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APRIL "CHATTER"



9:00 AM APRIL SERMON SERIES – “ALIVE” 11:00 AM

APRIL 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:00 - Praise & Worship 11:00 - Worship Service	8 7:00PM Finance Committee	9 6:00PM - Jesus Club 7:45PM - Chancel Choir	10 Noon - Lenten Service / Lunch 7:00PM - Rev. Bob Warner's Bible Study	11	12	13 9:00AM-4:00PM - New Member Seminar 6:30PM - ISH Group
14 9:00 - Praise & Worship 11:00 - Worship Service	15 7:00PM Trustees	16 10:30AM - Alice Ball 6:00PM - Jesus Club 7:45PM - Chancel Choir	17 10:30AM - Marian Rowe Circle Mtg. 7:00PM - Rev. Bob Warner's Bible Study	18	19	20 9:00AM - 11:00AM Food Pantry Open 7:30AM - Camp Pecometh Clean-Up
21 9:00 - Praise & Worship 11:00 - Worship Service	22	23 6:00PM - Jesus Club 7:00PM - Rebekah Circle Mtg. 7:45PM - Chancel Choir	24 7:00PM - Rev. Bob Warner's Bible Study	25	26	27
28 9:00 - Praise & Worship 11:00 - Worship Service	29	30 6:00PM - Jesus Club 7:45PM - Chancel Choir				
	COMING IN MAY	Ment's Softball	May 7th Spring Luncheon	May 12th Mother's Day Breakfast	May 18th Family Night @ Marshallton	

From the Desk of the Pastor

I love the Easter Season. The seven weeks following the resurrection are always during Spring, and help me to remember that Jesus is all about Life. Life springs up everywhere. And sometimes we have an opportunity to help it spring up.

Last fall when my dad came and visited he took a few minutes to have a special bonding experience with my sons. While Tammy and I were inside discussing birthday party plans with my step-mother, Samuel and Joseph were involved in a life giving experiment. It was a secret that would wait until today (the second day of April) to show itself. Apparently, my dad had stopped by Home Depot with my sons and bought a set of Tulip bulbs which my sons got to plant to give Tammy and me as a gift this spring. Today, we noticed the shoots coming up and got the full story. One special note, we were instructed to send my Dad a picture of the boys with the flowers and my dad would return a picture of them in the act of planting to reveal the source of this blessing.

It's the kind of thing my dad has always enjoyed doing, creating special memories, making people smile, and helping things come to life. I would like to think that some of that has rubbed off on me as I have tried to do the same things in different ways while I have been your Pastor here at Marshallton.

But I don't think this idea originated with my dad, it is an idea that Our Father has demonstrated time and time again. It is what God is best at. Pouring out blessings, giving reasons to smile and bringing life where there is no life. Or even life, where there is death. That's why Spring is the perfect season for Easter, for there is life everywhere.

But Easter is about far more than plants and bunnies, trees and flowers. Easter is about new life in each of us. Easter is about a new relationship with God, a way to experience life to the fullest, a way to bring the deadness in our existence into life. Easter is about coming alive through the power of Jesus, and each one of us has the power to help this kind of life spring up.

We have an opportunity this Easter season to invite people to come to worship with us, to experience this new life. During the months of April and May we will be preaching a series called Alive that focuses on the people coming back to life, and the new life we are to have in Jesus. All you have to do is plant the seed by inviting someone to come, and then maybe check back every once in a while to see how they are doing. Before you know it, the seeds of faith may transform into shoots that burst through the soil into a new life for Christ. Don't miss your opportunity to help a life spring-up.

But there is another way, besides inviting someone to church. You can invite them to a life group. This non-threatening group is a way to enter into the life giving relationship that Jesus desires us to have, without having the stress of "all those people looking at me." Plus, you can go with your friends and continue to build relationships together. It was this type of group which helped me in my faith formation and led me to realize the life that Jesus wanted me to have. You may find the life he wants you to have by joining a life group this spring.

Happy Easter,

Pastor Hayden

Weekly Activities

The Jesus Club

Tuesdays @ 6PM-7PM

All children ages 3-16 are invited to come and have fun as we learn about the Bible, sing songs, make crafts, play games and memorize scripture. Children can earn points and even be rewarded for their learning and their participation with great prizes. Bring your friends for even more rewards. Don't miss it!

Chancel Choir Tuesdays @ 7:45 PM

Come and join the choir. Practices are once a week for about an hour. Performances are Sunday mornings at 11:00AM. All are welcome.

Men's Softball Team

It's that time of year again! The Marshallton UMC men's softball team is looking for new and returning players. We are looking for men ages 15+, and no prior experience is necessary. We finished the year strong and plan on starting off strong this season. Cost will be approx. \$60 per player, which includes around 30 games and a team shirt, and the team will provide equipment if necessary. Games will likely begin the last week in April and run until late July. Please contact Pastor Hayden, Andrew Records (302-824-2713) or Bobby Shipe (302-275-8624) if interested.

Life Groups

Don't miss the opportunity to grow your faith through meeting with other Christians and sharing your lives together. Through weekly or bi-weekly meetings you can share your life experiences, ask for prayer from concerned friends, discuss relevant Bible passages and share all this over a meal or some refreshments.

