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“LIGHT FROM THE HILL”

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“All That I Am”

John 4:34 34

Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.”

The above scripture has always fascinated me because Jesus always did the will of the Father. However, to say that my food is to do the will of Him who sent me is to say that there is nothing else more important than to commit myself to doing the Father's will.

Food is so important to us that the average American household spends approximately \$270.21 per week on groceries as of 2023. While specific weekly weights vary, data indicate that the average American consumed nearly 2,000 pounds of food per year in 2011, including roughly 12 lbs. of dairy, 8 lbs. of vegetables, 5 lbs. of fruit, and 3.5 lbs. of meat per week.

We also spend a lot of time thinking about food. What are you going to make for dinner? Have you made the dinner reservations? What will I have for breakfast in the morning?

If Jesus is right about doing the will of the Father, it means that every waking moment, every movement made, and every thought is to seek to do the will of God.

We are in the season of Lent. Some of us will be fasting and asking God for some specific things. Let us, while we fast, seek to do the will of Him that sent us. We will have moments when we want to eat but can't. During those times, let us seek to do a kindness, share our lives, or contemplate the goodness of God's work in the world. Our time away from food will drive us toward doing the work of God. Thus, making God our meal for the day.

Your brother, because of Jesus, Angel

(Article written by Dr. Angel De La Cruz, our moderator)

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.

APRIL WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

April 2, 2026

Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m.
with communion

April 5, 2026

Easter Worship 10:30 a.m.

Denny Weaver

The Lord's Supper will be served

April 12, 2026

Randy Stear

April 19, 2026

Pastor Doug Snyder

April 26, 2026

Donna Yarnal



Palm Parade on Palm Sunday...

We would like to have a Palm Parade at the beginning of our service on Palm Sunday, March 29th. If you have kids that would like to be a part of our parade, please let Beth know. Please arrive by 10:25 a.m. so we can get the kids in order and hand out palms.

Feel like a kid at heart, adults are invited to join in as well!



Palm Sunday Social....The deacons will be hosting a social following worship on Sunday, March 29th. Start your Holy week off by joining us for a time of fellowship and yummy refreshments. We could even parade with our palms from the sanctuary to the social hall!



PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week Services....



Fellowship Meal on April 19th following worship...

We will be having our **4th annual chili cook-off!**

We know some of those recipes are top secret and locked away in the recipe vault, so we wanted to give you plenty of time to get them out, dust them off and do a trial run.

Sign up to enter our chili cook off and bring a crock for everyone to try. Who knows? You might win the award for best chili! The sign-up sheet will be posted soon on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Jacob Shultz is our reigning champion; let's see who this year's champion will be!

For those that are not chili eaters....we've got you covered with macaroni and cheese.

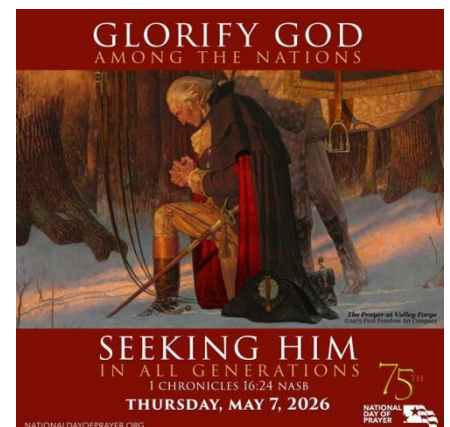
Corn Bread and yummy desserts will round out our lunch. Everyone knows you don't leave our fellowship lunches hungry, so be sure to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship!



May 7th - National Day of Prayer...

This date is a national day set for us to come together as a nation for a day of prayer. The National Day of Prayer exists to mobilize unified public prayer for America. This year marks the 75th anniversary for the National Day of Prayer. Our church along with the Marion Center United Methodist Church and New Life Lutheran Church will be holding our annual 24 hour prayer vigil. Prayer slots are for half hour increments. Prayer guides are available at the church if you would like guidance on what to prayer for. Join our prayer warriors as we lift in prayer our family, church, community, our nation and other nations of this world.

