

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



With the development of Marion Aldersgate's Communications Team, we are thrilled to present our November Newsletter! Marion Aldersgate Church will have a newsletter available on the 1st of each month. You will be able to find this on our website at [agatamarion.org/newsletter](http://agatamarion.org/newsletter) or, if you're needing a printed copy, it will be available on the Welcome Table in the church lobby.

## Newsletter Submissions:

Submissions to the next newsletter must be emailed to [assistant@marionaldersgate.org](mailto:assistant@marionaldersgate.org) no later than the 15th of each month and must be approved by the Pastor and meet Communications Team Newsletter section/policy requirements. To submit your new event or program, use the *Event Application Form* (see below).



## Greetings From Pastor Bob!

Greetings Church, Church newsletter Pastoral pieces face the temptations of becoming trite, predictable, and riddled with cliché. Or they can downshift into a laundry list of doings, marinated in a broth of spiritual drool that drifts the reader off to sleep. So, try this!

The Spirit of God is moving in deep ways at MAC. People are connecting on Sundays, not only with longtime friends, but with those new among us. And the welcomes are genuine. Folks are moving toward a discipline and disciple-based vision of stewardship of time and talent and money. Folks are affirming and reclaiming the spiritual gifts God has given them for His kingdom and service to Christ. Youth and teens are musing the hair of some of us high-mileage types with an excitement about following Jesus not intended by God to be limited to "young people." Some hard decisions are being discerned and made, rooted in love for all affected. And gratitude is real, to God and for one another. MAC is positioned to move into the season of Advent and Christmas and into the new year of 2024 with feet planted firmly on the Rock of gospel faith and the foundation of Jesus.

The challenges:

- Identify, affirm and commit to use at least one spiritual gift of God for your service to Him.
- Ask God what He wants you to do to act out your discipleship into 2024... what to start and perhaps what to stop.
- Most of all, commit some stated time each day for a private audience with your Lord... He will always arrive first for any such appointment... and withhold no pain or joy from His presence. BE the church of Jesus and let Jesus point the way!

## WEEKLY WORSHIP & LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE:

### Wednesday Night Worship:

6:30PM - Worship Service

### Sunday Morning Worship:

8:30AM - Traditional Worship

10:30AM - Contemporary Worship

### Unified Family Worship Service:

November 12th - 10:00AM

Marion Aldersgate is participating in the Very Merry Marion Holiday Parade on November 26th at 5:30PM in downtown Marion from MJHS to Washington Elementary.

[www.verymerrymarion.com](http://www.verymerrymarion.com)



## Event Application Form:

Interested in starting a new event, program, or study? All new events and programs must first complete the *Event Application Form* available on our website resources page, or by scanning this QR code. You will be notified when your request is approved.

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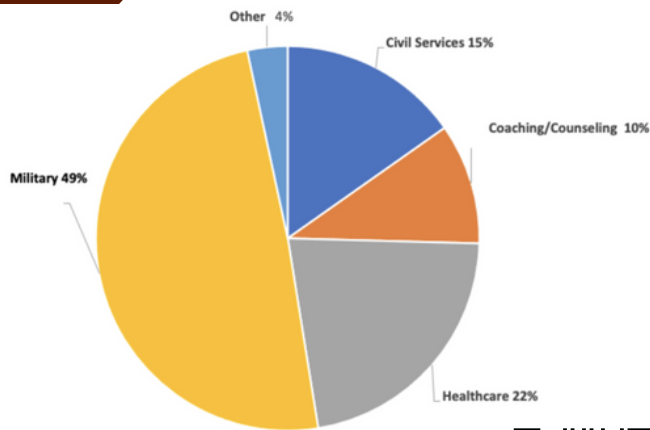
# NEWS FROM GMC



**OUR MISSION** is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.



## GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH



### GM Church Chaplaincy Ministry Gains Momentum

By Walter B. Fenton

The Global Methodist Church's Endorsement Ministry continues to grow and gain momentum. The ministry is responsible for assisting applicants who are interested in a variety of chaplaincy ministries, vetting potential candidates, and then endorsing them. While chaplains serve in particular settings beyond the local church, they are also members of one of the GM Church's provisional annual conferences.

