



The CHRISTIAN MESSENGER

SPOTLIGHT

Outreach

Our mission is to volunteer and donate to services, causes and individuals in our community, county, state, nation and world. We do this financially and through acts of service.

On July 12, 2023, Outreach, with the help of other members of the church, served our annual Carnival Workers' lunch. It was very successful as we served a meal of ham, cheesy potatoes, salads and desserts to 26 Carnival Workers. Outreach Team Chair Karla Parman said that "It always helps to have lots of talented cooks and it certainly takes many doing different jobs to have a successful event." Several members also stepped in to help set up tables, make drinks and do dishes.

Outreach is also currently sponsoring Christmas in the Summertime. Church members are buying clothes for 12 kids so they will have a new outfit to start school. The team is also responsible for deciding which missions FCC regularly gives monetary donations to, such as North Star Advocacy, the Senior Center, the Ministry Center and the Christian Church of Mid-America, as well as special offerings such as Easter, Pentecost and Week of Compassion.

We are also looking at some type of teacher appreciation event; however, no definite plans have been made at this time.



When asked why she serves as the Outreach leader, Karla Parman said, "I was asked to lead Outreach because the current leader needed to step down. I was very hesitant to take the job because the past leadership was excellent and I knew I would have big shoes to fill. I have been very lucky to have a great team with lots of experience. They have all helped me and made my job easy. I look forward to being a member of Outreach and hope to continue the great work this team does each year."

If you're interested in finding out more about this extraordinary team, or maybe volunteering, take a moment to reach out to Team Leader Karla Parman, Sue Shenkel, Cara Colville, Sandy Mull, Terry Immel and Connie McGinness.



Christmas in the Summertime

Gifts need to be returned to the chapel individually wrapped so each child has five gifts by Sunday, July 23.

Thank you!



Sunday Mornings

Prayer and Share
9 a.m. Room 106

Last Supper Leftovers
9 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Children's Sunday School
(K-4th Grade)

Youth Sunday School
(5th — 12th)

9 a.m.— 10 a.m.
Down Stairs

10:30 a.m.
Service in the Sanctuary

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Keeping in touch with our church families

Our Community Prayer List...

John Praiswater
Marsha Bell
Pastor Terry Robinson
Curt Jeter
Naoma and Lisa Smeltzer
Steve Schmitz
Leonard Matthies
Theresa Schmitz
Vanessa Parsons
Karla Parman
Bennett Porter

Bob Hull
Rain Johnson
Bob Colville
Kay and Gerald Davison
Sue Schenkel
Lora Larabee
Stephanie Marr
Emily McLain
Sharon Andrews
Deluxe employees

In Sympathy...

The family of Stetson Jackson

Active Military...

Josh Carpenter
Kevin Schluter
Jimmy Costello
Lane Hermelink

Sam Ferguson
Garrett Pistole
Cody Hermelink
Dawson Kitzman

Prayer List Guidelines...

Names are added to the prayer list by request and remain on for two weeks unless we receive an update requesting to be left on. Please let us know what your request is and if we can share it with others. Contact the pastor or the church office at 660-214-3414 or officemanagerfccmaryville@gmail.com with prayer requests.



Our Staff

Gina Johnson
Senior Pastor

Anita Dew
Organist

Virginia Ripple
Office Administrator

Pat Immel
Technical Director

Ali Buesing
Director of Youth Discipleship

Merlin Atkins
Property Manager

Deena Poynter
Music Director

August 2023						
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September 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	Jul 31	1	2	3	4	5
		5:10 PM Nodaway Chorale Board meeting	6:00 PM Praise Team rehearsal	6:00 PM Optimist Club		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:00 AM Sanctuary Open 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Elders' Meeting 2:00 PM Sandi Mull Birthday Party	1:30 PM Circle of Joy	11:45 AM Maryville Public Library Trustees	6:00 PM Praise Team rehearsal			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:00 AM Sanctuary Open 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	5:30 PM PEO 6:00 PM Team Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Board meeting	7:00 AM Optimist Board meeting	6:00 PM Praise Team rehearsal	6:00 PM Optimist Club		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Youth Sunday 8:00 AM Sanctuary Open 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	6:00 PM PEO		6:00 PM Praise Team rehearsal			
27	28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2
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Monthly Schedule

August 6

Elder: Sandi Mull
Diaconate: Team #3
Communion Prep: Karen Brown
Greeter: Amber Hanna

August 13

Elder: Phil Poynter
Diaconate: Team #4
Communion Prep: Vicky Dougan
Greeter: Cara Colville

August 20

Elder: Youth/Linda Davison
Diaconate: Youth
Communion Prep: Lisa Raasch
Greeter: Merle Pierce

August 27

Elder: Connie McGinness
Diaconate: Team #2
Communion Prep: Pam Dougan
Greeter: Deb DeMott

Upcoming Events

July 23

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August

Blessing of the Backpacks
Back to School Celebration
Christian Education Clean-up
Northwest Move-in Giveaways Day

Pastor's Pen

A message from my heart to yours



Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

I stumbled upon this short and simple verse and thought about how much this sentence has to offer as we go through the motions of everyday life. What if we heard this verse as a message of guidance and instruction from the Spirit within to help us navigate our walk. Focus on the work of Christ in and around you and find life's joy in serving him. "Be joyful in hope..." When the pressures (lessons) of life (loss, illness, violence upon violence, disappointing results, racism, financial woes, broken relations, etc.) are challenging you, instead of losing faith, resorting to anger or bitterness, choosing sides or passing judgment, press into the One who, "for the joy that was set before him endured the cross." Jesus endured the cross to reveal to us that we can overcome the weight of this world and transcend into a space of eternal peace, understanding, and life. "...patient in affliction," can be a difficult pill to swallow because in affliction we want it to be over asap. So, what if we look at it differently and see it as a time of learning and opportunity. The lessons we gain when we demonstrate patience and are open to the teachings of the circumstance are priceless. And finally, "faithful in prayer." Communion time with God is essential. Find those spaces where you can talk to him and don't forget to listen. I like to use my drive time for chats with God. Still, can't find time to pray, how about turning off the TV or electronic devices for an hour each evening for a week. How many things have you tried to do from your own strength? Seek God for the deep breakthroughs you spent all week trying to make happen and recognize that you are empowered for greatness. Rest in God's affection so that you might love out of God's fullness.

Be Joyful. Patient. Faithful.

Blessed by the fullness of God's love,

Gina



July 17 Youth Event





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201 WEST THIRD STREET
MARYVILLE MO 64468
Return Service Requested



2023 Dates and Hostesses

Circle of Joy,
our Women's Fellowship group,
Meets on the first Monday of the month
At 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
unless noted

Please contact hostesses to RSVP

Aug 7	Barb Pierce (Rose Hill, 1 st & Main) (RSVP by July 31)
Sep 11	Lenda Kling, Sandi Mull
Oct 2	Lenda Kling, Ann Gibson
Nov 6	Connie McGinness

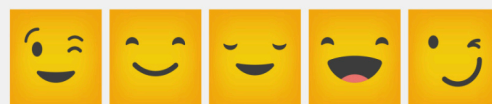


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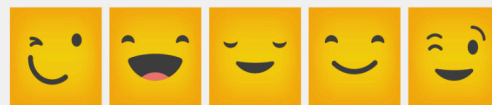
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What do you call
two worms in love?
Soil Mates!



HELP WANTED



Christian Ed Team
is looking for
individuals to help with Sunday school and Children's
time. If you would like to help, please contact the
church office

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