If you would like to sign-up to pray, please contact Sheri Repine, sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex or email the church office at pcmarionsecretary206@gmail.com and we will gladly sign-you up and send you the prayer guide.



*"Tell of His glory among the nations,
His wonderful deeds among all the peoples."
1 Chronicles 16:24 NASB*

Ladies, mark your calendars
and invite your friends

Ladies Brunch
May 9th
11:00 a.m. - 1:00p.m.



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*“J.J. - Jonah’s Daughter”
The story of a reluctant missionary*

Special Biblical Presentation

by LuAnne Baker

LuAnne brings Biblical women to life using costume and story-telling.

No cost to attend, but a love offering for LuAnne will be accepted the day of the brunch.

Please RSVP by May 4th to
Beth Turner 412-289-6821

Wear your favorite hat



Bring your favorite tea cup



*Don't have either.....
just come for the food, fellowship and
A Ladies Day Outing!*

****gluten free foods will be available****

Graduate Bibles...

What is your go-to-verse? What words of scripture are most meaningful to you? Each year we give our graduates a *Life Application Bible*. We would like to give these Bibles with verses/passages commended by congregational members. These are verses that give us encouragement, comfort, peace or direction in our times of searching and need.



The Bibles will be available on the table in the narthex along with highlighters and pens to highlight, underline or bracket verses. You may include your name, initials or leave anonymous. These will be presented on graduate recognition Sunday.

Everyone is encouraged to participate. If you would like to suggest a verse but are unable to mark the Bible yourself, please list the verse on the 3X5 card on the table and place it in the basket or email Beth with the verse. Someone from the M&M committee will mark the Bible for you.

April Mission Outreach...

Our Mission Committee has designated April as our month to collect money to be used for our local mission outreach. The money collected will be distributed to our local outreach programs.

Local programs we donated to in 2025 included:

Citizen's Ambulance Hardship Fund
Salvation Army
Two Lick Valley Senior Center
Chevy Chase Center (Gleaning Program)
G.A.P. Ministries
ICCAP Power Pack Program for Kids
ICCAP Food Bank
Hopeful Hearts - a program through IRMC for grieving children
Rochester Mills Presbyterian Church Food Pantry
Alice Paul House
Church Crisis Committee of Indiana County



All of these programs help members in our local community, and they are very appreciative of the financial support we are able to send.

You can give to our local missions by using the envelope in the pew racks or by marking your regular giving envelope.

Vacation Bible School...

Summer is not far away and with summer comes Vacation Bible School!

This year VBS will be held July 12th - 16th and will take place at our church.

Kids ages 4 through 6th grade are invited for an illuminating time as we explore who Jesus really is!

You can register on line at the following link or pick up a registration form at the church.

<https://tinyurl.com/vbs26reg>



Daily Devotionals

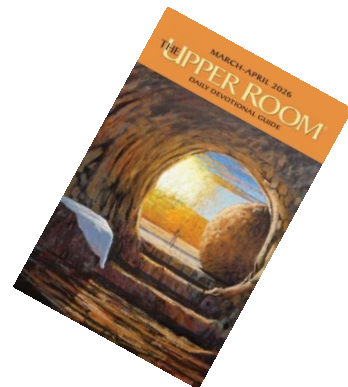
Looking for a way to connect with God on a daily basis?

Located in the narthex are two devotionals,

Our Daily Bread and ***The Upper Room***.

Both are free and available in regular or large print.

Please help yourself to these free resources.



Prayer Requests

Rest Home Folks: The Fountains of Dubois - Doris Glasser

PNC Committee:

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Ken Ackerson
- Bill Fulmer
- Sheri Repine
- Tori Snyder
- 11 Jim Biss
- 15 Katelin Wetzel
- 18 Joe Kanouff
- 24 Holly Turner



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4-5 John & Lois Repine - 57th
- 4-12 Ron & Melissa Leasure - 29th
- 4-20 Fred & Connie Edwards - 58th



ELDER OF THE MONTH

Dave Meese

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Paige Faris

