



JUNE 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!

The Allegheny West annual conference concluded on Saturday, May 24th. It was once again a true blessing and breath of fresh air to be at a Global Methodist conference. Previously, I felt like I was looking behind my back and I had to keep my radar up for those who were unfriendly towards conservative / traditional viewpoints. Being on the Mt. Vernon Nazarene University Campus was freeing! The level of mutual support and love that was expressed by each person I met was incredible.

One of the hardest things about leaving the United Methodist Church is the relationships that were broken. There are people that I greatly miss, some I agree with theologically and they are not able to leave, others I disagree with, yet we were friends. So when I arrived at annual conference it was good to see several folks whom I had not seen since the last conference met in March and others who I had not seen in more than a year. One of our conference teachers this year was Dr. Bill Arnold, one of my seminary professors. He was actually the first person on campus that I told about the triplets when the doctors said, "Tell no one," and Emily and I said, "We'll ask everyone to pray!" Dr. Arnold is a blessing to know and I am thankful he has been able to join the Global Methodist movement. Dr. Arnold recently lost his mother so his family could use prayer support.

Dr. Steve Seamands, another one of my seminary professors, was also supposed to join us for conference as a teacher. Unfortunately the week before conference his wife unexpectedly passed. He and family definitely need our prayers. I hope to be able to catch up with him at another opportunity in the future.

Another friend that was at conference and a great encouragement to me is Dr. Tom Tumblin, you might recall his brother, Bruce Tumblin, filled in for me back at the end of April. Dr. Tumblin spent about an hour with me again this conference as we caught up on happenings and he also continues to pour encouragement and learning into my life.

I am incredibly blessed to have known these men. Yet, I also got to see friends from seminary who pastor in Pennsylvania. It is wonderful to get to work along side them in the same conference now. I also had the joy of seeing old friends from where I have served previously. Finally, this annual conference provided a greater opportunity to meet new people than before because we shared 3 meals together each day and had margins in the schedule to chat. The conference secretary, Linda, was a charming pastor from Pennsylvania with wit and humor that made even the most mundane announcements instant "core memories" for years to come. I got to eat breakfast with her and her husband on Saturday, as well as worship with them that day.

The point is this - it is a new day! There was not a single contentious moment at conference. No disruptive protests. No heretical "teaching." No distracting items of business or meaningless virtue signaling. It was the wider Church gathered as the body of Christ, celebrating the ordination of those who have dedicated their lives to Christ and a time of worship and filling that is more akin to revival than business. Get ready Salem - the best is yet to come!

Blessings 🙌,



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 there immediately.

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

New Membership Class Starts Sun. Jun 9th

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. We will be gathering together after worship at Donna McKinnis' house. Lunch will be provided so we need an accurate count. This is a six-session study covering basic Christian doctrine, Wesleyan distinctives, and particulars about the Global Methodist Church and Salem



Next peanut butter sandwich making
June 30th



Senior Lunch

Join us at 12 pm
in the Family Center
June 26

MITES MESSAGE: Anyone interested in sharing with the children during worship for the mites' message should see Pastor Jason. Dates are available now through the end of July.

Save the Dates!!

7/10 Ice Cream Social
7/8 Noodle Making



Registration for VBS!!

Sign up sheet on the information table in the back of the sanctuary



Primary Class

Bible Party! Sunday, June 30th 4p

Those children in the primary grades who have been attending Sunday School, bringing, and reading their Bibles are invited to a special party. We'll make pizza together and Pastor Jason will lead a special time of learning about the Bible.

Salem Strivers

Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. Hebrews 12:14



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.

Invite a friend to join us on June 9th for our end of year party! It’s 6:30-9:30. See you there!



ATTENTION YOUTH CHAPERONES! We especially need extra chaperones for the 9th as this will be our close of the school year party! If you can only join us for a few minutes at the beginning, we’d like to have a time of prayer together with all those who have been with us.

IMPORTANT SCHEDULE INFORMATION!

June 9th will be our last youth group meeting before the summer break. I’m planning on special food for this evening as well as extra games— in fact, this will be an extended evening going **until 9:30pm**.

Summer break... it is not my normal practice to take a summer break from youth group. From the time I was in youth through leading a group as a youth minister, I continued a consistent schedule. However, my responsibilities and attention as a pastor are divided between many things and I find it necessary to ease up a little for my own sake. That said, Marion Salem Church is committed to our youth and finding a youth minister that will be working with students directly. Our prayer is that by summer’s end, that person will be on staff.

Building Together

Annual Conference 2024

ALLEGHENY WEST
THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

The theme for the upcoming annual conference is **Building Together**. Annual Conference is now over. On Sunday June 23rd, Charisse Smith will share with the congregation while Pastor Jason is on vacation all about annual conference. Until then if you are interested in learning more, please see the Annual Conference website: <https://alleghenywestgmc.org/conference-registration-2024/>. They will soon be uploading videos of the sessions, including the Bible Studies.



Congratulations to Bob & Dorothy Barker for celebrating 67 years together! We love you!

The Gospel LIVE!

