



# - STAYING CONNECTED -

**United Methodist Church**  
**Marion, Virginia**

June 2025



## COTTAGE MEETINGS

OnBoarding was a success!  
Good participation. Thanks to all who  
attended and shared, your voice  
matters so much.

Now....what next?

**Cottage Meetings** = meeting together *in homes* to discuss  
specifically the nuts & bolts of a reset, a restart, moving  
forward.

More info is coming....places, dates & times.

Will you attend?

Would you offer your home as a cottage meeting site  
(we need several)?

I trust you will take part.

This is a time for us to connect, to grow and to chart our  
future. A time for us to work together as a church family.  
Again....your voice matters.

Peace, James

**First Kids**

grades 6-12

Ginger Moore - First Kids Director  
ginger@marionufmc.org

**June 11 @ 5pm**  
Ice Cream at Park Place

**June 18 @ 5pm**  
Hike & Play at  
Hungry Mother State Park

**July 2 @t 12:45 pm**  
Swimming at Hungry Mother State Park  
• **afternoon snack provided**  
• **eat lunch before coming**  
• **K & under need adult with them**

**July 23 @ 5pm**  
Painting & Fun - Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays



**First Youth**

grades 6-12

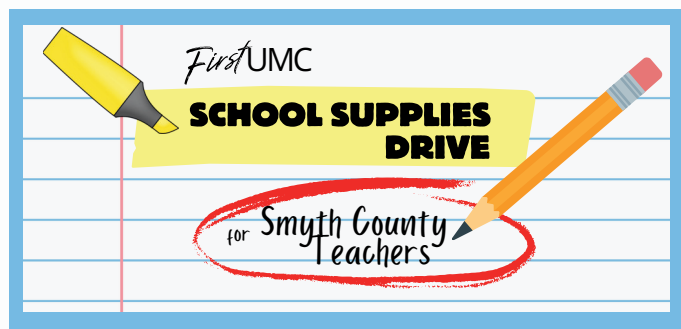
Jen Feliciano - First Youth Director  
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**YOUTH GONE WILD**

**OUTDOOR ADVENTURES**

**June 18 @ 12:00-3:00pm**  
Rhododendron Gap Hike

**June 25 @ 12:00-3:00pm**  
Forrest Walk at Beech Mountain



How can our  
church be more  
involved in  
our area  
schools?

Let's support our  
Smyth County  
teachers & stock  
their classrooms.

## June & July

we will be collecting supplies  
for Smyth County Teachers

### NEEDED ITEMS

- pencils
- highlighters
- liquid soap
- hand sanitizer
- wide-ruled paper
- disinfecting wipes
- boxed tissues

➔ **Drop off items by July 27** ➔  
outside the sanctuary and the office

**Pentecost  
Sunday**  
June 8



Everyone wear **red**.

The more red the better! There will be something special for all the kids  
in attendance Sunday.

### GENEROSITY AT FIRST UMC

#### General Budget Year-To-Date

|                                     |                      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Giving Needed Y-T-D as of 5-30-25   | \$166,782.00         |
| Giving Received Y-T-D as of 5-30-25 | 146,389.48           |
| Balance as of 5-30-25               | <b>\$ -20,392.52</b> |

#### Year-To-Date Generosity & Expenses

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Total received as of 5-30-25 | \$146,389.48 |
| Total expenses as of 5-30-25 | 145,558.56   |
| Balance as of 5-30-25        | \$ 830.90    |

Sunday Mornings at First UMC

- 9:15 am Join us for coffee & doughnuts
- 9:45 am **Sunday WORSHIP**
- 11:00 am First Kids Sunday School
- 11:00 am First Youth Sunday School
- 11:00 am Seekers Sunday School
- 11:00 am The Discovery Group

Weekly

- TUESDAY
- 3:00 pm Recovery Group
- WEDNESDAY
- 8:30 am Prayer Breakfast at Downtown Pioneer
- THURSDAY
- 11:30 am Food & Fellowship
  - 4:00 pm First Youth Daffodil Life Group 6-12, 6-19, 6-26
  - 6:00 pm Praise Band

Planning Ahead

- Board of Trustees  
Monday, June 2 at 5:30pm
- Finance Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, June 17 at 5:30pm
- Food Pantry Packing Day  
Wednesday, June 18 at 10:00am
- June Food Pantry  
Tuesday, June 24 at 1:00pm

United Women of Faith

- Sarah Circle - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday monthly - homes  
Tuesday, June 3 at 7:00pm
- Faith Circle - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Monthly - parlor  
Wednesday, June 4 at 10:00am
- Deborah Circle - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday monthly - parlor  
Thursday, June 5 at 6:00pm
- Grace Circle - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday monthly - parlor  
Tuesday, June 10 at 6:30pm

**fAMILY SUNDAY**

Celebrate Family at *First*

2025 Calendar

June 29  
August 2  
Saturday Family Night at the Pool

September 7  
October 5  
November 16

Families come in all shapes & sizes.

Coffee & Snacks at 9:15am  
Worship at 9:45am  
Sunday School at 11:00am  
Fellowship Potluck at 12:00pm

**First Community Ministries**

First Food Pantry

Blessing Bags

Clothing Basics

Community Assistance

One Day at a Time Bags

Food & Fellowship

**We have an urgent need for clothing for the homeless for BOTH men & women.** The following items are needed in sizes small, medium & large. **Bolded items are especially needed.**

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|------------------------|------------------------|---|
| • <b>jeans</b>         | • hoodies              | • <b>tennis shoes</b>                           |
| • <b>pull-on pants</b> | • t-shirts             | • <b>hiking/work boots</b>                      |
| • <b>shorts</b>        | • long sleeve t-shirts | • new, unopened underwear, for both men & women |
| • sweatshirts          | • jackets              |   |

Please leave your donations on the bench outside the church office.  
Thank you!

**REVISED Blessing Bags**


- 1 16oz bottled water
- 2 pack of peanut butter or cheese crackers
- 1 granola bar
- 1 4 oz applesauce pouch (no cups please)
- 1 cookie - individually wrapped
- 2 1.75 oz trail mix pouches
- 2 .28 oz jerky snack sticks
- 2 paper towels or napkins

*Feel free to add additional items*

Daily folks stop by the office at First UMC asking for food.

**How can you help?**

Blessing bags will feed our neighbors AND show them the love of Jesus.



Keep a few of these bags in your car to hand out.

*First*

**FAMILY NIGHT**

AT THE *pool*

Families come in all shapes & sizes.

**SATURDAY - AUG 2 6:00 - 9:00PM**

**MARION WATER PARK**

LIVE MUSIC  POTLUCK  FRIENDS

