



## Marathon Methodist News November & December 2005

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### November Happenings

November 2	Administrative Council at Marathon - 6:30pm
November 5	Gospel Way - 7pm; refreshments to follow
November 6	Collection for Golden Key Prison Ministry
November 8	UMW meeting - 6:15pm
November 13	Collection for Community Barrel (non-perishable items)
November 16	Supper Club at Marathon - 6:00pm. Bring a dish to pass and table service.
November 20	Collection for Apportionments

### December Happenings

December 4	Collection for Golden Key prison ministry
December 7	Administrative Council at Marathon - 6:30pm
December 11	Collection for Community Barrel (non-perishable items)
December 13	UMW meeting - 6:15pm
December 18	Collection for Apportionments
December 21	Supper Club at Marathon - 6:00pm. Bring a dish to pass and table service.

### Greeters

November 6	Irene Penrose
November 13	Yvonne Fox
November 20	Cheryl Johnson
November 27	Wayne & Katie Fox

### Scripture Readers

November 6	Julie Watros-Barber
November 13	Ray Fitch
November 20	Kathy Frost
November 27	Jennifer Fitch
December 4	Marguerite Lincoln
December 11	Doris Merihew
December 18	Julie Watros-Barber
December 25	TBA

### November Birthdays:

11/3 - Joe Fox; 11/5 - Ted Morrison; 11/10 - Bonnie Parker; 11/13 - Austin Locke; 11/15 Erma Holmberg; 11/17 - Wendy Dohanich; 11/19 - Jennifer Fitch; 11/22 - Dan Pitcher; 11/23 - Don Barber, Sr.; 11/29 - Ethan Holl

## **December Birthdays:**

12/1 - Teddy Morrison; 12/4 - Randi Locke; 12/10 - LaCretia Locke; 12/14 - Karolina Holl;  
12/20 Jacob Holl; 12/23 - Thelma Hill, Duke Watros; 12/26 - Lloyd Fox

To have your name added to the birthday list, please e-mail Kelly at [kellytillotson@netzero.com](mailto:kellytillotson@netzero.com)

**Sunday School** Youth 9:30 -10:45am; Adult 10am  
**Sunday Service** 11:00am  
**Choir Practice** Thursdays at 3:30pm - We are always looking for new voices!

**Clothing Giveaway** at The Lisle Federated Church on Main Street in Lisle on the first and third Saturdays of each month.

**Newsletter available on-line** - Visit <http://www.gbgn-umc.org/marathon-ny/news.htm> to get the latest version of the newsletter on-line. If you would prefer to obtain your newsletter on-line rather than US Mail, please let us know. It will save us postage costs. Contact Kelly at 849-7973 or e-mail [kellytillotson@netzero.com](mailto:kellytillotson@netzero.com).

**Cokesbury Store on the Web** - For those who like to shop on-line, we now have our own Cokesbury store on the Marathon United Methodist Church website! A five-percent rebate on your purchases are returned to your Marathon United Methodist Church. Shop for Christian books, Bibles, music, and software on-line and help support your church. Visit our website at <http://www.gbgn-umc.org/marathon-ny/> and click on the Cokesbury virtual store link to shop. We only receive the rebate if you purchase through our link. It will say "Marathon UMC" at the top of the Cokesbury webpage.

