



July/August 2025

“LIGHT FROM THE HILL”

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ENCOUNTER

The most amazing thing happened at our Encounter last night. God showed up! Why would I be surprised when we asked Him to and invited the Holy Spirit in?

As we were in our Encounter-4 session, I felt prompted to ask the ladies if their expectations of this set aside time with the Lord was being met. Shortly thereafter we spotted these amazing sites.

God manifested right before our very eyes. His message was clear to each of us.

When you seek me with your whole heart, I AM HERE!



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We ran outside like little girls in excitement and marveled at God and gave Him glory.

“But first and most importantly seek (aim at, strive after) His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right—the attitude and character of God], and all these things will be given to you also.”

~~ Matthew 6:33 AMP

“God is spirit [the Source of life, yet invisible to mankind], and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

~~ John 4:24 AMP

#AbundantLivingAtFullDraw #abundantlife #encounterholyspirit #SeekGodFirst

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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.

JULY & AUGUST WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

July 5, 2025

Hymn Sing Worship Service

July 13, 2025

“The Word of God”

1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

Pastor Doug Snyder

July 20, 2025

“How Do We Serve?”

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

Rev. Katelyn Hendrickson

July 27, 2025

“Answer Me!”

Randy Stear

Worship in the MC Park

August 3, 2025

Denny Weaver

August 10, 2025

Pastor Doug Snyder

August 17, 2025

“Can You Hear Me Now?”

1 John 5:14-15

Rev. Jackie Greene

August 24, 2025

Special Guest – Karla Sunderlin

Operation Christmas Child Spokesperson

August 31, 2025

Pastor Doug Snyder



The 2025 Marion Center Community VBS is going on a road trip.

Mark your calendars to join us at the Marion Center Methodist Church.

VBS will be July 13th-17th from 6:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Let’s embark together on a “Road Trip” with God.

Come meet Scout, our navigator, he will lead us to stops that share Bible stories that show us that God is on the go with us wherever we are and wherever we go!

Pre-register at the link below:

<https://forms.gle/AmmXfTfgKrkqf3No8>



Hymn Sing Sunday....

Mark your calendars for July 6th as we are going to have a hymn sing worship service. Join us as we sing some of everyone's favorites and share a little about the songs we are singing. With it being Independence Day Weekend, we will also be singing a few patriotic songs. Tune up those vocal chords and come for a fun musical Sunday morning!



Worship & Picnic in the Park...

Join us on Sunday, July 27th at the Marion Center Community Park for worship. Following Worship we will have a church picnic.

Chicken, paper products, water and ice tea will be provided.
Please bring a covered dish to share.



Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy church in God's big beautiful outdoors as well as a time of fellowship.

***Not a Fan* - Small Group Study...**

Join us on Sunday morning for this six week video study entitled *Not a Fan*. **The study will be held September 14th through October 19th from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the social hall.**

In the Gospels, Jesus never seemed too interested in fans.
Is that how you define your relationship with Him?
An "enthusiastic admirer"? Close enough to Jesus to get the benefits but not so close to require sacrifice?
He was looking for followers.
Not just any follower though, but a...

COMPLETELY. COMMITTED. FOLLOWER.



A Follower who understands that...

There is no forgiveness without repentance.
There is no salvation without surrender.
There is no life without death.
There is no believing without following.

Twenty times in the New Testament, Jesus Christ issued a compelling and challenging invitation:
"Follow Me."

Built around the engaging approach of Kyle Idleman, Teaching Pastor at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, KY, this one of a kind small group study examines what it means to deny one's self and truly follow Jesus.

How would things change if you lived as Jesus lived, and loved the way He loved? Maybe you're ready to join the hundreds of people who have stepped across a line and said:

"I am not a fan."

We do need to order some resources for this study. If you would like to attend **please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex by August 31st.**

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.



Donations of small bottles of water.....

If you would like to donate a case, please bring it to the church by **July 6th**.



Cookies for the program....

They are looking for a variety of cookies for the social following the program on Thursday, July 17th. If you would like to make and donate 2-3 dozen please let Beth know. Cookies would need to be dropped off at the Methodist church Wednesday evening during VBS or at 6:15 Thursday at the start of VBS.



The July mission outreach will be a continued collection for our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

This month we will focus on the following items:

School Supplies	Toys
Small games	Small crafts
Kids books	Small calculators

Wow items – these are bigger toys or stuffed animals that would be considered the bigger gift in their box of goodies

Can we hit 50 again?
We think we can!!!





The mission outreach for August will be to support the Chevy Chase Community Center's Farmer's Market.



We will be collecting money throughout the month as well as items needed to help them stock their shelves. That list will be forthcoming so stay tuned! The Farmer's Market program offers a chance for community members to stop by Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to pick up breads, fresh produce and other grocery items at no cost.

The Material Girls Sewing Group....

