



APRIL 2024 ~ Marion Salem Church

1640 Salem Road, Caledonia
10 am Worship 9 am Sunday School

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

To the church of God as found at Marion Salem Church, called to be saints together with those in every place who call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ: You are miracles of God's grace and mercy!

Historically, once a year Methodist congregations would gather together with their Presiding Elder and discuss the business of the congregation. They would look back at the steps forward in faith, mourn those who had passed, and look toward the future with the election of leadership and setting of priorities for the coming year. Often this Charge Conference season was in the Fall and it presented an annual check-up on the state of the congregation. Over the years, fewer people have participated in this work and it has become less of a worship service and celebration and more of a perfunctory administrative task.

Years ago I met a congregation that created layers of engagement to facilitate greater participation and life among the membership. Church conference continued as usual (though more people started coming), they regularly reported actions taken by the leadership to the membership (we've started this), and in the Spring they created a second check-in opportunity. In April, the Ad Council is going to host a potluck on April 28th to have an opportunity to share with the congregation the many things that are happening, some behind the scenes, and others that are front and center. The hope is that this 6-month cycle will help increase communication, build trust, and help us focus on making disciples of Jesus Christ. During the meeting the various leadership committees of Marion Salem will share what is happening and how the congregation can participate. There will also be a time for questions and answers, and hopefully sharing from the congregation about dreams for the future.

My prayer is that you will make this a priority to attend, after worship on Sunday, April 28. Come ready to hear about many exciting things that are happening, get informed about serious matters that we face ahead of us, then share your hopes and dreams as we join together to discern all that Christ has in store for us.

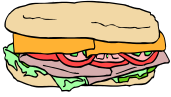
Blessings 🙌,



Congregational Meeting
Sunday, April 28th after worship
Potluck following worship.
Congregation will receive updates from Ad Council leaders and have an opportunity to ask questions.

New Membership Class Coming Soon

Pastor Jason has been working on material for a New Members Class. This class will cover basics of faith, particulars about the Wesleyan tradition and history, and the organization of the Church. Anyone interested in becoming a member, or those who are already members desiring to dig deeper are encouraged to share their interest with Pastor Jason. Target starting date is May.



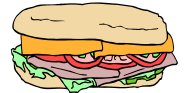
SUB SALE -- SUB SALE -- SUB SALE -- SUB SALE

The Slackers' Class will be hosting a SUB SALE in April. This is the same SUB SALE that the Renaissance Class has hosted for many years. The Renaissance Class decided it was time to hand off the sale and graciously offered it to our class.

We will continue to provide the same quality subs to you! Orders for the subs will be taken on April 14 and 21. Subs will be ready for pick up on SUNDAY, APRIL 28.

Please note that this is a different time frame than in the past years.

Please watch for the order forms in the bulletins on April 14 and 21.



Save the Date!!!

Sunday, May 5th – Cinco de Mayo

Church Family Fellowship @ 5pm

Invite your friends, family, and neighbors.

Bring a Mexican inspired dish to share and plan on enjoying an evening with your church family eating a yummy dinner and getting to know your brothers and sisters in Christ.

(For those of you who don't like to cook, this couldn't be easier – bring chips & salsa!!!)



**Join us at 12 pm
in the Family Center
April 24**



Next peanut butter
sandwich making
April 21st





SPAGHETTI DINNER & AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th 5:30 PM

Join us for fellowship, a spaghetti dinner and some auction fun!

Profits will support our

Haitian missions!

3-10 years old - \$5.00 11 & over - \$10.00

You may pay in advance or at the door.

Youth Group News

Spring Study

rightnow MEDIA



“Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12, ESV

From RightNow Media: Even the most mature believers face dark nights of the soul. During those times God seems distant, his Word feels dry, and the vibrant intimacy we knew before seems absent leaving us wondering, “Where is the Lord in this?” In Psalm 119, Matt Chandler aims to introduce viewers to the words of King David who experienced similar seasons of life. Serving as the anchor for the study, Psalm 119 demonstrates the power of God’s Word in the lives of believers and its ability to provide a warm blanket for the soul.

YOUTH CHAPERONES NEEDED! Adults interested in helping the youth to meet should see Pastor Jason. We’re looking for chaperones in April, chaperones and meal help in May.

Daytime Bible Study? Those who are interested in a daytime Bible Study should reach out to the church office or Pastor Jason. We’ll start one if there is interest.

Pastor’s Small Group Class

Basic Christian Faith

Wednesdays 7pm

Join Pastor Jason for an engaging time of discussion as we explore basic teachings of Christian Faith. This is a paced study and you can drop in anytime.

