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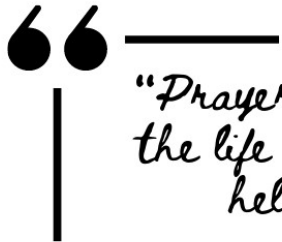
Breakthrough Prayer Initiative

Do you believe *prayer* makes a *difference*?

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*"Prayer is the sword of the preacher,
 the life of the Christian, the terror of
 hell, and the devil's plague."*

- Francis Asbury

Our Breakthrough Prayer

O mighty, loving and powerful God; we know that you are with us and you are for us. I surrender my whole self to you in faithfulness, no matter the circumstances.

Together we pray: Renew and Revive First United Methodist Church, unleashing new life. Break through and open doors of dreams, hopes and possibilities. Give us the faith and courage to step through the doors you open that will lead us far beyond all that we could ask or imagine.

And Lord, Your will, not ours. Amen.

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Our Breakthrough Prayer Initiative

A couple of weeks ago, Pastor James introduced the Breakthrough Prayer Initiative! This is not just a regular prayer emphasis for a short period of time, but is the start of a movement that will revolutionize the way we see and practice prayer at First. The simple challenge for Lent is to pray our Breakthrough Prayer, at least, once a day. This doesn't take the place of our normal prayer practice, but is an addition.

Do you really, really believe that prayer makes a difference?

Then, let's prove it and pray to our Almighty, All-powerful God to breakthrough whatever barriers exist and to do what only He can do; abundantly more than we could ask or think!

In coordination with our initiative, we will be taking a group to the Conference Weekend of Prayer Event. Sue Nilson Kibbey, who literally wrote the book on Breakthrough Prayer, will be presenting, along with other conference leaders. Info for this FREE event is below!

Weekend of Prayer

a Pray Together Event

Saturday, March 25 | 10:00AM - 1:00PM
State Street United Methodist Church, Bristol, VA

Church Bus will leave FUMC at 8:30AM.
Please bring money for lunch on the way home.

Pre-register at marionfumc.org/prayer



Baked Potato Bar!

Come out and support
our very own
BSA Troop/Cub Scout Pack 93!

Sunday, March 19th
Serving from 11am - 1pm

First United Methodist Church has proudly supported Scouting since 1965! Our very own BSA Troop/Cub Scout Pack 93 want to say THANK YOU to YOU! This Sunday, join them in the Fellowship Hall for a FREE Baked Potato Bar. Donations are always accepted, but are not necessary. Let's continue to support our Scouts!



DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN HELP SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS, AND INFO ABOUT OUR CHURCH SIMPLY BY LIKING AND SHARING WHAT WE POST ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM?

IT'S THAT EASY. WHEN YOU INTERACT WITH OUR CONTENT, IT GETS PUSHED OUT TO MORE PEOPLE AUTOMATICALLY!
SO, LET'S GET SOCIAL!

Church Offices will be closed Monday, April 10, 2023

YOU'RE INVITED

THIS IS A GREAT TIME OF YEAR TO INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY BACK TO CHURCH! WHEN WE SAY, "THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU AT FIRST," WE MEAN IT! GOD HAS A PLACE RIGHT HERE FOR YOU TO GROW, CONNECT AND SERVE. PLEASE COME AND LET'S TAKE THIS JOURNEY, AS WE WERE MEANT TO, TOGETHER.



First with First Podcast

Hopefully you already tune in for each episode of our Podcast, but if you don't, you're gonna want to hear this very special episode! Pastor James and Allen recently had an opportunity to travel to Wilmore, KY and visit the revival that broke out at Asbury University. This was a very special experience that is spreading across the world! In this episode, they discuss their experience. Listen at marionfumc.org or anywhere you get your podcasts.



Open for Prayer!

The Thompson Chapel at FUMC will be Open on Wednesdays from 4pm - 6pm for Prayer.

Come as you are, when you can, for as long as you'd like. All are welcome!

Use the South Church St. Entrance closest to Chapel.

Simply seeking God.

Opportunities for Prayer

In addition to our Breakthrough Prayer Initiative Challenge, we want to provide more opportunities for you to engage in prayer. We want First UMC to be known as a Praying Church! We have seen the power of prayer many times, most recently in the life of our very own Joyce Cullop and her procedure at UVA.

The Thompson Chapel at FUMC will be on each Wednesday from 4pm to 6pm for Prayer. In addition to this, we have our Prayer Email Chain that is active, as well as a Wednesday Prayer Breakfast that meets at the Atkins Tank Restaurant at 8:30am each week.

As we begin to experience God breaking through in our lives, we also want to give an outlet to testify to His work. You can use the Connect Card in the pews, or go online to marionfumc.org/breakthrough to share.

NEXT STEPS

Share your prayer requests and Your Breakthrough Story!



Holy Week 2023!

We are quickly approaching the most high and holy time on our Christian Calendar when we celebrate together the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we journey through this time together during Lent, and approach Holy Week, we have planned some very special opportunities for worship together. We hope you can join us for this special time.

Palm Sunday	April 2
Maundy Thursday	April 6
Good Friday	April 7
Easter Sunday	April 9
Holy Humor Sunday	April 16



A favorite tradition for many of us is the flowering of the Cross during Holy Week. Let's make this cross come alive for the world to see!
Life from Death.
Light from Darkness.

Worship with us on Palm Sunday at 9am & 11am, Maundy Thursday at 6:30, a very special Good Friday Service (Time TBA), and our first ever Holy Humor Sunday at 9am & 11am. This new service will focus on the Joy of the Lord that we all share as a result of the Resurrection!

TABLE SERVICE

Maundy Thursday Worship
Meal & Communion

April 6 @ 6:30pm
Fellowship Hall



Easter Sunday is the most important day for Christians. Because of the Resurrection, life itself is possible. Join us this Easter to worship and celebrate our Risen Lord. He Lives, and because of that, we can live too!

