Marion Road CHURCH of CHRIST

Growing in Faith Together

February 1, 2026

IN THE BITTER WINTER…The past few Sundays, we have seen some bitterly cold weather, including last Sunday, when we had to cancel services due to a level 3. Whether the ground hog see his shadow or not tomorrow, one thing is for sure, winter will continue for a while. Despite the weather, I want to thank everyone for placing a high priority on worship and the study of God's Word. If you are a visitor and today is your first visit to Marion Road, thank you for joining us! Our desire is that you will feel welcome and leave feeling you have grown in God's Word and have been warmly received! Our hope is that you will want to come back and make Marion Road Church of Christ your family!

FAMILY NEWS. We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of **Tim Synder.** Tim's funeral was held this past Tuesday. Please be praying for his wife, **Susan,** daughter **Trisha Ponziani,** and all of their family. Also, pray for **Eli Howell**, who is recovering from surgery, **Ed Ughrin** (Jennifer Purcell's father), **Donna Wilburn** (Logan Wilburn's mother), **Kim Ponziani**, **Jack Long, Jeff White, Ron Bloomfield**, **Mike** and **Linda Siegel,** and **Cindy Dyer.**

WILD GAME DINNER SET FOR FEBRUARY 7. I hope you plan to attend our first **Wild Game Dinner** this **Saturday at 6:00 PM.** Our guest speaker is **Avery Langenderfer**, a **Natural Resource Officer** on Lake Erie and a member of this congregation. Avery graduated from Wynford High School and Hocking College with a degree in Natural Resources Law Enforcement. He attended the Ohio State Highway Patrol Training Academy, where he graduated in January 2025. He was sworn into the Department of Natural Resources in March 2025. He is stationed at East Harbor State Park in Ottawa County. In addition, Avery is a passionate hunter with an incredible number of stories to share! We are asking every family to either bring a **wild game dish** if you have one, or a **side dish** and dessert**. (Chicken is also acceptable!)** It will be interesting to see the different types of wild game that people will bring! One thing is for sure: there is always plenty of food! For those planning on attending, please sign up in the foyer so we can plan accordingly. Please invite your fellow hunters, friends, and neighbors.

LADIES GALANTINES POTLUCK. The ladies' Galantines potluck will be **Tuesday, February 17 @ 6 pm**, here at the Marion Road building. Everyone is asked to bring a dish or dessert. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. The ladies will be doing a craft, which will cost **$10 each**. Please see **Meagan White** or **Melissa Ruhe** for details.

CANCELLATION OF SERVICES DUE TO WEATHER. Since we live in Ohio, we never fully know what the weather is going to be like. Unfortunately, due to bad weather, there are times when we have to cancel services. On those occasions, please check the **Marion Road Church of Christ Facebook Page** for any cancellations.

IT'S YOUR CALL! In life, you can do things YOUR way or GOD'S way…and YOUR way will work occasionally. That's what's so deceptive about how things work. Like a casino in Vegas, the "house" will make sure you win enough so you get hooked. Then, when you least expect it, the rug gets pulled out from under you, and you LOSE EVERYTHING. Satan, "the god of this world," will make sure of it. GOD'S WAY, on the other hand, always works. No tricks. No enticements. No bait and switch. Just an ***abundant life*** in exchange for an ***obedient life.*** And, when you get to God's Heaven, you'll realize you didn't lose a thing – even those things you gave away in JESUS' name. So, are you going to do things GOD'S WAY or YOUR WAY? Are you going to keep on throwing the dice, hoping somehow, someway, you can beat the "system?" That's too big a gamble for me…I would trust the truth of God's Word! - Russell

BY THE NUMBERS—WEEK OF JANUARY 18

Sunday Morning Worship—72

Sunday Morning Bible School—34

Wednesday Night Bible Study—16

Contribution—$1,478.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

Grief Support Group—February 1

Wild Game Dinner—February 7

Ladies Galentine Potluck—February 17

Spiritual Growth Seminar 201—February 22

Gospel Conversations Seminar—March 7 & 8

God's Amazing Love

THE GOD WHO LOVES YOU

GOD'S LOVE IS _____

If _____ made _____it would not be _____.

- Hosea 1:2

God is _____to _____ us even when we are not _____.

- 2 Timothy 2:13
- Jeremiah 31:3
- Romans 3:10-12
- Isaiah 64:6
- I Peter 1:18-19

GOD'S LOVE IS _____

God does not _____ over _____.

- Hosea 8:7
- Hosea 2:6-7

God is _____ not to _____ _____ on us.

- Hosea 11:1-4, 8
- 2 Peter 3:9

GOD'S LOVE IS _____

God _____ us at our _____.

- Hosea 3:1

God _____ us, not as we _____but what we can _____.

- Romans 5:6-8

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