

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



With the development of Marion Aldersgate's new Communications Team, we are thrilled to present our October 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 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 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 Saints!
Marion Aldersgate Church, a Global Methodist congregation, is alive and well in Kingdom business. Despite the departure of some beloved brothers and sisters in our disaffiliation process, our worship attendance is up from last year at this time. The "Serendipity" ministry for our seniors thrives with trips, relevant programs and good food. Our children and youth ministries continue to blossom in the aftermath of a busy summer of church camps, VBS and other adventures. Discipleship is nurtured in the wide variety of our Sunday adult classes and fellowship for all ages. Staff Parish is in the middle of the process of identifying the next full time pastoral leadership...and ask your prayer for their discernment to make the right and best call. Support for 10 missionaries serving around the world continues, as well as the Ministerial Alliance soup kitchen ministry close at home. The sick and shut-in are visited with compassion and prayer. The risen Christ is present and real among the Aldersgate saints... though much more always remains to be done. To worship passionately, witness boldly and love extravagantly is our call. Heed as Jesus beckons, find your place, and join the family with joy.
-Pastor Bob

WEEKLY WORSHIP & LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE:

Wednesday Night Worship:
6:30PM - Worship Service

Sunday Morning Worship:
8:30AM - Traditional Worship
10:30AM - Contemporary Worship

Pastor Appreciation Month

With October being pastor appreciation month, the church is thankful and appreciative of interim pastor Bob and his wife Christie for the talents, gifts and abilities each has brought to us. Leadership, stewardship, discipleship, and Christian prioritization to renew energies in the basics of the Gospel are but a few of those talents, gifts and abilities. We have been the benefactor during this interim period of Bob's obedience to God's direction and serving in whatever capacity furthers God's Kingdom.



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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



Global Methodist Church Now Operating or Organizing in All Fifty U.S. States

By Walter B. Fenton

With the recent authorizations of a transitional district advisory team (TDAT) in Virginia and one covering nine western states (Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington), the Global Methodist Church is now operating or organizing in all 50 states in the U.S.

Transitional district advisory teams and transitional advisory conferences teams (TCATs) are composed of clergy and laity who work together to create provisional districts and provisional annual conferences that connect GM local churches in their regions. In the U.S., the GM Church now has 12 operating provisional annual conferences and one provisional district. Over the next several months the Church plans to celebrate the launch of four more provisional annual conferences and two provisional districts in the country.

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Kenyan Congregations Join Global Methodist Church

By Walter B. Fenton

Fifty-eight local United Methodist congregations in Kenya voted to withdraw from The United Methodist Church and then announced they would align with the Global Methodist Church. The congregations made their decision at the UM Church's Kenya-Ethiopia Annual Conference held in Nairobi, Kenya, on August 24, 2023.

In addition to the 58 local churches planning to join the GM Church, Odongo said 16 other local churches planted in the past year have also indicated they will join the GM Church as well. He believes other local UM churches in Kenya and also Ethiopia will make the transition to the new denomination as they learn more about their options.

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COMING SOON



Trunk or Treat:

October 29th, from 3:00PM-6:00PM is our annual Trunk or Treat! This Marion Aldersgate staple continues to bring joy and excitement to our community. There will be candy, food, inflatables, and giveaways! So bring the whole family! You can also be a part of this event! Help us as we welcome our community by decorating a trunk or donating candy! Please use the container in the church lobby for candy donations. See Debbie Randol for more information or contact our church office.



3rd Annual Bandy's Pumpkin Patch Party (Presented by Thrive):

Join the families of Aldersgate at Bandy's Pumpkin Patch in Johnston City on Sunday, October 15 from 4PM to 7PM for fellowship and fun! We will meet at Fire Pit #1. Food and drinks will be provided and the play barn and hayride are included. RSVP with Jennifer Jeter or Somer Slone. You may also contact the church office.



Are having their first meeting Thursday, October 5 in the Bereans classroom. Time: 1:00pm

- Plans for Pecans sales will be discussed.
- Program is based on Loretta Crosson's recent devotional letters.
- Refreshments will be served.



Fields of Faith:

On Wednesday, October 11th, the student ministry will be meeting at Aldersgate to eat at 4:45PM then load up on the buses and head to Marion Highschool for the FCA Fields of Faith event. The event kicks off at 6:30PM and the Chain Breakers will lead pre-event music from 6-6:30PM. Pray for the students who will be helping lead worship, sharing their testimonies, and being a witness in their schools.



