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9:15 Sunday Worship
10:30 Sunday School



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Our predecessor, First Methodist Episcopal Church, was founded in Marion in 1832 and by the 1920s had become The Methodist Church.

In 1969, the Methodist denomination merged with the Evangelical United Brethren denomination and became the United Methodist Church.

"First Methodist Church" is carved in stone over the Adams Street entrance above the canopy. Today, First United Methodist Church of Marion is an affiliate of the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church.



Barb Pack assists the children in creating colorful Easter greetings to go in bags prepared for the shut-ins of our congregation.
Ministry and compassion is for all ages!

Front Cover



Faith in Motion Dance Studio

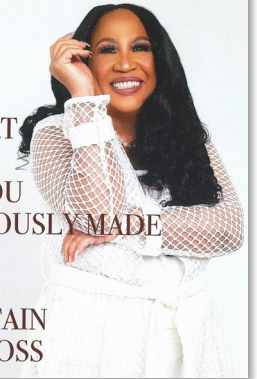
Faith in Motion Intermediate and Advanced Dancers began the Open Mic Night with two rousing liturgical dances that exuded great grace and joy! Under the direction of RaChelle Fears-Neal, Faith in Motion serves ages 3 thru adult, teaching dance for worship and the proclamation of the gospel. These students learn all aspects of dance technique with a Christ-centered focus. Look for their coming recital at Marion High School on May 27 at 6 pm and check out Faith in Motion Dance Studio at FIMDance.com





Lutrille Dixon is a vibrant singer and recording artist in the classic exuberant black gospel style. Her music is uplifting and inspiration, kick-starting the cardiovascular system and moving the mind and heart toward the loving gospel of Jesus Christ. Copies of her CD are in the Pastor's Office, and are available for the asking.

1. MAGNIFY
2. MAGNIFY REPRISE
3. BLESS HIS NAME
4. WHERE JESUS IS
5. SONGS FROM MY HEART
6. PSALMS 139
7. LORD WE WORSHIP YOU
8. FEARFULLY & WONDROUSLY MADE
9. PLAN
10. DANCE
11. SPEAK TO THE MOUNTAIN
12. THE OLD RUGGED CROSS



Prayer Concerns

Please call the office at (765) 664-5177

Lauren Swathwood, recovery from surgery
 Mike Roorbach, fell, in hosp. in Indy
 Jane Hiatt Weesner
 Bob Salveter
 Ryan Howell's family
 Carolyn James, rehab following surgery.
 Susie Flynn's friend, Trixie, in rehab.
 Linda Simpson's granddaughter, Lucia Tomlinson
 Diane Fry, back injury
 Missy (Sharon) Wilkinson
 Jim and Betty Fletcher
 Susie Seacott
 Willard and Ruth Ann Rust
 Friends living in Health Care Facilities
 Government: national, state, and local elected officials and employees
 Victims of disasters and relief workers
 Unspoken concerns of relatives and friends
 Other churches in Marion and Grant County



Prayer requests will be forwarded to the Pastor, who will include them in the pastoral prayer during Sunday worship, and will bring them to prayer and meditation times throughout the week.

April Themes & Scriptures

April 2, 2023	Thine the Kingdom, Power and Glory	Matthew 6:9-13, 1 Chronicles 29:9-12
April 9, 2023	The Power of the Resurrection	John 11:25-26, Luke 24:1-53.
April 16, 2023	Direct our Steps, O Lord.	Jeremiah 10:23=24, Psalms 38:3-4, Romans 7:24-25
April 23, 2023	A Power Greater than Ourselves	Hebrews 11:5-6, 2 Timothy 1:7
April 30, 2023	Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart	Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalms 37:4-7, Romans 12:1-5

April & May Birthdays

Barbara Salveter	04/01
AJ Varner	04/01
Tom Weesner	04/05
Ayden Covey	04/07
Joyce Rinker	04/10
Charlotte Swisher	04/10
Rob Wiley	04/10
Marilyn Lewis	04/20
Anne Moudy	04/21
Denise Pearson	04/24
Louise Webb	04/26
Scott Overman	04/28
Curtis Swathwood	04/28

Cathy Swathwood	05/04
Cathy Lane	05/05
Erika Devine	05/06
Sue McVicker	05/07
Belva Pickerel	05/12
Dee Aguilar	05/16
Kay Dougherty	05/22
Mickey Bournique	05/23
Johnny Herriman	05/30

Anniversaries

Joe & Linda Simpson	04/20	6 yrs.
Ron & Barbara Piper	05/17	67 yrs.

