



Marble Memorial United Methodist Church

May 2022

Enchilada Meal

dine in / take out

Saturday May 7th 5-6:30p



Each Meal Includes:

- Choice of 2 enchiladas:
2 Beef or 2 Chicken
or one of each
- Rice, Beans and
Corn Casserole
- Dessert

-Local Delivery Available-

To Pre-Order (not required):

Fill out an order slip at the church or

Call the church office

734-439-2421

Volunteer @ Marble:



Volunteer opportunities in the Neighborhood...

- Neighborhood Kidz Time: Sundays
- Congregational Care Team: weekly
- Neighborhood Dinner: monthly (next meal is Saturday May 7)
- Habitat for Humanity: 2022 dates on page 3
- Third Thursdays: Starting June 16
- Vacation Bible School: planning now for August 2022
- Congregational Care Team: see page 4

Contact the church office to find out more!

office@marblemc.org or 734-439-2421

Marble Memorial United Methodist Church

Matt West, Pastor

8 Park Lane, Milan, Michigan 48160

9:00 a.m. Worship on Facebook Live

10:30 a.m. Worship In-person and Facebook

Church Phone: 734-439-2421

Pastor's Emergency Number: 269-967-4444

Church Website: marbleumc.org

Church E-mail: office@marbleumc.org

Church Office Hours: Mon-Thu, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

(closed holidays)

Facebook: "Marble Memorial UMC"

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From the Pastor's Desk

Hello, neighbors!

Is it spring? *I mean*, it's spring! May is here, and warmer days are ahead before summer arrives. Although it was nice to worship in person last year, Lent and Easter were even better in 2022. Thank you to everyone who came and made Holy Week so special! We were blessed with some special music on Palm Sunday as we waved palm leaves and shouted Hosanna. Maundy Thursday allowed me to serve my sisters and brothers with the washing of feet. Milan returned to having a Community Good Friday Service at Peoples Presbyterian Church. Thank you to Peoples for hosting and for Fieldstone Church joining us. The week ended with a beautiful morning for Sunrise Service, breakfast for the neighborhood, and a blessed worship service to celebrate Easter. The fun and celebration continued this last week with Holy Humor Sunday. We have had some new neighbors join us in worship, and we saw some new faces for Easter as well. God is good all the time, and may we continue to move forward this spring and the months ahead.

After finishing our Lent series "Reckless Love" and celebrating the resurrection of Christ, we must keep the excitement up by reaching out to more of our neighbors. Remember, we are to BE LOVE when answering Jesus' call to love our neighbor. **B**egin with love every day. **E**xpand your circle by including others who are not like you. **L**avish your neighbors with love like God does for us. **O**penhearted love is key to the process. **V**alue the vulnerable by being curious versus judgmental, along with being kind. **E**mulate Christ in everything you do. Don't let these lessons and Jesus' sacrifice be for nothing. Momentum is building after the last two years, and we must keep it going! God has big plans for our church, but we are the ones that have to make them come to fruition. Will you answer Jesus' call to love ourselves, our neighbors, and God with everything we have in every part of our bodies? I pray your answer will be a resounding "Yes!" Let us take the risk necessary to make people say we show reckless love like Jesus did.

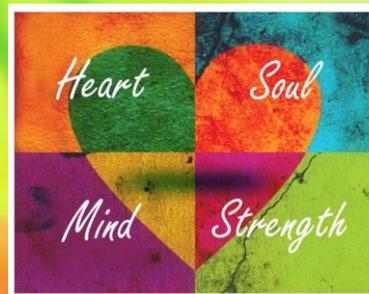
Aside from what is happening here locally, there will be a lot happening here in the next couple of months with our conference and denomination. As of May 1st, the Global Methodist Church will be officially launching. I honestly have no idea what this will look like for churches. Especially since the conference or denomination has not decided on an exit strategy for those wanting to leave the United Methodist Church. At the beginning of June, the Michigan Conference will be gathering in person again for the first time in over two years. This year will be a shorter Annual Conference with a lot to discuss and decide before we return home. Please feel free to ask questions about either the GMC or our Michigan Annual Conference. Church Council has continued to have conversations about where we see Marble being and going in the future. You are welcome to approach members of the council and engage in conversation about our neighborhood church. Although these are important matters, let us not lose focus on our mission to meet new neighbors, nurture their relationship with Christ, and transform the world together. This mission will allow us to live out our vision to be a welcoming neighborhood so that ALL may experience God's love and grace.

Peace be with you, neighbors.

Pastor Matt



**Marble Town Hall Meeting:
Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary**



2022 Habitat for Humanity “Good News House”

We are looking for your support in two ways:

1) Donate toward this year’s project (just mark your special donation “Habitat”)

2) Volunteer for Marble Work Days: No experience required.

Friday, May 20 (4 ppl) **Saturday, July 16** (8 ppl)

Friday, July 22 (4 ppl) **Saturday, August 13** (8 ppl)

Youth ages 16-18 allowed with parent’s permission.

