



April 2024

“LIGHT FROM THE HILL”

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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The Session

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GLORIOUS DAY

A glorious day! Driving home this evening with my husband from a very special event we were mesmerized by these clouds. My first thought was they looked like mountains. So many different colors and ranges. Then we started commenting about all the details that we were seeing in them.

What a perfect end to a wonderful evening. It was spent with meeting the family of a dear young woman who I baptized in their swimming pool! What a privilege to be a part of God’s plans in others’ lives! Just like those clouds with all their beauty and splendor, this young woman is stepping into a new life with Jesus Christ which will bring her beauty and abundance like she has never known before. By being baptized she was shouting out to the world that she is a follower of Jesus and has already accepted Him as her Lord and Savior.



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To top it off the perfect song came on the radio - Child of Love by We The Kingdom.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” Matthew 28:19 NKJV

#AbundantLivingAtFullDraw #AbundantLife #GodsPlan #GodsChild #ChildOfLove #baptised #baptism

Article written by
Pastor Jackie Greene
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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.

APRIL WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

April 7, 2024

“Why Does This Surprise You?”
Rev. Howard Greenfield
The Lord’s Supper will also be served

April 14, 2024

Pastor Doug Snyder

April 21, 2024

Randy Stear

April 28, 2024

Pastor Jackie Greene



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.



The April Mission Outreach is the Baby Bottles, Change for Life that supports the Life-Way Families.

Lifeway has two locations, one in Indiana and one in Latrobe. Services they provide include: pregnancy & birth education, help with maternity clothes for expecting moms, provide adoption support and help with referrals, provide parenting education, help with infant and toddler clothes, provide nursery supplies, offer fatherhood lessons, life skills training and support, offer Healthy Roots Classes with focus on goal setting, budgeting and wellness and sexual risk avoidance education



In 2023 here are a few numbers they have shared with us through their newsletter:

*846 Client Appointments

*187 Practical Assistance Appoints

*44 Healthy Roots Classes

*13 Babies Born

*51 Children Served

Life Way depends on donations and their biggest donation campaign is their Baby Bottle Change for Life. You may ask “How can one little plastic baby bottle help?” Well it definitely can and does help in huge ways! Between 1500 to 2000 bottles are distributed and the average amount raised per bottle is \$15. That means all added together, there is the possibility to raise close to \$25,000 annually!

Totals from their 2023 Baby Bottle Campaign:

*24 churches participated

*1116 Bottles were filled

*270 Envelopes by mail

*Total income for the Baby Bottle campaign for 2023 was **\$23,121.38**

Our church contributed \$322.30 from our 2023 collection of baby bottles.

Bottles will be available for pick-up, beginning Sunday, April 6th and they can be filled and dropped off anytime during the month of April. Keep in mind if you don't want to count your change, you can also place paper currency in the bottles or write a check made out to Life-Way and place in your bottle.

Let's see if we can beat our 2023 total!

Fellowship Meal on April 21st following worship...

We will be having our 2nd annual chili cook-off!

We know some of those recipes are top secret, so bring us a crock to try. Who knows you might win the award for best chili! Sign up to enter your chili on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Gary Kanouff is our reigning champion; let's see who this year's champion will be!

For those that are not chili eaters....we've got you covered with macaroni and cheese.

Corn Bread and yummy desserts will round out our lunch. Everyone knows you don't leave our fellowship lunches hungry so be sure to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship!



May 2nd - National Day of Prayer... This date is a national day set for us to come together as a nation for a day of prayer. Our church along with the Marion Center United Methodist Church will be holding our annual 24 hour prayer vigil. Prayer slots are for half hour increments. Prayer guides are available at the church if you would like guidance on what to pray for. Join our prayer warriors as we lift in prayer our family, church, community, our nation and other nations of this world. If you would like to sign-up to pray, please contact Sheri Repine or sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

THE 73RD ANNUAL
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024



LIFT UP THE WORD -
LIGHT UP THE WORLD
2 SAMUEL 22:29-31

Ladies Brunch
May 11th
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Presbyterian Church of Marion

206 High Street
Marion Center, PA 15759



"Esther"

Making Your Moments Count

Special Biblical Presentation

by LuAnne Baker

LuAnne brings Biblical women to life using costume and story-telling.

No cost to attend
but please RSVP by May 5th
Beth Turner 412-289-6821

Wear your favorite hat



Bring your favorite tea cup



Don't have either.....
Just come for the food, fellowship and
A Ladies Day Outing!

gluten free foods will be available

Graduate Bibles...

What is your go-to-verse? What words of scripture are most meaningful to you? Each year we give our graduates a *Life Application Bible*. We would like to give these Bibles with verses/passages commended by congregational members. These are verses that give us encouragement, comfort, peace or direction in our times of searching and need.



Beginning in April, the Bibles will be available on the table in the narthex along with highlighters and pens to highlight, underline or bracket verses. You may include your name, initials or leave anonymous. These will be presented on May 19th at the graduation recognition.

Everyone is encouraged to participate. If you would like to suggest a verse but are unable to mark the Bible yourself, please list the verse on the 3X5 card on the table and place it in the basket or email Beth with the verse. Someone from the M&M committee will mark the Bible for you.

Prayer Requests

Rest Home Folks:

Rose Haven, Kathy Mabon,
Crystal Waters, Joan Marshall

Homebound Folks:

Russ Olson

Active Military Service:

Louis Good & Brianna Fulmer

Rwanda Partner: Musange Church
Missionaries in Ethiopia - Heather & Habtom Kaleb

The Session of our Church
The Deacons of our Church

PNC Committee:

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3 Henley Fetterman
4 Alexis Mouser
7 Ken Ackerson
Sheri Repine
Tori Snyder
8 Kathy Reece
11 Jim Biss
15 Katelin Wetzel
18 Joe Kanouff
20 Heather Shick
24 Holly Turner
27 Shauna Frazee
28 Michael Gatskie IV



ELDER OF THE MONTH

Lorrie Gallo

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Lynette Clawson

Milestone Anniversaries

4-5 John & Lois Repine – 55th
4-20 Fred & Connie Edwards -56th

