# NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

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Marshall First United Methodist Church

## Pastor's Pen: A Heart Full of Gratitude

Time has passed so quickly since I was appointed to First UMC! As I look back over these past four months, my heart is filled with gratitude for God's blessings as I continue settling into Marshall and getting to know our church family and the wider community.

I am thankful for the grace, patience, and encouragement you have shown me. After serving as a district superintendent for eight years, returning to local church ministry has been a transition. Thank you for giving me time to adjust and for being open to a different leadership style. We are learning and growing together.

I am thankful that the board supported rearranging my office so I can sit with people around a coffee table rather than across a large desk. This simple change has created a more welcoming space where we can comfortably share our stories and enjoy meaningful conversations.

I am also grateful for the parsonage—a lovely home with spacious rooms filled with natural light throughout the day. It has provided a peaceful place to rest and opportunities to meet my neighbors and feel more connected to the Marshall community.

Most of all, I am thankful for those who willingly step forward to serve and remain open to change. I see people working quietly behind the scenes, serving with joy, stepping out of their comfort zones to serve in new ways, giving generously, helping wherever there is a need, and caring for others with the heart of Christ. Your faithful service is truly a blessing.

At our final Dinner Church gathering, a young boy gave me a wooden cross necklace that I now love to wear. Whenever I wear it, I am reminded of why I am here at First UMC: to answer God's call by serving this congregation and our community. That simple gift also reminds me that God has a purpose for each of us and calls us to share Christ's love in our own unique ways.

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, I am grateful for God's abundant blessings and for the patience, joy, and grace you have shared with me. I would also love to hear your stories of how God has blessed you and your family. I look forward to discovering what God has in store for us as we continue to bear witness to God's goodness and share those blessings with others.

*"I thank my God every time I remember you."* — Philippians 1:3

With a grateful heart,
**Pastor Mi Hyeon**

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**Tuesday, November 10**
5:30 pm Administrative Board Meeting

**Saturday, November 14**
8:30-10:30 am Church Workday

**Sunday, November 15**
11:00 am Chili Cookoff

**Tuesday, November 17**
1:30 pm Baby Grace Volunteer Meeting

**Wednesday, November 18**
6:00 pm Habitat For Humanity

**Mondays (Weekly)**
10:00 3:00 pm Homeschool Co-Op
5:15 pm Bell Choir

**Wednesdays (Weekly)**
6:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Thursdays (Weekly)**
1:00-3:00 pm Pickleball
1:30-4:00 pm Baby Grace
6:30-8:00 pm Celebrate Recovery

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The church office will be closed on Wednesday, November 25th and Thursday, November 26th in observance of the holiday.

Church Workday
Saturday, November 14th
8:30-10:30 am





## VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION BREAKFAST

Wednesday, November 11th
7:00–8:30 am
The Knights of Columbus Hall

*Special music presentation by the Spainhower Second Grade*

**Every Military Veteran and First Responder is welcome!!**



## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00 pm
Covenant Presbyterian Church

Speaker: Rev. Mi Hyeon Lee
Special Music: Marshall High School Orchestra

*Evening offering will support the Marshall Ministerial Alliance Local Benevolent Fund and the Baby Grace Project*

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Henrietta Fenner 11/3
Robert Bagnell 11/6
Walt Swier 11/8
Tammy Wilson 11/9
Dale Hinnah 11/10
Carolyn Diehm 11/12
Addison Varner 11/12
Donna Hahn 11/14
Ellie Bennett 11/14
Mary Williams 11/16
Kay Wettlaufer 11/18
Bruce Livengood 11/24
David Keuhn 11/25
Danielle Livengood 11/27
Rob Hahn 11/30



## CHILI COOKOFF

We're looking forward to another FUN team chili cookoff in the NLC on November 15th following worship. The competition will be fierce! We will have several crockpots of chili to taste, everyone else please bring sides to share...sandwiches, salads, snacks, desserts. After tasting, you will vote for your top two favorite chilis. Last year's winners were Leah Simmons and Bonnie Harvey. Come enjoy the FUN!




## New Membership Class — You Belong Here!

**Sundays, November 8, 15, 22, at 10:50 am, after worship service or Wednesdays, November 11, 18, 25 at 5:30 pm**

Interested in becoming a member of First UMC Marshall or learning more about our church? Join our three-week New Membership Class, "Belonging, Believing, and Becoming." We will explore our faith, United Methodist beliefs, and what it means to grow together as disciples of Jesus Christ. Everyone is welcome! We will meet at the pastor's office.



**COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES**-Nov. 29th the college care packages will be packed. If you wish to give something to go in the packages, suggested items to donate are pens, pencils, sticky notes, granola bars, microwave popcorn packs, individually packaged snack food, pudding cups, gum, and candy. You can drop items off at the Seeker's Sunday School classroom, the office, or a box in the narthex.



