:30pm - Praise Team 7:45pm - Chancel Choir	30 Disciple Bible Study 9:00am, 1:30pm & 7:00pm			
COMING IN MAY	MAY 6TH UMW SPRING LUNCHEON	SAT., MAY 10TH MONTHLY FUN FELLOWSHIP GATHERING	MAY 11th 7:30AM MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST			