



December 2025

"LIGHT FROM THE HILL"

The Presbyterian Church of Marion

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Have You Said Yes?

Progress — 2 coats of chalk paint. Ready to start the antique step. A lot of research of 'how to' by watching videos, asking others who have experience and reading instructions. Also, very helpful that a friend stopped by for a few hours and helped and another friend called to give me some pointers.

Similar, is our Discipleship journey with Jesus. We can be tenuous to start the journey as we don't know what to expect or how to do it. We check out sermons online or different churches. We read the Bible and other books in search of answers. If we are fortunate enough we find friends to help us along. Ultimately, we just have to take the plunge and start. It takes courage, commitment and endurance.



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That is how I felt starting this new adventure into redoing furniture. I also have experienced the same in my adventure with JESUS. As He tells us, “He will never leave us or forsake us.” Jesus gives me all that I need. I just had to say yes and commit to the process.

Have you said yes to the awesome journey with Jesus that turns into an amazing adventure?

#abundantlivingatfulldraw [pics by me JG]

Article written by
Pastor Jackie Greene
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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.**

DECEMBER WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

December 7, 2025

Pastor Jackie Greene
The Lord’s Supper will be served

December 14, 2025

Pastor Doug Snyder

December 21, 2025

Eric Longwell

December 24, 2025

Christmas Eve Service 6:00 p.m.
with Holy Communion and Candle Lighting

December 28, 2025

Randy Stear

January 4, 2025

Denny Weaver
The Lord’s Supper will be served



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.



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.

We will be offering a three session Advent Study that will begin on **Sunday, December 7th**. We will be meeting **in the sanctuary beginning at 9:30 a.m.** If you have not already signed up, there is still room to join us!

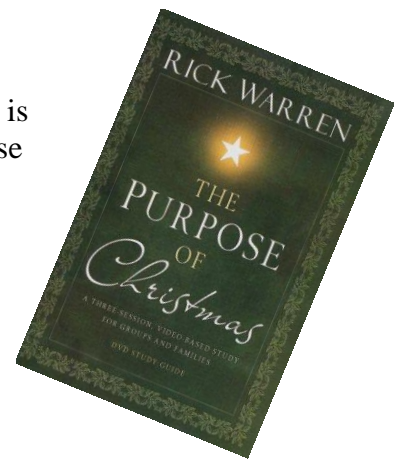
Listed below is information regarding our Advent study.

The Purpose of Christmas by Rick Warren

Christmas is the most celebrated holiday of the year for billions of people. But what is the purpose of Christmas? What makes Christmas so special? What is God's purpose for Christmas?

Teaching from the Gospel of Luke in three sessions, Pastor Rick Warren will help you see not one but three purposes of Christmas announced by the angel at the birth of Jesus:

- Christmas Is a Time for Celebration
- Christmas Is a Time for Salvation
- Christmas Is a Time for Reconciliation



You will discover why Christmas is God's idea and why Jesus is the greatest gift God gave to the world. Once you understand the purpose of Christmas, your life will never be the same!

Poinsettia's for the Church...

If you would like to order poinsettia's in memory or in honor of someone, you may do so by signing up on the list on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Orders need to be placed by Sunday, December 14th. Cost is \$10 and checks can be made to the Board of Deacons. Please place your money in the envelopes provided on the bulletin board and give to Beth in the office.



Operation Christmas Child

We are thrilled to report that our church packed and sent 63 shoeboxes. We had a goal of 60 and we hit that and more. Thank you all for helping to brighten the lives and share the gospel with many children around the world! Well done good and faithful servants!!



December Mission Outreach:

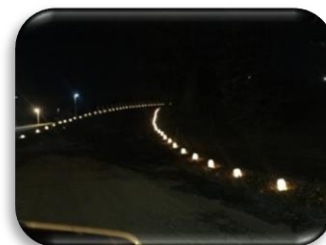
Christmas Gifts for families in our school district....

This year, with the help of the Marion Center School District, we will be able to make Christmas a little brighter for three families in our district. We will receive a family from each of the elementary schools and the high school. Gift tags will be on our mission tree beginning December 7th. We will also be putting together a Christmas dinner box with everything the family will need to cook Christmas dinner.

All gifts will need to be wrapped and the gift tag from the tree attached and returned to the church by Sunday, December 21st in order to drop them off to the school for delivery.



Christmas Eve Luminary.... We are looking for volunteers to help us put out the luminaries for Christmas Eve. We will be placing them out Christmas Eve morning. We are also in need of someone to help light them around 5 p.m. If you would like to help with either placing them out or lighting them, please let Beth Turner know.



Christmas Eve Service

6:00 p.m.

We invite you to a special service entitled
"The Decorated Christmas Tree"

Each year, most of us put up and decorate a Christmas tree with little thought why other than because it's Christmas and that's what you do!

Join us and watch our Christmas Eve tree come to life as we decorate it during the service. Hear why we decorate an evergreen and the meaning behind each item being placed on the tree. We hope the service leaves you excited to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas morning! Holy Communion will be served and we will end our service with Silent Night and candle lighting.



Annual Congregational Meeting...

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

The annual congregational meeting is scheduled for **January 18, 2026 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



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

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Paige Repine

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Susie Enoch
- 2 Debbie Hill
- 8 Doris Glasser
- 12 Sue Olson
- 13 Jurie Turner
- 14 Jed Gallo
- 19 Barb Banks
- 24 Rev. Bruce Shannon
- 28 Quinn Gatskie
Karl Lightcap
Josh Mouser
- 29 Russ Olson
- 31 Fred Edwards



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Milestone Anniversaries

- 18 Gary & Barb Hood - 54th
31 Russ & Sue Olson - 67th

