

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun 9:15 am Join us for Coffee & Doughnuts
9:45 am WORSHIP
11:00 am First Kids Sunday School
11:00 am First Youth Sunday School
11:00 am Seekers Sunday School - Parlor
11:00 am NEW - The Discovery Group

Wed 8:30 am Prayer Breakfast @ New Pioneer
6:00 pm Handbells
7:00 pm Choir

Thur 7:15 am First Youth Breakfast Club
5-1, 5-8 McDonalds - Marion
5-15 First UMC Fellowship Hall
11:30 pm Food & Fellowship
6:00 pm Praise Band

MONTH AT A GLANCE

Ladies Bible Study - home of Margaret McKinnon
Thursday May 8 at 10:30am
Senior High School Graduate Recognition
Sunday, May 18 during worship
OnBoarding & Evening Potluck
Sunday, May 18 at 5:00pm
Food Pantry Packing Day
Wednesday, May 21 at 10:00am
Food & Fellowship OPEN
Thursday, May 29 & Thursday, June 5 at 11:30am
Vacation Bible School
Friday, May 30 at 6:00pm
Saturday, May 31 at 10:30am - 4:00pm

COMMITTEE & MINISTRY MEETINGS

Board of Trustees
Monday, May 5 at 5:00pm
Administrative Board
Thursday, May 22 at 5:30pm



Project Crossroads
2025 Richard Briscoe
Memorial Golf Tournament
Friday, June 6 9:00 am Tee Time (Rain or Shine)
Holston Hills Golf Course - Marion, VA
You are invited to consider:
Entering as a solo player, or in a 2, 3 or 4 person team
Becoming a tee sponsor for \$100

To learn more about the tournament, sponsorships, or other ways you can help, please call:

Gerald Hayes 276-494-3328
Kirk Lowe 276-685-1914



UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

Sarah Circle - 1st Tuesday monthly - homes
May 6 at 7:00pm
Faith Circle - 1st Wednesday monthly - Parlor
May 7 at 10:00am
Deborah Circle - 1st Thursday monthly - Parlor
May 8 at 6:00pm
Grace Circle - 2nd Tuesday monthly - Parlor
May 13 at 6:30pm

Generosity at First UMC

2025 General Budget \$ 412,984.00

General Budget Year-To-Date

Giving Needed Y-T-D as of 4/30/25	\$ 135,014.00
Giving Received Y-T-D as of 4/30/25	\$ 126,985.04
Difference	\$ (8,028.96)

Year-To-Date Giving & Expenses

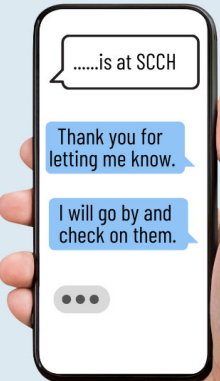
Total Giving Received as of 4/30/25	\$ 126,985.04
Total expenses as of 4/30/25	\$ 123,365.10
Balance as of 4/30/25	\$ 3,619.94

If you know someone who is ill, in the hospital, having a difficult time or needs pastoral care.....



call, email, text, drop by
and let us know.

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- STAYING CONNECTED -

United Methodist Church
Marion, Virginia

May 2025



Onboarding in the United Methodist Church is a process designed to help clergy and staff connect to their appointments more effectively.

It is about fostering....
strong relationships
and
creating understanding.

For First UMC,
Onboarding is about.....
A reset, a restart, a
move forward and a
look ahead.