New Small Group Launch! Empty Nesters (Or Almost):

Join Aldersgate's new small group, "Empty Nesters." This new group is open to those who are now empty nesters (or soon will be!) Their next event is a Wiener Roast at 5:30PM on October 7th at the home of Mike and Donna Whittington. Hot dogs, buns, drinks, and paper products provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert and a lawn chair. RSVP with Donna Whittington or Marsha Capel. You may also contact the church office.



Our 3rd Grade Bible Presentation is Sunday, October 15th in both services!

"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.



Student Led Sunday:

Sunday, October 29th is our next student led Sunday! Both morning worship services will feature Marion Aldersgate students serving in various roles like greeting, leading worship, leading our time of prayer and message, and more! Worship and special music will be provided by our Marion Aldersgate Student Worship Team, *The Chain Breakers*.



SCAN TO SEE THE MARION ALDERSGATE STUDENT MINISTRY CALENDAR

MONTHLY AT MAC



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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.

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

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

QUILTERS GONNA QUILT
QUILTING B'S AND WANNA B'S
OCTOBER 10TH - 11:30AM-3PM
(LUNCH PROVIDED)

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:

- 1 Jim and Joann Richards
- 2 Bevin and Laura Stein
- 6 Chad and Tracy Barras
- 6 Dick and Anita Stotlar
- 9 Bill and Kathy Cooper
- 9 Matt and Casey Dunning
- 10 Dave and Pam McReynolds
- 14 Ryan and Lori Anna Walker
- 16 Travis and Liz Haas
- 16 Don and Lora Nolen
- 22 Don and Lynne Redden

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



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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Anne Eastman
Linda Walker
- 02 John Zeigler
- 03 Sandy Simpson
Sonya Thompson
- 04 Tom Kelton
- 06 Andrew Zeigler
- 07 Dawn Jackson
Rachel Stroud
- 08 Rachael Petree
- 11 Amber Fike
Kesia McClellan
- 12 Roger Russell
- 13 Kenny Arnold
- 14 Liam McGuire
Harper Smedshammer
Will Montgomery
Zach Carlson
- 15 Fran Pierce
John Shotton
- 18 Rick Lautenbacher
Don Nolen
Jamie Powell
- 19 Abby O' Keefe
- 21 Joy Sheppard
Marietta Midence
- 24 Moriah Arnold
- 25 Liz Reynolds
Melissa Plant
- 26 Carol Ankrom
Steve McKinney
Larry Pitchford

MISSIONS & HIGHLIGHTS



National Day of Volunteer Youth Ministry Training | September 23rd, 2023

On Saturday September 23rd, 13 leaders from Marion Aldersgate and West Frankfort Trinity gathered for the 5th annual National Day of Volunteer Youth Ministry Training. Experts taught on five topics: "Our Faithfulness to the Next Generation," "The Power of Your Presence," "Celebrating Chaos & Implementing Structure," "What's Unique About Today's Teenagers," and "Helping Students Grow in Prayer."



Explorer's Bible Study | September 25th, 2023

Photos of the Explorer's Bible Study enjoying a lunch fellowship. Their studies in the first half of Genesis will continue, and they will begin the second half in January 2024. Anyone is welcome to join them at any time. They meet Mondays at 10AM.



MISSIONS



Missions Moment:

Hal Hamilton has been appointed to serve as the next President of Cornerstone International. Hal has been faithfully serving CI for the past five years and he has served as a shepherd to their missionaries. They ask that we continue to pray for Hal and this new position. Hal's new role and responsibilities will bring new warfare. We need to provide a continual intercessory shield and hedge for Hal and Annamarie (and their family). Please uplift the Hamiltons in prayer. They also ask for financial support. If you have not already done so, please consider joining the Hamiltons' financial support team. If you are already partnering with the Hamiltons financially, we say "thank you!" for your generosity and wholeheartedly affirm that your faithful stewardship is an ongoing investment in the Kingdom of God.

SAVE THE DATES!
 MARION ALDERSGATE MISSION TRIPS FOR 2024!
 JUNE 1-8, 2024
 SOUTH DAKOTA FAMILY MISSION TRIP
 SEPTEMBER 21-28, 2024
 SAGER BROWN UMCOR MISSION TRIP BALDWIN,
 LOUISIANA



Use the QR code to read Cornerstone International's full newsletter.

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.