

STAYING CONNECTED @



FEBRUARY 2024

United Methodist Church Marion, VA

FORWARD TOGETHER

inspire
encourage
equip

AKA - LEADER'S DAY

Saturday, Feb 10
9am - 12pm



Where are **WE** going
and how are **WE** getting there?

WE are a church family. Church families are bonded by the fact that we are family...."in-Christ"....together.

Together....
we inspire each other
we encourage each other
we equip each other
and so much more!

For today & tomorrow,
ALSO for
next month,
next year,
ten years from now.

WE start by moving **FORWARD TOGETHER**

Be at the Fellowship Hall - Saturday, Feb 10 at 9am

Come to listen, come to understand, come to be involved in your church today and in the future.

Wednesday, February 14
6:00pm

TASH WEDNESDAY



Marriage Night

Saturday
February 24
5:00pm

Dinner
Worship
Comedy

*Conference Speakers
Child care provided



ALL FREE!
Enjoy a night out with
you spouse ON US!

Pre-Registration Required
@ marionfumc.org/marriage

*Conference Content
streamed from
RightNow Media

HOW TO

DO & BE

CHURCH

A Look at Ephesians
with Pastor James

Begins February 18
Sunday Nights @ 7pm
Wesleyan Room



WEEKLY

AFTER SCHOOL FUN

Weekly on *Wednesdays, in the Fellowship Hall.
Ms. Ginger and the First Kids volunteers are excited to welcome the kids back. Snack will be provided.
Parent pick-up is 5:15pm.

★ There will be NO After School Fun on Wednesday if Smyth County schools are closed or dismiss early.

EVENTS



**Upward
Basketball
& Cheer**
K4-5th grade

Our mission is promoting the discovery of Jesus through sports.

SPORTS + INTENTION = IMPACT

Sports break down barriers and create a powerful catalyst for churches to build relationships and serve others.

Upward BB & Cheer is a great sports ministry provided by First UMC First Kids ministry.

Games: Sundays | January 21 - March 10 | 2pm & 4pm
Oak Point Elementary School

We need our church family to come to the games and get to know the families and invite them to First UMC. Why?
So the families and children will know Jesus and His love.

80% of people attend church because they were invited



Scouts @ First

Cub Scouts - Boys & Girls, grades K-5

Tuesdays at 7:00pm - First UMC Fellowship Hall

For more info call Scoutmaster

Christina Plummer 276-782-7902

Troop 93 B - boys & Troup 93 G - girls

Tuesdays at 7:00pm - First UMC Fellowship Hall

For more in call Scoutmasters

Chris Hash 276-759-6779 & Teresa Blevins 276-780-0483



First Youth Youth & their friends grades 6-12

WEEKLY

FIRST YOUTH BREAKFAST CLUB

Weekly on Thursdays at 7:15am

Meet us at the SCCH cafeteria for breakfast. The food is great and prices are reasonable! Spread the word and let's get excited for the 8th year of Breakfast Club!!!

★ There will be NO First Youth Breakfast Club if Smyth County schools are **closed or on a delayed schedule.**



First Youth Day of Service - Sunday, January 28

First they went to Walmart to shop for hygiene items for the "One Day at a Time" box outside the Chapel. They also purchased food to put together some "Food for a Day" bags to take to folks at the Warming center in Marion.



Did you know.....

Laura Robinson & Holston.org

Resurrection 2024 was last month? Each year thousands come together in Pigeon Forge, TN, to celebrate the God of The Resurrection. It is hosted by the youth ministry of the Holston Conference. CCYM, Conference Council on Youth Ministries, is the youth lead committee that is involved in planning Resurrection and many other youth events in the Holston Conference.

Along with other youth from the Holston Conference, five members of First Youth have stepped up to be a part of CCYM. Zoe Sage, Olivia Blevins, Hope Robinson, Payton and Dalton Hester.

We are so proud of Olivia Blevins for leading prayer during a morning session at Resurrection. We are also proud of our CCYM girls for being on stage and introducing themselves.

Below is the CCYM Statement of Purpose. It's pretty impressive not only because the statement itself is amazing but also that our Youth are actively working to make this statement happen in their lives and in the world.

