

# EAST MARION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Erected in 1911

Remodeled in the 1920's

## 100 Year Anniversary



1969--2011

## A History of East Marion United Methodist Church

East Marion United Methodist Church has served our Lord and this community for over eighty-five years. An empty store building behind Marion Manufacturing Company served as the first worship center in the spring of 1911.

The congregation moved from the store building to a private residence later that year. In the fall of 1912 they moved to the new school building on Baldwin Avenue. The Methodist Annual Conference appointed Rev. R. Luther Smith to serve this congregation. His first sermon was preached that fall in the school building.

Marion Manufacturing Company built a one room church during this period of time to serve the mill village community. Since all denominations worshipped in it the building was called the "Union Church." This one room church became the sanctuary of the old East Marion Methodist Church.

In 1917, the Baptist members of the congregation moved back to the school building to form the East Marion Baptist Church. The Methodist retained the "Union Church" building and had a membership of thirty-five people.

The first rebuilding program started in 1923. During this time five classrooms and a basement were added to the building. This building served the congregation through the labor strikes of the 1920's, the depression of the 1930's and World War II during the early 1940's. East Marion Methodist Church became a station appointment in 1946. A Children's Department was organized at this time. Rev. T. G. Smith was the pastor. Further renovations were made in 1950 under the leadership of Rev. George Needham.

East Marion Methodist Church grew during this period until the old church building could no longer serve the needs of the congregation. Plans for the construction of a new building began on August 2, 1964. The Trustees (T.L. Richie, T. R. Bailey, Frank Moody, Robert Burgin, Ben Landis and Paul Poteat) made a motion to the Quarterly Conference to appoint a Building Committee for the purpose of planning a new church building for East Marion United Methodist Church. The Building Committee members were: T.L. Richie (Chairman), T.R. Bailey, Frank Moody, Robert Burgin, Ben Landis, Paul Poteat, Ray Young, Bryan Geouge, Robert Lewis, Jr.,

William V. Hollifield, Mrs. Jennings Ward, Miss Cora Ross, G.L. Jackson and Rev. Boyce Huffstetler.

On May 15, 1966, at a Church Conference, the members of the congregation voted to begin the new church in August and to move the pastor and his family to the Ebenezer Methodist Church parsonage. The East Marion Parsonage was removed to provide space for the new building location.

The Ground Breaking Service was held on March 5, 1967. Construction of the new church building and new parsonage proceeded under the guidance of Ted Geouge, Bryan Geouge, William V. Hollifield and Ray Young. Many of the members on the church added their labor and efforts to the actual construction and furnishings of both new buildings.

The last service was held in the old church on June 2, 1968. A dinner followed the service in the new Fellowship Hall.

The first service in our new Sanctuary was on October 20, 1968. The District Superintendent, A. Glenn Lackey, and our Bishop, Earl G. Hunt, Jr. spoke at the Consecration Service.

The total debt for both church and parsonage amounted to \$120,000.00. The Building Fund debt was paid in full in August 1977.

During the early 1980's a new roof was placed on the church building and the parking lot was paved and painted. Other remodeling projects during this time have added to the beauty of both buildings and church property.

This past summer extensive cleaning and remodeling of our parsonage was performed. The parsonage is now furnished with all new appliances. Thanks to the damage from an unexpected hail storm the church building and parsonage have new roofs.

As our congregation has changed from a mill village to one whose members live in all areas of McDowell County, East Marion United Methodist Church still strives to serve our Lord and our fellow man. Recent efforts have seen an increase in our Sunday School enrollment. A Children's Department of empty rooms and idle toys now echoes to the laughter of children eager to learn about and worship our Lord. They have many fine examples of good Christians to follow.

God does move in mysterious ways. The beautiful building that serves our Lord and our members today came about because of the faith of the men and women of our congregation. The building was

paid for by donations and gifts, but also by the many hard hours of work and joyous hours of fellowship selling hamburgers, baked goods and crafts together.

The East Marion United Methodist Women serves as an example of all those who think that NO task is too hard, NO obstacle too high. The East Marion United Methodist Men through their projects at the church and parsonage and their efforts in the community make service a real and satisfying endeavor.

The East Marion Methodist Church provides for the young members of our community many examples of leadership and sacrifice in a Christian life: (1) Evelyn Hollifield as she works with the children (2) Ted Geouge as he leads the work on our new roof or the constructions projects (3) Vera Mae Randolph as she teaches us how to pray from the heart and love with our whole being (4) Caddy Mace as she walks the village visiting her friends and still participating in all church activities (5) and so many more who have dedicated their lives to Christian service. A legacy that includes Ruth and J.B. Laughlin, Pauline Lewis and Belle Burgin, Jewel and T.L. Richie, Grady Cogdill, Ray Young, Hall Bright.....and so many more back eighty-five years to Miss Cora Ross and her family and friends.



