



**May 2018**

## **"LIGHT FROM THE HILL"**

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## ***From the Pastor's Desk...***

### **The Future?**

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

I had the privilege of teaching a Communicant's class over the past several months; 15 young people from four different churches. All in various stages of growth, not just physically or mentally, but in their relationships with Christ.

It was a joy! For years I've heard people say our children are the future of our church. You hear this at any church. And maybe they are. Maybe not. But I will say this. They are the future of The Church. Unquestionably.

In just the past few weeks I have had the joy of seeing:

- Young people eagerly awaiting the children's message in worship and then rushing excitedly down to Sunday School.
- An incredible group of children serving with joy and enthusiasm at the dinners we have here. Their hard work was inspirational.
- Children and young people asking numerous questions in the Communicant's class; wanting to understand and explore what it means to be a truster and follower of Christ.
- Observing a few of them, in some down time, "playing" church in our sanctuary. Only...they weren't playing, there was something Holy going on!

As I continue to consider how the Spirit is nudging me (and hopefully us) to not be complacent in outreach, evangelism, and service, I suddenly realize that we have a group here we are reaching and need to continue to reach. As I looked at the 15 young people in the Communicant's class that gathered here on Sunday evenings...was I looking at the future of, if not our church, but The Church? Probably.

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Jesus' words about not hindering children startled his followers. The disciples wanted the children to get out of the way, considering them to be annoyances. And Jesus is clear; they are the future of the kingdom of heaven. And I have no doubt that after that first Pentecost following Jesus' death and resurrection, many of these same children that were so attracted to Jesus to begin with were the ones that were drawn to and help grow the early church.

They weren't hindered. They were on fire for Christ!

Let's make sure, as we continue to move forward into the future that God has for us as a part of his church that we continue to invite, encourage, equip, and love all the children God has been drawing here. Hindering them cannot be in our thoughts and vocabulary.

They are the future of The Church.

Maybe even ours.

God loves you and so do I

-Pastors Chris

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## **MAY 2018 WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS**

### **May 6, 2018**

Scripture: Psalm 98

**"A New Song"**

Sing, sing to the Lord!

The Lord's Supper will be observed.

### **May 13, 2018**

**YOUTH SUNDAY!**

Our young people will lead us in worship!

### **May 20, 2018**

Scripture: Acts 2:1-13

**"A Church on Fire!"**

The curse is lifted!

### **May 27, 2018**

Scripture: Psalm 29

**"The Voice of God"**

How does God speak to you?

### **June 3 2018**

Scripture: Mark 2:23-3:6

**"Lord of the Sabbath"**

So what is exactly allowed on the Sabbath?



## **PENTECOST - The church universal's birthday!**

50 days after Easter, when Jesus defeated death on the cross and appeared among His disciples and others, He ascended to heaven to sit with his Father. He left behind the Holy Spirit to help guide us. The spirit entered His followers on the steps of the synagogue, speaking in other languages, spreading the Word to the world. On Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating it by taking in new members at our church. For after worship refreshments, we'd like to celebrate everyone's birthday along with the churches with 12 birthday cakes. We are looking for 12 volunteers to make a cake decorated with the theme of each month. (ie: Feb. cake might be decorated with hearts or presidential.) Look for cake sign-ups in the narthex soon.



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**Deacon's Blood Drive...**The Deacons will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive here at the church on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. The blood drive will take place from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please visit the table in the Narthex for information on donating blood. You can schedule an appointment by calling the Red Cross at 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit their scheduling site at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter Marion Center to schedule an appointment.

**Help save lives!**



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## **VBS - July 15-19 at the Marion Center Methodist Church**

As school begins to wind down, the planning for VBS has just begun. Mark the date on your calendar and be sure to join us. As we explore stories and lessons from God's Word, there is also a whole lot of fun with cool crafts, cool songs and cool snacks! Registration forms will be available soon. You can get one in next month's newsletter, pick one up in the Narthex or go to the VBS Facebook page at Marion Center Community Vacation Bible School. Don't miss out!!



**Looking for Big Kids too!** We are always in need of adults to help with VBS, come join the fun we have as much fun as they do. You do need your clearances to help, they are free and easy to obtain. See Beth in the office and she can give you information on how to get them. If you would like to help, please see Heather Hood.

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## **Fundraisers for our Mission Team going to the Navajo Reservation in June...**

We are selling **Little Caesar's Pizza kits**. Order forms are available at the church or if you are interested in supporting us but live far away or don't see us very often? No problem! You can order online and choose to have your order delivered right to your door!



Visit <http://www.pizzakit.com/fundraising-products>... You will need to enter a fundraising ID Code, of which we do not have yet. Please check the bulletin, church website or our Facebook page for that code. We should have it soon!

We appreciate your support!

