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Dear Church,

Summer is on its way! Summertime ushers in a different rhythm for families with children out of school. If you are out and about, you'll notice people of all ages sitting outside on their front porch or patio, having the windows open on cool evenings, or out pattering in the yard. People are outside on the trails and enjoying the parks. People are energized with the longer days, sunshine, and warmth.

So too, our rhythm of life and ministry at Marion Christian Church is augmented with summer. Pay close attention to the special events and ministry opportunities that are scheduled and make plans to join us. Bring someone along!

In the months of June, July and August, we will be doing a sermon series on obscure and overlooked stories of faith from the Bible. Within these stories, we think we will all find something unique that applies to or speaks into our lives.

May the change of pace that summer brings in your life and in our shared ministry at Marion Christian Church spark enthusiasm and nurture growth in your life and service as a follower of Jesus. Just as summer is a season of growth and fruition for nature, so too, may this be so for us.

We close with this blessing from the first and fourth verses of "This is a Day of New Beginnings" (Chalice Hymnal #518): *This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone. In faith we gather round the table to taste and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.*

With gratitude,

*Tammy & Gary*

Co-Pastors for Interim Ministry

**JOIN US IN**  
*Worship*  
**SERVICE 10AM**  
**CHILDRENS CHURCH**  
**AFTER CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

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# What's happening!

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# GIVING

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PLAY TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS ONE AT A TIME OR TO  
ESTABLISH REGULAR WEEKLY OR MONTHLY GIVING.

## Givelify



**FIND MARION CHRISTIAN CHURCH ON THE MAP & YOU ARE READY TO GIVE!**

Join us for fellowship time in Fellowship Hall  
this summer prior to church at 9:30  
and after church until 11:30.

Our 2024 Guatemala service team will be  
providing refreshments & treats and all  
proceeds will go to that mission.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

**10AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

**AFTER CHILDREN'S  
MOMENT  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH  
FOR K-5**

**SUN., JUNE 4  
CELEBRATE PRIDE IN THE  
FELLOWSHIP HALL  
AFTER CHURCH**

**WED., JUNE 7  
6PM  
LAWN PARTY**

**WED., JUNE 14  
6PM  
INDOOR GAME NIGHT**

**SUN., JUNE 18  
9AM  
FATHER'S DAY PHOTOS**

**SUN., JUNE 25  
11:15AM  
ALL CHURCH PICNIC**

## FIND US ONLINE!





# New Member Spotlight



Emma Bontrager

On May 7th, Hayden and Emma Bontrager and Maddox Feldmann joined our community of faith in baptism. We are excited to be a part of their journey!



Hayden Bontrager



Maddox Feldmann

## Upcoming Events

MARION CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
**LAWN PARTY**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 | 6 PM

CHILDREN, TEENS & ADULTS ARE INVITED!

BRING A CHAIR AND COME HANG OUT WITH YOUR CHURCH FRIENDS!