Miss Lizzie Ross

Miss Cora Ross

Miss Kate Ross



Groundbreaking for present church  
Miss Cora Ross with the shovel

### ADDITION:

The previous pages were written in 1996 and as all of life will witness to there have been many changes since then in the complexion of our church. This has occurred, for the most part, with the deaths and illnesses of so many of our older members who for many years carried the weight of the life of the church on their shoulders. Thankfully, those persons have left an example of service and stewardship for us to emulate and follow and people have stepped up to see that our church, despite the smaller numbers of attendance, remains a viable and important part of the community.

The congregation at East Marion affirms John Wesley's "practical Christianity" which simply means putting faith into action. This is based on James 2:17 "So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." Our faith is demonstrated by our answer to calls of service when a need in our community is noted. The most recent is our "showers" for the Pregnancy Care Center which offers young women resources and an alternative to abortion. This is an ongoing outreach that we respond to as the need arises. Our last "shower" was done in conjunction with two sister churches; Pleasant Hill and Pinnacle. The supplies we collected from our three churches were taken to Providence UMC and became a part of the large community shower.

As we felt our church could not support a Food Pantry by ourselves we decided to support those with this ministry already in effect. So several times a year we do a food drive and donate this food to either, McDowell Missions Ministries, Pleasant Hill UMC or Trinity UMC. All three of these ministries can always use the food we collect and are appreciative for what we contribute.

About three years ago we became aware of the hunger of many of the children at our neighborhood school, Eastfield. So, in conjunction with the outreach program at Clinchfield UMC we began the "Backpack Ministry" to send packs of food each week to be distributed at the school. Since Eastfield is a year round school it gives us and opportunity to care for some of these children all year except for their breaks. We also are ready with supplies during those breaks if we are notified of an emergency situation. This ministry in our church is called "The Lambs Ministry" and the idea for the name came from John 21 where Christ tells Peter if he loves Him to feed His lambs.

The economic downturn has really affected the resources that are available to the McDowell Mission Ministries which has a program that helps many, many people throughout the county in many ways. Here again, our church has tried to help with monetary donations, donations of goods and a yard sale this past spring with the proceeds going toward their outreach programs.

Our church participates in the Relay for Life every year in some way. Several of our members have been diagnosed with cancer or have had many family members who have had cancer and many who have lost their lives to this disease so this is a very personal issue with many of us.



2011 Shower  
for  
McDowell Pregnancy Care Center





10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Relay for Life



The WNC Conference of the UMC will have outreach events every year for each community which we take part in. Last year it was at Clinchfield UMC. That day there was food and clothing give-away, there was household items to be given away, there was food prepared on site, the sheriffs department had someone there to fingerprint the children among other things. This year we had food donated from all over McDowell County and we met at Marion Elementary and packed backpacks of food. We had 10 stations and were able to pack approximately 4000 food items in 25 minutes. These events are called "IMPACT Events" as we feel they truly make an impact on people's lives. This year the food packs will go to those who have an ongoing backpack ministry.

The United Methodist Women keep true to the vision of its organizers of more than 140 years ago. We donate to the Five Channels of Giving which goes to mission giving but we also support local missions and contribute to individuals as needed in our community. The local, district and conference events are attended and the "Hands on Mission Projects" of each is supported. The UMW support a church bazaar each year and the proceeds of this goes to our outreach projects. Sadly, most of the ladies who did the beautiful needle work have died so much of what made our bazaars a success in the past are no longer available but everyone pulls together with what they can do and our huge bake sales have become a real success themselves. The hamburgers at the bazaar are famous and we joke that the sale of them built our church! Mae Geouge continues to make us an afghan for the bazaar each year. The UMW participates in the Reading Program each year and the books keep the story of mission, of our world and its people alive and available for anyone who wants to read the books. The women meet monthly on the second Monday in the Fellowship Hall and they have a picnic in September each year for the entire church.

The United Methodist Men are busy building ramps, repairing homes, cutting firewood and supplying heating oil as needed. The men help with the bazaar and the women donate \$500.00 to them for this to use in their outreach projects. They have a breakfast meeting the third Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall and take turns preparing breakfast. The men are generous in helping the women with their projects and in 2010 they did Birthing Kits for the women to send to Haiti and donate money as the women need. They also do a Valentines Dinner each year for all the ladies of the church which has evolved in it being for the entire church. Over the years we have had several young men in our church to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. The men have seen that each young man in scouting has had all the uniforms and equipment they need. One of the Eagle Scout projects was to work at "Friendship House" the women's shelter and some of the men of the church joined him there to help with the work.

For several years the men and women go together to furnish uniforms for one year for a child at Crossnore School. We never know the child we help but it would be a blessing to help any of them. We have been to the outdoor drama about the story of the school and it is a beautiful place and they do a wonderful work in caring for the children from all kinds of situations; most without parents or homes.



This is the food that was donated by East Marion for packing in the backpacks. We packed approx. 9000 food items in 25 minutes.



East Marion United Methodist Church has been blessed, from the beginning, to have members that had talents beyond measure. Unlike the workman in Matthew 25 who hid the talent his master had given him, none of our members were foolish with what God had endowed them but shared them generously throughout their lives. An example of these many, many persons was Vera Mae Randolph who loved to put her thoughts and observations in words that we all could enjoy. We remember the eloquence of her heart-felt prayers and are so thankful we have written copies of her poetry to continue to enjoy.