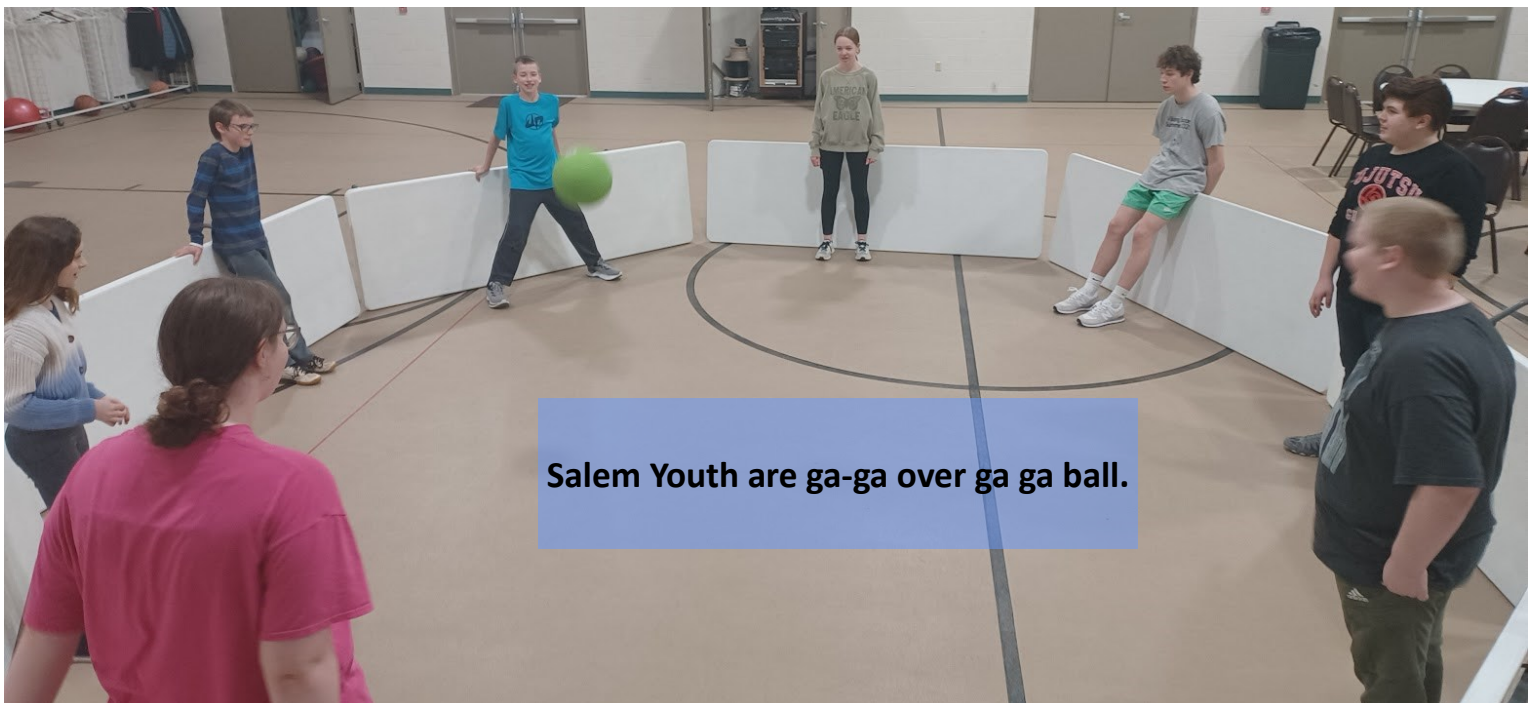
April Schedule:

3rd: Session 5

10th: Session 6

17th: No Study—Pastor Vacation

24th: No Study —Ad Council



ALLEGHENY WEST

THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH



A Message from President Pro Tempore Jeff Greenway... Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of Jesus—who holds all things together. Over 600 clergy and lay members of our Annual Conference gathered on Saturday, March 16th for a Special Called Session of the Allegheny West Provisional Conference to elect our delegation to the Convening General Conference of the Global Methodist Church, which takes place on September 20-26, 2024 in San Jose, Costa Rica.

