



August 2024 ~ Marion Salem Church

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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!*

It is hard to believe that we are already in the last month of summer. August is now upon us and we are beginning to see the return of habits and routines. I know it might feel early to be talking about September, however the planning stages are on now for National Back to Church Sunday on September 15th. There are several parts and pieces that we will be doing in getting ready for this major event in the life of the Church.

- ◆ In August my sermon series will focus on the life of King Hezekiah, encouraging us to understand the importance of legacy. The central question: What are we doing to leave a legacy at Marion Salem Church and what kind of legacy will it be?
- ◆ The Allegheny West Annual Conference will be holding a Lay Ministry training in Marysville, OH. This is an important training and I would like to see as many people go as possible. The training is September 6 & 7. For more: <https://alleghenywestgmc.org/september-2024-awaken-registration/> The registration fee is \$75 after August 1 and includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday.
- ◆ We'll be welcoming new members on Sunday, August 25. Following the service, we'll have a potluck welcoming our new members and a church family fellowship event.

As we think through our legacy, we ought to be inspired (or perhaps challenged) to give our best for the Gospel through Marion Salem Church. In giving our best, it never hurts to learn more about serving in the Church and the Awaken event is only 45 minutes from Salem. Again, I highly encourage your attendance. Awaken will be an opportunity to form relationships with other congregations in our conference who we are working with together to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Finally, the day we receive new members is practice for when we seek to welcome new guests and visitors on Back to Church Sunday.

So get excited church! This is a great time to get involved, live out our faith, and be a disciple of Christ!

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 Members Sunday, August 25

Fellowship Meal Fellowship Worship

Please bring a dish or dessert to share.
Drinks and tableware will be provided.





Many thanks to Emily Sharp and Susan Rockwell for sharing their gifts of music!!

Accompanied by Susan, Emily played the bells during worship on July 7.

Directory Update Coming Soon!

Please help us by returning the letter from Pastor Jason by August 4. We are working towards having a new directory ready as soon. If you have not received your letter, please reach out to Pastor Jason.

Thanks!

A big thank you to Scott Croskey and Mark Lemmon who helped Pastor Jason get a data line to the gym's soundboard. This will help with future upgrades in the gym.



**Coming in
September**



Next peanut butter sandwich making
August 25



The old sanctuary bathroom...

The improved sanctuary bathroom!!

Thank you to all who helped with this project –it looks great!



JOIN US!!

Ice Cream Social!

Inside & Outside eating available.

Love Offering to dine in.
Carryout Available—priced to go!

**Marion Salem
Global Methodist Church
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Corner of Marion Edison Rd. & Salem Rd.
419-947-5383**

July 10, 2024

5 - 7 PM

What an Event!!

The Ice Cream Social Committee would like to give a HUGE thank you to all who helped out at this year's social. 375 people were in attendance and we made over \$2,100 which will benefit the our church's building improvement fund.

Salem Church Ice Cream Social through the Years

Submitted by Janet Strine

From the 150th Anniversary booklet

Sunday School Picnics that were held in earlier times in a wooded area west of the church were probably the fore-runner to the present ice cream social. Families would come with well-filled baskets of food for the noonday meal. Watermelon which was kept cold in tubs of ice was sold for 5 cents a piece. Ice cream cones, lemonade, and boxes of Cracker Jacks also were available for a nickel each. Children played such games as "drop the handkerchief" while men enjoyed pitching horse shoes. There were few swings for the children and you took your turn. This was a day of fun and everyone looked forward to it.

In the late 1940's, the first Ice Cream Socials of the Salem church were held on the lawns of church members and were sponsored by the Ladies Aid. Members were solicited for food for this event. Chickens were cooked for sandwiches and the broth was used to cook the noodles. Pies, cakes and salads were all made from scratch and the ice cream was made in hand-cranked home freezers. Watermelon was also an item on the menu.