Today  
(Sunday 4/14/02)

I looked out the door this morning  
To see the morning sun,  
I saw a million diamonds on the grass  
That's what God has done.

I saw the greening of the trees  
Some children having fun,  
Filled with energy and pep,  
That's what God has done.

I saw a squirrel come down a tree  
And then begin to run,  
To search for buried acorns,  
That last fall God had done.

I saw many of His blessings  
I smelled the fresh clean air,  
I thought deep within my heart  
God is truly everywhere.

I see the people gathered here,  
Each on his own pew,  
Think deeply in this service  
What He has done for you.



We are blessed with men in our church and their abilities to build, repair and install just about anything that is needed at the church and parsonage. Because of them we have saved much money over the years and a great deal of what you see around you is because of them. They give new meaning to stewardship.

A few years ago one of the colored windows in the sanctuary was broken and we all were worried we would not ever be able to find glass that matched and that we would have to replace all of them. Ted Geouge remembered who had installed them and it happened to be Geouge's Glass and for some reason they had kept a small portion of that glass and they were able to repair just that one window. What a blessing!

Another great blessing and such a thing of beauty we have enjoyed for years during the Christmas season has been the Chrismon Tree. Many years ago the ladies of the church made many of the Christian symbols and since then they have been used to decorate a large fir tree in the sanctuary. With the change in insurance we had to go to an artificial tree but it has been just as enjoyable. For over 30 years the decorating was done by Mary and Eudy Cuthbertson and Evelyn Hollifield. Now a group get together and decorate the tree which has many cross-stitched Chrismons done by Judy Putnam joining the original ones. One year it was all decorated and later it was found where it had fallen into the choir. No one was in the choir at the time, thank goodness, but Eudy was scared to death the tree had fallen on Bud.

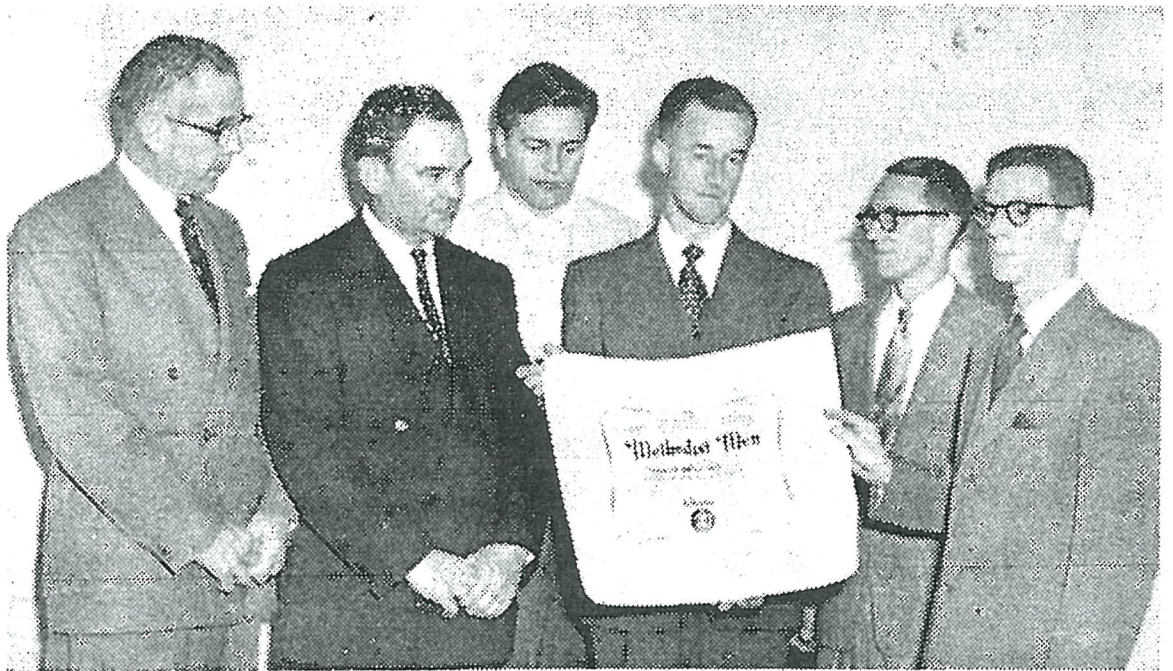
We have choir practice every Wed. night and here again though small in number this hour we have together has become a time fellowship and fun and support and prayer and one of the members has said "and sometimes we even get around to singing!" Dorothy Moore and Lillian Burgin were so faithful to our choir, even when their sight and hearing began to leave. They were both such characters that no matter what happened to them it was funny. We still miss them.

Judy Washburn and Marie Seagle have devoted years and years of their time and talents to the music of the church and without their contributions our times of worship would be lacking much beauty and having our souls fed in this special and moving way.

