



- STAYING CONNECTED -

United Methodist Church
Marion, Virginia

April 2025

Holy Week

Palm Sunday & Family Sunday **April 13**

Fellowship Potluck at 12pm

Easter Egg Hunt at 1:15pm

Maundy Thursday **April 17**

Worship & Holy Communion at 6:00pm

Good Friday **April 18**

Tenebrae Service at 7:00pm

Davis Mem UMC - 5904 Lee Hwy - Atkins, VA

Easter Sunday **April 20**

Worship at 9:45am



Celebrate Family at First!

Palm Sunday, April 13

Families come in all shapes and sizes. Sort of like tables in a restaurant.

table for 1 - table for 2 - table for 10
round - square - long
etc.

Let's celebrate our families. Let's worship together, eat lunch together and enjoy watching the kids hunt for Easter Eggs.

Coffee & Snacks at 9:15am
Welcome Center

Worship at 9:45pm

Sunday School at 11:00am
For all ages

Fellowship Potluck at 12:00pm
Bring a side dish or dessert

Easter Egg Hunt at 1:15pm
Kids - bring a basket

Annual EASTER FLOWER CROSS

Let's fill the cross
with beautiful flowers
on Easter Sunday.

Please bring flowers
from your yard
or the florist

EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 13, 2025

1:15 PM

Bring your basket





United Methodist Church
Marion, Virginia

2025 Officers & Leaders

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Administrative Board Chair.....	Tom Graham
Lay Leader	Denton Staley
Lay Member to Annual Conf.....	Tom Graham
Secretary.....	TBD
Treasurer.....	Ernie Catron
Staff-Parish Relations Comm Chair	Beth Gates
Board of Trustees Chair	Jerry Breen
Finance Committee Chair.....	Terry Jennings
Staff Connection	James Bennington
Staff Connection	Allen Johnsey
<i>Committees that relate to Admin. Board:</i>	
Pre-School Board Chair	Kim Austin/Patty Warren

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairperson: Jerry Breen Staff Connection: Allen Johnsey		
2025	2026	2027
Denton Staley	Amanda Currin	Jerry Breen
Sam Musick	John Saunders	Ernie Catron
Danny Counts	Tracy Sledd	

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Terry Jennings		Staff Connection: Susan Hansel
2025	2026	2027
John Saunders	Bennie Young	Terry Jennings
Sue Hunt	Andy Blevins	Brian Walker
Members by virtue of office: Ernie Catron, Denton, Staley, Tom Graham, James Bennington, Jerry Breen, Beth Gates		

PRESCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairperson.....	Kim Austin/Patty Warren
Director.....	Kim Austin
FUMC Representative.....	Kim Williams

NOMINATIONS & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: James Bennington		
Staff Connection: Allen Johnsey		
2025	2026	2027
Amy Spiker	Linda Crowder	Jackie Wilson
Zach Counts	Joyce Collins	Linda Catron
Patty Hayes	D.B. Waddle	Shirley Lockhart
Member by virtue of office: Denton Staley, Tom Graham		

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Steve Strickland		
Staff Connection: James Bennington		
2025	2026	2027
Amanda Baxter	Teresa Bystrek	Steve Strickland
Jim Gates	Mike Albano	Julie Walker
		Tom Graham
		Danny Counts

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Beth Gates		
Staff connection: James Bennington		
2025	2026	2027
Beth Gates	Kim Williams	El Saunders
Janet Breen	Betty Hash	Kim Barton
Joyce Cullop	Valerie Armbrister	
Members by virtue of office: Denton Staley, Tom Graham		

Altar Guild.....	Anna Moore, Shirley Lockhart
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Pastor.....	James Bennington
Certified Lay Minister.....	Allen Johnsey
First Kids	Ginger Moore
First Youth	Jen Feliciano
First Music.....	Allen Johnsey
Food Pantry Director	Ernie Catron/Gene Walker
Joy Group.....	Helen Burkett
Grief Share	Allen Johnsey
Evangelism	the whole congregation
Audio/Visual	Media Team

Sunday - May 18, 2025

ONBOARDING @First UMC

This is a not-miss opportunity for our church.
Save this date. More information soon.