## **Pastor's Corner**

What a year it has been already. The 21st storm is churning in the Gulf of Mexico, New England and New Jersey are flooded, and California is getting ready for mud slides. I watch a world that seems to be in turmoil. Conflict and unrest lift their heads in the Middle East countries and Indonesia. Russia battles in many of its states with conflict. Unhappiness lifts its head and roars across the news channels. Then the TV programming comes on and shows us violence. How I long for Andy and Lucy to make a comeback. But I am realistic to know that they are long gone from the scene. People seem to be more outspoken against each other just when we get to the point, with rising heating bills and healthcare costs, of a growing need to rely on each other. Historians and weather buffs tell us that the storms are resulting from natural cycles. But the other unrest is not natural. Why in the midst of having plenty, sharing together, and the quickest delivery systems the world has ever known, does so much unrest reside? Is it because of the change the storms bring? Is the change from the unrest and conflicts? Is it the change that depleted resources bring? One of the most difficult things for our human psyche to encounter in this life is change. Slow evolving change we can handle. We hardly notice it. But earth shaking change is what we resist. It means new learning, understandings and relationships. I think it is basic to the call of God on our lives. God's call requires change. The resistance and unwillingness we see in the world today to change is mirrored in our approach to God. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 13, "We see through a glass darkly..." We don't see the clear and wonderful image on the other side. Yet we have been through trials in life and persevered. How much more shall we abound with God's blessings in Jesus Christ? Change in the world is what we make of it, but the change that God brings is what God makes of it. I think I like it God's way best. Blessings be with you all. Gene

## **Results from Recent Fundraisers**

The Marathon & Killawog Methodist Churches Time and Talent Auction was held on Saturday, October 15. We had a very good turnout this year. Marathon's share of items we solicited or donated came to \$1,127.50. We also sold food in the kitchen and earned \$100 selling hotdogs, chili, and other snacks and drinks.

Our annual harvest dinner was held on Saturday, October 22 at the high school cafeteria. All ingredients were donated and we earned a profit of a \$1,340.

Thank you to all who made these two events possible through their donations, work, and attendance. The Administrative Council will decide at the November meeting how these funds should be spent.

### **United Methodist Women Report**

The United Methodist Women had a successful bake sale on September 30. They made approximately \$152.00. Thank you to all who contributed to the sale.

### **Trustees Report**

The Trustees have several projects in the works. The church is sagging in the front west corner (street side near the bank). The repair estimate to "prop up" this corner is approximately \$1100.

The broken green refrigerator was removed and taken away on Amnesty Day.

### **Annual Church Conference**

Our annual church conference will be on November 15 at Whitney Point UMC. At 6:30pm, the Pastor-Parish Relations Committees from Marathon and Killawog will meet with the District Superintendent. At 7:00pm, Marathon, Killawog, Whitney Point, and Triangle Methodist churches will join for a brief worship and celebration service. At 7:30pm, individual church conferences will begin.

### **Gospel Way**

On Saturday, November 5 at 7pm, the Marathon United Methodist Church will host gospel/bluegrass group "Gospel Way." The group plays traditional gospel music in bluegrass style. The band is made up of four members. Lead singer, Brenda (Miner) Tryon, graduated from Marathon and lives with her husband Steve in McGraw. Refreshments will follow the concert in the church basement.

### **"Beginnings" series**

"Beginnings," a nine-part instructional and discussion video series meant to help deepen Christian faith, will begin in January. The series will be held 7-9pm on the third Wednesday of each month following Supper Club. We invite you to join us for the monthly Supper Club held on the third Wednesday of the month beginning at 6pm. Please bring a dish-to-pass and your own table service. If you can, please stay and join us for the viewing of "Beginnings".

### **Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday services**

Details on the holiday services have not been finalized yet. It is our churches turn to host the Thanksgiving Ecumenical service which is usually held on Wednesday evening. Christmas falls on a Sunday this year and the pastor is still planning services. Check the Sunday bulletin in the coming weeks for more information.

**Youth Delegate Opportunity**

We are seeking a youth delegate to conference. Please see Pastor Gene if you are interested.

**Cooperative Sunday School Opportunity**

The Marathon Methodist and Presbyterian Churches' Cooperative Sunday School Program is in need of instructors and helpers. Please contact Charlene Hill if you can help.

**Prayer List - Please keep the following people in your prayers.** (Prayer list is cleared on Memorial Day and New Year's Day)

Jack Almeida, John Barker, Ernie Blanchard, Joyce & Everett Gutchess, Don and Diane Holmberg, Pastor Gene & family, Robert Southworth, Mary Watros.

Remembering particularly our shut-ins, college students, and our service people. Remember our Killawog and Marathon church's needs. Remember to thank God for answered prayer.