For several years James and Judy Frady have been responsible for the Acolytes at our church. Many youth have felt like they have had an important part in the life of the church and in the worship service as they "bring in the light and then carry it out" at the end of the service. Judy and James also recognize each young person at a worship service for their participation during the year..

Several years ago Rev. Arlin Freshour had an idea to have the Methodist Churches in McDowell come together on ever 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday evening for a joint service, rotating churches and preachers. This has become a wonderful time of drawing together in the connectional way our church is known for. We have become better acquainted with members from other churches, have heard the message in many different ways and have had much laughter and fellowship.

## United Methodist Men Chartered 1954



The Methodist Men's Group of the East Marion Methodist Church received its charter at its regular meeting at the Church Monday night, March 1. Shown above are, left to right: Rev. J. G. Winkler, Methodist District Superintendent; Rev. V. A. Morton, of the East Marion Church; Burrell Arrowood, Secretary of the Group; Robert Burgin, President (holding charter); G. L. Jackson, Lay Leader of the Church; and Ray Murray, Methodist District Lay Leader, who presented the charter.



Max Welker's Eagle Scout project with men from the church helping. Work was done at Friendship House, the women's shelter. (Max is 2<sup>nd</sup> from right on bottom row)

### Men's Valentine Dinner for the ladies of the church





Combined choir from East and West Marion

After hard work we are all ready to have a good time. (dinner at the parsonage)



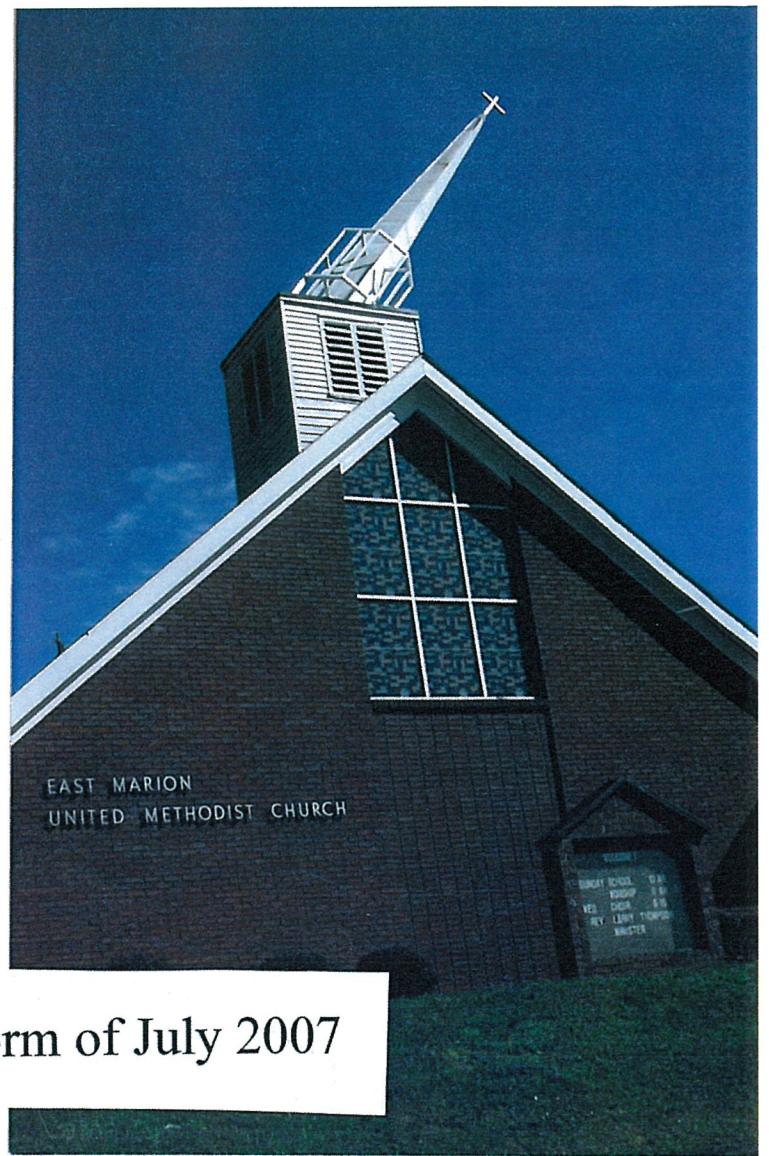
None of us are immune from the storms of life but our church experienced winds of a storm in an actual way in July of 2007 when high winds did much damage throughout our community. Our steeple was destroyed and this required installing a new steeple and moving the original church bell to a permanent location on the grounds.

Our church has been blessed to have had many Pastors to lead our congregation. They have all been different with different talents and personalities but each has added something to the life of the church and many have remained good friends even with moving on and despite time and distance between us.

From the time of the organization of our church in 1911 Marion Manufacturing Company has played an important role in the life of our church and its membership. From the start most of our membership was employed at the mill and whatever was going on there influenced the life of our church. When times were hard and the mill was running on short times this affected the offerings of the church. However, few members lived outside the "mill hill" and few people had automobiles so they went to the community churches they could walk to. Because of this churches were full, Sunday Schools were thriving and sometimes the youth events like Epworth League offered the only social event so they were successful too. Carroll Baldwin Hall was a hub of recreational activities and the children and youth from all the churches on Baldwin Ave. became involved in the activities there and there was a true sense of community at the "Y".

