

From the Desk of The Pastor...

125 years. Wow! 125 years of serving Christ. 125 years of proclaiming Jesus. 125 years of making disciples. 125 years of opening up the gates of heaven and shutting the doors on the gates of hell. 125 years of leading people to eternal life through Jesus Christ, of giving hope and reason for living. 125 years of making a difference in this community. That is something worth celebrating!

Sometimes we need a celebration to help us remember what our purpose is, why we are here. Some might include other things, like 125 years of worship services, or 125 years of Sunday School, and while those things are important, it is the 125 years of serving Christ that makes all the difference. It is the ministry and people who have been blessed by God and experienced the grace and mercy of Jesus that is to be celebrated. Or else the years mean nothing.

But for the last 125 years in this community people have found God by coming to this Church. People like you and me. Many have been baptized, married, and buried. We have been to Sunday School, revivals, dinners and bazaars. We have watched movies, and plays, joined the youth group or gone to the school. We have sang in the choir, rang the bells, and walked up and down the aisles for various occasions. We have met friends, made families, and most importantly encountered God.

Marshallton UMC has been more than a building for 125 years, it has been a life changing station. As we look back over the last 125 years (for most of us it is a much shorter time), hopefully we can all say with fondness, "I remember the time I was at the church and...". For some of us it may have been quite a while since we have been back, quite a while since we entertained those fond memories. We want to invite you to rekindle that spark that was birthed or fanned here at Marshallton.

As we celebrate 125 years, we know it is only because of each of you that we have a story to tell. It is not the story of the building, but the story of the people God has made here at Marshallton. Come and share your story. Come and tell your tale, for you are a part of the history of Marshallton UMC, part of what makes 125 years possible. We could not do it without you.

And we don't want to. We truly look forward to seeing you here for our 125th celebration weekend. The weekend starts with a Pancake Breakfast by the youth on Saturday Oct 15th at 8:00, followed by a day of fun for the children, music for all ages, crafts, pony rides, etc.

On Sunday October 16th we will have our two worship services at 8:30 and 11:00 with a fellowship time between. Then the weekend will culminate with a special 4:00PM worship service where Bishop Peggy Johnson will preach, we will enjoy special music, and commune together as we meet with God and each other, just as has been done for 125 years. Following the service we will have a special time of fellowship with the bishop, where we will be able to reconnect, share our stories, and celebrate the ministry of Marshallton Church in our lives.

We truly hope to see you there.

Serving the Lord for years to come,

Rev. Vaughan R. Hayden



Sunday October 2 we will be joining with Christians around the world to celebrate World Communion Sunday. During this special Sunday we consider our global Christianity and the brotherhood we share with Christians around the world. This includes the realization that many around the world do not enjoy the blessings that we enjoy, therefore a special offering will be taken for hunger relief as we break bread together.

All Saints Sunday is November 6.

The first Sunday of November is traditionally All-Saints Sunday, where we get the opportunity to memorialize and celebrate those who have gone on to sainthood within the past year. For this reason we wish to honor our Christian brothers and sisters who have died within the past year. If you would like to submit a name for our special service, please contact the office at 994-7466.

Open Auditions for

"A Charlie Brown Christmas"

October 9th at 1:00PM we will be having auditions for this years presentation of "A Charlie Brown Christmas." This holiday classic is tremendous as a live show, especially with children acting out all the parts. If you know of any children ages 4-12 who are interested in acting and love Christmas, we would love to have them audition. For more information contact pastorhayden@verizon.net .



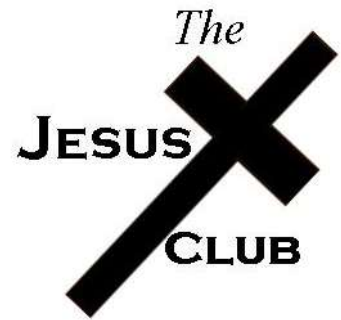
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

You don't want to miss the special production of "A Charlie Brown Christmas" on Friday Dec 16th at 7:00PM and Sat. Dec 17th at 3:00. The show is free and open to the public, but space is limited, so call and reserve you space today at 994-7466

The Jesus Club has started!

Every Tuesday Night, from 6:00-7:00PM children ages 4-12 are welcome to come and learn about Jesus. We know how much fun it is to be a Christian and we love being able to share this with the children. We sing songs, play games and have crafts before we send them off with a little snack.

They even get points for attendance, bringing their Bibles, bringing friends, and learning their memory verses. Once they achieve a certain amount of points, they will get prizes as a reward for their diligence, and earn special achievement designations for even more points and prizes. All children are welcome, so invite your friends!



Have you heard about the Youth Group?

We are having a great time meeting on Sunday Nights as we get to know each other, learn more about the Bible and play some fun games.

