



December 2023

“LIGHT FROM THE HILL”

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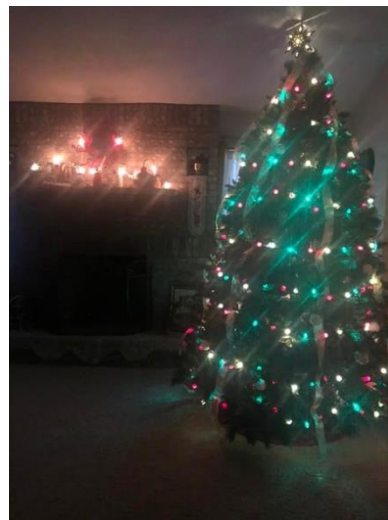
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Lights on; Lights off. I am enamored with lights. I love lights. They bring joy and peace to me besides just pure pleasure. I can't be in a room with a Christmas tree and not have the lights on. First thing in the morning as I walk through our living room, I turn them on. That includes the lights on the mantel. Oh should I mention that I have 5 trees (largest one- 9 feet shown)?

What is it about light? I have shared two pictures. One with the lights off and one with lights on (no filters). With the lights on, it brings out the total beauty and abundance.

Jesus is the light of the world. He tells us that clearly and it's referenced 96 times in the Bible. As followers of Jesus, we are to be the light as well in this fallen world.

To me it's simple — I love Jesus — He is the light — I love the light.



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“I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in the darkness.” John 12:46

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” John 1:5

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.” Isaiah 60:1

“For it is you who light my lamp, the Lord my God lightens my darkness.”

Have you seen the light? Have you received it? Do you love the light?

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Article written by
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**This article comes from Pastor Greene’s Facebook page *Abundant Living at Full Draw*.
If you would like to read more of her posts, visit and like her page on Facebook.

DECEMBER WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

December 5, 2023

Pastor Doug Snyder
The Lord’s Supper will also be served

December 10, 2023

Donna Yarnal

December 17, 2023

Randy Stear

December 24, 2023 (10:30 a.m.)

Jackie Greene

Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m.

“Longing for More”
The Lord’s Supper will be served
Service will end with candle lighting



Dear members and friends of the Presbyterian Church of Marion. You are encouraged to keep the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) in your frequent prayers. If you don’t know what to be praying for, here is a prayer you can use that has been culled from several sources:

Most gracious and loving God, having accepted the invitation to work together to seek out and prayerfully discern the person who, even now, is being called to serve, lead, and journey with the Presbyterian Church of Marion, we ask you to come to the PNC’s assistance.

As it is written in Psalm 139, “... you have searched us out and known us; you discern our thoughts from afar; you follow our journeys and are acquainted with all our ways ...” Be with them now, Father.

As they continue in this search process, be present among them, and guide each step they take. Guide them in all their doings, Gracious God.

Build unity among them, guard them from distractions, and help them to welcome different viewpoints and perspectives as opportunities to hear, understand, and grow. Father, teach them to listen. But also, allow them some Holy rest when rest is needed.

Inspire not only their minds but also their hearts, allowing one to form the other, within each individual, and among all participants in this work. Open their hearts and minds to your presence, Lord Jesus.

Quicken the heart of the person begin called to serve as our next pastor. Remove any obstacles that might stand in the way of this call. Reveal the path and lead the way, as we all know you as The Way, The Truth, The Life.

Lord, may the PNC offer themselves as fertile ground through which your work may be done. And when their tasks are complete and the search is done, grant them quiet minds and confident hearts that, guided by your wisdom, they will have accomplished what you have asked them to do. And then let them rest, be still, and know that you are God.

Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.



Decorating the Church for Christmas... Following worship on **December 3rd**, we will be decorating the church for Christmas and could use some help. We invite you to stay for a lite lunch and then we will be decorating. With many hands it will take little time, plus it really is a time of fellowship and fun.



