

OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER



**BELONG
BELIEVE
BECOME**

Marshall First United Methodist Church

Pastor's Pen

I love children, especially the expressions on their faces. Children have a wonderful way of showing exactly what they are feeling. When a baby smiles, there is something almost heavenly about it—so joyful, pure, and full of life.

On Sunday mornings, it brings me joy to see little children among us in worship. Sometimes there is a baby resting in a parent's arms. Sometimes a little one is playing in the children's area at the front of the sanctuary. Sometimes I hear the sounds of children playing, talking, or even fussing during worship. I love those sounds because they remind me that children are part of the church. They belong here. They are growing in Christ and growing within the Body of Christ.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them." (Mark 10:14) Jesus also said, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." (Matthew 18:5) What a beautiful calling for our church: Welcome children, and welcome Christ.

I am thankful that we have a wonderful nursery for our youngest children. For the past few months, we have been searching for a nursery worker, and finding the right person was not easy. I am happy to share that Claryssa J., a senior and an early childhood education major at Missouri Valley University, has joined us as our nursery worker. We are grateful to have her!

Now we are taking our next step: we need volunteers to serve alongside Claryssa in the nursery. You do not have to volunteer every Sunday. You can serve occasionally or volunteer regularly. Our nursery also has a TV screen so volunteers can hear and follow the worship service while caring for our children.

When we volunteer in the nursery, we are doing much more than watching children. We are saying to a child, "You belong here." We are saying to parents, "Your family belongs here." And together, we are living out Jesus' invitation: "Let the little children come to me." Even one Sunday of your time can make a difference in the life of a child and a family.

Who among us can help open the way for our children to experience the love and welcome of Jesus? If you feel called to help, please let me know, contact our Nursery Coordinator, Joan Livengood, or contact the church office. Together, let us be a church where every child and every family knows: You are welcome. You are loved. You belong.

Shalom,
Pastor Mi Hyeon

Saturday, October 3

3:00-5:00 PM Youth Roller Skating

Wednesday, October 7

5:30 PM Dinner Church

Wednesday, October 14

5:30 PM Dinner Church

Wednesday, October 21

5:30 PM Dinner Church

6:00 PM Habitat For Humanity

Wednesdays (Weekly)

9:00 AM Prayer Walking

6:30 PM Chancel Choir

Sunday, October 4

10:45 AM Tailgate/BBQ

Tuesday, October 13

5:30 PM Administrative Board Meeting

5:30 PM Women's Retreat Planning Meeting

Tuesday, October 20

1:30 PM Baby Grace Volunteer Meeting

6:30 PM Charge Conference

Mondays (Weekly)

10:00 AM-3:00 PM Homeschool Co-Op

5:15 PM Bell Choir

Thursdays (Weekly)

1:00-3:00 PM Pickleball

1:30-4:00 PM Baby Grace

6:30-8:00 PM Celebrate Recovery



TRICK OR TREAT ON THE SQUARE

October 22nd at 5:00 pm

Our church will have a table on the Square, and we need your help! Sign up at the Welcome Table in the Narthex if you would like to volunteer at our table. Or donate candy or healthy snacks for children. Drop off at the church office before October 22nd.



DINNER CHURCH

Wednesdays, October 7th, 14th and 21st | 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome! Come enjoy a warm, welcoming meal, good conversation around the table, and an opportunity to grow in faith together. The church will provide the main dish. If you can, bring a side dish to share. A children's meal and activities will be provided. **Come as you are. Bring someone with you. There's a place for you at the table!**

Menu: 10/7 — Sloppy Joes, 10/14 – Soups, 10/21 – Fried Chicken

CHARGE CONFERENCE

October 20th 6:30-8:00 pm

Our church will host the Marshall and Sedalia Hub Charge Conference. All Church Council members are expected to attend as voting members, and all church members are welcome. We will provide finger food for more than 100 guests. If you can help, please contact Marilyn Ahrens or sign up at the Welcome Table outside the sanctuary.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Richard Raynor 10/6
George Huff 10/7
Linda Bagnell 10/12
Gale Bradshaw 10/17
Shelby Bagnell 10/18
Charlie Leimkuehler 10/19