Effective January 23, 2023, the United States Department of Defense officially recognized the Global Methodist Church as a religious organization, allowing the Church's clergy to join the various branches of the armed forces as military chaplains.



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### GM Church Continues Preparing for Its Convening General Conference

By Walter B. Fenton

Plans for the Global Methodist Church's convening General Conference in San Jose, Costa Rica, September 20 - 26, 2024, are gathering pace.

The GM Church's Transitional Leadership Council has announced that petitions for consideration at the Conference must be received by May 23, 2024. GM Church members, whether clergy or lay, can submit petitions, but their individual petitions must be signed by at least ten other lay or clergy members. (To learn more about submitting a petition see paragraph 607.1-6 in the [Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline](#).)



### Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University Recognized as Recommended Educational Institution

By Walter B. Fenton

The Transitional Leadership Council is pleased to announce that Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University (Marion, Indiana) has been approved as a recommended Educational Institution of the Global Methodist Church. The Seminary was founded in 2009 by the Wesleyan Church and Indiana Wesleyan University. Among several degrees, students can pursue a Master of Divinity, Master of Arts, and Doctor of Ministry. Current enrollment is approximately 550 students.

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GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH



# COMING SOON



**ONE FAMILY  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
10:00AM  
SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 12TH**

## Thanksgiving

at 

Join us as we celebrate Thanksgiving together on **November 12th** following the 10AM Family Worship Service. Scan the QR code to RSVP.




**SCAN TO SEE  
THE MARION  
ALDERSGATE  
STUDENT  
MINISTRY  
CALENDAR**



### NUTS, NUTS & MORE NUTS!!!

Sign up on order forms for delicious fresh pecan halves and pieces at \$12 a bag, and chocolate covered pecans, pecan clusters, glazed pecans or cinnamon glazed pecans at \$10 a bag.

Orders will be taken until November 13 with delivery expected the third week of November in the ALC (Gym).

Call Frances Pierce  
618-889-7880  
for more information.  
Marion Aldersgate Church Women

### What about BOB?

**Story time & snacks with Pastor Bob!**

**Sunday, November 19th at 4PM**

RSVP in the Sunday Bulletin



### DECORATING FOR Christmas

**NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

Preparing the church for the season of Advent

All Ages are Welcome! There will be a light lunch provided in the ALC (Gym)

RSVP in the Tear-off Section of the Sunday Bulletin by November 15

### TRIM A TREE

*Hosted by Thrive*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD**

We will have a light lunch with crafts for the kids to decorate the tree by the east entrance.

All are Welcome

Please RSVP in the Sunday Bulletin or call the church office.




### Veterans Day Video

submissions must be turned in by November 5th. Please email submissions to [agatamarionmedia@gmail.com](mailto:agatamarionmedia@gmail.com). Send us:

1. A Photo
2. Your Full Name
3. Service Branch

The video will be played Sunday, November 12th in the 10AM service.

### HELP US HELP THEM



Thank you!

Thrive is taking diaper donations for the **Got You Covered Diaper Program** through **Sunday, November 26**. This ministry provides diapers to those in desperate need here in southern Illinois. There currently is a need for sizes 4, 5, and 6 as well as pull-ups. Any brand other than Parent's Choice or Luvs accepted. Please place diapers on signed table in the lobby.

### THE POLAR EXPRESS!

**MARION CONNECTS THIRD THURSDAY!**  
**NOVEMBER 16TH | 6:00PM-8:00PM**

Marion Aldersgate has been invited to serve Hot Chocolate at the next Third Thursday Event in downtown Marion at Market Street Music Conservatory. This Polar Express Themed Event will be something the whole family will enjoy, and a wonderful way Aldersgate can show Christ's love to the community.

### THE "VERY MERRY MARION" HOLIDAY PARADE!

**NOVEMBER 26TH | 5:30PM**

Spreading Christ's Love and Christmas Cheer! This year, Marion Aldersgate Church will have a float in the "Very Merry Marion" Christmas parade!



# MONTHLY AT MAC



CALLING ALL  
**MOMs**  
OF SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN  
1ST & 3RD THURSDAYS  
9AM-11AM  
BRING A BRUNCH DISH TO SHARE

**IRON SHARPENS IRON**  
*Men's*  
**BREAKFAST**  
FAITH • FOOD • FELLOWSHIP  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, AT 8:00 AM  
ETHOs at the Citadel, 504 Tower Square Plaza, Marion.