Family Promise....

New Life Lutheran Church will be hosting the Family Promise families the week of December 3rd. Our church will be providing dinner for them on Monday and Tuesday, December 4th & 5th. If you would like to help prepare part of the meal for one of these nights, please contact Lynette Clawson or Bobbie Farren.



Mission Outreach for December....

We will once again be helping the residents of Crystal Waters with some gifts. On the Mission Tree in the Narthex are tags for individuals with items we have been given. Please note some tags have some specifics on them to help you when purchasing items. We also have some tags marked Crystal Waters and there are a list of general items that you can donate and Crystal Waters supplies to residents as they may need them.



General items that can be purchased and dropped off are:

Hand Towels	Wash Cloths
Shampoo	Body Soap
White Crew Socks for Men	White Ankle Socks for Women

All items need returned by December 17th.

Poinsettia's for the Church...

If you would like to order Poinsettia's in memory or in honor of someone, you may do so by signing up on the list on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Orders need to be placed by Sunday, December 10th. Cost is \$10 and checks can be made to the Board of Deacons. Please place your money in the envelopes provided on the bulletin board and give to a Lynette Clawson or turn into to Beth in the office.

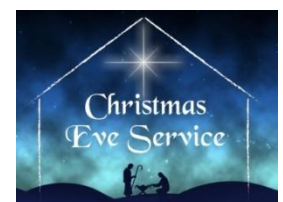


Christmas Eve Luminary.... We are looking for volunteers to help us put out the luminaries for Christmas Eve. We will be placing them out Christmas Eve morning following worship if you would like to stay and lend a hand. We are also in need of someone to help light them around 5 p.m. If you would like to help, contact Beth Turner in the church office at 724-397-8110.



Christmas Eve Service....

Join us Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m. We will have a special service entitled "Longing for More." We will explore the thoughts that can overwhelm us not just at Christmas time but the whole year and share the gifts God gives us to lift those burdens. Our service will also include communion and candle lighting.



Check out our new website..... We recently upgraded our church website. You can now find us at pcmarion.org

Check it out for the latest news as well as our monthly newsletters. Miss a Sunday; check out the sermon link. Want to know a little about our mission outreach; click the mission tab. Know someone in need; we hope our resource tab will be of help.



Annual Congregational Meeting...

The annual congregational meeting is scheduled for **February 4, 2024 at 10 am.** All members are invited and encouraged to attend as we need to make sure we have a quorum. We will be looking at 2023 in review and electing officers for the class of 2026. The church service will follow at 10:30 with the installation of officers



Prayer Requests

Rest Home Folks:

Rose Haven, Kathy Mabon,
Crystal Waters, Joan Marshall

Homebound Folks:

Russ Olson

Active Military Service:

Louis Good & Brianna Fulmer

PNC Committee:

Calvin Farren, Lorrie Gallo, Natalie Gatskie, Chuck Glasser and Heather Hood

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Susie Enoch | |
| 2 Debbie Hill | |
| 3 Liz Gatskie | |
| 4 Katie Moore | |
| Cassidy States | |
| 5 Wendy Weeks | 19 Barb Banks |
| 8 Doris Glasser | Ryan Edwards |
| Jonathan Kanouff | 24 Rev. Bruce Shannon |
| 12 Sue Olson | 27 Dakoda Anthony |
| Nicole Watkins | Bob Edwards |
| 14 Jed Gallo | 28 Karl Lightcap |
| 17 Cheyenne Anthony | Josh Mouser |
| 18 Kathy Mabon | 29 Russ Olson |
| | 31 Fred Edwards |



ELDER OF THE MONTH

Linda Glasser

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Lynette Clawson

Milestone Anniversaries

- 15 Ryan & Alicia Spencer - 5th
- 18 Gary & Barb Hood - 52nd
- 18 Mark & Bonnie McMahan – 30th
- 31 Russ & Sue Olson - 65th

