



*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!*

October is such an incredibly busy month, I'm always impressed with how it sneaks up on me and can become so overwhelming. Our 19th anniversary is on the first, and we have plans as usual to go on a family vacation (though we're going to the beach and not the mountains) over the second weekend in October. October 6th is World Communion Sunday, a day set aside by many Christians around the world to celebrate the Lord's Supper in unity. Here at the church, we're gearing up for Charge Conference season which means the Nominations Team has been very busy preparing the slate of officers for next year. We're also entering budget planning for 2025 and your leadership is working diligently with a new process now that we have a year of actual expenses and receipts to plan from. A group of Sunday School leaders has joined together to bring back the Donuts and Devos time on the first Sunday of each month. I understand that on October 6th we'll have a joint time of learning together at the 9am hour following fellowship at 8:30am. Our Outreach Team has taken on the task of supporting our local Gideon Camps and helping them to recruit more members to spread God's Word. That event is on Saturday, October 19th. On the 20th we'll have a Family Fall Party at Tony and Charisse Smith's. And as I type this, the Conveying Conference is wrapping it's penultimate day and heading for a finale tomorrow.

Yet by the end of this month my attention will return to matters at home again. Emily is preparing for surgery on October 31st. Your prayers are certainly welcome as we begin that journey of recovery. Which brings me back to: October feels overwhelming. Yet as I was talking with Amy today in the office the phrase came up in conversation, "It all just feels... right." We have a lot of good work going on right now. Christ is lifted up. Disciples are being encouraged in their walk. And not too long from now—I believe we will see new disciples coming to Christ in our midst.

So yes, it is busy. Yes, there is much going on to pay attention to and be involved with. There is much to celebrate and strive to achieve. At the end of the day, it is all about Jesus and making disciples.

Blessings , 



By the time you read this the Convening Conference for the Global Methodist Church will have wrapped their last day in San Jose, Costa Rica. Almost all votes that I have witnessed were in near unanimous agreement. Moments of debate are reported as calm and never heated. Nothing was even brought to consider that would grieve our consciences. **THIS WAS DIFFERENT!** The worship was passionate and spirit-filled. I encourage you to review the Livestream videos at [www.youtube.com/@globalmethodistchurch](https://www.youtube.com/@globalmethodistchurch) and if you like the minutia of legislative work, the daily journal reports at [www.sotheworldwillknow.org/important-documents](https://www.sotheworldwillknow.org/important-documents).

# Salem Strivers

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

**Essentials of Faith:** Ask any group what it means to be a Christian, and we will hear different answers. But what unifies us? What are the basic characteristics of our faith that every Christian affirms? In this six-session series, Francis Chan will lead us in an exploration of key concepts common to all Christians through the centuries. No matter what divides us, we are united by these truths about the God we worship and our relationship with him.

## ESSENTIALS of FAITH

Strivers do all they can to seek after the Lord. Part of that is sharing Christ with others. Remember to invite someone to youth.

### Chaperones and Meal Help Needed!

We are once again looking for those willing to serve as chaperones for the youth group and provide a meal to the students. The following Sundays are needed:

Meal is needed October 27.

Chaperones needed October 6 & 27.

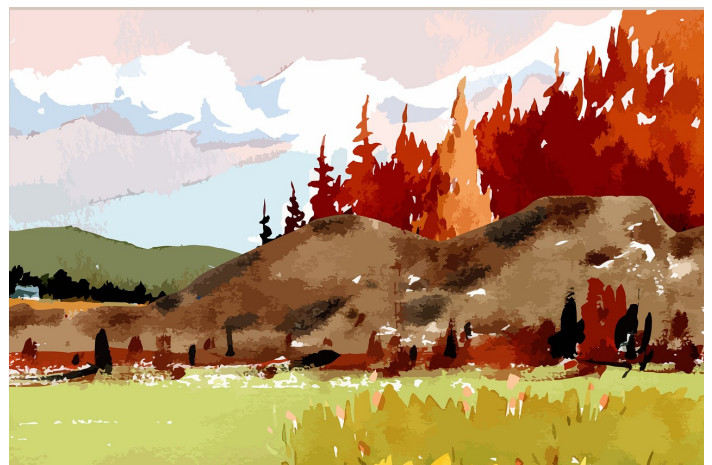


Heads up, due to vacation schedule, youth group will not meet on Sunday, October 13th. No youth October 20, join us at the Fall Party.

**The Strivers are still looking for a mature disciple of Christ who will help lead their meetings on a weekly basis. Please pray for and help us find this person by sharing it word of mouth.**



**MITES MESSAGE:** Anyone interested in sharing with the children during worship for the mites' message should see Pastor Jason. Available dates: 10/6, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/27.