Sadly, the mill is gradually being torn down and its loss has affected each of us at our church. We see it as the end of an era, the end of a way of life that will never be known in this community again. East Marion United Methodist Church is a remnant of that way of life for it was the fruits of the labors of the hard working men and women who were members that built this church in 1911, remodeled and built anew later. Those men and women who walked for years around looms, up and down the weave alleys and around the spinning frames and throughout the rest of the mill leave us a legacy we can bring to the life of our church of fidelity, hard work, helpfulness and thankfulness. We remember them with much love and appreciation

All that we have done we have done because we believe in the mission of the United Methodist Church but more importantly because we follow the teachings of Christ and because we recognize that it is only through His grace and mercy and our salvation through Him that we can accomplish anything worthwhile. To God be the glory!!!!



The storm of July 2007

The bell from the original church



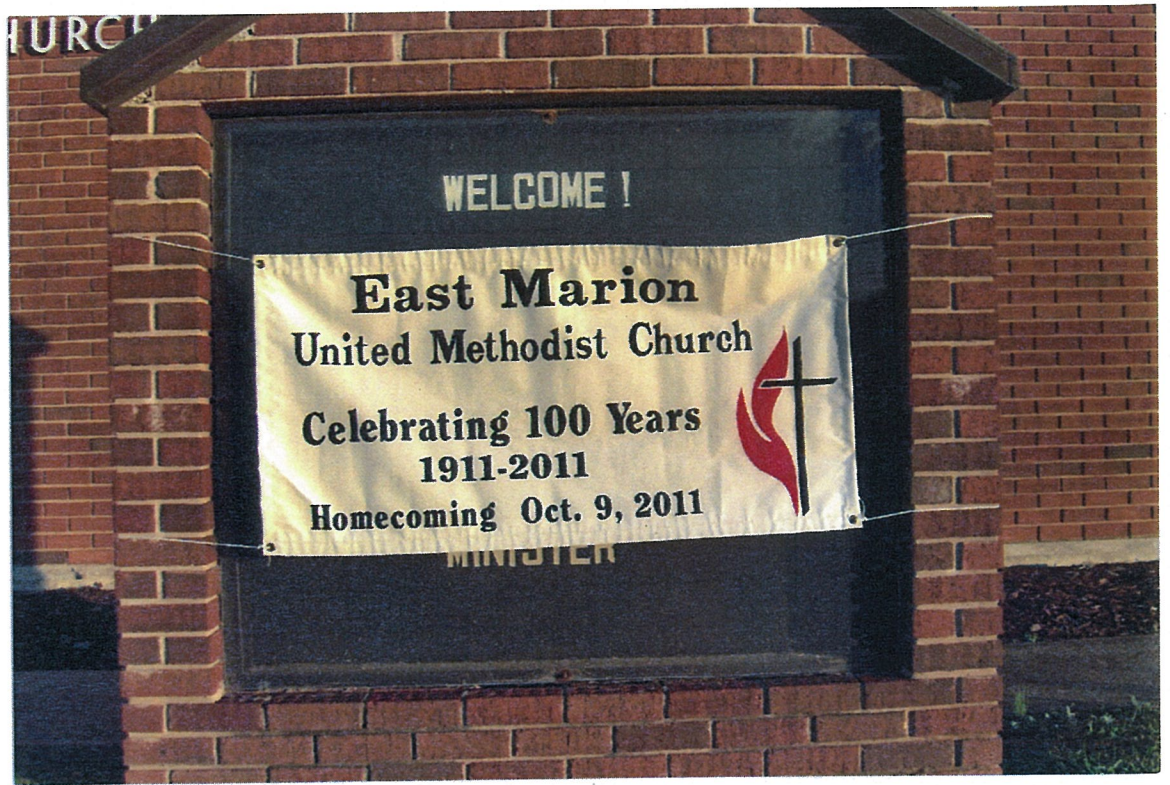


Marion Manufacturing Company

October 4, 2011



**Postcard of first building  
of Marion Mfg. Co.  
(Post marked 1911)**



On The Horizon

October 9<sup>th</sup> - Nominating/Finance Committee Mtgs at WM (3:00 PM)

October 9<sup>th</sup> - Nominating/Finance Committee Mtgs at EM (6:00 PM)

October 16<sup>th</sup> - Church Council at West Marion (2:00 PM)

October 16<sup>th</sup> - Church Council at East Marion (5:00 PM)

October 22<sup>nd</sup> - Fall Bazaar at West Marion (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM)

October 23<sup>rd</sup> - "Reaching Out to Neighbors" Planning Mtg at EM (2:00 pm)

October 23<sup>rd</sup> - "Reaching Out to Neighbors" Planning Mtg at WM (4:00 pm)

