



"LIGHT FROM THE HILL"

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Free Food

My husband bought me this new bird feeder for Christmas. It is interesting how long that it has taken the birds to come to it. You would think in the middle of winter they would be thrilled to have FOOD FREELY hanging there just for the taking. I was told by other bird lovers that they may not feel safe with it out in the open. It took about a month for the birds to come. Now they are there daily all day long. They are in and through the woods and just fly out long enough to get a nibble then back they go.

We have access to FREE FOOD too. The word of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit is there for our taking. I sense we are similar to the birds. We don't come to it at first as we are unsure if it would be safe. As we get more intrigued we get braver. Or as we get hungry we need to move to it just to be able to eat. It comes down to that we really, really need to want it.

I really, really want Jesus. Actually, He is the bread of life. As my desire becomes stronger, I draw closer to Him. I want to read the word of God so that I can know the truth and it will set me free. I need the Holy Spirit to enlighten me to understand the word and take it unto myself. The freedom that comes in that process lets me journey with Jesus to the abundant life that He has for me.



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As I watched the birds, I was thinking that I wanted to be the one on the feeder closest to the food, right at the source instead of the ones on the ground getting whatever was dropped off.
Jesus as the source, I want to be closest to you.

#abundantlivingatfulldraw [pic by me-JG]

Article written by
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This article comes from Pastor Greene's Facebook page **Abundant Living at Full Draw.
If you would like to read more of her posts, visit and like her page on Facebook.

JANUARY & FEBRUARY WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

January 4, 2025

"Keep or Exchange?"
Denny Weaver
The Lord's Supper will be served

January 11, 2025

Donna Yarnal

January 18, 2025

Annual Congregational Meeting
Ordination and Installation of Officers
Dr. Rev. Angel DeLaCruz

January 25, 2025

Randy Stear

February 1, 2025

Denny Weaver
The Lord's Supper will be served

February 8, 2025

Pastor Doug Snyder

February 15, 2025

Donna Yarnal

February 22, 2025

Randy Stear



Annual Congregational Meeting...

****Please mark your calendars*****

The annual congregational meeting is scheduled for **January 18, 2025 at 10 am**. All members are invited and encouraged to attend as we need to make sure we have a quorum. We will be looking at 2025 in review and electing officers for the class of 2028. The church service will follow at 10:30 with the installation of officers



Active Member...

The Book of Order states, "An active member of a particular church is a person who has made a profession of faith in Christ, has been baptized, has been received into membership of the church, has voluntarily submitted to the government of this church, and participates in the church's work and worship."

Only active members are eligible to hold a church officer position or to vote in congregational meetings. An in-active member of a particular church is one who does not participate in the church's work and worship."

Our Presbyterian Church of Marion has determined that an active member is one who:

- 1) Takes part in the worship of the church and/or church-organized study of the Scriptures at least four times a year.
- 2) Supports the work of the church through the giving of time, talents or money.



2026 Per Capita... The per capita rate for 2025 is \$29.40 per member. The breakdown of where that money goes is \$27 to the Presbytery and \$2.40 to the Synod. Session has voted not to pay the \$11.26 part of the per capita that goes to General Assembly.



Dear members and friends of the Presbyterian Church of Marion. You are encouraged to keep the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) in your frequent prayers. If you don't know what to be praying for, here is a prayer you can use that has been culled from several sources:

Most gracious and loving God, having accepted the invitation to work together to seek out and prayerfully discern the person who, even now, is being called to serve, lead, and journey with the Presbyterian Church of Marion, we ask you to come to the PNC's assistance.



As it is written in Psalm 139, "... you have searched us out and known us; you discern our thoughts from afar; you follow our journeys and are acquainted with all our ways ..." Be with them now, Father. As they continue in this search process, be present among them, and guide each step they take. Guide them in all their doings, Gracious God.

Build unity among them, guard them from distractions, and help them to welcome different viewpoints and perspectives as opportunities to hear, understand, and grow. Father, teach them to listen. But also, allow them some Holy rest when rest is needed.

Inspire not only their minds but also their hearts, allowing one to form the other, within each individual, and among all participants in this work. Open their hearts and minds to your presence, Lord Jesus.

Quicken the heart of the person begin called to serve as our next pastor. Remove any obstacles that might stand in the way of this call. Reveal the path and lead the way, as we all know you as The Way, The Truth, The Life.

Lord, may the PNC offer themselves as fertile ground through which your work may be done. And when their tasks are complete and the search is done, grant them quiet minds and confident hearts that, guided by your wisdom, they will have accomplished what you have asked them to do. And then let them rest, be still, and know that you are God.

Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

January Mission Outreach....

Many in our country still need much help and assistance from the disasters they have encountered.

