



From Pastor John

In the past I've been part of events where we'd do a wrap up, often a few days to a couple of weeks after the event. These sorts of things are important, especially if you are going to do them again in the future, or because they were of such significance that they are going to impact how you do things going forward.

At those wrap ups we'd review general feelings of how it went, talk about the logistics, budgets, organization, and things like that. However, some of the most important parts of the conversation would come in what we learned. I remember one event that I helped plan and we knew we had a good topic, one that was important for the folks that were in attendance, and that could have a very big impact on the churches they were a part of.

And we still stand by that thought, but we learned an important lesson from that event. We thought that we were setting up our day so that the folks in attendance would be familiar enough with what we were talking about that they immediately understand what our speakers were presenting. We were wrong.

This wasn't anything on the speakers or the folks in attendance, but we learned that we fell into the trap that many fall into. We'd spent so much time on our topic, thinking through what it meant, and we were naturally more inclined to understand what we thought its basic implications were, that we missed the fact that our attendees weren't in the same place we were. Most of them were not used to having the conversations we'd have or have spent as much time thinking through it as we had.

There's two different ways that you can go after something like that. You can take the route that says the attendees weren't smart enough to understand what was going on (rarely is that the case), or you can say that we didn't know enough about our audience, and we must do better in the future. We chose the second one.

I say that because we're in a similar place now. The temptation is to go back to things as they were, to return to "normal." I've seen this happen in a lot of ways already. It's very easy for us to fall back into the habits we had in the past. The trouble is that we haven't done many of those things for at least a year and we're a little rusty. We also know that many of those things were struggling to stay working like they had in the past.

This means a couple of things for us. The first is patience. The thing about falling back into the habits of the past is that not all of us fall in the same way at the same time. For a while it's going to be good to have good conversations with folks and not just assume that things will work like they always have, because the past year has taught us that "always have" isn't as long as we think.

The second thing means that even for the things that come back (and not all will) we need to think through them. Even if we do them the exact same as we have before, they are going to mean something different now. This is a big opportunity for us to breathe new life into things that have become stale.

This is also an opportunity to do new things as well. This is why, as we go through this Summer, we'll have some time to talk about what we've learned, what worked and what didn't, and what our hopes are for the future. For all that has happened, we have to take time to learn and grow. In this, we will see the Holy Spirit at work, and I'm looking forward to what it will be telling us.

Peace,
Pastor John

Sharing Table

We will begin the Sharing Table in the sanctuary entryway the first Sunday in June through the last Sunday in September. You are invited to donate plants, fresh produce and baked goods any Sunday. The items donated will be sold for a donation which is given to eight Missouri based service agencies.



Join us on the second Tuesday of each month for a time of community prayer. We'll meet at 7am at area churches so you will still have time to come before work starts. We know that we need this time together and we would love to see you there!

This month we're meeting at Bethan Baptist Church on Tuesday 6/8/21 at 7am.

Monthly Calendar

Mondays

7am-7:30am Scripture Reading on KDWD 99.1

Tuesdays

4pm Centering Prayer Live on our Facebook Page facebook.com/marcelineumc

5:00pm Prayer Group in the downstairs Sunday School classroom

Fridays

7am-7:30am Scripture Reading on KDWD 99.1

Sundays

Online Worship on our website marceline.com/worship (click on the link for Sunday's date)

9am Facebook Worship facebook.com/marcelineumc

10:10am Worship in the Sanctuary

Other Church Events

6/7 3pm-5pm: The Food Pantry is open in the Fellowship hall

6/8 7am: Community Prayer at Bethany Baptist Church

6/9 1:30pm: Orpha Circle in the Fellowship Hall

6/12-6/13: Missouri Annual Conference (online only)

6/14: Flag Day

6/14 5:30pm: Celebrate Recovery meal at the Assembly of God

6/19: Juneteenth

6/20: Father's Day

6/21 3pm-5pm: The Food Pantry is open in the Fellowship hall

6/30 7pm: Gospel Sing in Ripley Park

7/4 10am: Community Worship Service in Ripley Park (no in person worship)

Office Hours

Beth: Thurs-Fri, 8am-1pm

Pastor John: Monday all day, others by appointment (or stop in)

Gospel Sing

Sponsored by the Marceline Fire Department

Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in Ripley Park.

Anyone interested in singing contact John Carver at 660 376 3625

Camp Jo-Ota Summer 2021

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| 05/28-30 | Family Camp | All Ages |
| 6/21-25 | Spirit Camp | 6-12 grades |
| 6/25-26 | F.R.O.G.s | age 4-5 + adult |
| 06/25/27 | Camp S'mores | 1-3 grade + adult |
| 6/27-7/1 | Discovery Camps | 3-5 grades |
| 7/6-9 | Faith Treasure Hunt | 3-5 grades |
| 7/6-9 | Fishing Camp | 6-12 grades |
| 7/22-25 | Return to Narnia | 6-8 grades |
| 7/24 | Mom/Grandma & Me | PreK-2 + adult |

Visit campjo-ota.org for more info

Counselors Needed

Discovery Camp is for kids going into 3rd-5th grade. It is almost like four camps in one as there are four different discovery zones: Rockets, Sewing, Outdoor Adventure, and Sports. And of course there are campfires, large group games, Bible discovery, swimming, small groups, and all the other things that make camp happen.