Andrew Potter 10/20
Davis Striedel 10/20
Rev Jan Schnepf 10/21
Jenn Lappin 10/25
Kathy Weekley 10/27

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS



We will continue to collect for the Community Food Pantry through the end of the year. Donations can be left in the bookcase in the Sanctuary or dropped off at the church office. **Suggested items are hot or cold cereal, peanut butter & jelly, canned vegetables & fruit, canned meats, canned soup, pasta or rice, boxed meals, hygiene items and toilet paper, and empty egg cartons.**



CHILDREN - Fun "busy bags" are available in the Narthex as you enter church. Please pick one up and enjoy while in church and then return to the "bag tree" as you leave church.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

We need one volunteer each Sunday to assist our nursery worker in caring for children ages 0–3. You can help by serving just one Sunday! Interested? Contact Joan Livengood, Nursery Coordinator or the church office. Thank you for helping us provide a safe and welcoming nursery for our little ones!



Congratulations to Jan Schnepf on great grandbaby #8!

Maison Lee-Morgan Jaco was born at 9:59 pm on September 30th

7 lbs. 6 oz, 19" long

His big sister is Allison

GETTING TO KNOW YOU BIOS

We hope you have enjoyed reading the bios of your fellow church members. We have learned some interesting things! This is an ongoing project, so we are compiling binders with all bios thus far. If you would like to have one, please contact me at 660-815-1910 or see me at church. The cost is \$10.00. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sharon Hoeflicker

GETTING TO KNOW

PATSY DEHN

September 2026



Patsy (Davis) Dehn was born in Marshall June 1955. She married Roger Dehn at Smith Chapel United Methodist Church in December 1974. Roger passed away May 2017. Patsy and Roger have four children, Scott, Nancy, Matt, and Paul; and two grandsons, Brayden and Cooper.

Patsy is well-known around Marshall for her cooking and baking. She has worked in the kitchens of local schools and at the Blosser Home for Women. Patsy is very generous, sharing her baked goods after worship at our church and cooking and baking for others too. She has an especially soft spot for the elderly and enjoys playing piano at nursing homes because it makes the residents happy.

Patsy's favorite Bible verse is Luke 6:31, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Patsy has attended First UMC since around 1984, but has been more involved and dedicated since 2000. Her favorite thing about our church is the feeling of being like a family together. Her favorite hymn is, "In the Garden". She has been in bell choir for several years and is always willing to help out wherever needed at church.

Have you seen Patsy bicycling around town on her electric trike? She is proud of the consistency and dedication of doing this. She is also proud to be known as the "cookie lady", and is always happy to help her family anytime. She loves being able to help with her grandsons and enjoys them and their friends coming to her house. She says the more kids the better! Patsy's advice is to live everyday as if it may be your last. She misses her husband everyday.



Harvest Children's Special - Sun., Oct. 18th, immediately following the Children's Sermon-Children ages 4 through 5th grade plan to come and enjoy some fall goodies and then create a Sticky Scarecrow. Following this the children will play **3 for 1** as they celebrate the MANY GIFTS God has given them (Psalm 33:3). Then they will learn that GOD NEVER ABANDONS THEM (2 Corinthians 4:8) as they play the UPPIES & DOWNIES. Hope to see you then!

NORTH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH APPRECIATION DAY

October 18th

To honor their church and its members Rev. Dr. Mike Mayo, pastor at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church of Glasgow, MO will bring the message and his church congregation will be guests. Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm. The afternoon worship service will begin at 2:00 pm. You are cordially invited to celebrate their Appreciation Day with them and lift up the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



GETTING TO KNOW

GARY SMITH

September 2026

Gary Smith was born in Marshall at the old Fitzgibbon Hospital in December 1952. He and Susan Hooper were united in marriage at the Marshall Nazarene Church in April 1973. They have two sons, Tyler and Chad, and five grandchildren, Clayton, Sarah, Sophia, Emma, and Ella.