Volunteers do not need to be congregants of Marble – invite your friends!

Our project lead is Rod Hill. To sign up or if you have questions: 734-645-0864 or rhill@provide.net.

You will not regret volunteering!

Being involved with the **Good News House** project has been a great way to serve our neighbors in underserved communities. Serving with Habitat allows our volunteer to gain unique skills and experiences not offered locally. We have been asked: *Why don't we do a project in Milan?* Simply answered: Having the idea is easier than getting it done. Habitat is organized and structured to help us help others. However, if you feel called to plan for, supervise and fundraise for a local project, please put together a proposal for the Outreach and Finance Teams.

Annual Conference: 2022 - Rod Hill, Lay Rep. to Annual Conference

Our upcoming session of Michigan Annual Conference is coming at a time when there is a wide spectrum of conflict in the Church, in the Nation, and in the world at large. That having been said, it’s helpful to remind myself that I can’t do anything about most of these, except to pray and cope with them like we all are, Praise God!

As Marble’s Lay Delegate my duty is to represent Marble on the matters that come before this yearly conference and vote on your behalf. That’s plenty of responsibility for me at this time and I’m glad to do it. I’ve had the privilege to represent you all for a while now, and while the issues this year aren’t likely to be any easier, that experience might be of help. I hope.

In keeping with my responsibility, I’m inviting you, members and constituents, for your input as I prepare for the legislative sessions and the several plenary questions that we’ll be facing. I hope you have some questions, none the least of these would be what issues and resolutions will be on this year’s docket. Unfortunately, those typically won’t arrive for another week or so. I can’t speak to specifics yet but I can say that there will likely be matters that touch the very heart of United Methodism.

In recent years we have reviewed policies regarding who can be pastors and what services clergy can offer to ourselves, and our neighbors. We’ve talked about how to break up the church, and we’ve established positions on politics and even assault weapons! As your representative to the Michigan Conference, I’m inviting you to give me a call or email to share your arguments and your passions for how our church can continue to serve God.

Hallelujah!

Join Neighborhood Groups!

Neighborhood Study: Sundays, 10a – Room #25.

This group continues to study the Adam Hamilton book, “Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White”. New participants always welcome!

Sassy Sisters: Starting on May 8th: 7:00pm at The Owl. This is a “book study- hanging out- catching up outside of work and home”, supportive and relaxing place to be. Contact group leader Melissa West mdwest622@gmail.com for updates & info.

Beer & Bibles: : Mondays in May are: May 2 and May 16: 8:30pm Locations TBA. Contact eaders Jim Nagle: 248-770-1024 or Brian Foster: 419-356-0712 to stay up to date on the latest.



Neighborhood Coffee Talk: Every Tuesday at 10am at The Owl. Kick off your day with Pastor Matt. Chat over a cup of coffee or maybe a smoothie. If you have something on your mind, it’s a great place to start. If this time doesn’t work for you, please contact Pastor Matt.

Pray and Go: Thursday, 10a – step off from the church. Together we walk around the neighborhood and pray for our neighbors. You can participate indoor. Just come by around 10a before the group steps off.

Outreach @ Marble -Brian Foster, Team Lead **Congregational Care**

Marble has a Congregational Care Team of neighbors reaching out to shut-ins, congregants without technology, folks who have prayer needs for medical or other concerns. This is an extension of our response to the 2020 shut-down.

The new Congregational Care Team expands Marble’s reach to include in-home visits, prayer calls and visits, and ways to make sure you know you are cared for!

If you have a need or have questions about how we can help, contact either the church office: 734-439-2421 or Team Lead, Nancy Nagle: 734-395-7605.

To Volunteer:

Contact team leader Nancy N.: 734-395-7605 or nnagle@umich.edu to find out more or to see how your Spiritual Gifts can be used for this ministry.

About Outreach @ Marble:

The purpose of the Outreach Team is to review service and mission projects presented by volunteers and to find ways to support those projects that fit our vision and mission. The Outreach Team does not exist to DO all the work but to support and foster YOUR gifts and abilities to be the Hands and Feet of Christ.

Questions? Team Lead is Brian Foster: 419-356-8972

Marble Meetings

Trustees: Tue, May 3, 7:00 p (in person)

SPRC: To Be Announced

Finance: Tue, May 10, 7:00 p (Zoom)

Outreach: Wed, May 18, 7:00 p (in person)

Church Council: Tue, May 24, 7:00 p (in person)

UMW Circles:

Sarah Ruth: Tue, May 10, 1:00 p @ Betty K.’s

Susanna Wesley: Mon, May 16 @ 7p @ MMUMC

Mission Giving for May:



The funds collected for this month will be presented at Annual Conference scheduled for June 1-4.

“Mourning to Dancing” is this year’s Conference theme.

Mark your donation “May Mission”.