SCHEDULE

5:00 - 5:45pm

5:45 - 6:15pm

6:15 - 7:00pm

Mike Sluder

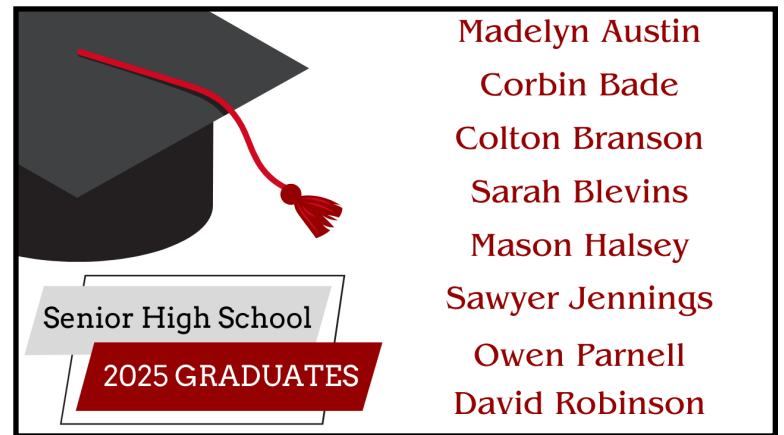
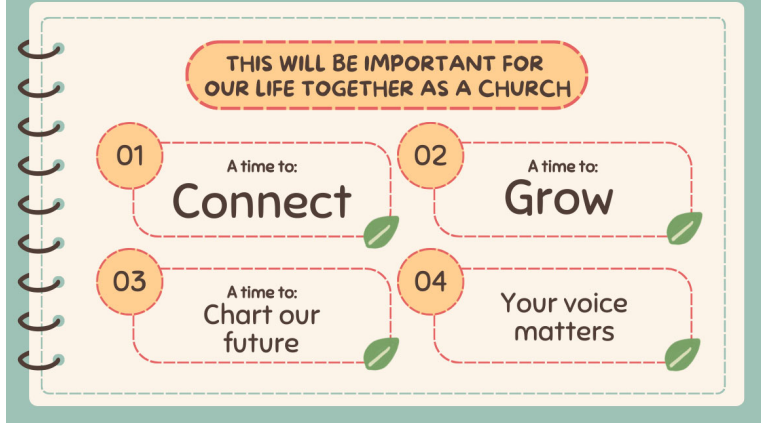
Dir of Connectional Ministries from the Holston Conference will guide us as we talk together, plan and look ahead.

No Fuss Potluck Meal

Please bring a salad or dessert
Families share and grow closer over the supper table.

Mike Sluder

Will take the ideas shared and begin crafting a plan looking forward



First Youth

Youth
grades 6-12

Jen Feliciano - First Youth Director
jen@marionfumc.org

WEEKLY

First Youth Breakfast Club at 7:15am
Thursdays: May 1, May 8 at Marion McDonalds
The last Breakfast Club for the school year is
May 15 at First UMC in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure
to be there. The food will be yummy!

Daffodil Life Group

Thursdays, May 1, 15, 22, 29 at 4:00pm
at the Johnsey Home
No Daffodil on May 8

EVENTS

Senior High Graduate Recognition

Sunday, May 18 during the Worship Service

Family Fun Summer Kick Off - Laser Tag

Saturday, May 24 at 12:00pm
at Teri & Andy McCall's home.
Teri is the Administrative Assistant at First UMC.

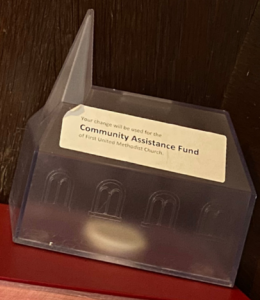
Are you wanting to connect and go deeper into God's word?

First Parents is having a summer virtual Bible Study.

You don't have kids? No problem. This Bible study is open to anyone interested.
Email or text Jen Feliciano at:
jen@marionfumc.org or 585-200-0380

Summer is a great time to get into God's word and this Bible study is the perfect opportunity.

When you
leave money in the
"little church bank"
on your pew, or at the
altar rail during
communion, 100% goes
to the Community
Assistance Fund!



GAMES CRAFTS MUSIC FUN SNACKS



pre-k - 8th grade & adult classes
lead by Pastor James

Vacation Bible School

Friday, May 30 6:00 - 8:30pm
Saturday, May 31 10:30am - 4:00pm
Lunch provided

First Kids

Kids
grades K-5

Ginger Moore - First Kids Director
ginger@marionfumc.org

WEEKLY

After School Fun - Last Day for this school year is Wednesday May 7

Weekly on Wednesdays, in the Fellowship Hall.
Ms. Ginger and the First Kids Volunteers are excited to welcome the kids. Snack will be provided.
* Parent pick-up is 5:15pm.

