

# The Marshall Christian

LXI

NO. III

March 2019

## Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

### March 3rd

Elders:

Tiffany Thornton  
Roberta Reed

Deacons:

Linda Crews  
Julie Hoffelmeyer  
Charles Marsh  
Hope Richards  
Melissa Shannon

### March 10th & 17th

Elders:

Zach Crews  
Wayne McReynolds

Deacons:

Cindy Brandt  
Vince Buck  
Tyler Clemens  
Linda Crews  
Katie Shannon

### March 24th & 31st

Elders:

Jean Dowell  
Gwen Clemens

Deacons:

Carolyn Buck  
Brenda Coffman  
Georganne DeMoss  
Nancy Jackson  
Amber VanDyke

*Outside Communion:*

### March 10th

Kris Milliron  
Donna Smith

### March 24th

Tiffany Thornton  
Kathryn Jones

### March Children's' Sermon:

March 3- Carol Schupp  
March 10- Kris Milliron  
March 17- Kay Wise  
March 24- Loy Hoskins  
March 31- Donna Smith

## “A Season of Questions and Doubts”

*A few months ago I had a conversation with a church member whose friend had said that the more he reads the Bible the more questions he has. I told him that I believe that's a good thing. Our faith grows when we question and even when we have doubts. Our relationship with God is built upon the fact that so much of God is a mystery to us and we have questions that can never be answered on earth, so it's only natural that we should doubt and question. As in so many walks of life, the one who thinks he or she has all the answers...has stopped learning and growing.*

*On March 6 we enter into the season of Lent once again. It is a season to prepare us for the passion of Holy Week and the joy of Easter (on April 21 this year). During Lent we are called to practices of fasting and sacrifice as well as meditations, spiritual disciplines, self-examination, repentance, and renewal. Much of the journey of Lent is commonly associated with doubt and questions.*

*For that reason, during the next few weeks we will experience a five-week sermon series on “Questions in Lent”. The sermons will not be intended to give answers, but to guide our questions and to name our doubts so that they can then be addressed. The sermons will come from the history and the prophets of the Old Testament, the Psalms, Gospel readings, and Paul's letters in order to give us a wide variety of views.*

*Worship is a corporate act, something we do together as God's people. While we will travel through this season of Lent together, the journey is always an individual one. Your questions and doubts will sometimes be the same as others, but your particular views of the questions are yours alone. In order to*

*make the most of what Lent offers, I encourage you to write down your questions and doubts. Pair a spiritual habit with the daily meditations in the Lenten devotionals that will be available. Don't concentrate so much on finding the answers, but instead, see where the journey through the doubts and questions may lead you.*



On the journey with you,

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## Baptism Classes

Baptism classes for those interested in being baptized or joining the church will be held on Wednesdays, March 13 – April 10 in the Youth Lounge, 3:15 – 4:30. They are geared for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, but open to all older ages, and second graders in special circumstances. Please contact the office if you have a child interested in attending so we will have enough materials prepared.

## Ash Wednesday Service

Once again we will hold an Ash Wednesday Service in the chapel on March 6 at 6:30 to help us welcome the Lenten season. This service will be designed to help prepare us for the journey through Lent though the sharing of scripture, songs, prayer, and the imposition of ashes.

### March Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 1- Zoe Dryer  
Roberta Reed
- 2- Carol Schupp
- 4- Amber Kueker  
Andy Rugen
- 5- Sawyer Asbury  
Lois Pontius
- 6- Shirley Kueker
- 7- Vickie Wise
- 8- Barbara French
- 10- Steve Green  
Brian Miles
- 12- Loretta Absher  
Jeanette Root
- 14- Beth LaGore
- 16- Zach Gaba
- 18- Kelsea Milliron
- 22- Alice Barnes  
Ryleigh Halsey  
Lori Layton
- 25- Josh Hundley  
Kyle Naylor
- 26- David VanHorn
- 28- Doyne Alexander  
Mark Harvey
- 29- Harold Stoll
- 30- Jacob Uhrig

31- Charles Bentley



#### ANNIVERSARIES

- 2- Drew & Shirley Jackson
- 3- Fred & Jane Hartley
- 18- Jay & Marty Yoder
- 20- Jim & Stacey Smith
- 21- Bobby & Terry Cobb
- 25- Dan & Cindy Brandt
- 25- Jeff & Missie Kriesel



### Fellowship Dinner



The Fellowship Committee will host a Fellowship Dinner following the 10:45 worship service on March 17. The St. Patrick's Day menu will center on corned beef and cabbage with stew and cornbread also available. Members are asked to bring salads or desserts to share.

### Feeding the College-aged Sheep

Missouri Valley College will be on spring break March 2-10. While most students will go home, many live too far away to travel home. They will remain on campus during this time when the cafeterias will not be serving them. At 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 3, we will provide a meal for about 120 MVC students in the Malcom Center. If you can help serve or add a dish, please contact Ginger McGraw.