By the 1980's, most of the profit from these socials was used for church improvements—new wall coverings, painting the wainscoting, new carpet, refinishing the church floor under the pews, window sills and doors. Other money-making projects the ladies sponsored were: quilting, sewing carpet rags which were woven into throw rugs and mending for ladies who were pressed for time.

The ice cream social has become an annual event which is planned by a general committee from the four adult Sunday School classes. More recently the second Wednesday in July has been set as the permanent date for the social. Two days before the social a "Noodle-Making Day" is scheduled at the church. Children, youth, middle-aged and older folks come to make noodles, have fun and enjoy a carry-in meal at noon. The proceeds from the social are used for worthy projects for the church or where there is a need. This year it was decided the money would go towards the payment of the new copy machine.

This event has become a time of fellowship for the community as patronage come from surrounding areas where folks meet to renew acquaintances and make new friends.

Ice Cream Social 2024!!



Salem Strivers

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

Wow! July went fast, sorry we did not get a chance for an event... check this out!

Summer Activities: Please watch the e-news for upcoming summer activities for youth—that's students who are going into 6th Grade this Fall up to those who just graduated from 12th Grade this past Spring.

Service Project: We're planning an afternoon mission project, followed with a pizza dinner.
Date/time: TBA

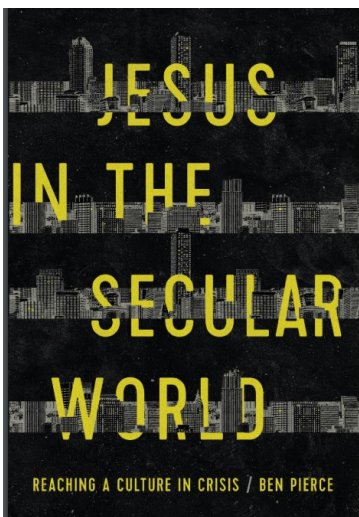


Pool Party:

Date/time: Sunday, August 11th at 4pm (rain date: Aug. 18th)

Location: Jerry/Karen Marquis

Please sign-up with Pastor Jason. At 7pm we will have dinner!



During July and August, RightNow Media's Youth Roadmap recommends *Jesus In the Secular World*. Check out this series and the emphasis on reaching those who do not know Christ.

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/444818>

INTRODUCTION If you're anything like me, you're probably noticing that people are increasingly apathetic if not hostile to the things of God. Today, so many people view Christianity as a relic of the past, a beautiful cathedral that's empty on Sundays. But this isn't some vague cultural issue—this is deeply personal. These are our friends and our family members. These are the people we're working with. And while this mass exodus from the church is tragic, there is hope. 2 Chronicles 16:9 says, "For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those

whose hearts are fully committed to him" (NIV). Consider the power of those words. The omnipotent Creator of the universe is actively looking for men and women who will give him their whole hearts so he can strengthen them as they step out. The purpose of this video series is to draw your heart closer to God, so you can experience his amazing power as you take risks to reach the secular world for Jesus!

Salem SCUBA VBS 2024!!

Thanks to all who helped in so many ways for our 2024 VBS - SCUBA. A shout out to the cooks for all the themed food, to our teachers for our stations, to the Wagner family and especially Sydney Shore (AKA Dale Wagner!) for the opening and closing. Thank you to all who donated food and diapers. Thanks to Pastor Jason & Scott Croskey for running the video and sound technology! **ALSO A BIG SHOUT OUT** to the parents and grandparents for bringing your kids and grandkids! We will look for you next year!



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LAY EQUIPPING WEEKEND
Allegheny West Annual Conference

AWAKEN is an event designed to equip you as a spiritual leader in your church and community. This event is an excellent experience for you if you feel God working in your life and you want to be “all in.” Join us for this two-day event to learn you can love and serve God more fully.

- Sept. 6 from 6-9PM & Sept. 7 from 8:30 AM--4:30 PM
- Cornerstone GMC, 207 S Court St, Marysville, OH 43040
- Snacks are included, as well as breakfast and lunch on Saturday
- Speakers, worship, practical workshops on living as a disciple
- Open to all lay people and clergy of Allegheny West

Registration is registration (Aug 2-Sep1) is \$75.