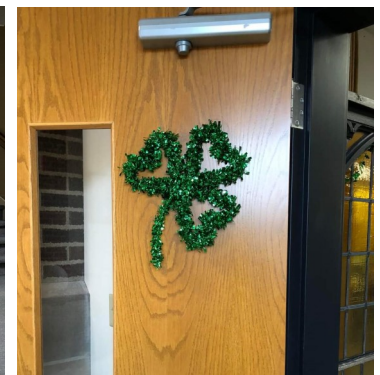
Missions & Outreach Sponsors Open Mic Night



FUMC's Open Mic Night was a huge success! Attendance numbers over 100! So many wonderful music acts, dancers and comedians! The talented people in our community are just astounding!

We partnered with Discover Marion Downtown who put together prize donations from local businesses into 2 Gift Baskets for winners of the Best Green Costume!

Congratulations to Roberta Brooks of Anderson, Indiana for the "Greenest Garb" award!





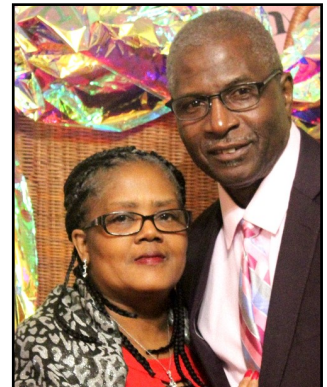
L to R: Lutrille Dixon, Brenda Chambers, Betty Evans, Marjorie Booker, and Josephine McClung delight the crowd at the overflowing Fellowship hall with a rousing celebration of gospel music.



Rev. Stan Bolden, Pastor of Trinity Victory MBC arranged for Lutrille Dixon to sing.



Rev. Ben and Linda Powell, Pastor of Greater Second Baptist Church where Brenda Chambers and Betty Evans attend.



Rev. Al and Julia Green, Pastor of Calvary MBC where Marjorie Booker and Josephine McClung attend.



After breakfast with the family, Ruben, the joyful SCUBA dive instructor prepped an eager Pastor Rediger for five dives in three days off the shores of the Turks and Caicos Islands, March 22-24.

Easter Ch



choirs, 1946



Easter Season Worship Times



Maundy Thursday

On Thursday, April 6th, we will remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples. In this meal, Jesus established the ritual of communion that we still celebrate. During that meal, Jesus presented the bread and wine as a reminder to his followers of his sacrifice and his presence with them always. As we gather for dinner that evening, we will remember that final week of Jesus' life on earth – his willingness to take on the brokenness of the world so that we would see the love and power of God.

Please join us for dinner at 6:00 in Fellowship Hall. We will gather at a common table, eat and then celebrate the meal

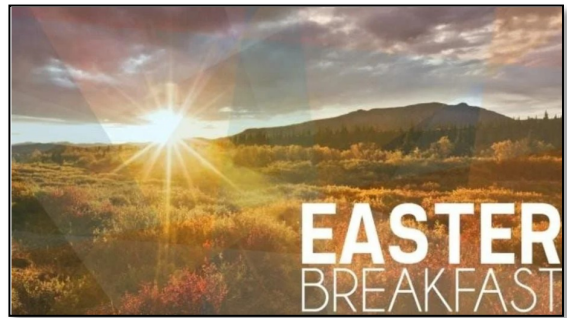
that Jesus gave to us – the breaking of bread and sharing in the cup.

All are welcome to attend. If you are able to let us know you will be attending, that would be helpful for the planning of the meal. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex and in Fellowship Hall. Or you can call the church office at 765-664-5177 and leave a message.

Easter Service

We will hold an early morning Easter Breakfast at 8 am on April 9th in fellowship hall.

Easter Service will follow at 9:15. All are welcome to attend.



Around the Church



Centennial Celebration

As we move deeper into the 100th anniversary year of our building we will host a special time of history on Sunday, April 16th. Immediately following the Sunday School hour, at 11:30, we will have a Potato Bar Dinner in Fellowship Hall, followed by a presentation by local historian Bill Munn titled "Marion in 1923". Have you ever wondered what Marion looked like 100 years ago? What was it that prompted our fore-fathers and fore-mothers to embark upon the building of such a lovely and massive building that we still enjoy? What were some of the problems and strengths of our town in the years following World War I? Please join us as we hear from Bill about our history.

We hope that we will have a wonderful turn-out for this special opportunity – invite your friends to join us. It would be helpful if you could let us know how many might be attending for food preparation.

Please sign-up in the narthex or Fellowship Hall – or call the church office at 765-664-5177.

Dust Bunnies Volunteer Cleaning Team

Sidenia Stace, Rita Holloway, and Becky Beams volunteer their time to clean and dust little-used areas in the building to keep our grand lady in tip-top shape. Thanks to all the volunteers for stepping up and giving of your time and talents around the church. You are appreciated!





