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"LIGHT FROM THE HILL"

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A Life of Abundance

Did you know that masks are 'required' for archery hunting? Well not really, but they are very helpful to camouflage us so the deer cannot detect us. Much like we figuratively wear masks in our lives to make the world think that we are ok and everything is fine. We also even try to fool ourselves at times.

To live a life of abundance as Jesus came and died for us to have, we must stop hiding behind a figurative mask and step out of denial that we can do life on our own. There is such freedom when we are honest and transparent that we need and even want a savior and helper in this life. Jesus is our savior and Lord when we lay down all the pretense and invite him into our lives.

Philippians 4:13 (NKJV): "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." When we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior, it involves a recognition of His lordship, for the Savior who saved us when we received Him by faith, is the Lord Jesus Christ.

#abundantlivingatfulldraw. [pic by me-JG]

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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.**

OCTOBER WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

October 5 2025

Rev. Katelyn Hendrickson

“Faith in God’s Faithfulness”

The Lord’s Supper will be served

October 12, 2025

Pastor Doug Snyder

October 19, 2025

Guest Speaker, Karla Sunderlin

Operation Christmas Child

October 26, 2025

Randy Stear



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.



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.



Church Officers....

Is God calling you to step up and be a leader in our church?

The nominating committee will be meeting soon to begin the search for officers for the 2026. We will be looking for three elders, two deacons and an auditor. Each of these positions are three year terms. If someone from the committee approaches you about serving, please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to take on a more active leadership role in our church.



Prayer Chain Update.....

We are updating our prayer chain email list. If you do not receive the prayer requests that go through our prayer chain and would like to be added, simply drop us an email. We will gladly add you.

Send your request to be added to: pcmarionsecretary206@gmail.com



October Harvest Fest....

Join us on Saturday evening, **October 4th** for a good old fashion Harvest Fest.

Don't miss out on the food, fun, games, fellowship and a bon fire.

This event is for kids of all ages...the young... the young at heart....and those that may not feel young; we want you to join us too! Take part in the activities or bring a lawn chair and take it all in.

The evening begins at 5:00 p.m. Bring a sweatshirt and a lawn chair and invite your friends and family. Let's celebrate Fall with a little fun and fellowship!

We are planning on starting our evening with a hay ride.

The tractor leaves shortly after 5, so please don't be late as we need to make sure we are back before it gets too dark to be on the road.



Family Promise meals...

We will be providing meals for the Family Promise program on Monday, October 6th and Tuesday, October 7. If you would like to help with all or part of the meal, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board. If you have question, please see Bobbie Farren.



Pastor Appreciation Month... October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Although we may not have a permanent pastor, God has truly blessed us with people that have not only filled our pulpit but have been there for our members in their time of need and their time of celebrations. God is good and we thank Him for those who have been with us during 2025.

Dr. De La Cruz, our moderator, who has now been with us four years.		
Rev. Jackie Greene	Pastor Doug Snyder	Rev. Katelyn Hendrickson
Donna Yarnal	Randy Stear	Denny Weaver
Eric Longwell	Rev. Katie Ward-Stear	

If you would like to drop a note of appreciation to any of those listed, simply place your card or note in the basket located on the table in the Narthex.





Join us Sunday, October 19th

Karla Sunderlin from Operation Christmas Child will be with us during worship to share her experience of delivering shoeboxes.



Mission Outreach for October..... Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. They ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.



It's as simple, as 1 – 2 – 3 – 4

- Pick up a shoebox up from the Narthex
- Take a label that corresponds if you would like to send to a boy or girl and then mark the age your box is best suited for
- Pack your box with 1 special “wow” item and then fill the rest of the box with school supplies, hygiene items and other small toys or games.
**no soap, liquids, toothpaste or candy/food
- Return your box along with \$10 for shipping to the church by **November 2nd**

Want to know where your box goes? You can follow your box by paying your shipping on-line. Scan the QR code on the label or enter the nine digit code at website listed on your label.

Hey, do you like to shop from home? Did you know you can do a shoebox on-line?

Simply go to: [Build Your Shoebox Online! - Operation Christmas Child](#)

You can build your own box or have them build it for you for just \$30; this price includes your shipping!

Is your box just a Christmas gift? NO! It is SOOOO much more!

Every box that is shipped has gospel material telling about Jesus. Each box has a booklet entitled *The Greatest Journey*. These booklets are printed in the language specific to the country receiving them. Children are then invited to attend a 12 lesson study to learn more and if they complete the 12 lessons they receive a certificate and a Bible!

Help us pack our church boxes...The items collected through the summer months will be assembled and boxes packed during the **November 2nd social**.

Our goal this year is 60 boxes! We can do it! Let's spread the love of Jesus around the world!!

Just a note for those doing on-line boxes: We can't track those boxes, so if you do an on-line box be sure to let Beth Turner know so we can add it to our tally!

Trunk or Treat... Marion Center Boro, together with the school PTA, will be hosting a trunk or treat **Saturday, October 25th**. We will be taking our popcorn machine down and filling bags of popcorn and giving out candy. We also will have a table with bibles, the pumpkin prayer and other outreach material. We are in need of some help that from 11- 5. We especially need help from 1-3. Please see Beth if you would like to help.

We also need bags of the small miniature candy to hand out. If you would like to donate a bag or two, please drop it off at the church by **Oct. 12th**.



Deacon's Social on November 2nd ...

Join us after worship on Sunday, November 2nd as the Deacons host their fall social. Come enjoy some goodies and enjoy a time of fellowship. If you want to get in the Christmas Spirit, you can help us back up our church shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.



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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Calvin Farren
- 4 Julie Kellar
- Joy Miller
- 9 Shawna Stanley
- 10 Sharon Ackerson
- 13 Paige Repine
- 16 Ron Leasure
- 17 Bob Henry
- 20 Morgan Chichy
- 24 Doug Mouser Jr.
- 25 Warren Frederick
- Beth Turner
- 27 Dee Donald
- 30 Shawnee Armstrong



ELDER OF THE MONTH

Carol Fry

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Shawnee Armstrong

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY

10-10 Ted & Barb Banks - 30th