**"A Life of Giving Thanks"**  
4 Week Wednesday Night Study  
4 Weeks - Last night is November 15th  
This four session Bible study gives a glimpse of what it means to live a life of giving thanks — one permeated by a grateful heart that overflows to others  
Study will take place in the Good Shepherds room  
All ages are Welcome!

## Connect

Care Packages for College Students: Donations due November 19th!

**Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Breakfast Gathering on November 11th, from 8:00 to 9:30 AM at ETHOs at the Citadel (second floor above The Vault Cafe).** This is a men's gathering to connect men for fellowship, prayer, and a Bible devotional. We are open to all men interested in Christian fellowship and exploring the Bible for God's leading in our lives. John Markley will be our devotion leader. The breakfast is provided by The Vault Cafe and the cost is \$10 per person. Contact Russ Williams at 618-694-6586 or [rwleadership@gmail.com](mailto:rwleadership@gmail.com) to make a reservation.

**Bible Study**  
EXPLORER'S BIBLE STUDY  
NON-DENOMINATIONAL FOR MEN & WOMEN  
**10AM BEREANS CLASSROOM**  
A DEEP LOOK INTO THE WORD OF GOD. WE WILL BE STUDYING GENESIS, LOOKING CLOSELY AT THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM THROUGH JOSEPH.  
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE OR JODI REINHARD. STARTING JANUARY 8TH, 2024. THE STUDY COST/BOOK IS \$28. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Phoenix Odle
- Jari Vanek
- 02 Brent Clark
- Bob Phillips
- 03 Ella Hudspath
- Kaylor Lane
- 04 Sheila Gwodzik
- Aileen Tonazzi
- 06 Abby Simpson
- 07 Donna Gully
- 09 Lane Webb
- 10 Denise Griffith
- Jacob Krmptoch
- Kingston Lane
- 11 David Dodd
- 13 Judith Masoner
- Amy O'Keefe
- David Williams
- 14 Jacque McKinney
- 16 Dick Stotlar
- 18 Hilary Holdinghausen
- Reba Utle
- 19 Judy Hopkins
- Rece Roper
- Kelley Walker
- Helen Williams
- 20 Jo Rana Smith
- Victoria Rabacchi
- 21 Mya Dunning
- Lynda Laningham
- 22 Phil Odle
- 24 Megan Anderson
- Rita Monroe
- 26 Carol Dagley
- Malachi Cox
- John Shadowens
- 27 Renee Pressley
- 29 Lee Rodgers

**Greeters Training | November 6th, 2023 | 6:00PM**  
Contact Jean Ness to RSVP | 618-889-4258

**Marion Aldersgate Church Women:**  
November 2nd  
Bereans Room - 1:00PM  
The program "Surviving Vietnam" will be presented by veteran Bill Shanks. Jodi Reinhard will give the Devotion and Debbie Ferguson will have refreshments. All women are invited. Spouses are welcome.

**QUILTERS GONNA QUILT**  
**QUILTING B'S AND WANNA B'S**  
NOVEMBER 14TH - 11:30AM-3PM  
(LUNCH PROVIDED)

**It is our turn to serve at the Ministerial Alliance Soup Kitchen!**  
November 20th-24th (not on Thanksgiving Day). Please call or text Lynne Redden (618) 694-4550 to sign up.

**Event Application Form:**

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- NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:**
- 08 Larry and Marjorie Bemserfer
  - 20 Fred and Rita Monroe
  - 23 Tom Witzke and Donna Whitfield
  - 26 Joe and Jodi Reinhard

**"Firm Foundation" Wednesday Night Worship Series Continues:**

**Firm Foundation**  
The Core Teachings of the Global Methodist Church  
Wednesday Nights at 6:30PM  
Team-taught by Pastor Bob Phillips and Pastor Jim Slone, this series will stretch from September to the Wednesday prior to Advent and cover the Wesleyan/Global Methodist foundational teaching on God, Christ, the Spirit, Scripture, Sin and Salvation, Sacraments, Discipleship, Holiness and Eternal Life. Sessions will springboard from THE CATECHISM OF THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH, recently published and available to all participants.