But this can't happen without counselors. Counselors are people who love God and love kids enough to give a few days of their time to make this happen. They need to be at least 16 years old. Parents, coaches, grandparents, aunts and uncles can all make good counselors.

Here are the details:

Sunday, June 27 at 2 pm (if possible) campers arrive at 4:00 pm.

Thursday, July 1 at noon you are free to go (probably a little sooner).

What you will do:

Lead or assist in a small group – (discussion materials will be provided)

Lead or assist in a large group game – (materials will be provided)

Assist at one of the discovery zones (Rockets/Sports/Outdoor Adventure/Sewing)

Be a friend/mom/dad/coach/grandparent to the kids.

Help with overnight supervision (stay in the cabin with them)

You will need to be Safe Sanctuary/Safe Gatherings approved. (If you are not we can get that done – but it takes a while.)

Finally there is a \$25 charge for all the food, but if that is a problem, I will gladly pay that.

If you are interested contact Rev Eric Anderson at 573-822-9701 pastor.eric.missouri@gmail.com

Celebrate Recovery Meals

We're signing up to do meals at Celebrate Recovery for the 2nd half of the year. You can sign-up in the back of the Sanctuary, or by clicking on the link below.

[CR Meal Sign-Up](#)

When you click on the link, select if you'd like to be the lead for that month or a volunteer (you can sign-up for as many times as you want) and when you're ready click "Submit and Signup" at the bottom of the screen. There you can put in your name and contact info.



Orpha Circle

MARCELINE UMC

Orpha Circle will meet on June 9th at the church at 1:30pm. We are collecting for Festival of Sharing Kits, and the congregation is invited to join us in this project. We collect one item a month for a kit. We usually send 20 kits to them in September. It would be wonderful if we could send more. Other items needed are:

- 4 child size toothbrushes
- 1 tube of fluoride toothpaste
- 2 adult soft toothbrushes.

Put your donations in the pie room marked for Orpha. Thank you.

June Birthdays

- 1 - Christian Dyas
- 1 - Kathy Stark
- 3 - Kari English
- 4 - Gabe Kelly
- 6 - Jamie Sibley
- 12 - Sharon Sportsman
- 12 - Lisa Pope
- 12 - Audrey Walsworth
- 17 - Michael Anders
- 24 - Sallie Buck
- 26 - Pamela Engelhard

- 28 - Marilyn Mears
- 29 - Lena Fisher
- 29 - Kylee Schmitt

Anniversaries

- 3 - Bill & Brenda Moore
- 6 - Gary & Eleanor Ravens
- 9 - John & Vicki Helton
- 20 - John & Julie Sheerman
- 22 - Jason & Beth Teeter
- 24 - John & Emily Pinkston

Local History

Thanks to Cheryl Cavanah for passing this on! There's a local connection for us and more info about a very comforting hymn in our hymnal. Click on the links to read the original post, and to find out more about Doris Akers.

There was a recent [UMC post](#) on facebook concerning the hymn "Sweet, Sweet, Spirit." It was very informative and although it said the author/composer was a Missouri native, it failed to mention [Doris Akers](#) was born in Brookfield and spent a lot of her life in Kirksville.

Prayer List

Breakthrough Prayer: Come Holy Spirit, come show us how we can be the spiritual heart of this community

Goals: Grow in faith, Understand our role in the community, Listening for God's voice daily

Groups:

Church: Denomination, Conference, Area UMC's, Area Churches

Schools: Students, Teachers, Administrators, Employees

Government: Leaders, Local, County, State, National

Young Adults, Newcomers, Unchurched

Situations: Covid-19 Pandemic, Racism, Economic Disparity

Individuals: Jim Lester family, Ed McLachlan, Mary Preston, Pat Watkins, John Garvey Family, John Hendrickson, Kevin Stanfield, Pammie Burch, Jonathan Fagan, Ron Chrisman, Gene Liebhart, Linda Sterbenz, Leona Schaefer, Pam Epperson, Gary Carlson, Kyle Lake, Bryant Dunn, Linda Ewigman, Gene Taylor, Kara Robinson, John Christy, Colt Parris, Johnny Helton, Kenny Bailey, Angie Builder, Bob & Pat Magee, Pearl Miller, Zoe Tolliver, Joan Sportsman, Shane Cavanah, Dan Brooks, Wayne Heins, Ruth Farris, Linda Korte, Mary Sayler, Lynn Fellmann, Mark Ewigman, C.A. Lain, Thomas Wellman

Pioneer: Mabel Worley, Marilyn Mears

Bristol Manor: Annie George

Lenoir Woods: Ed McLachlan

Military Service

Patric Munson, Nick Cain, LTC John Casey Welch, Tyler Nanneman, Jeffrey Tucker, Kelly Tucker, Brandon Wellman, Heath Floray, Steve Graves, Michael Pyrtle, William Leukenotte, Kerry Lowrey