The following people were elected to serve as delegates:

Clergy Delegates

Jeff Greenway (Chair)
David Watson
Janet Lord
Dan Gildner
Steve Cordle
Duk Hee Han
Greg Stover
Debo Onabanjo
Laura Saffell
Nathan Fugate
Bill Blair
Tori Heath
Mike Grant
Paula Koch
Dave Carter
Byron Bufkin

Clergy Alternates

Brett Dinger
Tim Goodman
Keith McIlwain

Clergy Reserves

Donna Mills
Dawn Krishart
Tom Tumblin
Caleb Speicher
Randy Bain
Mark Hecht

Lay Delegates

Chris Steiner (Co-Chair)
Dale Fincher
Bill Patrick
Isaya Miller
Robin Hovis
Tami Washington
Neil Schindledecker
Kat Straub
Kathy Rohrs
Renaye Hoffman
Tim Layton
Jason Nies
Susan Guttag
Nancy Fassnacht
Jeffrey Moore
Gail Cook

Lay Alternates

James Pollitt (Secretary)
Amy Forte
Rhae Brown

Lay Reserves

Tybo Williams
Jarrett Saffell
Robyn McIlwain
Ted Penner
Darlene Bain
Janice Owen

The Delegates and Alternates will be representing us in Costa Rica. We elected the Reserves in case persons elected ahead of them are not able to fulfill their responsibilities—or if the General Commission on General Conference allocates more delegates to our Annual Conference. In either case, the reserved delegates will be elevated in order of election.

Each person representing the conference will be responsible for raising or supplying the funds needed for their travel, ground transportation, lodging and meals. Please pray for our delegation. Ask God for provision and resources—wisdom and discernment—the heart and mind of Christ—an overwhelming sense of unity and common vision—and a Spirit-controlled temperament as they engage in this important work.

While not elected to attend, Pastor Jason will still give regular updates about the work ahead for General Conference. The scope of the work of General Conference as well as the issues that are important to Marion Salem Church and the Allegheny West Conference.

Allegheny West Conference Prayer Point Person

A friend familiar to Salem Church, Cindy Harvel, is working with our annual conference to help create a network of prayer ministries. If you are interested in helping to connect prayer needs in our congregation with those across the conference—and to connect us to the prayer needs in the wider Church, please see Pastor Jason right away



Support
Indian Lake Ohio
Communities

Tornado Disaster Relief - A Call for Special Offerings

(Continued from Rev. Jeff Greenway...)

(Also,) I'm writing to call for a Special Offering for Tornado Relief—and giving notice of future Volunteer-in-Mission (VIM) opportunities. As was announced at the beginning of (the Special Session of Annual) Conference, Pastor Cynthia Defibaugh (Hopewell Church) and Pastor Bryan Meadows (Cornerstone Church) live and serve in the Indian Lake region of western Ohio. That region was impacted by devastating tornadoes in the early hours of Friday, March 15. While the immediate needs are being cared for by state and national relief organizations—we anticipate needs becoming profound in the next several weeks.

Therefore, we are asking all the churches of the Allegheny West Conference to take a special offering for Tornado relief between now and April 7. Your gifts will be used in partnership with Pastors Defibaugh and

Meadows as they work with local disaster responders to meet needs on the ground after the state and national responders pull back. Once you've received your offering, please send it to the Conference through the online giving portal or by mailing it to the Allegheny West Conference, 1636 Graham Road, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.

Please let your church disaster responders know that we will likely be calling for VIM teams to volunteer for disaster response and rebuilding work in the last half of April. We will notify the Conference if and when those opportunities are available.

Those interested in being a part of a VIM Team should reach out to Pastor Jason.



Salem Church Gets Disaster Relief Started in Indian Lake!

Thank you for your generosity in sending supplies to those in need. Pastor delivered supplies to the Lakeview VFD on March 23rd. They are grateful for this "earnest payment" in how we plan to reach out.

Possible Scouting Ministry

A group of families connected with the homeschool co-op that meets on Thursdays is looking for a congregation to host and charter an American Heritage Girls troop. This is a program similar to Girl Scouts, yet is focused on being biblically faithful. More information about the American Heritage Girls organization can be found on their website <https://americanheritagegirls.org/>.

In order for the group to be chartered we are looking for someone who will serve as the charter representative. This individual would be a volunteer position that would represent the congregation on the board of the troop as well as represent the troop to the congregation. A description of the charter representative is available from Pastor Jason. If you are interested, please see Pastor Jason or Curt Galloway.

PALM SUNDAY AT MARION SALEM CHURCH



E-News Sign-up

Join our weekly E-news to get the latest updates. Go to: marionsalemchurch.org/Enews

Pastor Vacation

Pastor will be out of town on April 4-6 for the homeschool convention.

Also, the family will be on vacation April 16-22. Rev. Bruce Tumblin will bring the message in worship on Sunday, April 21st.

Rhema Academy Q&A Video

Those who were unable to attend the Q&A session with Rhema can reach out to Pastor Jason for the video link.

