



## From Pastor John

As I get older, I get more and more ready for Spring each year. That may come as a surprise to some of you. My love of Winter is fairly well known, but it isn't as much as it used to be. This Spring in particular, I am really ready for.

This month we will marking one year since everything changed. One year since we shut down and everything stopped. Even though it has only been a year, it feels like it has been so much longer. So many things that were cancelled, so many others that were changed, and still others that went ahead despite our worries of them. For this, it's good that we are in the season of Lent, and we can take this time to process all that has happened.

This is a time when we can look to the start of Spring and new life. We are coming to a time when we can look to Easter in a way that we haven't before. We have a deeper feeling of what it must have been like during that time from Good Friday to Easter morning when the world seemed to hold its breath.

We are coming into a time when we are releasing that breath and starting to look at what comes next. What comes next won't look like what we were before. Some of that is a lament that we will lift up, but other parts of it are opportunities to celebrate. Those things come together as we see what new path God has set in front of us.

We are entering into a new time as a church and as a community. I believe that what comes will be greater still. In this newsletter we'll have more information about Holy Week and Easter, and about some new things that are coming our way. As the weather warms up our worship will be changing again so that we can gather all of us together.

As we go through this month, watch for more news, information, and opportunities to gather and grow in faith. I'm looking forward to what is coming, and I hope that you are too.

Peace,  
*Pastor John*

# Monthly Calendar

## **Mondays**

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

## **Tuesdays**

4pm Centering Prayer Live on our Facebook Page [facebook.com/marcelineumc](https://facebook.com/marcelineumc)

## **Fridays**

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

## **Sundays**

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

9am Facebook Worship [facebook.com/marcelineumc](https://facebook.com/marcelineumc)

10:10am Worship in the Sanctuary

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## **Other Church Events**

3/1 3pm-5pm: The Food Pantry is open in the Fellowship hall

3/10 1:30pm: Orpha Circle meeting in the Fellowship Hall

3/10 5pm: Green Space Committee meeting

3/15 3pm-5pm: The Food Pantry is open in the Fellowship hall

3/28 Palm Sunday

4/1 Maundy Thursday

4/2 Good Friday

4/4 Easter Sunday!

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## **Office Hours**

Beth: By Appointment, call the church office 660-376-2444

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

Start with \$1 a Sunday

Diaper Drive starts 2/7

**Lent Giving!**

We're collecting diapers (larger sizes) formula, and money for the Pregnancy Resource Center

This year for Lent we're collecting donations for the Pregnancy Resource Center. You can donate diapers, formula, and money. For diapers they need larger sizes most, but can use all sizes. For formula they need gentle or gentlease, and case use all types. Monetary donations are always a plus! You can bring all donations to the church, and we'll have an option to make your donation online with your regular giving.



We're starting Holy Week off with Palm Sunday (3/28)! We'll have our regular worship times for that service.

- Easter Egg dying during Sunday School (10:30am) on Palm Sunday (3/28)
- Maundy Thursday (4/1) at 6pm
- Good Friday (4/2) here at the church, time TBA
- Easter Sunday (4/4) worship at regular times
- On Maundy Thursday we'll gather for an outdoor meal (weather permitting). We'll be sending out a sign-up sheet in the next couple of weeks for food to bring, and to let us know that you'll be in attendance.

For Easter worship, and as long as the weather holds after, we'll be outside on Sunday mornings.

There will be morning Holy Week Services at different churches. Once the schedule is finalized we'll get it out to you.

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## Outdoor Ministry

The next time you look at the parking lot behind the church, imagine what it would look like to use that space in a different way.

We've started putting together a plan that will help us take the ministry we do inside the church and expand it outside as well.

In the next few weeks we'll start sharing those ideas. These include an outdoor worship/multi-use space, playground equipment, fire pit, volleyball/sports area, community garden, and others.



*Orpha Circle*

**MARCELINE UMC**

Orpha Circle will be meeting in person on Wed March 10th 2021 at 1:30 at the church. Georgia Smith has the Devotion, Inez Johnson has the program, and Beverly Cupp is Hostess. All ladies of the church are invited to join us.

## March Birthdays

1 – Donna Moore  
3 – Tonya Burk Smith  
4 – Gilbert Coe  
4 – Parker Bennett  
4 – Ben Mosier  
5 – Kamree Stallo  
7 – Cooper Fisher  
7 – Colton Fisher  
11 – Sherry Vaughn  
13 – Isabel Lauhoff  
14 – Jean Belt  
14 – Billie Coe

15 – Fay Lindbloom  
20 – Tim Fisher  
22 – Pat Brackey  
22 – Brian Mosier  
25 – Rosemary Wellman  
25 – Steve Tarpening  
29 – Joe Sportsman  
30 – Scott Brooks

## March Anniversaries

3 – Tim & Lena Fisher  
25 – Joe & Beverly Cupp

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# Prayer List

## Ongoing Concerns

Covid-19 Pandemic, Front Line Care Workers, Youth, Young Adults, Newcomers

Tom Hoover Family, Tim Frandson Family, Leland Linneman Family, Keith Stenfor Family, Gary Carlson, Madison Logue, Janet Barter, Kyle Lake, Bryant Dunn, Linda Ewigman, Kenny Mauzey, Gene Taylor, Kara Robinson, John Christy, Bob Hundley, Colt Parris, Johnny Helton, Gary Taylor, Kenny Bailey, Angie Builder, Bob & Pat Magee, Kyle Lake, Pearl Miller, Zoe Tolliver, Amber Carmichael, Nathan Cook, Sarah Cavanah (married to Brad), Joan Sportsman, Shane Cavanah, Dan Brooks, Wayne Heins, Ruth Farris, Linda Korte, Mary Sayler, Lynn Fellmann, Mark Ewigman, C.A. Lain, Steve Yates, Thomas Wellman  
Economy, Families, Nation Leaders

**Pioneer:** Mabel Worley

**Bristol Manor:** Annie George

**Lenior Woods:** Ed McLachlan

## Military Service

Patrick 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