The Gideons International

**Ministry Partnership Dinner**

**Saturday, October 19th — 6pm**

Marion Salem Church Outreach Team is sponsoring a dinner for the local Gideons International to help them recruit more disciples to spread the Word of God. We are looking for volunteers to help serve the meal (please see Annette). If you are interested in joining the Gideons, Auxiliary, or Friends of Gideons, please see Pastor Jason to RSVP for the dinner. If you know of someone who may be interested, please ask them to RSVP to Pastor Jason or the church office.



Food Pantry

Hours: Monday 10-noon

**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.

**No Study on 10/9, 10/16, or 10/30.**



Next peanut butter sandwich making  
September 29th



Missed a Sunday or really want to catch a replay? Have you been to our Facebook page... it's all there [facebook.com/MarionSalemChurch](https://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.

**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 10/14.**



**Family Fall Party  
Sun. Oct. 20, 4-7 PM**

Join us at Tony & Charisse Smith's for an outdoor family party .

Campfires for hotdogs and smores (and warmth!). Bring a side or dessert to share. Also bring your own lawn chairs.



# Back to Church Sunday!!



Back to Church  
Sunday  
2024

**WATER  
BALLOON  
FUN!**



Noisy Offering for Food Pantry

Senior  
Lunch

Wed. Oct. 30—Noon  
Menu: potluck





# November 5, 2024

## Or Earlier

### OCTOBER

10/7 Deadline to register to vote. Boards open until 9 pm.

10/8 Absentee voting by mail begins (ends 11/4, postmark deadline)

### EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING HOURS

10/8-10/11	8 am –5 pm	10/29	7:30 am—8:30 pm
10/14-10/18	8 am—5 pm	10/31-11/1	7:30 am—7:30 pm
10/21-10/25	8 am—6 pm	11/2	8 am—4 pm
10/26	8 am—4 pm	11/3	1 pm—5 pm
10/27	1 pm—5 pm	11/4	No early voting
10/28	7:30 pm—7:30 pm	11/5	Polls open 6:30 am—7:30 pm

## SUB SALE



**Sponsored by the Upper Room Class**

**Subs will be \$5 each**

**A Salem Sub is made with ham/salami/ bologna and cheese**

**\*\* Orders need to be turned in by Sunday, October 13th \*\***

**You may pick up your subs Sunday morning, October 27th before noon**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_


Number of subs \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please give your order to Amy Springer (740-360-1329) or the church office.

Checks payable to: Upper Room



# October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Knitting/Craft 1pm Bible study 7 pm	3	4 Co-op	5 Aspire Women (Bucyrus)
6 <b>Communion</b> Youth Group 6:30p	7 Bible Study 4p	8 Nominations 7pm	9 Knitting/Craft 1pm Bible study 7 pm	10 Trustees 6pm	11 Co-op	12
Sharp's vacation						
13 No Youth Group	14	15	16 Knitting/Craft 1pm	17	18 Co-op	19 Gideons Dinner 6 pm
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20 Fall Family Party 4 –7pm No Youth Group	21 Bible Study 4p	22 Trustees 6 pm	23 Knitting/Craft 1pm Bible study 7 pm	24	25 Co-op	26
27 Youth Group 6:30p	28 Bible Study 4p Finance 6:30p Ad 7p	29	30 Sr. Lunch 12 pm	31 Halloween		



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

October—Joy/Renn. Class  
November - Crusaders Class



### Birthdays

- 10/8 Judi Myers
- 10/10 Brian Oliver
- 10/13 Rick Roth
- 10/19 Linda Seitter  
Emili Howard
- 10/20 Ed Crawford  
John Cook
- 10/23 Andrea Bayles
- 10/24 Tim Jordan  
Abby Galloway
- 10/26 Jackson Crawford
- 10/28 Joan Crock
- 10/31 Donna McKinnis

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/1 Jason & Emily Sharp
- 10/15 Jerry & Maria Barbarich
- 10/21 Jesse & Avy Bauer
- 10/31 Kerr & Sharon Murray



### GREETERS

- 10/6 Jim VanMeter & Cindy Fuller
- 10/13 still needed
- 10/20 Susie Williams & Jenny Bayles
- 10/27 Bruce & Conni McChesney

### Pray for ....

- Ron VonAlmen
- Janet Schelb
- Jude Stitzel
- Sheryl Campbell
- Donna McKinnis
- Vicki Adams
- George Brown
- Israel
- Judi Myers
- Rick Hicks
- Tom Seitter family
- Haiti
- Mike Dilsaver
- Paul Messenger
- Betty Woodruff
- McGuire family
- Ike Dietsch

### Nursery Schedule

- 10/6 Charisse Smith & Linda Seitter
- 10/13 Amanda & Marissa Loyer
- 10/20 Jennifer & Piper Croskey
- 10/27 Conni McChesney & Amy McGuire

### Children's Church

- 10/6 No Children's Church
- 10/13 Megan Pollock & Becky Oliver
- 10/20 Cheryl Slack & Jana Bauer
- 10/27 Mary Galloway & Emily Sharp