Mondays 4pm

Discover the Gospel of Matthew in a whole new way with the Visual Bible. This portrayal of Scripture is taken directly from the 1984 New International Version, word for word. Every line of dialogue spoken is either by the narrator (Matthew) or the individuals in Scripture, the screenplay follows the Gospel as closely as possible. - We'll work slowly through the Gospel, comparing to the other Gospel texts and the rest of Scripture. We will also explore the historical and cultural elements that the Visual Bible highlights as we dive into Scripture together.

No study on 6/24, Pastor vacation.

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.

June Schedule:

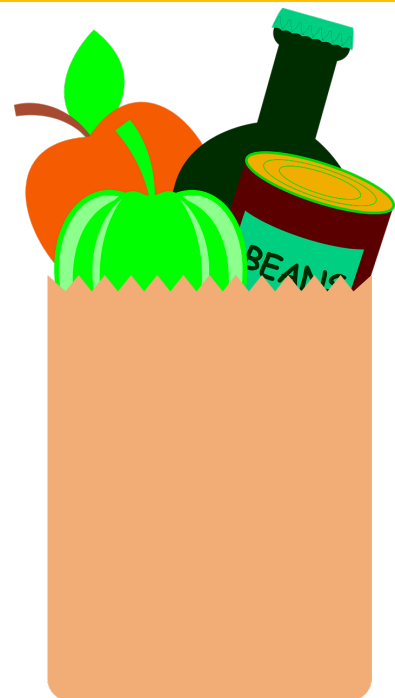
5th: Session 11

12th: Session 12

19th Pastor Vacation

26th: Session 9

July 3rd: No Study



Food Pantry Hours

Mon 10-12

Fri 10-12

All Church Work Day

Thank You for all your help!!



June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Communion	3	4	5 Knitting/Craft 1pm Bible study 7 pm	6 Fin/Ad C 6:30/7	7	8
9	10	11 Ice Cream Social Mtg 6:30 pm	12 Knitting/Craft 1pm Bible study 7 pm	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Knitting/Craft 1pm	20	21	22 Claridon Alumni Banquet
23	24	25	Sharp Vacation			29
30	Sharp Vacation		26 Knitting/Craft 1pm Bible study 7 pm	27	28	29



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

June—Joy/Renaissance Class
July - Crusaders Class



Birthdays

- 6/1 Bruce McChesney
Easton Hedges
- 6/3 Whitney Williams
- 6/4 David Campbell
- 6/7 Austin Wagner
- 6/9 Nancy Jackson
- 6/10 Jennifer Alwood
- 6/11 Bobbi Galloway
- 6/12 Aiden Jordan
- 6/13 Ken Bender
Lucas Crawford
- 6/15 Susie Williams
- 6/17 Collin Loyer
- 6/20 Amanda Loyer
- 6/22 Jerry McMahan
- 6/27 Dan Cook
- 6/30 Nora Williams



Pray for

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

Nursery Schedule

- 6/2 Avy Bauer & Jesseca Wagner
- 6/9 Karen Marquis & Susan Rockwell
- 6/16 Tracy Weisbrodt & Kathy Fisher
- 6/23 Avy Bauer & Jesseca Wagner
- 6/30 Robin Schelb & Karla Sharp



GREETERS

- 6/2 Scott & Jennifer Croskey
- 6/9 Jay & Betty Woodruff
- 6/16 Jim Van Meter & Janet Strine
- 6/23 Phil & Marilyn Shroyer
- 6/30 Kerr & Sharon Murray

Children's Church

- 6/2 No Children's Church
- 6/9 Megan Pollock & Becky Oliver
- 6/16 Cheryl Slack & Jana Bauer
- 6/23 Mary Galloway & Whitney Williams
- 6/30 Cheryl Slack & Jana Bauer



ANNIVERSARIES

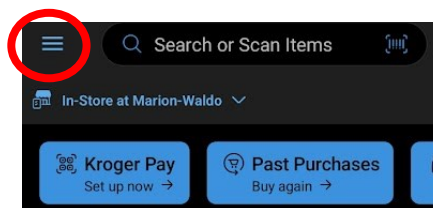
- 6/20 Dave & Cheryl Slack
- 6/21 Bob & Jo Ellen King
- 6/25 Austin & Jesseca Wagner
- 6/28 Jerry & Laurie McMahan



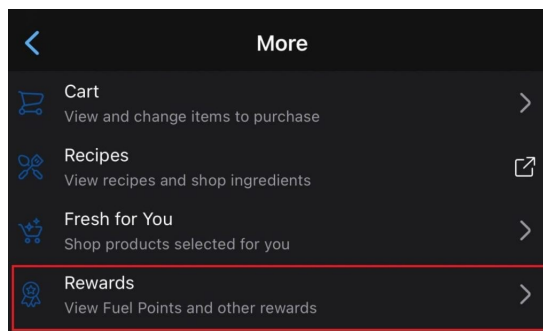
Support the Marion Salem Church Food Pantry:

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):



Marion Salem Global Methodist Church should be listed, if not change organization and look for us by name.