EVENTS

TRUE NORTH VBS -

Friday, May 30 at 6:00 - 8:30pm
Saturday, May 31 at 10:30am - 4:00pm
Lunch included on Saturday.

Do you feel a burden to pray for our Youth?

See Jen to pick a name and commit to pray for that young person everyday. **Hebrews 4:16**



First Community Ministries

One Day at a Time Bags

First Food Pantry

Clothing Basics

Blessing Bags

Food & Fellowship

Community Assistance

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

- tennis shoes
- jeans
- pull-on pants
- sweatshirts
- Hoodies
- hiking/work boots
- t-shirts
- long sleeve t-shirts
- jackets
- Blankets
- New, unopened, underwear, for both men and women.

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

Blessing Bags

Daily folks stop by the office at First UMC asking for food. How can you help? **Blessing Bags**
Below is a list of suggested foods that will fit in a 1 gallon zip-lock bag. **All foods listed need to be easy-to-open, ready-to-eat and individually wrapped.**

- 1 crackers - long sleeve: ritz, saltine, club, etc
- 1 granola bar
- 1 4 oz fruit cup
- 1 4 oz applesauce cup
- 1 cookie - individually wrapped
- 2 1.5 oz peanut butter cups: Jif-To-Go cups, etc.
- 2 1.75 oz trail mix pouches
- 4 .28 oz jerky snack sticks

Please bring your bags by the church on Sundays or bring them by the church office during the week.

★ We also need bottled water to include with the Blessing Bags.

One Day at a Time Resource Box

Our mission: to provide toiletry items for anyone in need.

How can you be involved? Donations of travel size or small sizes of these items are needed:

deodorant, shampoo, conditioner

Please bring your bags by the church on Sundays or bring them by the church office during the week.

First Food Pantry

MAY & JUNE
Food Collection



16 oz
Peanut
Butter

Please leave the peanut butter in the white Food Pantry baskets near the Sanctuary and outside the office.



FOOD & FELLOWSHIP NEEDS YOU!

THURSDAY, MAY 29 & JUNE 5

IF YOU, YOUR FAMILY OR GROUP CAN HELP WITH A MEAL,
PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Food & Fellowship needs you to prepare, provide & serve the meal on Thursday at 11:30am May 29 & June 5

FAQs about Food & Fellowship

What does "prepare & provide a meal" involve?

Here are a few ideas to help you plan.

No time to cook but really want to help:
Pizza delivered, cookies

Simple ideas:
sandwiches, chips, cookie
Soup, crackers, cookie
Hotdog, chips, cookie

Step above simple:
Spaghetti casserole, salad, bread, dessert
Hotdog with chili, baked beans, slaw, dessert

Fine Dining:
Chicken casserole, green beans,
mashed potatoes, bread, dessert

What about serving the meal?

You will need at least 3 to 4 people to help you do the following:

- Open the Fellowship Hall at 10am to allow folks to come in and visit with each other.
- Set up table with coffee, sweet tea and lemonade.
- Have food ready to serve on plates by 11:30am.
- After the devotional and prayer time you can either take the plate out and serve the folks, or have them come to the kitchen window to pick up their food.

After the meal is over we ask that you:

Clean the kitchen, wash any dishes used, wipe off tables in the Fellowship Hall, etc.

Who comes to Food & Fellowship?

Many of the folks are regulars and they feel that First UMC is their home church. They enjoy coming early and visiting with each other. They especially enjoy the meal. Many of the folks do not get to eat "out".

Without volunteers, dates that are not covered will be cancelled. If you can help on these dates please call us at 276-783-5194 or email: info@marionfumc.org or text us at 844-214-4685. *Thank you.*

Food Pantry News

During our April Distribution Day, our congregation provided 139 boxes of food which impacted the lives of close to 300 folks! Many thanks to all our volunteers that help pack and distribute food each month. Special thanks to our congregation for your prayers, donations of food items, and your financial support.