

First United Methodist Church - Marion, VA

WE'RE HIRING!

SUNDAY WORSHIP
NURSERY WORKER

Send your resume to: info@marionfumc.org
Subject: Nursery

View job description at marionfumc.org/nursery



Alpha @ Moon Dog
Mondays @ 6:00pm

Alpha

Come by any Monday evening. Don't be concerned about missing a Monday. The conversation is low pressure, interesting and informative. The company is great. Plus the pizza is good. All good reasons to stop by the Moon Dog on Monday evenings.

Alpha will continue through Monday, November 14.



- STAYING CONNECTED -

United Methodist Church
Marion, Virginia

October &
November 2022

Ministry:

1. the act of ministering, or serving.
2. the office, function, tenure, or service of a religious minister. (collinsdictionary.com)

Quiet ministry:

The act of serving when needed, where needed, possibly without notice from others.

THANK YOU to everyone who worked during the August, September and October work days. The church property looks beautiful. The weeds have been pulled, the trees and shrubs trimmed and the leaves have been raked.

Also, THANK YOU, to several folks who have been coming by when they have time to continue weeding the Fellowship Hall courtyard and around the church property. Plus spraying weeds in the parking lot cracks, pressure washing sidewalks, sorting on 3rd floor, emptying plastic Easter eggs, painting offices and many other projects.

THANK YOU for your act of serving when needed and where needed. Your quiet ministry is noticed and appreciated.

There are always projects that need attention. If you would like to serve and don't know what needs to be done, please stop by or call the church office.



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WE'RE HIRING!

PART-TIME
BOOKKEEPER

Send your resume to: info@marionfumc.org
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First UMC
115 S. Church St.
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GRIEF. DISCOVER NEW REASONS
TO ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS AGAIN.

GRIEF SHARE
SURVIVING THE
Holidays



Tuesday, November 15, 2022 *

Your choice of available sessions:
10am - 12pm, or 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Please join us at: First United Methodist Church
115 S Church St Marion, VA 276-783-5194



The holiday season has begun. This might be the first holiday after your loved one's death, or maybe it's the second, third, or beyond.

Surviving the Holidays is here to help. We will learn tools that will enable you not only to survive the coming holidays, but also to face them with a measure of peace and assurance.

For more information go to:
marionfumc.org/survivingtheholidays

*GriefShare will not meet if Smyth Co. schools are closed.

First Youth & First Kids

Trunk or Treat & Hot Dog Lunch

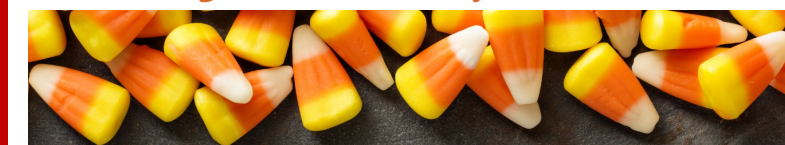


SATURDAY	FREE - FREE	11AM - 1PM
OCTOBER 29	FREE - FREE	

First United Methodist Church Parking Lot

Costumes encouraged.

Don't forget your treat bucket!



Trunk or Treat
Halloween Candy Donations Needed

Drop off your candy donations on Sundays or at the church office during the week.

James Bennington - Senior Pastor
jlbb@marionfumc.org

Laura Robinson - First Youth Director
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Teri McCall - Administrative Assistant
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Bryan Underwood - Director of Music & Worship Arts
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I want to thank all of you who gave gifts to me on my last Sunday in August! I was absolutely overwhelmed by your generosity. Your gifts enabled me to buy several instruments for my new classroom, and to supply many students with school supplies that they otherwise would not have been able to have.

My family and I miss you so much, and we hope this new season with Bryan Un-

derwood returning will be a great time for the music ministry and worship there at First UMC-Marion, VA. We will always think of you as part of our family and wish God's best for each and every one of you.

God bless all the wonderful people of First UMC-Marion.

Jim Regin & family

First Clothing Closet Update

The First Clothing was begun in 2020. The goal of this ministry was to help people and families in the community with their clothing needs. Unfortunately there has been a substantial decline in participants and we have had to stop accepting clothing donations.

Over the summer it has become clear that the Clothing Closet is no longer needed. Marion has two thrift shops on Main Street that sell clothing at low prices. They also help people who qualify. With these available resources and the decline in participants the Clothing Closet has closed as of October 13.

Thank you to the volunteers that helped sort, stock and greet. **Thank you to everyone who donated clothing.** Your generosity is appreciated and many people and families were helped.

Have you noticed the apple tree outside the parlor?