- To understand and uphold the vision statement of the Holston Conference and make it a reality with God's help.
- To represent the thoughts and views of youth in the conference and to ensure a place for youth as an active and vital part of the Holston Conference.
- To plan events where all can come to know God and glorify Him through Christian fellowship.
- To promote the advancement of youth leadership positions by listening to God's call.
- To uplift and empower youth, and the church, to meet the needs of the world.
- To make adults aware of the needs of youth.
- To provide a safe haven for youth everywhere.
- To be a vessel through which youth are empowered to serve God in their church, community and world both collectively and individually.
- To provide training and resources in order to equip local churches for youth ministry.



“I’m still on a REZ high!”

Teri McCall

If you have been around any of the 51 youth and adults that attended Resurrection (REZ) you have probably heard them make this statement at least once.

Being totally immersed in worship, praise music and Bible study for almost 3 days and being around so many people who love Jesus is a powerful experience.

“Through inspirational words and music led by nationally-known speakers and musicians, young people (and the adults accompanying them) encounter the Lord in new and deeper ways.” (holston.org)

I have overheard many of our youth and adults talk about how they are inspired, excited and looking for ways to bring others to Jesus. They are also serious about growing in their love and relationship with Jesus.

This is a REZ high. I hope and pray it is contagious.



Resurrection 2024!!! Blessed to have spent the weekend worshipping with these youth, parents and church leaders.

I am always overwhelmed by the impact these weekends make on myself and these kids. It is pretty awesome to watch thousands of teens rush a stage and praise the Lord!!!

Being here this weekend reminds me that there is good in this world, we as Christians are present and God is in control. He wants the broken, the weak, the tired, all of us and remember He chose to make the sacrifice for our lives, He chooses us, we don't have to earn His love.

Thank you First UMC and Laura Robinson for allowing me to spend this weekend with these kids! Can't wait till next year. I spent most of the weekend laughing, praising and living life.

Elaine Tucker - FaceBook post



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun 9:00 am **CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**
& Children's Church
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am **TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**
7:00 pm First Youth Bible Study

Tues 10:00 am GriefShare
5:30 pm GriefShare
7:00 pm Scouts

Wed 8:30 am Prayer Breakfast @ Atkins Tank
3:30 pm First Kids Fun
6:00 pm Hand Bell Choir
7:00 pm Choir

Thur 7:15 am First Youth Breakfast Club
11:30 pm Food & Fellowship
6:00 pm Praise Band

MONTH AT A GLANCE

First Sunday Potluck - Enjoy good food & good company
Sunday - February 4 at 6pm
Please bring a main dish, side dish or dessert

Forward Together

Saturday - February 10 at 9am-12pm

Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday - February 14 at 6:00pm

Food Pantry Pack & Load Day

Wednesday, February 21 at 10:00am

Marriage Night

Saturday, February 24 at 5:00pm

Lunchbox Theology

- 2nd & 4th Wednesday
Men's Bible Study - Bring your own lunch
February 14 & 28 at 12:00pm

First Food Pantry

Tuesday - February 27, 1:00-4:00pm

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

Sarah Circle - 1st Tuesday monthly
February 6 at 7:00pm

Faith Circle - 1st Wednesday monthly
February 7 at 10:00am

Deborah Circle - 1st Thursday monthly
February 1 at 6:00pm

Grace Circle - 2nd Tuesday monthly
February 13 at 6:30pm

COMMITTEE & MINISTRY MEETINGS

Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, February 5 at 5:00pm

SPR Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 15 at 5:30pm

Administrative Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 20 at 6:00pm

Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 22 at 6:30pm

First UMC Gives

2024 General Budget:	\$ 493,633.00
Giving Needed Each Month	\$ 41,136.00
Giving - Year to Date - January	\$ 58,007.04
Expenses - Year to Date - January	\$ 53,434.62
Balance Year to Date	\$ 4,572.38

First Cares

SUPPORT GROUPS at First UMC

Weekly on Tuesdays: Jan 23 - April 30

You have a choice of two sessions:

10:00am - 12:00pm or 5:30pm - 7:30pm

We meet in the church conference room at the church office entrance. You are welcome to begin attending our GriefShare group at any point. Each session is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence.



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