



Welcome

Marble Memorial United Methodist Church • October 2022



Neighborhood Family Ministry

FALL CARNIVAL

at Marble Memorial UMC

OCT. 21 6P-8:30P

8 PARK LANE MILAN, MI 48160

MUSIC, CARNIVAL GAMES, PRIZES, SNACKS, AND MORE!

Weekly on Sundays During Worship:



Neighborhood Kidz Time



Fall into Fun

with Marble Memorial UMC's Teens!

Grab a friend and join us for an afternoon of all the basic fall fun at an apple orchard:

- Apple Picking
- Cider
- Donuts
- You Pick Pumpkins
- Corn Maze
- Mini Golf
- Giant Slide
- and More!

Sign up here by
October 21st:

Cost:
\$24*



If you need transportation to the church,
please call: (734) 439-2421

**OCT.
29**

**Ward's
Orchards**

**2p
-
6p**

Marble Memorial United Methodist Church

Matt West, Pastor

8 Park Lane, Milan, Michigan 48160

10:00 am Hymn Sing

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

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(closed holidays)

Facebook: "Marble Memorial UMC"

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From the Pastor's Desk

Hello, neighbors!

Thursday, September 29, 2022 (9:00 pm)

As I sit in front of my computer writing this piece, I do so with great joy. Earlier tonight, we held a special Church Conference to vote on if Marble would move to a Simplified Accountability Structure. United Methodist Churches have followed the board and committee structure outlined in The Book of Discipline for years. We had 29 people in attendance this evening, with 26 of those people being members in good standing that could vote. Pastor Christopher Butson from Lincoln Community UMC presided over the conference. We handed out ballots, members voted, and the ballots were collected and counted. Pastor Butson then shared the results with us, letting everyone know that the motion to accept the Simplified Accountability Structure passed unanimously.

What happens next? Now, we enter the nominations part of this process. On Sunday, I will share tonight's results with everyone who may not have been in attendance or read this email. As part of this announcement, it will be made known that anyone who wants to be on the new board can take and fill out an Interest Form. There will be a deadline of two weeks from this Sunday to turn in these forms. The Nominations Committee will then discern from these forms which people will be nominated to be on the new board. Those selected will be voted on at our annual Church Conference scheduled for November 5th at 3:00 pm at Tecumseh UMC. Once those nominated are approved, the new board will take effect on January 1, 2023.

Utilizing a Simplified Accountability Structure will be a good and positive thing for Marble, especially as we continue to live out our vision of being good neighbors and the neighborhood church for the community of Milan. I pray this will allow us to spend more time in ministry and loving our neighbors. We have a lot of incredible things on the horizon in October that will require many hands to make the workload lighter. We are currently trying to build up our Youth and Young Adult Ministry and add to our Children's Ministry. For the remainder of the year, there will be an event each month for the youth. We are offering an Orchard Trip on the 29th. As for our younger ones, there is a Fall Carnival set for the 21st. Not to mention our FREE monthly Community Dinners will start on October 22nd. **But wait!** we will be participating in the Downtown Trick or Treat hosted by the Milan Chamber on the 28th. Carnivals, dinners, orchards, and candy, **OH MY!** Don't forget that Advent is right around the corner, too. We will be sharing more information on how you can volunteer for these events and sponsor youth to allow them to participate in some events at no cost to them. God is doing great things at Marble and in Milan.

Please keep your eyes and ears open as our leadership continues to get information out to everyone, so you don't miss anything. Please pray over the next phase of the Simplified Accountability Structure process and all the upcoming events and ministries that Marble is trying to provide. Let us continue to let our faith be bigger than our fear.

Peace be with you. Pastor Matt



FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

Saturday, October 22
5-7:00 pm

This Month's Meal:

Sloppy Joes

Beverage and Dessert

Join us at
Marble Memorial
United Methodist
Church
8 Park Lane
Downtown Milan



We are a Barrier Free Facility

Ongoing Neighborhood Groups:

Beer & Bibles Men's Group:

Mondays in October: 10 & 24th
8:30 pm at The Owl on Main Street

Bring your own Bible

Current Conversation:

Walking through the Book of Peter.

*Beer not required

Sassy Sisters Women's Group:

Every Monday at 7:00 pm at The Owl
on Main Street

New book study for October, join in on the
discussion!



Neighborhood Outreach – Brian Foster

One goal the Marble Outreach team has for the new season includes holding a free community meal once a month. **Our FIRST FREE Community Meal is on Saturday, October 22 serving time 5-7:00 pm.**

This Month's Meal: Sloppy Joes, chips, fresh fruit/veggies, dessert, beverage.

The Meal is: **Free – At no cost – Gratuito – Gratis – Frikostnadsfri – FREE!**

Volunteers Are Needed For:

- Meal prep 1:30-5:00 pm
- Serving (kitchen and dining area) 4:30 - 7:00 pm
- Clean Up 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Sign up on the clipboard outside the office, or by emailing Brian Foster: bdfoster1989@gmail.com



Downtown Trick or Treating

On Friday October 28th Marble will be handing out candy as part of Milan Main Street downtown trick or treat from 5 – 6:00 pm.

We need:

- Volunteers to set up/pass out candy/tear down
- Candy donations (all individually wrapped)

Sign up outside the church office.

Candy can be dropped off in the church office.

2022 Annual Church Conference:

Saturday, November 5, 2022

3:00 pm at Tecumseh United
Methodist Church

All Are Invited to Attend.

Members will vote on roster of
nominations

and other conference documents.

** If you would like to carpool, please
contact the church office 734-439-
2421 by November 1st.

Sermon Series for October



October Mission Giving: Milan Garden Club

Marble Meetings

Trustees: Tue, Oct 4, 7:00 pm (in person)

Outreach: Tue, Oct 5, 7:00 pm (in person)

SPRC: Tue, Oct 11, 7:00 pm (in person)

Finance: Tue, Oct 18, 7:00 pm (Zoom)

Church Council: Tue, Oct 25, 7:00 pm (in person)

United Women of Faith:

Tuesday, October 4, 1:00 pm @ MMUMC

Program: Who Do You Say That I Am?

Final Word on Habitat 2022: Rod Hill

My 2022 report for Marble's Habitat for Humanity mission is an easy one. There were so many positive things this year that I'll get right to it. In 2022, Marble added another build day to our usual three. Within those, we fielded full crews (6 to 8 workers) for the first time in several of years and we added five new members to our crew roster! In addition to collecting our pledged amount, we even exceeded it!

Every year Marble teams up with the Good News Group (GNG), a group of churches from our surrounding neighborhood. We've worked together for a long time and it's the only place I know where UUs (Unitarian Universalists), Baptists and Nazarenes work hand-in-hand on a regular basis along with a bunch of Methodists. The GNG took a beating from COVID and several of them have yet to be able to come back. This year, the governing group, Habitat of Huron Valley, was only planning for GNG to work from May through July because of that but Marble and a few others wanted to schedule in August as well. Praise God!

Another praise is that we were able to meet our pledge fully in the calendar year. I've been struggling with the bookkeeping of pledging and last year, because of that, we came up a bit short. This year we covered our pledge, paid off last year's shortfall and even had a bit more on top of that! Hallelujah! (And thanks to all of you who chipped in!)

So, with all of the above, we get to welcome a new family, add a new address to the greater community and help to build, and sometimes even rebuild, God's neighborhood one heart at a time. I love this job!

Thank you and well done!