

The Marshall Christian

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May 2016

Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

May 1st

Elders:

Mark Harvey
Tim Clemens

Deacons:

Tim Boedeker
Gwen Clemens
Kevin Dryer
Nathan Sullivan
Tiffany Thornton

May 8th & 15th

Elders:

Kathryn Jones
Fred Hartley

Deacons:

Brenda Coffman
Nancy Jackson
Jeff Wise
TBA

May 22nd & 29th

Elders:

Dan Brandt
Loretta Green

Deacons:

Tim Boedeker
Cindy Brandt
Missy Kreisel
Jessica Parker
Amber VanDyke

Outside Communion:

May 8th

Vickie Wise
Virginia Bryant

May 22nd

Wayne McReynolds
TBA

Worship Leaders

May 1- Buddy Hannaford
May 8- Vickie Wise
May 15- Wayne McReynolds
May 22- Dan Brandt
May 29- Kris Milliron

“Getting Along in Community”

This presidential election season is proving to be an especially brutal one with parties attacking each other and causing friends and family members to argue over the issues, the candidates, and all the propaganda that is being tossed around. I recently had a friend on the social network, Facebook, post that if any of her friends were to post or say anything more in favor of a certain candidate, she would un-friend him or her. “Un-friending” is an official action on Facebook in which you break all ties with another person who had been a friend. {ouch!}

Sometimes even within a church family disagreements occur, and at times passions and strong beliefs might even turn into strong words and hurt feelings. Thankfully we in the Disciples tradition long ago adopted the stance that there will be times when we must just agree to disagree. We feel that we don’t have to agree on everything in order to work together and be united in Christ.

Deidra Riggs wrote the following in “The Hard Work of Getting Along”: “Let’s not even try to pretend it’s easy, or that we should simply press through, or shake it off, or ‘let it slide.’ Perhaps, if we can just allow ourselves to set aside those silly notions, we can get to the other side in one piece. Because being hurt hurts. Plain and simple. Here’s the thing: there are no per-

fect people. Not even in community. We, the imperfect, worship together, and we serve together. We share recipes and grocery shopping tips. We help each other move, and we pick up each other’s children from school. We share our dreams and we confess our failures. We bake and deliver casseroles, and we wait and pray with each other in hospital emergency rooms. It is a beautiful thing. Until it isn’t. But then, what I am supposed to do is this... *You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the **hard work** of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor. – James 3:18 MSG.* Yeah, let’s not even try to pretend it’s easy. Community isn’t always easy. But it’s worth it. Community is definitely worth it.”

So, let’s work and worship, serve and sing, live and love, pray and praise together while not ignoring our differences, but celebrating our diversity. And let’s go about the hard work of getting along even as we agree to disagree at times.

In God’s Grip,
LOY



May Anniversaries & Birthdays

2- Minnie Buck	14- Danny Hoffelmeyer
4- Floyd Case	17- Vince Lutterbie
Marlene VanHorn	18- Steve Estill
5- Jim Kissner	Ginny Farr
8- Ginger McGraw	Barbara Quinn
Aaron Wright	19- Blaine Thornton
9- Lin Alexander	20- Scott Arnett
10- Lori Blalock	21- Jason Dehn
Janice Kueker	Jane Hartley
Lisa Merchant	22- Debbie Arnett
11- Betty Elsea	25- Edie Utlaut
12- Alan Branson	27- Blane Dryer
13- Ruth Marsh	28- Mia Shannon
13- Rebecca Shrader	31- Dane Branson
14- Ed Baker	

Anniversaries

8- Jack & Betty Elsea
 11- Jim & Lisa Merchant
 16- Brad & Hope Richards
 31- Mike & Ramona Green

Scholarship Applications

Church scholarship applications are due in the church office by May 5. Any high school seniors that are members of the church are encouraged to apply. Applications are available in the church office.



National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 5 is designated as the National Day of Prayer. The Marshall Ministerial Alliance is hosting a prayer breakfast on that day in the fellowship hall of First Presbyterian Church at 6:30 a.m. This service will conclude by 7:45 and is open to everyone.

Graduate Recognition Sunday with Reception

The Christian Education Committee is planning to honor our high school and college graduates at the 10:00 worship service on May 8. Following that service the Fellowship Committee will host a reception in the graduates' honor in the parlor. Church members are invited to bring cards for the graduates. If you know of anyone in our church family that will be graduating from high school or college, please let us know. At this time, we are aware of the following: Marshall High School – Dane Branson, Dallas Coslet, Brady Doss, Blane Dryer, Bryant Eads, Nick Ess, Alex Green, Seth Layton, Bailee Ann Merchant and Alyssa Robbins. College grads include Maggie Hoffelmeyer from the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg and Tyler Smith from the University of Minnesota Law School.

Movie Night!

Everyone is encouraged to attend a showing of the documentary, "When God Left the Building" on Thursday, May 5 in the fellowship hall. Director Thom Schultz set out on a journey to uncover why churches, once the heart and soul of their communities, are now shrinking in both size and influence. What he discovered gives insight and serves as a powerful wake-up call. The film takes us behind the curtain of several congregations that have seen attendance plunge, and the innovative new forms of church that some have adopted to revitalize their call. The movie will begin at 5:30 and last until about 6:50. Then we will have some time to discuss.

