

The Marshall Christian

LIX

No. II

March 2016

Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

February 28th & March 6th

Elders:

Dan Brandt
Loretta Green

Deacons:

Cindy Brandt
Dane Branson
Missy Kreisel
Katie Shannon
Tiffany Thornton

March 13th & 20th

Elders:

Vickie Wise
Fred Hartley

Deacons:

Brenda Coffman
Jean Dowell
Phoebe Jones
Amanda McCord
Wayne Wise

March 27th & April 3rd

Elders:

Julie Hoffelmeyer
Kris Milliron

Deacons:

Nancy Jackson
Chris Layton
Lori Layton
Seth Layton
Jo Willhite

Outside Communion:

March 13th

Fred Hartley
TBA

March 27th

Greg Schultz
Roy Hinton

Worship Leaders

March 6- Kris Milliron
March 13- Tim Clemens
March 20- Virginia Bryant
March 27- TBA

“Preparing for Easter”

By the time you read this, I will have met three times with three elementary girls who are participating in our Baptism Class/Commissioning Course this year. These classes are a real blessing for me because I not only get to know the kids better, but it's just refreshing to see their eagerness to learn more about God's plan of salvation. In the classes we go over basic information. But I feel as though it's important for each of us to spend time now and again reviewing that information, and since the season of Lent is a perfect time for each of us to think more about these things. Our topics for the class are:

- Who we are – looking at our roots, how we have grown and changed, when we have felt close to God
- What it means to be called by God – the stories of Moses, Paul, the disciples and others; how God calls us
- Our ideas of God – how we think of God, how our thoughts of God have changed, ways we describe God
- Communion – what it is and what it represents, various ways it can be done
- Making a commitment – what it means, what baptism means, the confession of faith, Jesus' baptism
- The beliefs of the Disciples of Christ – concerning God, Jesus, the

Holy Spirit, baptism, the Bible, communion, the Lord's Prayer, integrity of individuals, interpretation of scripture, ecumenical actions, the chalice as our symbol, etc.



- Worship – why we worship, what it means, various ways, etc.
- Repentance and Confession – what they mean, how we repent and confess
- Responding to God's Grace – God's plan of salvation and how we respond to it

This is a lot of information to be covered in 4 sessions. Luckily, we can take our time to think about each of these things individually, and it would be helpful during this season of repentance and preparing for Easter if we each took some time reflecting on these.

In God's Grip,
LOY

Easter Breakfast Tickets

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a breakfast in the fellowship hall following the Sunrise Service on Easter (about 7:15), March 27. Ticket sales will begin February 28th– Stop by the Church office, or see any Fellowship Committee member to purchase your tickets in advance.

February Anniversaries & Birthdays

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

Youth Dates & Info

Wednesday, 03/02	Elementary youth, 5-6:30pm Jr. high youth, 7-8:30pm
Sunday, 03/06	Sr. high youth, 7-8:30pm
Wednesday, 03/09	Elementary youth, 5-6:30pm Jr. high youth, 7-8:30pm
Sunday, 03/13	Elem. youth perform FCC special music Sr. high Leadership Team, 6-7pm Sr. high youth, 7-8:30pm
Wednesday, 03/16	Elementary youth, 5-6:30pm Jr. high youth, 7-8:30pm
Sunday, 03/20	Sr. high Leadership Team, 6-7pm Sr. high youth, 7-8:30pm
Tuesday, 03/22	FCC Youth/Christian Ed. Committee, 6pm
Wednesday, 03/23	Elementary youth, 5-6:30pm Jr. high youth, 7-8:30pm
Sunday, 03/27	Sr. high youth, 7-8:30pm
Wednesday, 03/30	Elementary youth, 5-6:30pm Jr. high youth, 7-8:30pm

Elem. Youth will sing during the 10:00 a.m. service Sun., March 13th.

I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to Rev. Dan Festa, Gwen Clemens, Brad Guthrey, and Rev. Loy Hoskins for their assistance during mine and Rachel's absence in February and March.

Whether it was a death in the family or a much needed vacation, your willingness to step in and assist with the senior high youth group was invaluable. Thank you all for your time, commitment and support of our youth!!

Watch for information on church camp, C.R.Y. and other summer youth ministry opportunities; this will be available in mid-March. Due to restructuring of the Mid-America Region and sale of the Rickman Center, many church camps will look different. But regardless of the location, they still will offer life-long memories and friendships, Bible study, spiritual growth and education, and lots of FUN.

Anniversaries

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

Holy Week Community Service

On Tuesday, March 31, the Community Holy Week Worship Service will be held at First United Methodist Church. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m., and Rev. Vernon Maxted will bring the message.