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY APRIL 7 SERMON IN A BOX



Missed a Sunday or really want to catch a replay? Have you been to our Facebook page... it's all there facebook.com/MarionSalemChurch. You don't have to have a Facebook account to watch, it's livestreamed each week and the replays can be found

Holy Humor Sunday is the Sunday after Easter, when God's people get to laugh at the devil because Jesus rose from the dead and the devil lost! Pastor Jason invites the congregation to participate in this service through the creation of an on-the-spot message utilizing images that the congregation provides.

Starting on Sunday, March 10 a box will be in the sanctuary marked "Sermon in a Box." Everyone is encouraged to place a picture of an object (no words) in the box (emailed photographs can be sent to marionsalem1640@gmail.com to be printed). Keep these secret from Pastor Jason! He will not be looking at the photographs prior to the service.

One picture will be drawn randomly on Easter Sunday for Pastor to start working on ideas for the message on Holy Humor Sunday. On Holy Humor Sunday another 4 pictures will be drawn at the beginning of the service. Pastor Jason is challenged with incorporating all 5 pictures into the message. At the end of service we'll enjoy some ice cream treats together.

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pie Baking 6:30pm	2	3 Knitting/Craft 1pm Bible study 7 pm	4	5 Pastor out of town	6 Fam Ctr Reserved
7 Communion	8	9 Choir 7 pm	10 Knitting/Craft 1pm Bible study 7 pm	11	12	13 Spaghetti Auction 5:30 pm
14	15	16	17 Knitting/Craft 1pm	18	19 Kairos weekend	20
21	22	23 Choir 7 pm	24 Sr Lunch 12 pm Knitting/Craft 1pm Ad Council 6:30/7pm	25	26	27
28 Potluck & Congregational Mtg	29	30 Choir 7 pm				



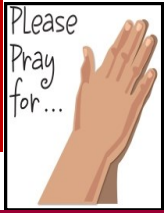
1st Sunday every month in the Family Center at 8:30 AM.

April -Slackers Class
May - Genesis Class



ANNIVERSARIES

4/8 Jerry & Karen Marquis
4/10 Curt & Mary Galloway
4/20 Ben & Bobbi Galloway
4/28 Mark & Valerie Schrote
Bob & Dorothy Barker



Birthdays

4/10 Steve Crock
4/13 Parker Smith
4/19 Scott Kimes
4/28 Carol Crawford

Pray for

Karen Link
Ron VonAlmen
Janet Schelb
Dave Monroe
Jude Stitzel
Rodney Weisbrodt
Paul Strodbeck
Sheryl Campbell
Donna McKinnis
Vicki Adams
Israel
Judi Myers
Rick Hicks
Tom Seitter family
Haiti
Mike Dilsaver

Nursery Schedule

4/7 Karen Marquis & Susan Rockwell
4/14 Carol Crawford & Marilyn Shroyer
4/21 Amanda & Marissa Loyer
4/28 Robbi Smart & Conni McChesney

Children's Church

4/7 No Children's Church
4/14 Megan Pollock & Becky Oliver
4/21 Cheryl Slack & Jana Bauer
4/28 Mary Galloway & Whitney Williams



GREETERS

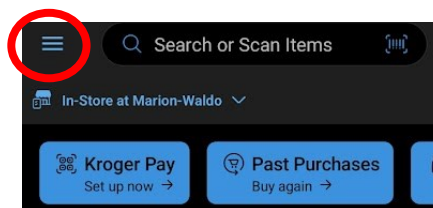
4/7 Rob & Tracy Weisbrodt
4/14 Scott & Jennifer Croskey
4/21 Ed & Carol Crawford
4/28 Curt & Mary Galloway



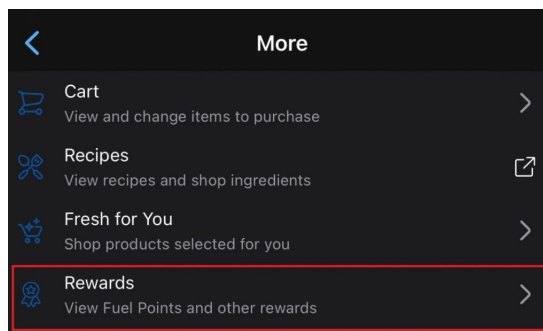
Support the Marion Salem Church Food Pantry:

You must have a Kroger Card, online account, and download the Kroger app to your smart device (the Kroger website does not list Marion Salem):

Tap the **Menu**:



Tap **Rewards** (then



Community Rewards on the next screen):