We are currently trying to form a youth band so if you know anyone who plays an instrument and would like play some songs for Jesus with us, give the pastor a call at 994-7466.



Youth Group Name Contest.

We are having a contest to let the creativity flow within the youth group. Each youth is encouraged to offer suggestions for a name and a logo and the one that is chosen will receive a free ticket to the Youth Rally in January!

By the way, the Youth Rally registration is due by October 15th. The price is \$47 dollars and allows each youth 6th grade and above to enjoy the weekend of Jan 6-8 in Ocean City with 3000 of their closest Christian friends listening to great music, and learning awesome stuff. Of course it will be packed with fun. This year's theme is "Back in Time" and will feature the DeLorean car from the "Back to the Future" movies. (Apparently they did remove the flux capacitor so as to avoid any unwanted excursions.) By the way, the DeLorean will be HERE at Marshallton UMC for our 125 anniversary on Oct 16th, so come and check it out.

We have lots of activities planned, with more added all the time. Check the website for more details. www.marshalltonumc.org

Joplin, Missouri, Here we Come!

We have been talking about for awhile, and now the planning starts. We will be having the first meeting for those interested in going to Joplin, MO February 19, 2012 – February 25, 2012 to help rebuild the city that was destroyed by a tornado. Many have wanted to find a way to make a real difference with missions, and this is it as we can put our hands and feet to action. If you are interested in going, please contact the office and attend the planning meeting October 5 at 6:00PM. The estimated cost for this trip is \$700/person. Detailed information will be provided at the meeting. If you would like to help but cannot make the trip, consider sponsoring someone to go on the trip. More information will be available soon.

Servant Opportunities Available!

We know that there are people who would to do something for God, but are not sure what. We would like to let you know of some servant opportunities that we have available. Please contact the office, or the designated contact to apply.

- Welcome specialist –(greeters) We have many opportunities for people to extend a warm handshake and present a bright smile at our multiple entrances, our welcome desk and the parking lot. If you are interested contact Lynn Barnett or Kappy Stevens.
- Childcare teacher (nursery). Children are a blessing to our congregation, but often require special care during the worship service. We are accepting applications for those who wish to serve God and the Church by caring for these little ones during either worship service once a month. Contact the office to apply.
- Presentation specialist- The way our worship space and the surrounding areas looks is very important to our guests, and our members, but it does not pick up after itself. Those interested in cleaning and sprucing up the space once a month are invited to contact Margaret Godwin.
- Sunday School teacher- we are currently looking for a teacher for the early elementary age students. The requirements are a love for children, a love for the Lord, and an ability to communicate. Contact the pastor for more information.

Life Groups are forming now!

As part of our 125th celebration, we will be launching our small group Bible Studies called “Life Groups”, the week of October 16th. After our big celebration of where we have been, we will continue to move forward by joining together in groups to enjoy fellowship, study the Bible, pray for each other and simply “Live Life Together”. Several groups are forming at various times and places and we hope that everyone will find a time and place that fits their schedule. If you are interested in being a group facilitator or a group host, please contact Anne Thomas. There will be a meeting on Monday October 3 for anyone interested in helping. Watch the website and the bulletin for times and locations.

The Food Closet Ministry

Plans are underway to re-launch the food closet as a food closet and homeless ministry. The United Methodist Men and others are excited about this opportunity to be involved in making a difference in the lives of people in our community. Soon you will begin to see requests for food and opportunities to serve, so take advantage of the chance to do something for God and your neighbor.

Be on the lookout!

A morning prayer.

Good Morning God.

You are ushering in another day, untouched and freshly new,
so here we come to ask you please, if You'll renew us, too.

Please forgive the many errors that we made yesterday,
and let us try again, dear God, to walk close in Thy way.

But Father, we are well aware we can't make it on our own,
so take our hands and hold them tight for we can't walk alone.

Amen.

A favorite prayer of Bobby Jones, (1946-2011)

ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE CHATTER IS NOW HERE (mostly anyway).

If you are interested in receiving the “Chatter” electronically instead of hard copy, please let us know. We hope to make it available through email and the website in the near future.

Come One, Come All and bring your Family, Friends and Neighbors too!

It's that time of the year already... Our Annual **BAZAAR** is fast approaching so save the date and plan to attend....

November 12, 2011 9 AM – 2 PM

You don't want to miss out on good food, good deals and great fellowship!

We will have...

Wonderful home made baked goods on the Bake Table

Hidden treasures on the White Elephant Table

Beautiful jewelry on the Jewelry Table

Delicious food in the Kitchen

The excitable Silent Auction

Secret Santa shop

and of course

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Donations (new items, antiques, hand made items, gently used items) are being accepted for the silent auction, please contact Karen Lester 302-740-6576 or at MUMS 302-994-4188 Monday – Friday 7:30 – 3:00.

We will gladly accept any other items you would like to donate for the bazaar.