**LAWN GAMES | WATER GAMES\* | SMORES**

\*WEATHER PERMITTING



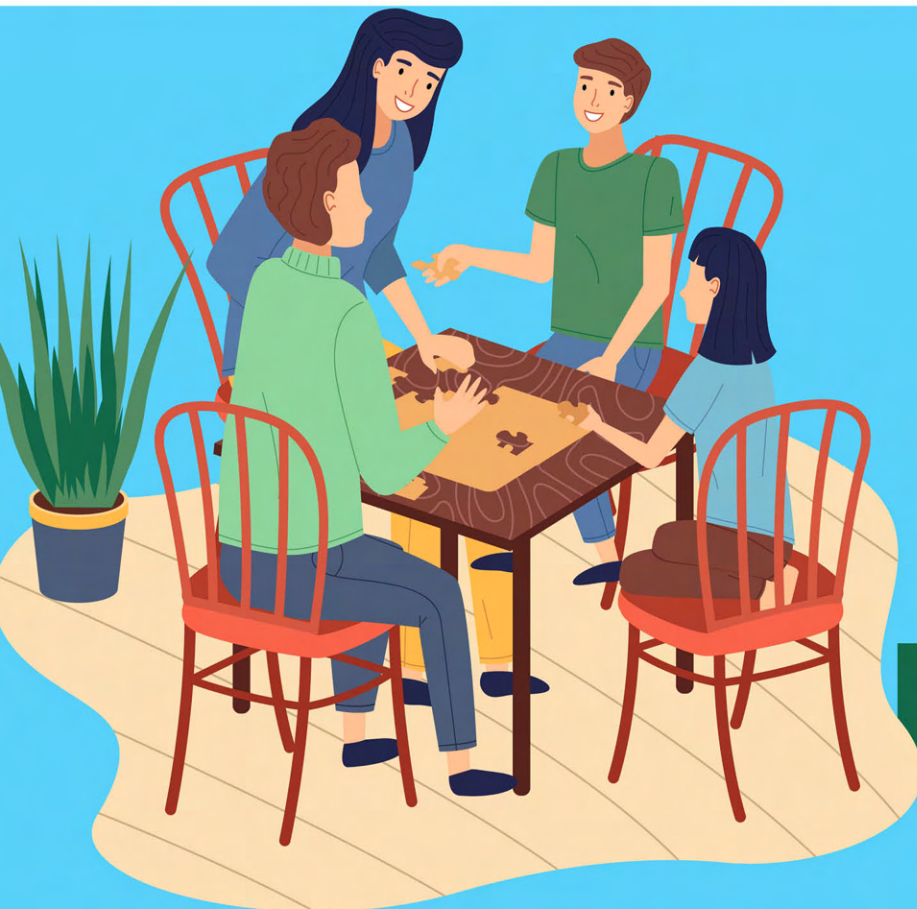
# Upcoming Events

**Reminder: June is Pride Month**

The MCC Inclusivity Team welcomes you to Fellowship Hall on June 4th for coffee and treats.

Look for Special Offering Envelopes in the pews during the month of June in support of Disciples AllianceQ.

**Disciples**  
**LGBTQ+**  
**Alliance**



**INDOOR**

## **GAME NIGHT**

BOARD GAMES | VIDEO GAMES  
ROLE PLAYING GAMES

**WED., JUNE 14 - 6PM**

If you have a board game that you would like to play at Indoor Game Night please email [carrie@marionchristian.com](mailto:carrie@marionchristian.com)  
We want as much variety as possible!



# Upcoming Events

Get a **FREE** Professional Photo  
with your family

**SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH**

Fellowship Hall

**9:15am to 10:00am**

HAPPY  
**Father's  
Day** →



FATHER'S DAY  with MONAWAR STUDIOS

CHURCH FAMILY

# Picnic

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25**

**11:15-2:30**

BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND ANY LAWN GAMES  
CONGREGATIONAL CARE & EVANGELISM TEAM WILL PROVIDE  
TABLES, CHAIRS, DRINKS & DESSERTS





# ALOHA

MCC KID'S WEEKEND 2023

FRIDAY, JULY 21ST | 5:30PM  
SATURDAY, JULY 22 | 9AM

FUN | GAMES | BIBLE STORIES

AGES 4-GRADE 5





# ALOHA

MCC KID'S WEEKEND 2023

JULY 21ST & 22ND - AGES 4-GRADE 5

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Home email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew number or name (for church use only): \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PLEASE CONTACT

CARRIE@MARIONCHRISTIAN.COM



# Pastoral Search Committee

Dear Church Family,

We are excited to share with you that the Senior Pastoral Search Committee has been hard at work and is making progress in finding our next pastor. We understand that this process can be a time of both anticipation and uncertainty, but we want to assure you that we are doing our utmost to find the right pastor who will lead us forward as a congregation.

We are thrilled to announce that we have completed the Church Information Form and have sent it to the Regional office. This form provides a detailed profile of our church, outlining our mission, vision, and values, as well as our expectations for our next pastor.

As we wait for interested pastor information to be sent to us, we continue to prepare by praying and seeking God's guidance for our congregation's future. We believe that God has a plan for us and that our new pastor will play a crucial role in leading us towards that plan.

We ask for your continued prayers and support during this process, as we work to find the right person to lead our church. Please stay tuned for further updates, and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to make progress in our search.

Blessings, The Senior Pastoral Search Committee

## Guatemala Mission

### Rummage Sale Part 1...

A HUGE thank you to all of you who donated your treasures and baked goods to our rummage sale. We generated \$12,074.02 from the items sold and an additional \$1,068 from the bake sale. This will go a long way towards our goal of \$37,650. This trip is particularly exciting as we have a potential of 25 people going including six teens! What a blessing!

### Rummage Sale Part 2....

**We have been given a warehouse loaded top to bottom with boxes of items! Contents? UNKNOWN!** We can sell the treasures, but have to get rid of the trash. So.... We will be having four more sales off-site at the warehouse. If you want to participate in our version of "Storage Wars" see Sharon McIntosh, Patty Wise, Cathy Fuller, or Sue Boatwright. We will need LOTS of help as we prepare for the four sales.