Meals on Wheels

It is our time to serve Meals-On-Wheels the week of March 14-18th. There is a sign-up sheet in the Church



Parlor for those who will be able to volunteer.

Lenten Devotionals Available

This year's Lenten devotionals, "While Still Far Off" from the Society of St. Andrew, are available to help guide you through each day of the season of Lent. They include a daily scripture reading, meditation, and prayer. There are enough for each family to take one.

Easter Offering

On March 20 and 27 we will receive the annual Easter Offering which supports the General Ministries of the church. General Ministries serve across the U.S. and Canada and around the world. General Ministries are partners in ministry serving through far-reaching and unique organizations to help bring life, love and learning where they are needed.



The Eternal Playground

As most of you know, I own a dance studio in Marshall. In it, you will find the typical items you would expect to see— dressing rooms, lockers, dance shoes, ballet barres and a few hundred trophies that the girls have won over the last three years. Sadly, there is something else we have added to our dance home, and that is signs that state “This Is A No Bully Zone”. A few years ago I never would have felt the need to hang these signs. But over the course of time, as most teachers will attest, behaviors and attitudes have changed in our youth.

When I attended school, there were certainly bullies. The difference, however, was that they were KNOWN bullies— they had a reputation for picking on people, saying horrible things, and in general just making those around them miserable and hurt. Today they aren’t so noticeable...at first. They may start out by making snide remarks to their close circle of friends. Maybe they laugh at someone, or talk negatively about them, so that their friends will snicker and agree. Sooner or later they get the nerve to say hurtful things directly to someone. Usually, their friends are around, so that they can laugh in the background— supporting the actions that are tearing another individual down. If you have ever been the friend that never says a mean word, but simply laughs at what is being done, then you , my friend, are a bully too! The problem with “growing” into a bully is that it

rarely leaves you. Those who bully as children have a tendency to keep that behavior as an adult. Oh, maybe it is a little less aggressive, more refined, but those hurtful words are still spoken— words meant to hurt, harm or break another human being.

At our studio the words we’ve posted are strictly enforced. If you don’t believe it, ask some of the kids who are no longer allowed to dance with us. You see, I believe that the places you go to, where you expect to find love, kindness, acceptance and understanding, should not be tainted by hate or bullying. It pains my heart to see anyone go through the mental breakdown of an attack. I had a 12 year old girl sit across from me at my desk last week. She told me about her life, and the struggles she encountered every day. This little girl is going through more than most of us can even imagine. But after talking about things that ranged from Mom not having a job, utilities shut off and not having food, the worse part for her was...kids picking on her at school about it. I wanted to tell her that when she was older and done with school the bullying would stop. But I couldn’t. Sadly, there are adults who still bully— who still have only acid and vile remarks to say to others. How can we expect children to change when we aren’t setting the example ourselves ? As an adult who has experienced hurtful things said about me, I can



say with complete truth, that the sting is still as strong, and hurts just as much, as it did when I was when I was a kid.

I told this little girl, who sat at my desk pouring out her heartache, to not listen to them, to keep moving forward, to be true to who you are and not let anyone have the power to change that. But as a wounded adult, I haven’t been able to heed my own words.

There is a saying, “Tongues do not have bones, but they are able to break a heart”. Perhaps we should all take a deep breath, a small pause, before words escape our mouths. Ask yourself, “Is it helpful, is it kind, is it true?”. If not...does it really need to be said? Tomorrow, *YOU* will have to live with the things you said today. Can you?

Matthew 12:36-37

Learning and Leaning,
Hope

Easter Sunrise Service and Fellowship Breakfast
A Sunrise Service will be held on Easter Sunday, March 27 in the Sun Room. The worship will begin at 6:45. Come join us as we welcome the sun and the resurrected Son on Easter. A breakfast will be held in the fellowship hall beginning at 7:15.

Upcoming Sermons

March 6 “We Can’t Get No Satisfaction” (*Fourth Sunday in Lent*)
 March 13 “The Extravagant Gift” (*Fifth Sunday in Lent*)
 March 20 “Cries for Peace” (*Palm Sunday*)
 March 27 “Believe, Run, Speak” 8:00 (*Easter Sunday*)
 Easter music specials at 10:00 service
 Sunrise Service in the Sun Room at 6:45 a.m.

Isaiah 55:1-9
 John 12:1-8
 Luke 19:28-42
 John 20:1-18

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Church Staff

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Music Director–Hope Richards (Miller)

Youth Director– Kris Milliron

Custodians– Ron & Carol Schupp,

Larry Smith

Financial Secretary– Ken Bryant

Secretary– Hope Richards (Miller)

Pianists– Donna Smith, Kay Wise,

Judy Morris