October 24<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> - "Reaching Out to Neighbors" Neighborhood Prayer Walk

October 30<sup>th</sup> - Charge Conference at St. Mark's UMC (7:00 pm)

October 31<sup>st</sup> - "Reaching Out to Neighbors" Battery Give-away (5:00 pm)

*Reaching Out to Neighbors*

We are "People who love God, serving people whom God loves." There are a good number of those people whom God loves within walking distance of the church, and this is a good chance for us to reach out to our neighbors. "How can I help?" you ask. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. You can choose to pray, participate in the prayer walk, the battery give-away, or the follow-up. You can also help by donating smoke detector batteries (most run on 9 volt batteries). Whatever you can do to help will be greatly

appreciated. Is it a little risky and daring, yet exciting at the same time? Yes! Are you being asked to step out of your comfort zone?

Yes! Remember, Jesus didn't live his life in the comfortable

middle, trying not to offend anyone; he lived on the edge, and he made a difference. What difference can we make in the lives of

those who live around us? Who will be in heaven because of you?

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*Homecoming Celebration*

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:26

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October 9, 2011

# East Marion United Methodist Church

## “Celebrating 100 Years of Ministry”

### We Gather Into God's Presence

- \* All who are able may stand
- Prelude
- Words of Welcome and Announcements
- Call to Worship

### We Praise God Together

- \* Hymn of Praise  
No. 370 (UMH)  
*Victory In Jesus*

- \* Opening Prayer  
Let us pray.

*O God, I trust in your power to create, to sustain, to enable.*

*But I could not trust if I did not know that you are always near.*

*Be with me, Lord, as I have come here to worship you.*

*Help me not to check my mind or my heart at the door, but enable me to bring all that I am to you, so that I might experience your touch upon all aspects of my life.*

*Lord, I come to ask your blessing in the presence of my friends and family; grant us joy that blesses others, and grant us love that never ends.*

*I pray this because of, and in the name of, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

### We Share With One Another and With God

- \* The Greeting      The peace of the Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*
- The Sharing of Joys and Concerns
- The Morning and Lord's Prayer

### We Give Ourselves and Our Gifts To God

- The Offertory  
\* Doxology  
\* The Offertory Prayer  
No. 95 (UMH)

### We Hear The Word

- Anthem
- The Scripture Passage  
Matthew 8:18, 23-27; Mark 4:35-41; and Luke 8:22-25
- Sermon  
The Reverend Don Ashe

**TRUST IN GOD!**  
*Trust in Jesus!*

Sermon Closing Prayer

No. 476 (UMH)  
*Lovely the Boat* (vs. 4)

### We Respond To The Word

- \* Sending Hymn

No. 700 (UMH)  
*Abide With Me*

*(Altar moments that Alter lives – the Altar is open)*

### We Go Out To Live As Disciples Of Jesus

- \* The Dismissal with Blessing
- \* The Congregational Response
- \* Sending Forth the People

### Remember These in Prayer

Alexys Thompson, Inez Fulbright, Mereda Mills, Ted and June George, JD Buckner, Jim & Louise Young, Kim Butler, Eudy Cuthbertson, Clark and Jewell Walker, Marietta Curtis, Bob Horton, Blake, Tracy, Hannah, & Caleb Staton, Audrey Black, Dan Ledbetter, Sheron Cullman, Connie Potcat, Joyce Poplin, JC Staton, Wendy Owens, Ted Lowery, Debbie Harris, Vaughn Pearson, Rick Smith, Cynthia Cotter, Connie Martin, Debbie Davis, Angela Bungardner, David Hodge, Amber Tate, Amanda Dunham, Audra Chrisawn, C.W. Pool, James Pool, Wilma Young Slagle, Georgia Hickey, Georgia Duncan, Andy Owensby

*(To keep or add a name to the Prayer List, please call or email Brad)*

### Stewardship Update

2011 Budget - \$55,535.00  
Gifts received thru September.....\$37,589.00  
Gifts needed to date to meet budget..\$41,651.25  
Weekly needs to meet 2011 budget.....\$1380.46

Mums are placed in the church today

In Memory of:

By:

Joyce Moss

The Cogdill Family

William V. Hollifield

The Family

Mamie Poteat

Ted Geouge Family

Pansy Geouge Young

Ted Geouge Family

Bryan Geouge

The Family

Donald Mills, Sr.