**The Mission Trip Team will be organizing a Hoss's night as a fundraiser for their trip.** Take the family out to eat and help them raise funds. It is just that easy. We will have the date and the information you will need to take with you to Hoss's very soon. Check the church web site, [www.maionpres.org](http://www.maionpres.org) or also check our Facebook page at The Presbyterian Church of Marion for more information.



**Specialty Pillow Slips...** Susie Enoch has made these beautiful pillow slips that make wonderful gifts. Cost is \$20 and all proceeds go to the mission work in Arizona at the Navajo Reservation. Stop by the church and check out the wonderful selection she has on display. For a custom order call Susie at 724-471-8525.



**Prayer for our Mission Trip Members...**

We have moved from dreaming to planning and now it almost time for our mission team to head out. Our team will be heading to the Navajo Nation in Chinle, Arizona, which is located at the mouth of the beautiful Canyon De Chelly. Our team will be traveling and completing their mission trip from June 16<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Listed below are the members of team and we would ask that you keep them in prayer during that week as they fulfill their calling to doing God’s work with the Navajo people.



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| Pastor Chris   | Ron Leasure     | Amanda Kanouff   | Maddy Kanouff |
| Susie Enoch    | Melissa Leasure | MacKensi Kanouff | Bob Henry     |
| Connie Edwards | Miranda Leasure | Donna Kanouff    | Jennie Henry  |
| Fred Edwards   | Joe Kanouff     | Gary Kanouff     |               |

**Camperships...** If you have a child that decides to attend a summer church camp, the church has camperships available through the Olson Memorial Camp Fund. Camperships are available to active members of the church who have attended worship and/or Sunday School at least four times in the current calendar y beginning January 1. Stop by the office for an application.



**Looking Ahead**

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| May 6      | Communion<br>Beacon Ridge Service 2:00 p.m.  |
| May 13     | Youth Sunday – Come watch the kids lead the service<br>Mother’s Day  |
| May 20     | <b>Pentecost Sunday – wear red to church</b><br>Communicant’s class members join the church<br>Deacon’s Social following worship |
| May 28     | Memorial Day   |
| June 3     | Graduate Recognition<br>Deacon’s Social following Worship  |
| June 5     | Deacon’s Blood Drive 1:30 – 6:00 p.m.  |
| June 16-23 | Mission Trip to the Navajo Reservation in Chinle, Arizona  |



## Prayer Requests

### **Rest Home Folks:**

St. Andrews - Grace Gromley  
Crystal Waters - Irene Fairman & Charles Wallace  
Arc Manor - Erma Griffith  
Indian Haven - Kathy Mabon

### **Active Military Service:**

Greg Lydic	Eric T. Buterbaugh	Jason Ratay
Matthew Baker	Dan Kessler	Andrew Linsenmeier
Rusty Juart Jr.	Howard Bronsen Jr.	Ryan Hennessay
Dylan Wells	Louis Good	Matt Moore

### **Missionaries**

Musange Presbyterian Church (Rwanda)  
Michael & Rachel Weller – Ethiopia

Benjamin Eaton  
Dan Wozniak  
Michael Pappal  
Brianna Fulmer

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### **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Sue Botsford
- 2 Lauren Houser
- 4 Lois Repine
- 7 Lewis Slade
- 11 Betsy Sisitki
- 12 Kim Kester
- 13 Vicky Fisher
- 14 Sharon Edwards
- 23 Devynn Frazee
- 27 Miranda Leasure
- 28 MacKenzi Kanouff  
Melissa Leasure  
Kailee Mumau  
Tonya Watkins
- 29 Ron Olson  
John Repine
- 30 Aaliyah Watkins



### **MAY LAYLEADERS**

- 6 Nancy Laird
- 13 Youth
- 20 Jim Sisitki
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### **MAY GREETERS**

- 6 Ken & Judy Schurr
- 13 Youth
- 20 Joe Kanouff Family
- 27 Joy Miller & Michelle Shick

### **MAY USHERS**

Fred Turner, Calvin Farren,  
Rick McKee and Merle Pruner

### **MAY ACOLYTES**

- 6 Roman Elensky & Brooke Slade
- 13 Robbie Slade & Shailynn Duffy
- 20 MacKensi Kanouff & Sarah Moore
- 27 Noah Kanouff & Dakota Anthony

### **DEACON OF THE MONTH**

Valerie Slade - 724-397-8229

### **ELDER OF THE MONTH**

Janis Baun - 724-397-4073

### **JUNE GREETERS**

- 3 Graduates
- 10 Ray & Doris Glasser
- 17 Jon Hood Family
- 24 Lynn & Janis Baun

### **JUNE USHERS**

Melissa Leasure, Cindy Mouser,  
Valerie Slade and Bobbie Farren

### **Milestone Anniversaries**

- 21 Larry & Joy Miller - 52<sup>nd</sup>
- 22 Scott & Jeanne Hertzler - 25<sup>th</sup>
- 26 Bill & Jerry Frye