We have a group of ladies that meet every Monday morning. Their project and passion is making baby quilts for the Nurse Family Partnership. Quilts have been going to the babies in this program for the past 16 years. Our ladies are in their 17 year and to date with their last donation of 65 in May, they are now over 750 quilts. We received a wonderful letter of thanks for what these ladies do and what a special gift it is to these first time moms and their sweet babies. We would like to share that letter below. Well done good and faithful servants!

65 quilts given in May of 2025



Dear Marion Center Presbyterian Church Administration and Congregation,

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Material Girls quilt club and Marion Center Presbyterian Church for the gift of quilts to our Nurse-Family Partnership families.

Nurse-Family Partnership is an evidenced-based program that provides education and support to first time mothers and their children. Our agency actively serves 11 surrounding counties. The quilts you supply are reaching babies in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Lycoming, and Somerset.

Our nurses feel so proud and blessed to be able to gift a beautiful, one-of-a-kind, hand-made quilt to each new baby! We wish you could see the look on a new mother's face when we give them the quilts. Many express they have never seen or had anything so nice. And it's not just the new moms that get excited! The nurses remark that they take great care to select a quilt that they feel best matches the client and child, taking into consideration the nursery theme and or the client's individual taste and style.

Words cannot express how grateful we are to each and every one of you that play a part in allowing us to offer this precious gift to our clients. As the saying goes, "it takes a village"- and we feel that village, working together, to serve first time moms and their babies.

PFA & Revive Marion Center Bible Clubs...

Debbie Griffith from our Marion Center Community has for quite a few years offered Bible Clubs to the high school kids at Marion Center during their club period. That has expanded and she now offers a club to 5th and 6th graders after school. The 7th & 8th grade group walks to our church and meet while the 9th-12th grade Revive group meets in the school library. It is always exciting when she sends a thank you signed by all the kids that attend because she also sends a summary for the year. The number of kids that of their own free will attend always make us smile. This year her 5th & 6th grade group saw 33 students attend. The 7th & 8th grade group had 36 and the 9th-12th grade group had 75-85. The main goal for these groups is to introduce the kids to Jesus and help them grow in their faith walk! We thank Debbie for her discipleship to the youth of our community. To God be the Glory!



SENIOR Spotlight

Congratulations to our two high school seniors, Claire Hood and Owen Snyder. To recognize each of them we asked them some questions and thought it was the perfect time to put them in the spot light.



Claire Hood

Claire is the daughter of Jonathan and Heather Hood of Marion Center. In the words of Claire she has been attending our church her whole life...17 years!

Claire is a 2025 graduate of Marion Center High School. While attending Marion Center she was involved with the Cross Country and Track teams, was a member of Student Council, and participated in Quiz bowl and the Foods and Nutrition group.

Claire enjoys running, dancing, reading and her favorite colors are orange and blue.

We asked Claire if there was someone she looked up to and she shared; "I have always admired my grandma, Barb Hood (Heggie). She is the very picture of a Godly woman. She is kind, nurturing, so smart, and talented and the most loving person I know. I love her and my whole family so very much!"

Claire plans to attend IUP with a major in nursing.



Owen Snyder

Owen is the son of Shawna & Steven Stanley and Ryan Snyder and resides in Smicksburg. Owen has been attending our church since about the age of 12.

Owen is a 2025 graduate of Marion Center High School. While attending Marion Center he participated in Cross Country and enjoys reading classes.

Owen enjoys anything related to Star Wars, Legos and likes to make YouTube videos.

Owen shared that one thing most people don't know about me "I almost died when I was born. God saved me!"

We asked Owen if there was someone he looked up to and he shared "My Pap, Denny Snyder. He taught me a lot about farming and spent a lot of time with me. My Grammy, Kathy, too, she spends a lot of time with me and is always encouraging me to do my best".

Owen plans to attend Hiram G. Andrews Tech School in the fall.

Prayer Requests

Homebound Folks:

Russ Olson

Rest Home Folks:

Rose Haven - Kathy Mabon,
The Fountains of Dubois – Doris Glasser

Active Military Service:

Louis Good

PNC Committee:

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

JULY ELDER OF THE MONTH

Jim Sisitki

AUGUST ELDER OF THE MONTH

Jennifer Frederick

JULY DEACON OF THE MONTH

Calvin Farren

AUGUST DEACON OF THE MONTH

Paige Repine

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7 Carol Fry
11 T. J. Banks
12 Lennon Brown
Gary Kanouff
18 Connie Edwards
Heather Hood
25 Amanda Kanouff
27 Lorrie Gallo
28 Amy Lowmaster
29 Natalie Gatskie



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

9 Chad Repine
Owen Snyder
13 Bobbie Farren
Ken Mottorn
Michael Turner
14 Jan Gallo
Maggie Hood
19 Hunter Armstrong
21 Claire Hood
28 Gary Hood

July Milestone Anniversaries

7-8 Nick & Shawnee Armstrong - 25th



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