This is actually a Giving Tree. The apples on the tree list classroom supplies needed at First Preschool. Items such as:

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|-------------------------|----------------|
| expo markers | books |
| kinetic sand | elmers glue |
| clorox wipes | stamp ink pads |
| blunt tip scissors | markers |
| spray sunscreen | bandaids |
| gallon Ziplock bags | paper plates |
| sensitive baby wipes | snacks |
| colored pencils | |
| playdoh & playdoh tools | |
| disposable cups | |

Please take an apple if you are able to donate needed supplies to First Preschool. Please leave your donations in the box under the tree. **THANK YOU!**

BAKED POTATO BAR

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First Youth

SUNDAY 11-13-22

Serving 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Baked Potatoes • Toppings • Homemade Desserts



Upward Basketball & Cheerleading Sign-Up starts December 1

Sign-ups will be online. The link will be posted on marionfumc.org at the end of November

Basketball games will begin in January 2023.

First

MEDIA TEAM

Appreciation & Inspiration Breakfast

Saturday, 11-19-22
9:30am
Fellowship Hall

Everyone who is involved or wants to be involved with the First Media Team is invited and encouraged to come to breakfast. We will be planning, learning and looking at new media together.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 6:45 pm	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP & Children's Church Sunday School TRADITIONAL WORSHIP First Youth Bible Study
Mon	5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Hand Bell Choir Alpha @ MoonDog
Wed	8:30 am 5:45 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Breakfast @ Atkins Tank First Kids After School Choir
Thurs	7:15 am 11:30 pm 6:00 pm	First Youth Breakfast Club @ McDonald's Food & Fellowship Band Practice

MONTH AT A GLANCE

Upward Futsal Soccer Games
Saturdays at Riverbend Park - Thru October

Hannah Circle - Puerto Nuevo
4th Wednesday monthly at 5:30pm - October 26

Faith Circle - Parlor
1st Wednesday monthly at 10am - November 2

Deborah Circle - Fellowship Hall
1st Thurs monthly at 6pm - November 3

Grace Circle - Parlor
2nd Tuesday monthly at 6:30pm - November 8

Small Group Bible Study - Parlor
2nd Thurs monthly, at 10:30am - November 10

First Food Pantry
Tuesday, October 25 at 1:00 pm - Fellowship Hall

Trunk or Treat & Hot Dog Meal
Saturday, October 29, 11:00am - 1:00pm

Baked Potato Bar - First Youth Fundraiser
Sunday, November 13 - serving 11:00am - 1:00pm

First Food Pantry
Tuesday, November 15 at 1:00 pm - Fellowship Hall

Surviving The Holidays - GriefShare
Tuesday, November 15 at 10:00am or 5:30pm

Red Cross Blood Drive
Friday, November 18 at 1:00pm - Fellowship Hall

First Media Team Appreciation & Inspiration Breakfast
Saturday, November 19 at 9:30am

Community Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, November 20 at 6:00pm - Freedom Tabernacle

THANKSGIVING DAY - CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED
Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25

Do you have a refrigerator and/or a stove that you don't need?

We are trying to help someone with these appliances. If you have either appliance please call or email Teri at the church office at 276-783-5194 or teri@marionfumc.org

COMMITTEE & MINISTRY MEETINGS

SPR Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 20 at 6:30pm

United Women in Faith (UMW)
Wednesday, October 26 at 11:30am - Fellowship Hall

Permanent Endowment Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 26 at 1:30pm

Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, November 7 at 5:00pm

Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30pm

SPR Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 17 at 6:30pm

First Youth Schedule

First Youth Breakfast Club
Thursdays @ 7:15 am McDonald's

First Youth Bible Study
Sundays @ 6:45 pm Fellowship Hall

First Kids Schedule

Upward Futsal Soccer Games thru October 29
Saturdays at Riverbend Park

First Kids After School
Wednesdays @t 3:45pm Fellowship Hall

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!

This group meets monthly on the second Thursday. They have started a new study by Charles Swindoll on the book of Esther. The study books have been delivered to the church office. Please stop by and pick up a copy before the next Bible Study.



One of the best parts about Christmas are all the great Christmas movies! These movies bring us back to the joy and laughter and hope we all long for. Every year we think we know these movies and the story of Christmas, but we're reminded that the story is so much bigger than we remember.

Plan now to join us at First UMC for our new Advent series as we view some of our favorite Christmas movies through the lens of the greatest story ever told. We will learn that the real Christmas story is the story of God working in unexpected ways through all of us.

November 27: **Hope**
"It's a Wonderful Life"

December 11: **Joy**
"Elf"

December 4: **Peace**
"A Charlie Brown Christmas"

December 18: **Love**
"How the Grinch Stole Christmas"