Mereda Mills & Family

Tom Duncan

Jim & Brenda Cornett

Frank & Flora Harris

Norman & Margie Cos

Lois & Clifton Cornett

Jim & Brenda

Robert & Belle Burgin

Dan & Judy Washburn

Bob & Pauline Lewis

Dan & Judy Washburn

Lillian & Everette Burgin

Dan & Judy Washburn

Lois & Grady Burgin

Dan & Judy Washburn

Mr. & Mrs. T. R. Burgin

Dan & Judy Washburn

George, Edna & Beecher Walden

Ann Walden

Lillian Lewis, Paul Lewis,  
Dorothy Moore, Ben & Joyce Landis

Cline & Jo Pyatt

Grady & Merrill Cogdill

The Family

**Evelyn & Walden Bock  
Happy Welker**

**The Welkers**

**Stoney Brooks  
Irene & John Wesley Tucker**

**Ruth Ann Brooks**

**Bill, Nick & Karen Medford  
M.G. & Caddie Mace, Ted Mace  
Dixie Fender**

**The Medford Family**

**John & Irene Tucker  
Frances Huffman  
& Wilfred Bradley**

**Harold & Suzanne  
McKinney  
& Ruby Bradley**

**Mums are placed in the church today**

**In honor of:**

**By:**

**Regan, Cathy, Evan & Josh Pyatt  
Susan Pyatt & Joseph Baker**

**Cline & Jo Pyatt**

**Olive Welker**

**The Welkers**

**Ruby Bradley**

**Harold & Suzanne  
McKinney**

**Zelda Branch**

**The Cogdill Family**

**Ted & June Geouge**

**Kitty & Nancy**

**Abygael, Alexys & Barrett**

**Brad & Lisa**

**Don & Sula Pruitt  
Judy Thompson**

**Brad & Lisa**

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of East Marion United Methodist Church  
Homecoming  
October 9, 2011

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of East Marion United Methodist Church was celebrated at Homecoming on October 9, 2011 with our pastor Rev. Brad Thompson leading the services. Our former pastor Rev. Don Ashe was the guest preacher for the day and his wife Kate accompanied him to this special day in the life of our church.

As we have done for many years the sanctuary was decorated in fall mums which were placed in the church in honor or in memory of loved ones. This is a colorful tribute to the special people in our lives but is also witness to the hand of God and of His creation.

Judy Burgin Washburn who has shared her talent of music for many, many years as organist was honored that day with a tribute and an anonymous monetary gift to the church in her honor. Once again her music added so much to the worship service and her son, Andrew, joined her by playing his trumpet for the service.

Following the worship service we all enjoyed lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Many stories were told, much laughter was enjoyed and much love was evident among all the family and friends that were there. Threaded throughout all the conversation you could hear many, many names of those who have gone to their heavenly reward making it evident that those of our foremothers and forefathers are still among us and it is on those shoulders that we still stand and whose example continues to lead us today.

The two oldest church members, Ted Geouge and Mae Geouge were with us for our celebration and this has been the hope of everyone involved that these two would be able to attend. What an example of service and loyalty and love these two have demonstrated to each of us as well as the laughter and joy they have shared. (Ted and Mae are in-laws)

In preparing for this special Sunday we discovered information about our church in old journals dating back to 1916, many letters regarding the life of the church during the years, newsletter articles, pictures and old bulletins. The archives at the central office of the church in Charlotte was able to provide us a list of most of the former pastors which we were able to complete and we were able to get pictures of most from old journals.

We were able to have display tables with:

\_\_\_\_ Pictures of Miss Cora, Miss Kate and Miss Lizzie Ross as young girls and I wondered just how much influence these three ladies had in the organization and continued life of East Marion United Methodist Church.

\_\_\_\_\_ A copy of the newspaper article announcing Miss Kate's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. The article was dated April 14, 1985.

\_\_\_\_\_ Picture of the groundbreaking for this church with Miss Cora holding the shovel.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Charter of The United Methodist Men and a picture of Robert Burgin accepting the Charter.

\_\_\_\_\_ Miss Cora's Bible. This was found in the Ladies S.S. Class and her bookmark was on Luke 5.

\_\_\_\_\_ Personal copy of T. R. Burgin's (Judy Washburn's Grandfather) Cokesbury Hymnal—copyright 1923

\_\_\_\_\_ "Our Little People" for Primary pupils Oct.-Dec. 1925

\_\_\_\_\_ Pictures and Bulletin for "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" Dated Dec. 13, 1987. Play that all the children and some adults took part in. It was a big undertaking but turned out to be one of the best memories for our entire church. It was directed by Evelyn Hollifield and it was during plays she directed that she instilled one of the most important life-lessons the children learned and that was; "God doesn't expect you to be perfect but He does want you to do the best you can."