## SALINE COUNTY HOLIDAY PROJECT

We will be collecting packs of toilet paper for the Saline County Holiday Project. Donations will be collected through December 6th.



## COAT DRIVE

We are collecting gently used or new coats for college students who came here from warm countries. They can be dropped off at the church office.




## HOMESCHOOL CO-OP FOOD DRIVE

The Homeschool Co-op will be filling the little food pantries around town for their November field trip. If you would like to help them out please drop off donations at the church office by November 23rd.

***Thank you to everyone that donated Hygiene kits. We collected 16 kits. These will be distributed to our local schools.***









First UMC has been incredibly blessed by Kamryn Hedrick's willingness to dream up and create a beautiful mural for the children's play area in the Fellowship Hall. Her creativity, artistic skill, and hard work has made all the difference in brightening up the space and making it inviting. Thank you for sharing your gifts with the church, Kamryn! You are a blessing and so is your art. We hope you will paint many, many more.



**GETTING TO KNOW**
**DOROTHY ARLINE BORCHERS**
October 2026

Dorothy Arline (Wade) Borchers was born at home in Malta Bend, MO in 1935 and is 90 years young. She was married the first time at the Malta Bend United Methodist Church. Her second marriage was to Fred Borchers in 1980 and they were married at Marshall First UMC. Arline said the years with Fred were the best years of her life! Arline has two children, Tim Musgraves and Rene Alexander. Tim is retired from the Marine Corps and married to Gayle Todd. Rene is a nurse and was married to the late Jeff Alexander. She has two grandchildren, Sgt. Jacob Alexander with the Kansas City Police Department and Sarah Alexander, a medical assistant. Arline is most proud of her two children and grandchildren.

Arline states her favorite job is retirement! Her first job was at the light and water department in Marshall and she worked on their first computer. She moved to Memphis, TN and worked at Memphis Canning Co., then back to Marshall and worked at Coachlight and retired from W.B. Young Co. During these years she lived in Malta Bend, MO, Memphis, TN, and Marshall.

Arline has or has had many hobbies over the years...collecting postcards, spoons, Marshall memorabilia, antiques, helping with estate sales, refinishing furniture, gardening, and fish ponds. She also helped auctioneers I.G. Dyer and David Jones with their auctions.

“Amazing Grace” is Arline’s favorite hymn. Peter 4:8 is her favorite Bible verse, “Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins.” Arline states, “Because if you love someone deeply you can forgive them.” Arline likes the sermons, Sunday School, and the fun activities we have at church. And she stressed that she likes the real Methodist hymns. She has been involved as a Sunday School teacher and helped prepare meals for Wednesday night services several years ago and attends church regularly. She also helped to landscape and place the bell in front of the church many years ago. Arline’s advice is to do unto others as they have done unto you.

She also added that she has helped people clean their houses and helped in a variety of other ways when they didn’t have anyone to help them. And this is interesting, when Arline got her new Buick in 2015 she went to the Miami bottoms and raced the car up to 100 mph to see what it felt like. She saw the speedometer went to 120 but decided not to try it again!

## DINNER CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who attended Dinner Church and brought sides and desserts to share. A big thank you to everyone who prepared the main dishes and to our speakers. We look forward to next year’s Dinner Church!







**GETTING TO KNOW**
**RICHARD RAYNOR**
October 2026

Richard Raynor was born October 1936 in Tucson, Arizona. He was joined in marriage to Carol Mallman in June 1961 at this Methodist Church. He and Carol have four daughters, Kitty, Carrie, Sarah, and Susanne, fourteen grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Richard says, “He has lived in too many places to count,” but has called Marshall home since 1966. He was a family physician in Marshall from 1966 - 2002 and delivered more than 1,500 babies during his years of practice!

Richard enjoys horses, cattle, and cats on his farm. He also loves to read, and since retiring, typically reads two or three books every week. Richard’s favorite thing about our church is the coffee time after worship in Fellowship Hall…and especially Patsy’s desserts. Her peanut brittle and cinnamon rolls are favorites!

Richard has attended First UMC since they moved to Marshall in 1966. He has served on the Board of Trustees, and his favorite hymn is “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee.” He is most proud of his family.

Did you know this about Richard? He has a herd of cats that he must attend to each day, and he also has a fondness for See’s caramel candies. Richard’s advice is to find a job you enjoy doing and stick with it.

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Celebrate Recovery®
A CHRIST-CENTERED Recovery Program

Our Celebrate Recovery Forever Family hosted a loving farewell to one of our leaders, Andrew Potter, who had been a part of the CR leadership team since the first planning meeting. We are very grateful for Andrew's love and devotion to this ministry! We wish him the very best on his new journey!