**Dates: June 15, 16 & Saturday 17**

**July 13, 14 & Saturday 15**

**August 17, 18 & Saturday 19**

**September 28, 29 & Saturday 30**

**Thursday & Friday 8-5 Saturday 8-12**

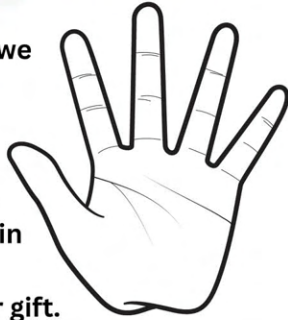


# Upcoming Events

Marion Christian has over 20 people who are very excited about going to Guatemala in January to build houses for families in need. For this to happen, we need to raise a significant amount of money. We are asking for your help. Could you lend a hand?

## Give Us a Hand?

For a \$10 donation, we will give you a hand to sign your name, color, or otherwise decorate. Then we will hang it in Fellowship Hall in appreciation of your gift.



**Please contact Patty Wise, Cathy Fuller, or Susan Boatright to Give Us a Hand!**

All Proceeds go toward MCC's Mission in Guatemala.

**Our church supports Marion Senior Living. These are the wonderful things that have been accomplished in the last 5 years.**

- Patio awning & patio extension for Trinity Point
  - Trees planted
- Landscaping improvements SM & MVM
- Upgraded common furniture TP & MVM
  - Driveway repair TP
- Add sidewalk to allow for safe walking trail
  - Garden bed to TP & MVM
  - Shower chairs
  - Tubs for MVM & SM
- Upgraded all PCs including digital hard drives
  - Brick repair TP
  - LED parking lot lights
  - New Refrigerator MVM
  - Washer and dryers
  - Coin changer machines
  - Parking lot MVM
  - Cleanup of our lot
  - New entry system
  - Security cameras
  - Elevator upgrade MVM
  - Fir tree sound barrier for MVM
  - Removed old milk barn hazard
- New signage for buildings and on HWY 13
- Annual Christmas gift cards and care packages for the residents



## Join the MCC Team

**Be a volunteer to help homeowners in the Taylor & Time Check neighborhoods with home repair and maintenance projects.**

**Date: Monday, June 26th 2023  
Hours: 8:30am - 3:30pm  
(Lunch & Snacks Provided)**

### Sign up in 4 easy steps!

#### Step 1:

Visit the **Matthew 25** website at:

[Hub25.org/housing-neighborhoods/transform-week/](https://Hub25.org/housing-neighborhoods/transform-week/)

#### Step 2:

Click on "Register to Volunteer"

#### Step 3:

Select the group option & fill in "Marion Christian Church"

#### Step 4:

Email April Evers at [87aevs@gmail.com](mailto:87aevs@gmail.com) to confirm sign-up



# SUMMER

*at Marion Christian Church*

**June 7th • 6pm - Lawn Party**

**June 14th • 6pm - Indoor Game Night**

**June 25th after church - All Church Family Picnic**

**June 26th • 8am - Matthew 25 Transform Week**

**July 12th • 6pm - Indoor Game Night**

**July 21st • 5:30pm - MCC Kid's Weekend (Day 1)**

**July 22nd • 9am - MCC Kid's Weekend (Day 2)**

**August 9th • 6pm - Indoor Game Night**

**August 13th - TBD - Pool Party**

**August 16th • 6pm - Lawn Party**

**Stay tuned for more details and as other ministry opportunities are announced!**

# THE FUN NEVER ENDS!

*at Marion Christian Church*



# MCC Council Meeting

## Marion Christian Church Council Hybrid Meeting Sunday, May 21, 2023 1:30pm

Present: Joe Hamilton, Justin Lightfoot, Darrell Boatwright, Patty Wise, Sue Boatwright, Deanna Long, Tammy Cameron Buseman, Jill Law, Sharon McIntosh, Krystal Wise, Marilyn Rambo, Joyce Talley, Gary Sneller, Gloria Waltke, Sue Thompson, Mike Kibler, Laura Brade  
The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Justin Lightfoot with a prayer.

### STANDING BUSINESS:

**April 2023 Minutes:** Jill Law moved and Joyce Talley seconded to approve the April minutes. Carried.

### April 2023 Financial Synopsis:

- Pledges/Offerings were \$21,831.83 for the month of April and \$83,283.31 year to date  
- Total actual operating expenses for April were \$17,924.29, leaving a net income of \$3,907.54 for the month of April

- YTD net giving (income vs expenses) is \$18,904.12 (gain)

- Total Encumbered fund expense for April is \$915.52, with a YTD total encumbered spend of \$2,645.70

- Capital Improvement Campaign income for April is \$3,017.92, bringing the YTD total to \$131,986.29

- Checking account balance as of end of April is \$145,515.39

Krystal Monawar moved and Sharon McIntosh seconded to approve the April financials. Carried.