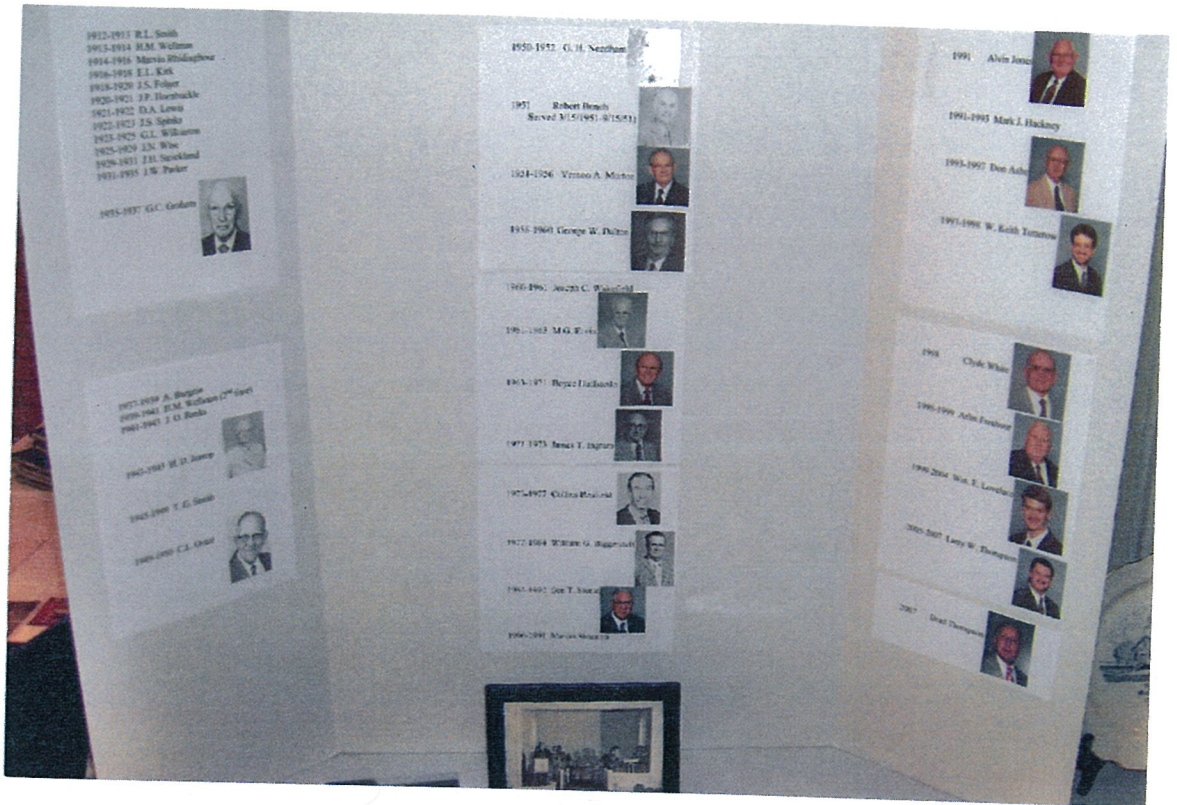
\_\_\_\_\_ Many letters, documents, bulletins related to raising money for the church, the burning of the note and the dedication service.

\_\_\_\_\_ The journals from which the reports of the pastors were copied and put into a notebook. They are really a way of looking at what was going on in the life of the community and not just of the church. There is mention of S.S. attendance being down because of the influenza epidemic and then later the polio epidemic was mentioned. There was familiar names and when they were married, joined the church and of offices they held in the church as well as baptisms and deaths. There was mentioned several times when a pounding was done for the pastor when funds were low. One revival for the community was mentioned and them having 100 conversions. Imagine!!

\_\_\_\_\_ Black and white picture of East Marion with the old church in it. The picture was a view from his plane by Oren Greene.

\_\_\_\_\_ A post card of the first building of Marion Mfg. Co that is dated 1911—the year our church was organized.

\_\_\_\_\_ A tri-fold display board with the names of all of our pastors and with most of their pictures.



**All of our Pastors**

Ministers Who Have Served East Marion

1912-1913	R.(Reginald)L. Smith
1913-1914	H.M. Wellman
1914-1916	Marvin Rhidinghour
1916-1918	E.L. Kirk
1918-1920	J.S. Folger
1920-1921	J.P. Hornbuckle
1921-1922	D.A. Lewis
1922-1923	J.S. Spinks
1923-1925	G.L. Wilkinson
1925-1929	J.N. Wise
1929-1931	J.H. Strickland
1931-1935	J.W. Parker
1935-1937	G. C. Graham
1937-1939	A. Burgess
1939-1941	H.M. Wellman (2 <sup>nd</sup> time)
1941-1943	J.O. Banks
1943-1945	H.D. Jessup
1945-1949	T.G. Smith
1949-1950	C.L. Grant
1950-1951	G. (George) H. Needham (served 'til March 15,1951) (Clara)
1951	Robert P. Bunch (served March 15 til Sept 15) (Nancy)
1951-1956	Vernon A. Morton (Jennie)
1956-1960	George W. Dalton (Mary)
1960-1961	Joseph C. Wakefield (Edith)
1961-1963	M.G. Ervin (Elizabeth)
1963-1971	Boyce Huffstetler (Rose Marie)
1971-1973	James T. Ingram (Kathleen)
1973-1977	Collins M Benfield (Alma)
1977-1984	William G. Biggerstaff (Louise)
1984-1990	Ben T. Steele (Loree)
1990-1991	Marcia L. Shannon
1991	Alvin Jones (Virginia)
1991-1993	Mark J. Hackney (Renuka)
1993-1997	Don Ashe (Kate)
1997-1999	W.Keith Tutterow (Malinda)
1998	Clyde White (Virginia)
1998-1999	Arlin Freshour (Hazel)
1999-2005	Wm. E. Lovelace (Janet)
2005-2007	Larry W. Thompson (Arlene)
2007	Brad Thompson (Lisa)