Life Groups meet at different times, so find one that fits your schedule and join in! Contact Anne Thomas, our Life group coordinator for more information or check out the website.

www.marshalltonumc.org

Other Bible Study Opportunities...

Adult Sunday School

9:00AM and 11:00AM

Homer Lutton's Bible Study-

Thursday at 10:30AM at Marshallton UMC

United Methodist Women- Contact Shelva Lewis for more information.



Important Days Upcoming

New Members Seminar April 13th

9:00AM- 4:00PM

Have you wanted to become a Member at Marshallton and are not sure what to do? Come to this one day membership seminar. Whether you are transferring membership, or need to be baptized, this is the place for you. We will discuss basics of Christianity, the distinctives of Methodism and answer as many questions as possible. Lunch will be provided (as will coffee).

Contact the office for more information and to register.

office@marshalltonumc.org 302-994-7466

Camp Pecometh Clean-Up April 20th

A volunteer clean-up day is scheduled for April 20, 2013 at Camp Pecometh to prepare our cabin for use during the upcoming season. The United Methodist Men will be leading the activity and anyone wishing to participate may join the group for the day. The work team will be leaving the Church at 7:00 A.M. on that Saturday in April.

Mothers Day Breakfast!

The United Methodist Men are excited to invite you to the Mother's Day Breakfast on May 12th. All women are invited to join us while all men are invited to cook and serve. Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and information in the weekly bulletins. We have an extra special speaker who you do not want to miss!

Welcome to our New Members

On Palm Sunday we had the joy of welcoming several new members to our congregation. Kim Wicks, Bobby Shipe, Vera LeCates, and Donna Wilburn all stood before the congregation to pledge their commitment to Christ and to this congregation of the United Methodist Church. Be sure to welcome them as part of the family the next time you see them.

We also had the joy of baptizing our newest member, Declan Lowe, newborn son to Tara Lowe. The whole family was there to celebrate this wonderful occasion.

MISSIONS



COLOMBIA

Last month we highlighted some of the Colombian mission activities which extend beyond just spiritual needs in the area of health services. This month I have included additional pictures of health services including medical consulting and clinic treatments that are promoted through the Colombia Methodist Church missionaries.



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MULUNGWISHI

We have learned that the tenure for David Lori Persons in the Democratic Republic of Congo is expected to end sometime this year. We do not know yet whether or not they will be replaced and if the General Board of Global Missions will continue to support Mulungwishi. If not, we likely will investigate other foreign mission opportunities.

Camp Pecometh

The Camp Pecometh Fund Raiser to furnish a room at the new retreat center is underway. Our commitment is \$1 each month from each congregation member over 36 months, \$200 per year from the UMW, and \$100 per year from the UMM. Please help us achieve this worthy goal.

Sunday Breakfast Mission

By the time you read this Ted McDaniel will have completed his drive to provide Easter Hams for the Sunday Breakfast Mission Easter Meals. This endeavor provides a physically nourishing meal along with the spiritually enriching Easter message for those needy souls who otherwise would have no place to celebrate Easter.

Missions Team

A meeting of the Missions Team was held on March 18th with only six of the 13 members present. Two areas of concern were raised. One is that we are lagging in our missions contributions for Mulungwishi and Colombia. The other is the lack of accurate information, needed for reporting to conference, of the monetary value of the C.A.R.E. program.

One new initiative was proposed for hurricane Sandy disaster relief. More details on this mission opportunity will be forthcoming as they become available.

In His name and for His sake,
Tom Pesickey

Missions Chair

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The installation of our new Security System is nearing completion. Our next step is registration of all key holders.

If you have a key to any door that will open the church from the outside, it will be necessary for you to have a code number in addition to the key.

You will still use your key for entrance, but it will be necessary for you to enter your code immediately upon use of the key. You will have 30 seconds to complete this or the alarm system will activate.

It is important that you notify Peggy in the Church Office by Wednesday, March 27th if you have a key so we can assign a code number for your use.

The key/code system will not be implemented until we have a complete list and you receive instruction from the Security Company. Continue to use your key as in the past. You will be notified of the date of the instruction meeting.

Any key used after the implementation of the system, without a code, will activate the alarm system.

This system is a very important element for the security and safety of our Church and School. If you have any questions, please let Peggy know at the time you communicate with her that you have a key. She will contact me and we will get you an answer.

Again, thanks for your patience and cooperation

Betty Tull
Trustee President
March 23, 2013

**FOOD PANTRY WILL BE OPEN SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH
9:00AM - 11:00AM**

Start praying each day for Rev. Joe Archie and his family as they prepare to transition to Marshallton as the new Pastor starting July 1, 2013. Your prayers will go along way in helping him to feel welcomed and loved by the people of Marshallton UMC as he seeks to help us to Connect this Community with God, Each Other and the World.