### Ministry Team Reports:

**UPREACH: Worship, Music/Arts & Media** – Elders, Kari & Ryan Wilcox; Deacons, Sue Thompson & Joyce Talley

The worship team will be getting the sanctuary ready for Pentecost May 31<sup>st</sup> by changing the decorations. A summer schedule of communion duties for Deacons was emailed to all Deacons on May 7th. If you did not receive it, or if you have any questions, please see Kari or Ryan Wilcox. If you are unable to be in attendance on the date that you are scheduled to facilitate communion, contact information for each Deacon is included on the schedule. Please reach out to see if you can switch with someone else. We have also re-established an online sign-up option for volunteers who would like to serve as Greeters on Sundays. Please consider signing up! We are in great need of volunteers and it's a relatively easy task that only takes up about 15-20 minutes of your time. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B48A9AE2EABF58-marion>

**UPREACH: Spiritual Growth and Formation**- Elder, Laura Brade; Deacons, Tim Feldmann & Jenna Holmes – No Report

**INREACH: Congregational Care and Evangelism**-Elder, Sharon McIntosh; Deacons, April Evers & Jill Law'

Sharon reported that there will be a picnic after church on June 25<sup>th</sup> for the congregation.

**INREACH: Congregational Guardianship**- Elders, Mike Kibler & Tom Fuller; Deacons, Joe Hamilton & Dean Decious

Joe reported that Darrell and he will be finishing up the camera security system this week.

**OUTREACH: World and Local Missions**-Elders, Sue Boatwright & Cathy Fuller; Deacon, Gloria Waltke

Sue Boatwright reported that the Rummage Sale was one of the biggest yet with sales of approximately \$13,000, which makes the team going to Guatemala reaching 2/3 of their goal! Six or seven local agencies also benefit from item contributions. She also indicated that offsite sales will take place monthly through the summer.

**OUTREACH: Community Growth and Formation**-Elders Gary Sneller, Kylie Harris;

Deacons Deanna Long, Krystal Monawar  
We are focusing on overall planning for the Grand re-opening and 180th Church Anniversary celebration this fall. So far planning team members include: Sue Thompson, Worship; Kiley Harris, Community Growth and Formation; Gloria Waltke, Local and World Outreach; Jill Law, Congregational Care; Krystal Monawar, at-large  
Deanna Long moved and Joe Hamilton seconded to approve the ministry reports. Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Gary reported that the Inclusivity Team is funded solely by private donations.

### Building update:

Darrell Boatwright reported that HVAC is finished, and that the fascia/gutters and bathroom partitions are in place. The siding is continuing and will be complete by the end of the month. We are receiving sanctuary roof quotes, and final negotiations are taking place with the insurance company.

### Search Committee:

Deanna Long reported that the Church Profile was submitted. Josh Patty replied with some suggestions, so the team will tweak it this week and send in the final format. They will meet Tuesday to formulate questions to ask prospective ministers.

### Placeholder Process:

Tammy Buseman reported the following: We need to move ahead with scheduling, reservations and plans for facility use. Updates are still being made to the facility use packet. In order for us to get moving I would like everyone to use the **"Placeholder Process"** for their ministry / events that you anticipate in the coming weeks and months so we can get a good handle on

what may already be in the works. If you've not given consideration to ministry plans or events that will need facility use, I hope this will serve as a prompt to stir imagination and motivation for all to start planning, as soon as possible and as far in advance as possible.

The **placeholder** will be an e-mail to church office, Carrie, Krystal, Tammy and Gary with the following basic information:

- Name of ministry / event
- Contact Person and their info
- Public (MCC inviting anyone to come) or Private (just MCC) - (we're not doing this for outside ministry or events yet)
- Date & time
- Number of people anticipated
- Overview of planned activity (what will you be doing?)

This will HOLD the event and allow us to start planning for needs. At this time, we will offer "approval" for the event with the submission of the placeholder information. **Once the reservation packet is live the placeholder process will cease.**

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:

Gary Sneller reported that the team has decided on an all-day celebration for Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> with a community/congregational celebration including worship, a meal, music, a ceremony. Past ministers will be invited. We will also be celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our current building's dedication.

#### Congregational Pulse:

Positive comments have been received by many about the siding and the Christian education wing. Numbers in worship are trending up. Graduate recognition went well. It was suggested to bring back the invitation to join the church at the end of worship.

Darrell inquired about the status of the Boy Scout storage. Mike Kibler will look into it.

Justin reminded the Council that news for Weekly Connection needs to be in by Wednesday p.m. Information for the newsletter is required by the third Monday of the month.

#### Minister Report:

Tammy indicated that she and Gary meet weekly and strive to follow through on their goals to keep moving the congregation forward through the five developmental tasks they foresee.

Sue Boatwright moved and Jill Law seconded to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Rambo, Church Clerk