### Special Offering for our Mission Partners

Throughout the month of March, we will collect a special offering for our Global Ministries' Mission Co-Workers (missionaries) in Ghana. Rev. Larry Colvin recently served as one of our Regional Ministers. Since October he has been in Ghana serving as a professor at Peki Seminary in Ho, Ghana. He previously served as a mission co-worker in Botswana for ten years. Larry's wife, Debbie, is serving alongside him in Ghana's public health ministries, such as their mobile health clinic public health programs. Matching funds for your donations will be available for up to \$500.

### Lenten Devotions

"Seasons of Joy and Gladness" is the title of this year's Lenten Devotions from the Society of St. Andrew. The daily devotions are based on Zechariah 8:18-20, showing the renewal of joy following a time of trial. In the devotional booklet, you will find daily meditations and prayers that show how renewal begins or is refreshed, through life's circumstances. These devotionals are written by people of deep and abiding faith: pastors, missionaries, and laypersons from many Christian traditions. There are enough copies available for each household to have one.

### Daylight Saving Time

It's time to Spring ahead! Before worship services on March 10th, set your clocks forward one hour so you won't be late.



## Youth News...

February was an interesting month, to say the least; mother nature really got the best of us!! Fortunately though, the children and youth stayed active participating in various events. We started off the month with a SOUPERbowl of Caring; the kids spent three hours going door-to-door in their community, collecting donations for the Food Pantry. Their offerings were then presented during worship service on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Night to Shine was a special night for myself, 7 young women, and 135 prom attendees. Night to Shine is a prom held at churches worldwide, celebrating differently abled individuals. All 8 of us volunteered as 'buddies' (dates) for the prom-goers. Although this is commonplace for myself, I could tell the girls were nervous, with no idea what to expect from the evening or from their potential buddies. However, they buried their trepidation and embraced the excitement and joy of the evening! They not only created a magical night for their buddies, but ended up having the time of their lives. As we topped the night off enjoying ice cream after the event, all the girls agreed enthusiastically that: "This was so much more fun than any high school prom I've attended"!!

Although many youth group meetings were cancelled due to weather, the kids showed up, planned, brainstormed and conducted a youth-led worship service at Covenant Presbyterian Church that left the congregation speechless. A chili-soup cook-off followed, to raise money for camps and missions. No worries FCC, there will be a repeat worship service at FCC in late April, along with our annual BBQ luncheon and cake auction.

The youth celebrated their love for Christ by sharing His love – delivering flowers and valentine's to area nursing homes. This is always a highlight for all the kids, so much so that they ask to stay longer and come more often. Even our Sr. high girls insisted on adding an additional meeting during the week to ensure they were able to participate!

I hope all of our congregation members took time to enjoy the children and youth photos and information that was displayed throughout the church in February. Even though you don't see them often, all of these kids are active and excited followers of Christ that continue to amaze me with their insight and spirituality. Thank you for your continued support and prayer over the youth and myself, and allowing me to lead, and be led.

Blessed and grateful  
Kris Milliron

Sun. 3/3	Sr. high youth, 7-8:30pm @ Covenant
Wed. 3/6	Elementary youth, 5-6:30pm @ FCC Jr. high youth, 7-8:30pm @ FCC
Fri.-Sat. 3/8-9	Spring Retreat in Fulton, grades 6-12
Sun. 3/10	Sr. high youth, 7-8:30pm @ Covenant
Wed. 3/13	Baptism class Elementary youth, 5-6:30pm @ FCC Jr. high youth, 7-8:30pm @ FCC
Sun. 3/17	Sr. high youth, 7-8:30pm @ Covenant
Tues., 3/19	Youth Committee meeting, 6pm in FCC parlor
Wed. 3/20	Baptism class Elementary youth, 5-6:30pm @ FCC Jr. high youth, 7-8:30pm @ FCC
Sun. 3/24	Sr. high youth, 7-8:30pm @ Covenant*
Wed. 3/27	Baptism class Elementary youth, 5-6:30pm @ FCC* Jr. high youth, 7-8:30pm @ FCC*
Sun. 3/31	Sr. high youth, 7-8:30pm @ Covenant

\*Kris Milliron will be on vacation March 21-29<sup>th</sup>. Youth group meetings still will take place as scheduled. Contact the FCC church office or Rachel Guthrey if you need anything.

## Upcoming Sermons

March 3	"Our Own Transformation" ( <i>Transfiguration Sunday</i> )	Luke 9:28-43
March 10	"Questions in Lent: Pay Attention to the Fine Print"	Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16
March 17	"Questions in Lent: Religious Doubts"	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
March 24	"Questions in Lent: Are You Living Right?"	Luke 15:1-9
March 31	"Questions in Lent: What's for Dinner?"	Joshua 5:9-12

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**Youth Director– Kris Milliron**

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**Chris Layton**

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