Gary worked at ConAgra Foods for 32 years and at McNeil Mechanical 10 years. His favorite job was project engineer, working at ConAgra plants across the United States. His employment took him to many locations to live: Marshall, Carrollton, Macon, Moberly, Arrow Rock, and Kansas City, Missouri; Batesville and Russellville, Arkansas; and Omaha, Nebraska. Gary's hobbies are hunting with his two sons, but mostly in his younger years, and he enjoys playing golf and doing "handyman" work at our church.

Gary's favorite Bible verse is Psalm 118, "Give thanks unto the Lord for He is good; because his mercy endureth forever." All the blessings! He appreciates the beauty of the sanctuary, the beautiful organ music, the congregation, and all the friendships. He has attended FUMC for 24 years. Gary's favorite hymn is "His Eye is on the Sparrow".

There are many areas where Gary has been involved at the church, including, Board of Trustees, Administrative Board, youth mentor group, Seekers Sunday School Class, and cooking for the Ham & Bean dinner, and I might add, handyman! Gary is proud of his family and their accomplishments, and also "Susan staying with me after 18 moves over the country!"

An interesting fact about Gary which you may not know is that he played trumpet in the Marshall High School concert and marching band. And he learned this from his parents...it's never wrong to do the right thing.

Gary and Susan will be moving to Jefferson City in October. They will be missed and we wish them the best.

Missouri Personal Hygiene Pack:

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| 1 travel size skin lotion (1-3 oz) | 1 fluoride toothpaste (6 oz or larger) |
| 1 shampoo (12-16 oz) | 1 body wash (15-22 oz) |
| 1 washcloth | 1 hand towel (not kitchen towel) |
| 1 large comb or brush | 1 deodorant |
| 1 individually packaged adult size soft toothbrush | |

Assemble: Tighten lids and place all items in a large zipper storage bag (2-2.5 gallon).

We are collecting hygiene packs to be distributed locally. Kits can be dropped off in the marked basket in the Narthex by the Welcome table or brought to the church office. We will be collecting through October and they will be given to the Ministerial Alliance at the November meeting.



GETTING TO KNOW

SUSAN SMITH

September 2026

Susan (Hooper) Smith was born in 1954 in Boonville, MO. She married Gary Smith in April 1973 at the Marshall Nazarene Church. They have two sons, Tyler and Chad, and five grandchildren, Clayton, Sarah, Sophia, Emma, and Ella.

Susan has worked as a legal secretary, an event coordinator for ConAgra Foods in Omaha, Nebraska, and a school secretary in Macon and Marshall. Her favorite job was being event coordinator allowing her to travel to Hawaii two times and other places. She has lived in many locations and says, "See Gary's bio for where we've lived". Her hobbies include crochet, counted cross stitch, golf, and home decorating.

Jeremiah 29:11 is Susan's favorite Bible verse, "For I know the plans I have for you. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Her favorite thing about our church is the beauty of the sanctuary and friends they have met. She has attended First UMC 24 years. Her favorite hymn is "His Eye is on the Sparrow".

Susan has been involved in many things within our church, some of which are committees, chancel choir, teaching Sunday School, mission work, and helping with special activities and events. She is proud of her family and the success their children have achieved through hard work and perseverance. An interesting fact about Susan is that she rode in a NASCAR race car at Joe Gibbs Raceway in North Carolina at 150 miles per hour! Her mantra and advice is, "If God brings you to it; He will bring you through it!"

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NEW SERMON SERIES



Youth Roller Skating in Sedalia



Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, World Communion Sunday, Tailgate

Great things happening at FUMC!



We would love for you to worship with us!

Lots of ministry opportunities!

Worship Service 9:30 am

Sunday School 10:30 am



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