THIS WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR
OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS A CHURCH

01

A time to:

Connect

02

A time to:

Grow

03

A time to:

Chart our
future

04


Your voice
matters

First Youth Presents

a night of

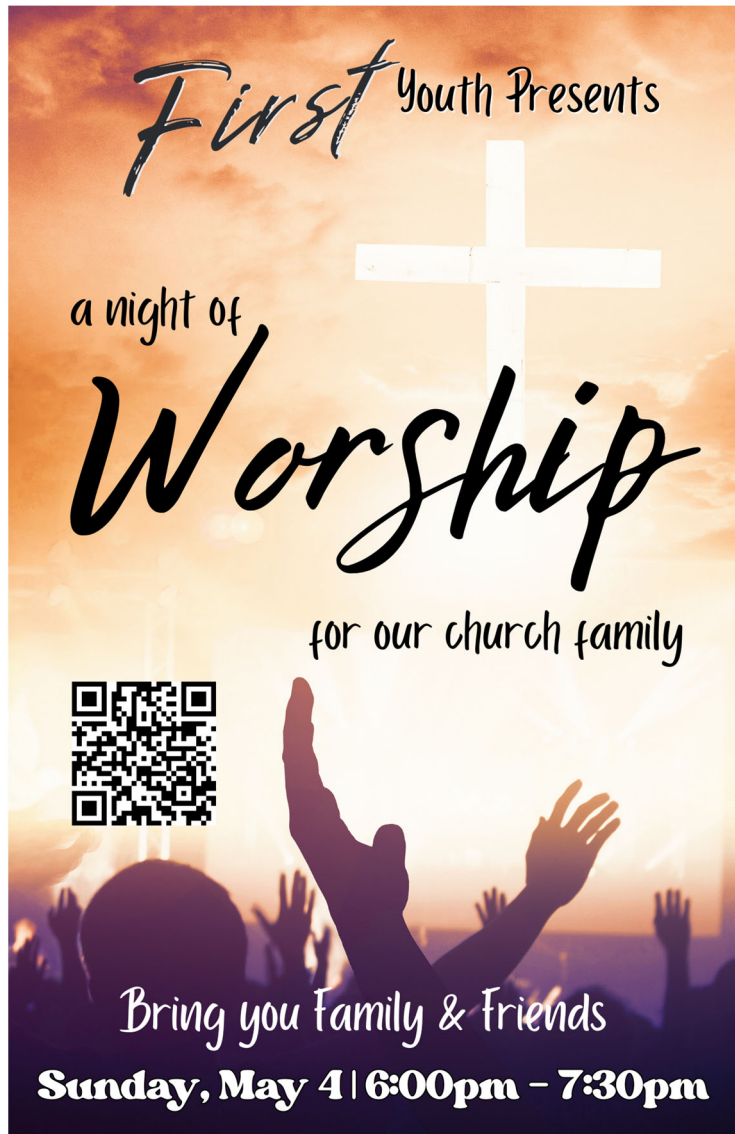
Worship

for our church family



Bring you Family & Friends

Sunday, May 4 | 6:00pm – 7:30pm



First Kids

Kids
grades K-5

Ginger Moore - First Kids Director
ginger@marionfumc.org

WEEKLY

After School Fun - Last Day 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.

Vacation Bible School 2025



Trek with us on the ultimate Alaskan Adventure!

First Youth

Youth
grades 6-12

Jen Feliciano - First Youth Director
jen@marionfumc.org

WEEKLY COMING UP

First Youth Breakfast Club at 7:15am
Thursdays: 4-3, 4-10, 4-17 Marion McDonalds
4-24 First UMC Fellowship Hall

Daffodil Life Group

Tuesday 4-1: at 4:00pm
Thursdays 4-10, 4-17, 4-24: at 4:00pm
at the Johnsey Home

Earth Day River Cleanup

Saturday: 4-19 at Riverbend Park
First Youth has been assigned a section. We need a **multigenerational team!** Text Jen today at 585-200-0380 to join the team.