As we prepare to enter the month of November, the month of being thankful, the CR leadership team would like to thank everyone in our church who has and continues to support this ministry! Your prayers, snacks, volunteering, or monetary donations are greatly appreciated! All monetary donations are used to purchase Bibles and celebration chips for our members. Each newcomer to our group is given a CR Study Bible.

We will provide a full Thanksgiving meal to everyone who attends our group and anyone who would like to join us on Thanksgiving. We will serve this Thanksgiving dinner at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are very thankful for the leaders and volunteers who are so willing to give of their time and energy, even on the holidays!

You are always welcome to join us every Thursday, at 6:30pm, in the sanctuary! Remember, CR is a Christ-centered 12 step program that is for anyone with a hurt, hang-up, or habit!








**GETTING TO KNOW**
**CAROL RAYNOR**
October 2026

Carol (Mallman) Raynor was born in Boonville, MO in December 1939. She married Richard Clark Raynor in June 1961 at this Methodist Church. An interesting story is that Richard was late on their wedding day, which infuriated Carol. Earlier in the day, Richard had taken his brother, Bob, to show him around the farms, and they had gotten cow manure on their shoes. They went to Rose & Buckner men's store on the square to have their shoes shined and were late for the wedding!

For the majority of Carol's life, she has lived in Marshall. She and Richard lived in Columbia, MO while Richard was in medical school and in Phoenix, AZ during his medical internship. Carol and Richard have four daughters, Kitty, Carrie, Sarah, and Susanne, fourteen grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Carol's favorite job was being a playground supervisor at the park one summer when she was in high school. She also enjoyed her career as a family counselor at Butterfield Youth Services. Carol loved riding horses as a young girl and continued riding into her late 50's. She also loved making quilts and has always been an avid reader. She and Richard check out on average 10 books a week from the library. Carol has always enjoyed writing and kept a daily journal until the last few years. (I, Sharon Hoeflicker, was inspired by Carol to start journaling over 35 years ago and still do so).

Carol enjoys the music at church and also journaling during church, reflecting on the readings or the minister's sermon. For many years she wrote in her church journal every week. She likes how friendly our church is and that she's gotten to know many wonderful people. Carol grew up attending Shiloh Methodist Church on Highway 41. She began attending First UMC in Marshall when she and Richard moved to Marshall in 1966. Carol's favorite hymn is "Amazing Grace." Carol has taught youth and adult Sunday School, led Bible studies, helped with Vacation Bible School, and served as Lay Leader, which included occasionally giving sermons.

One of Carol's favorite Bible verses, Philippians 4:7, was submitted to the Lenten 2011 Favorite Bible Verses publication. "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Per Carol's explanation, "We live in a culture of fear and worry. If we focus on the positive, our health will be better and those around us will feel a sense of peace. I believe God intends for us to exercise our faith by disciplining ourselves to think as this passage suggests. In my opinion, it is the way to live life when you are young and the way to grow old with grace.

She is most proud of her children. They are so good to her and Richard. Carol is also very proud of starting the Baby Grace diaper program at our church in 2014 to help families in our community. Carol used to perform puppet shows, both as a therapeutic tool with her clients and for fun with her grandchildren. She had a wonderful puppet collection. One piece of advice that Carol shares is to be kind to other people.

> Many of you will remember Carol being the author of the book, *Water Carried Up Hill,* published in 2007, where she interviewed many from our congregation who were predominantly born before 1940. Part of the inspiration of the BELIEVE team's "Getting to Know You" project came from Carol and this book.

**YOUTH GROUP TRIP TO LEVEL UP IN COLUMBIA**

15 youth attended. Thanks to Megan and Melissa for driving.



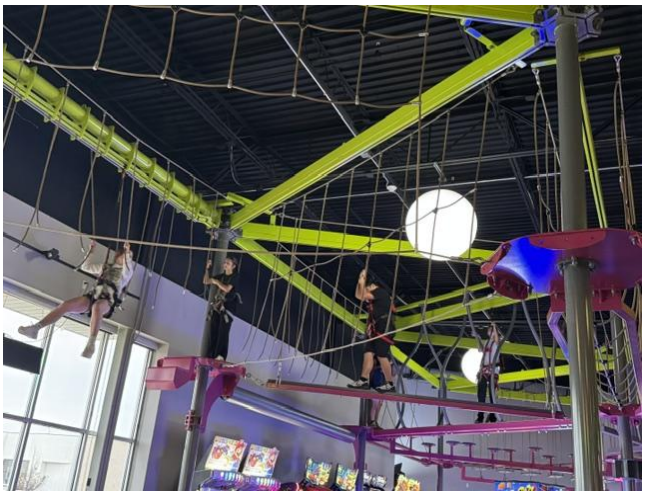














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