## Connection Points

**Nursery:**  
Infants to 4 year olds during Sunday School and Services on Sunday mornings.

**Children's Church:**  
Located in the ALC (gym) for ages 3 1/2 (if potty trained) to 5th grade during 8:30 Service, Sunday School and 10:30 Service on Sunday mornings.

### Sunday School Classes

**Bereans**  
A class for retirees  
Room 8

**Disciples**  
50+ using Wesley Bible Curriculum  
Room 21

**Seekers**  
A class for any age that is interested in the true meaning of the scriptures.  
Room 28

**Good Shepherds**  
A Class open to all ages with an emphasis on scriptural integrity.  
Teacher - Sharon Atchison  
Room 7

**Jr. High**  
Teacher - D.O. Carlson  
Room 25

**High School**  
Teacher - John Fletcher  
Room 26

**Homebuilders**  
Oldest class in existence at Aldersgate, Studying from the Wesley Bible Curriculum  
Teacher - Wally Dodge  
Teacher - Jim Turner  
(Prayer Room behind the Sanctuary)

**Sisters & Friends**  
A place for women of any age to connect and share a love of God's Word.  
Teacher - Sharon Johnson  
Room 24

**Thrive**  
Adults 30-50  
Thriving through Adulthood  
Teacher - Somer Slone  
Room 27

**Young Adults**  
H.S. Grad. - 29ish  
Teacher - Morgan Brave  
Room 23



# MISSIONS & HIGHLIGHTS



### Student Led Sunday! | October 29th:

We had an incredible Student Led Sunday! Our student worship team, The Chain Breakers led us in a powerful time of worship. We had two student baptisms (Pheobe & Brooklynn!), and Sophia Swinford gave an amazing message and testimony! We thank our leaders and all those who work with and encourage our students to make mornings like this possible.



### Trunk or Treat | October 29th:

We hosted our annual Trunk or Treat on October 29th. We had the opportunity to give 410 Bibles out to each child. We also gave away a boy's and girl's bike. The Golden Pumpkin went to Casey Dunning!



### Evangelism Walks | October 7th:

We had several participate in our continuing Evangelism Walks. They went to Spring Garden and Summerfield Estates. They handed out 60 door knob hangers. The student ministry will join in with their efforts November when they reach out to the Morningside Subdivision.



### Marion Connects Fall Festival Carnival | October 19th, 2023:

Marion Aldersgate gave away over 300 cups of hot chocolate at the Third Thursday event on the square in downtown Marion! We're so glad we could be a part of the fun and connect to our community!

# MISSIONS

## MISSIONS CONFERENCE 02/07/24 - 02/11/24

### Connecting with Our Missionaries

Bringing missionaries to minister to the congregation in order to focus and revive the congregation's awareness of, obedience to, and commitment to Christ's command to be His Holy Spirit empowered witnesses in the world. ("In Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the end of the earth" Acts 2:8; of Luke 24:46-49). Activities will include, hearing from missionaries during normal services, home groups, youth activities, children's actives, men breakfast and women's brunch and an international dinner.



## Missions Moment:

We are excited to have The Weakly's at Marion Aldersgate the morning of **November 19th!** Join us to hear all about their journey and mission work.

### About the Weakly Family:

"We joined The Navigators as upperclassmen during our undergraduate studies at the University of Illinois. Jesus was leading us to be a part of a disciple-making ministry where we could be discipled and learn to make disciples. As Navigators, we are excited to see the world transformed by Jesus and His Gospel as one generation of disciples commends His work to another. We minister among undergraduate students at Indiana University, focusing on evangelism and Life-to-Life discipleship. We are excited to continue following Jesus in His Great Commission!"



USE THE QR CODE TO GIVE DIRECTLY TO THE WEAKLY'S

If you would like to give to one of our missionaries individually, you can now use the QR codes on the missions board in the church hallway.

SAVE THE DATES!  
MARION ALDRSGATE MISSION TRIPS FOR 2024!

JUNE 1-8, 2024

SOUTH DAKOTA FAMILY MISSION TRIP

SEPTEMBER 21-28, 2024

SAGER BROWN UMCOR MISSION TRIP BALDWIN, LOUISIANA