TRAVEL FOR FRIENDSHIP AND LEARNING

Let's Go Someplace Together

Sponsored by First United Methodist Church,
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We are getting ready to hit the road and are looking for new friends who want to help plan the trips. If you are interested, please call Mary Malone at the church office and share your ideas. Let's go someplace together to learn and become friends.

One-Day Trips

Fort Reliance and Greenville, Ohio
Air Force Museum, Dayton, Ohio
Indianapolis Art Museum
Chicago Cubs/White Sox Baseball Game

Two-Day Trips

Chicago Art Institute
Newburg, Indiana, on the Ohio River
Columbus and Nashville, Indiana

Three-Day Trips

Chicago Art, Music, Architecture
Chicago Museums, Sciences, Aquarium
Abraham Lincoln in Indiana and Illinois

Five-Day Trips

Empire Builder to West Glacier, Montana
The Train They Call The City of New

Orleans

New York City and Boston
Washington DC and Philadelphia

Ten-Day Trips

Europe, Great Britain, and Northern Ireland
Uganda, Egypt, Jordan and Israel

For more information, contact Mary Malone at the church office. 765.664.5177, info@marionumc.org

Chicago Art Museum

United Women in Faith Women's Celebration Tea

Our annual Women's Celebration this year will be a tea on Saturday, April 29th at 2:00. We are grateful to have Lori Goss-Reaves as our speaker this year. She will be discussing her book "Kiss Lori for Me" – a story of her family and particularly her father who was killed in the Vietnam War. We look forward to hearing from Lori. Please invite your friends to join us for this program. Tickets will be available for \$5.



Concannon Fundraiser

FUMC Preschool is conducting a Concannon's Pastry Shop, Gourmet Pretzels & Gourmet Popcorn Fundraiser. Please see bulletin insert for order forms and stop by the office to see the catalog.



GRANT CO. MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Monday through Friday
1 to 1 1/2 hours a day
Deliver meals to your
homebound neighbors.
Call or text Joe Haynes
765-660-3280

April Special Offering

1st Sunday Coin Collection, April 2nd, will go toward our new outreach ministry, Loads of Love.

We will meet at a local laundromat and pay for the customer's laundry loads and share the gospel with them.



Preschool Postings

February has flown by. We have been doing a lot of things. We celebrated Valentine's Day with most of the children, there have been a lot of coughs lately, with a small party and sharing of Valentine cards. We talked about praising God with music and made several instruments. Some of which I'm not convinced the parents appreciated like the drums from small coffee cans, the clappers with cardboard and buttons were much better. We also made didgeridoos and read a story introduced to me by Joyce Rinker, Do You Do a Didgeridoo? by Nick Page. We also watched a YouTube video on people playing a didgeridoo since the children have not seen or heard a didgeridoo.

Weston is beginning to say a lot of words besides "NO" that we can understand. He recently started telling us bye and waving. The other day he said bye and waved all the way up the stairs. Now Lily is another story, she talks at home but not here as much although she is starting to be less shy. She has started to wave bye to us and usually does till she can't see us.

We are going to do Concannon's popcorn and pretzel fundraiser. There are also chocolate covered cookies on the list. We will start March 23 and end on April 13.

Thank you for your support through our fundraisers, donations and prayers. We appreciate all of your thoughtfulness.



APRIL 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			AA 6pm FH Al-Anon & Alateen 6pm 3rd Floor			
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1st Sunday Coin Offering Loads of Love Quarters Palm Sunday Service 9:15			Committee Chairs Noon Parlor AA 6pm FH Al-Anon & Alateen 6pm 3rd Floor	Maundy Thursday Dinner & Communion 6pm Fellowship Hall		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Easter Sunday Breakfast 8 am Service 9:15	Administrative Council Mtg 6pm Parlor		AA 6pm FH Al-Anon & Alateen 6pm 3rd Floor	FOCUS Deadline		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Following S.S. 1923 Centennial Dinner & History Presentation	United Women in Faith 6pm-F.H.	Sup't. Saneta Maiko Mtg. w/ SPRC 3 pm Parlor	AA 6pm FH Al-Anon & Alateen 6pm 3rd Floor			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Worship Svc. 9:15 am			AA 6pm FH Al-Anon & Alateen 6pm, 3rd Floor Noon, Comm. Ch. Administrative Professionals Day			Women's Celebration Tea 2 pm Fellowship Hall
30						
Worship Svc. 9:15 am						

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Donna Worthy shares a little “salt & light” at the Open Mic Night.
“A big mouth comes in handy both for popcorn and preaching!” When happiness goes in, joy comes out! A little salt helps, but the real ingredient is love shared.