Baccalaureate Service

Baccalaureate service for Marshall High School seniors will be May 8 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Peter Catholic Church. Rev. Randy Shannon of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church will be bringing the message and specials will be shared by the MHS choir and orchestra.

Youth Dates

Sun, 5/1- Sr. high youth, 7-8:30pm
 Wed, 5/4- Elementary youth, 5-6:30pm
 Jr. high youth, 7-8:30pm
 Sun, 5/8 - Graduate Recognition Sunday, 10am
 MHS Baccalaureate, 4pm St. Peter's Catholic Church
 Sr. High youth, 7-8:30pm (**last meeting for summer**)
 Wed, 5/11- Elem. youth, 5-6:30pm (**last meeting for summer**)
 Jr. High youth 7-8:30pm
 Fri, 5/13 - 8th grade Graduation at BMS, 7pm
 Sun, 5/15 - MHS Graduation, 2pm
 Wed, 5/18- Jr. High youth 5-6:30pm (**last meeting Color Wars!!**)
 Sun. 5/22 - Sat. 5/28 Mission trip – New Orleans
 Tue, 5/31 - Christian Ed./Youth Committee meeting, 6pm



Historical Pieces Needed

The Church Historian is working on compiling a church history for the church. We have a nice start, but would appreciate your donations of any photos, old or new newspaper clippings, directories, old photo directory albums, and any other interesting archives pertaining to our history. If donating, please understand that these items will become the property of the church and cannot be returned.

April Showers...



At the Church office, I keep a tree up year round– I decorate it to coordinate with the holidays or special days. Some say it is a Christmas tree, I think of it as a seasonal tree. This month’s “special occasion decorating” was dedicated to the coming of Spring. The old “April showers bring May flowers” saying was brought to life with an umbrella, hand-crafted raindrops, fishing string and bursts of floral. While in the middle of putting it together, the song about April showers started bopping around in my head. Funny, as a child the words didn’t really mean anything except for to proclaim that the rains would make flowers. As an adult...there’s much more meaning to it...

Though April showers may come
your way
They bring the flowers that bloom
in May

So if it’s raining, have no regrets
Because it isn’t raining rain you
know, it’s raining Vio-lets.
And when you see clouds upon the
hill

You soon will see clouds of
Daffodils
Just keep on looking for the blue-
bird

And listening to his song
When ever April showers come
along.

Even in the darkest and most
stormy times, if we choose to find
the rainbow, the flowers...we will.
Here’s hoping you can see beyond
the showers and find the beauty!

Learning and Leaning, Hope

S.O.S.

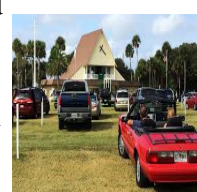
We are planning a Sunday morning of ministry, service and outreach for the fall. This would consist of a short, condensed worship service at 9:00 a.m., followed by service groups going out into the community from 9:30- 12:30 p.m.. Then, we would gather back at the Church for a fellowship dinner. In preparation for this, we are seeking input on members’ talents, gifts or whatever else we may be able to give, as well as contact information for people in our community that might need our services.

In the weeks to come we will have inserts in the bulletin for you to fill out, sharing the areas in which you are gifted to serve. There will be a variety of projects in order to ensure that we have participation from all members for the **S.O.S. (Service Outside the Sanctuary) Sunday.**




Drive Up Worship Services

Our summer Drive-Up Worship Service will begin in the parking lot at 8:00 a.m. on May 1 and last through September 18. Attendance at this service last year averaged 45 and included the regular attendance of many non-church members.



This service, which replaces the 8:00 chapel worship, includes singing of hymns, prayer, communion, scripture reading, sermon, bulletins, coffee, and even treats for dogs! Invite a friend to this unique worship opportunity. We need at least one volunteer to sign up to greet and serve for the 21 weeks of this special service. A sign-up sheet is near the east entrance.

Fellowship
Dinner



The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a fellowship dinner on May 1. The menu will include Brisket, Pull pork, Macaroni cheese, potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, and rolls. Please bring a salad or dessert to share if attending.

Upcoming Sermons

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| May 1 | “Why it Happened” <i>(Fifth Sunday of Easter)</i> | Acts 16:9-15 |
| May 8 | “A Mother Like No Other” <i>(Mother’s Day & Graduate Recognitions)</i> | Proverbs 31:10-31 |
| May 15 | “The Promise of the Spirit” <i>(Pentecost)</i> | John 14:8-17, 25-27 |
| May 22 | “The Trinity of Truth” <i>(Trinity Sunday)</i> | John 16:12-15 |
| May 29 | “A Time to Gather Stones” <i>(Memorial Day Weekend)</i> | Joshua 4:1-7 |

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*God accepts broken hearts,
but He needs all the pieces.*

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Music Director–Hope Richards

Youth Director– Kris Milliron

Custodians– Ron & Carol Schupp,

Larry Smith

Financial Secretary– Ken Bryant

Secretary– Hope Richards

Pianists– Donna Smith, Kay Wise,

Judy Morris