Have you checked out the website lately? www.marshalltonumc.org

Marshallton United Methodist School, a ministry of Marshallton UMC, is currently taking applications for the 2013-2014 school year. You can find out more about MUMS at their website, www.mumsde.org

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Day	Book	Chapter	Day	Book	Chapter
1	Luke	24:13-35	16	Isaiah	43:1-28
2	Luke	24:36-53	17	Isaiah	44:1-28
3	Romans	1:1-17	18	Isaiah	45:1-25
4	Romans	3:9-31	19	Isaiah	48:1-22
5	Romans	5:1-21	20	Isaiah	49:1-26
6	Romans	6:1-23	21	Jeremiah	29:1-23
7	Romans	7:1-25	22	Jeremiah	30:1-24
8	Romans	15:1-13	23	1 Peter	1:1-25
9	1 Corinthians	15:1-34	24	1 Peter	2:1-25
10	1 Corinthians	15:35-58	25	1 Peter	3:1-22
11	Isaiah	25:1-9	26	1 Peter	4:1-19
12	Isaiah	26:1-19	27	1 Peter	5:1-14
13	Isaiah	40:1-31	28	2 Peter	1:1-21
14	Isaiah	41:1-29	29	2 Peter	2:1-22
15	Isaiah	42:1-25	30	2 Peter	3:1-18



BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES FOR APRIL, 2013

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A Belated Happy Birthday to Bill Buchanan who celebrated March 29th

<i>APRIL</i>		<i>MAY</i>	
1	Sharon Hayden	20	Samuel Hayden
3	Sherron Long	21	Rev. Vaughan Hayden
4	Cheryl Jackson	22	Kappy Stevens
8	Matthew Howell		Beverly Wright
9	Anna Kuhar	23	Mavis Posey
10	Randall Johns	27	Lynne Barnett
17	Ruth Ann Cope		Tom Pesickey
18	Margaret Godwin		Patty Powell
19	Kerri Lenker		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



<i>APRIL</i>		<i>MAY</i>	
11	Mary Jane & Charles Graham	1	Lester & Lisa Carlisle, Sr.
23	Carol & Dorothy Hurst		

**It's hard to keep
a good man down**

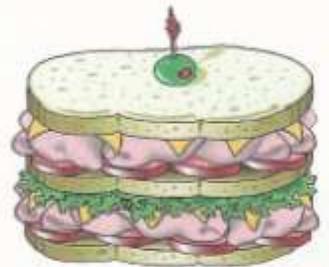


Spring Luncheon

**Where: Marshallton United Methodist Church
1105 Stanton Rd
Marshallton**

Tuesday, May 7th, 2013

Tickets \$10.00



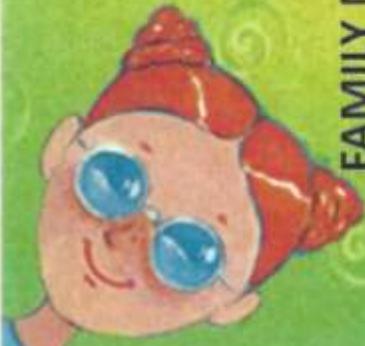
**ONE Seating ONLY at 12:00 noon.
Tickets are limited.**



DOOR PRIZES!



For more info, call Church Office 994-7466



FREE FOOD

FAMILY NIGHT @ MARSHALLTON

1105 Stanton Road
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A fun night for people of all ages

Saturday, May 18, 2013
5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.



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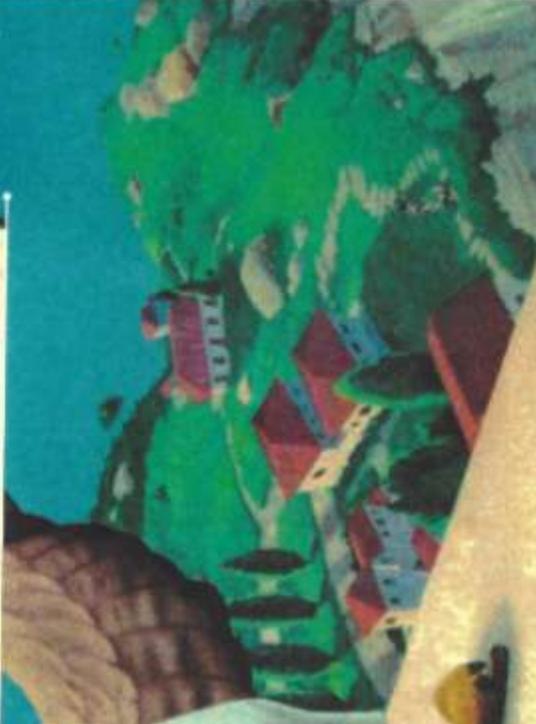


CRAFTS



FLY OVER TO THIS VBS!

Join us in ancient Athens, where we'll explore what life was like for the Apostle Paul on his dangerous journey to share the truth. You'll create cool projects in the Marketplace, laugh as you play Bible-times games, visit with Paul, and eat some interesting new food. Plus, you'll meet lots of fun friends!



Location: Marshallton United Methodist Church

The adventure will last: July 29, 2013- August 2, 2013

Celebration begins at: 5:30 p.m.

The day's adventure ends at: 8:00 p.m.

For more information, call: 302 994-7466