Join us in Marion, VA for trash pick up and beautification at Riverbend Park and along the river banks.

Thank you to our event sponsors!



SPRING CLEAN UP & CELEBRATE TRAILS DAY!

April 19th, 2025
9:00am

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP PROJECTS:
Riverbend Park



Family Fun

Sunday: 4-27 at 5:00pm at Jennings Home



Life Groups



Bible Study
Service Projects
In your space
With your friends
Focused on your needs

Contact Jen
to register



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



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
Mon	10:00 am	Wrestling with Doubt
	6:30 pm	Wrestling with Doubt
Tues	10:00 am	GriefShare
	5:30 pm	GriefShare
	7:00 pm	Scouts
Wed	8:30 am	Prayer Breakfast @ New Pioneer
	3:45 pm	First Kids After School Fun
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:00 pm	Choir
Thur	7:15 am	First Youth Breakfast Club
		4-3,10,11 McDonalds - Marion
		4-24 First UMC Fellowship Hall
	11:30 pm	Food & Fellowship
	5:00 pm	Recovery Court Support Group
	6:00 pm	Praise Band

MONTH AT A GLANCE

Wrestling with Doubt - Finding Faith
Mondays, April 7 & 14 at 10:00 am or 6:30pm
Ladies Bible Study - home of Margaret McKinnon
Thursday April 10 at 10:30am

Family Sunday Worship & Potluck

Sunday, April 13 at 12:00pm

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 13 at 1:15pm

Food Pantry Packing Day

Wednesday April 16 at 10:00am

Food & Fellowship OPEN

Thursday, April 17 at 11:30am

Maundy Thursday Worship & Holy Communion

Thursday, April 17 at 6:00pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Friday, April 18 at 7:00pm

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Easter Sunday April 20

First Food Pantry - Tuesday, April 22 at 1:00-4:00pm

COMMITTEE & MINISTRY MEETINGS

Board of Trustees

Monday, April 7 at 5:00pm

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

Sarah Circle - 1st Tuesday monthly - homes

April 1 at 7:00pm

Faith Circle - 1st Wednesday monthly - Parlor

April 2 at 10:00am

Deborah Circle - 1st Thursday monthly - Parlor

April 3 at 6:00pm

Grace Circle - 2nd Tuesday monthly - Parlor

April 8 at 6:30pm

family SUNDAY

Celebrate
Family
at First!

Families come
in all shapes
and sizes.

We all have
such busy lives
and sometimes
we can't make
it to church.

What if....
once a month,
we could all
plan to come
together?

Let's do it!

Palm Sunday, April 13

Family Sundays begin in April



Thank you
First UMC Men
who came out
early to fix
breakfast for
the First Youth
Breakfast club.



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



PLEASE!

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

Pastor James: 423-557-5311

jlb@marionfumc.org

church office: 276-783-5194

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP NEEDS YOU!

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

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

**Food & Fellowship needs you! to
provide, prepare & serve the meal
on Thursday at 11:30am April 17.**

Without volunteers Food & Fellowship
will be cancelled on this date.

If you can help on this date please

call us at 276-783-5194

or email: info@marionfumc.org

or text us at 844-214-4685.

Thank you.



Generosity at First UMC

2025 General Budget	\$ 412,984.00
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General Budget Year-To-Date

Giving Needed Y-T-D as of 3/30/25	\$ 103,246.00
Giving Received Y-T-D as of 3/30/25	\$ 106,687.30
Difference	\$ 3,441.30

Year-To-Date Giving & Expenses

Total Giving Received as of 3/30/25	\$ 106,687.30
Total expenses as of 3/30/25	\$ 91,739.80
Balance as of 3/30/25	\$ 14,947.50

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