Because you asked... A few of you have asked about seeing a large number of pastoral openings online for GMC congregations. In our area, all congregations are supplied. The difficulty in other areas deals mostly with small part-time appointments and congregations that have passed on several candidates. Continue to pray for people to answer the call to ministry, and for congregations as they search.

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.

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.

July Schedule:

- Aug. 7th: Session 17
- Aug. 14th: Session 18
- Aug. 21st: Session 19
- Aug. 28th: Session 20



NATIONAL
**BACK TO
CHURCH**
SUNDAY

September 15, 2024



Mark your calendars. Who will you invite?

August 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----|--|-----|-----|-----|
| | 29 Fin/Ad C 6:30/7 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Communion | 5 | 6 | 7 Knitting/Craft 1pm Bible study 7 pm | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Knitting/Craft 1pm Bible study 7 pm | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Knitting/Craft 1pm | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Family Potluck –12pm | 26 Fin/Ad C 6:30/7 | 27 | 28 Knitting/Craft 1pm Bible study 7 pm | 29 | 30 | 31 |



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

August–Slackers Class
September - Genesis Class



Nursery Schedule

8/4 Susie Williams & Amy McGuire
8/11 Jennifer & Piper Croskey
8/18 Carol Crawford & Marilyn Shroyer
8/25 Amanda & Marissa Loyer

Children's Church

8/4 No Children's Church
8/11 Megan Pollock & Becky Oliver
8/18 Cheryl Slack & Jana Bauer
8/25 Mary Galloway & Whitney Williams

Birthdays

8/3 Robert Howser
8/5 Mark Schrote
Jeseca Wagner
Avy Bauer
8/8 Clive Jenkins
8/10 Marilyn Shroyer
8/12 Max Strine
8/17 Mike Dilsaver
8/26 Addison Jordan
8/29 Roger Burden
Rob Weisbrodt

ANNIVERSARIES

8/5 Steve & Jenny Bayles
8/7 Phil & Marilyn Shroyer
8/9 Rick & Julie Roth
8/15 Tom & Linda Seitter
8/17 Rob & Tracy Weisbrodt
8/18 Brian & Becky Oliver
Tony & Charisse Smith
Ike & Donna Dietsch
8/20 Chuck & Annette VanVoorhis
Paul & Ellen Messenger
8/21 Ric & Cindy Harvel
8/22 Hunter & Caitlin Smith
8/31 David & Shery Campbell



GREETERS

8/4 Terry & Kathy Fisher
8/11 Paul & Ellen Messenger
8/18 Bill & Mary Linn
8/25 Scott & Jennifer Croskey



Pray for

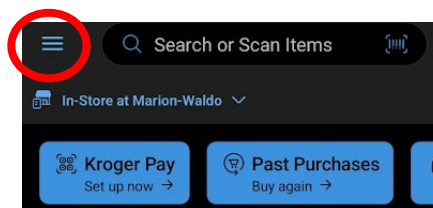
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Janet Schelb
Dave Monroe
Jude Stitzel
Sheryl Campbell
Donna McKinnis
Vicki Adams
Israel
Judi Myers
Rick Hicks
Tom Seitter family
Haiti
Mike Dilsaver
Paul Messenger
Fisher family
Betty Woodruff



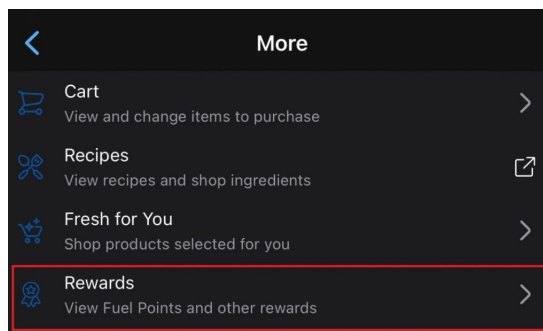
Support the Marion Salem Church Food Pantry:

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.