The mission team during January will be collecting monetary donations to go to Samaritan's Purse to be used for the US Disaster Relief. We will collect funds through the offering and then our collection will be sent to Samaritan's Purse and earmarked for US Disaster Relief. If you would like to donate, you may do so by marking on your giving envelope "US Disaster Relief" and the portion of your offering you would like to donate.



What does Samaritan's Purse do?

Without fail, disasters will come. Hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, and floods strike U.S. communities every year. Samaritan's Purse U.S. Disaster Relief teams have been ready to respond at a moment's notice in Jesus' Name since 1998. We thank God for our local church partners and our volunteers who have made this work in North America possible for more than two decades.

"SAMARITAN'S PURSE IS HERE TO HELP AND WE'RE DOING IT ALL IN JESUS' NAME. WE WANT EVERY HOMEOWNER TO KNOW THAT GOD LOVES THEM AND HASN'T FORGOTTEN THEM."

—Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan's Purse

Volunteers are the key to our relief and rebuild work in North America. The orange shirts of our volunteers are a welcome sight in areas devastated by violent storms and other natural disasters. Hurting people need men and women who are eager to help them and bring the comfort only God can offer.

Samaritan's Purse stands on call to go when and where ever needed.

Listed below are a few of the major areas workers are helping in.

- Tom Green County, TX - rebuild and repair homes from flood damage
- Ashville & Boone North Carolina - repair and rebuild homes. This area is still recovering from the devastation of 2024 Hurricane Helene.
- Maui, Hawaii - rebuild homes that were destroyed by wildfires.



February Mission Outreach...

Souper Bowl of Caring... Once again we will be helping to fight hunger in our area by having a special collection for ICCAP on Super Bowl Sunday.

On February 8th we will have soup kettles that you can put your donation in as you leave worship.

This is a nationwide collection but all our donations will go directly to ICCAP Food Bank.

Let's tackle hunger together!



Deacon Social...

The deacons will host a social following worship on Sunday, February 15th. Please join them for some yummy refreshments and a time of fellowship following worship.



Prayer Partner Reveal...

Last February we invited everyone to take part in a Prayer Partner Exchange. For an entire year those that signed up and drew a name have been praying for their prayer partner. The fun part of this was that you didn't know who was praying for you, but you knew that once specific person had lifted you in prayer for an entire year!

Well the time has come to reveal who our prayer partners are! We invite you to join us at the February 15th social where those who have been praying will reveal for whom they have been praying. **We ask that each person involved with the prayer partner exchange bring a card labeled with the person you have been praying for and on the inside you can sign your card revealing your name. If you are not able to join us on the 15th, you can leave your card for your prayer partner in the office with Beth.**



If you didn't sign up to participate, come for the social, join in the fun of watching our reveal and you will have the opportunity to sign-up and draw a name to pray for someone in 2026.

Lenten DVD Study...

"An Unlikely Lent" by Rachel Billups explores the Easter story through the lens of unexpected characters, inviting readers to discover new insights and embrace the themes of devotion, courage, and companionship.

By seeing the Easter story through their eyes, we may discover that the resurrection is not just a past event, but an invitation into something new, unexpected, and unlikely. Walk through this season with eyes wide open, ready to see where God is moving, even in the margins. Since the cross is not the end of the story, embrace every unlikely moment along the way.

This six week study will be held on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary and will begin on Sunday, February 22nd.

There is a book that goes with the study. In order to have books before the study begins, we will have a sign-up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. **Please sign up by February 8th.** We will purchase the books and if you would like to help cover the cost of the books we will share the cost once we order and try to get the best price.



Prayer Requests

Homebound Folks:
Russ Olson

Rest Home Folks:
The Fountains of Dubois – Doris Glasser

Active Military Service:
Louis Good

PNC Committee:
Calvin Farren, Lorrie Gallo, Natalie Gatskie, Chuck Glasser and Tonya Watkins

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Ron Frankoff
 - 8 Nick Armstrong
 - 15 Paul McMahan
 - 21 Dave Meese
 - 22 Chuck Glasser
 - 24 Donna Black
 - 31 Debbie Frankoff
- Matt Fulmer



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Diane Sellers
- 12 George Clawson
- Elaine Edwards
- 15 Kingston Brown
- 20 Ed Turner
- 21 Lynette Clawson
- Anne Shannon
- 22 Nancy Laird
- 26 Bev Gatskie

Milestone Anniversaries

Jan 23 Calvin & Bobbie Farren - 55th



Milestone Anniversaries

Feb 6 Ron & Debbie Frankoff - 55th
Feb 14 Dave & Nancy Laird - 68th
Feb 28 Mike & Bev Gatskie - 50th

JANUARY ELDER OF THE MONTH

Melissa Leasure

JANUARY DEACON OF THE MONTH

Bobbie Farren



FEBRUARY ELDER OF THE MONTH

Fred Turner

FEBRUARY DEACON OF THE MONTH

Shawnee Armstrong

