



Marietta Community Chapel

BREAD

2026

Season of Eastertide/Pentecost

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(On the following page you will find the abbreviation “MMC”, this stands for **M**arietta, **M**aytown and **C**olumbia is intended to represent the community and region in which we are located, and in which we minister.

Why

In MMC as It Is in Heaven

How

**Practicing the Way of Jesus,
Together, in MMC**

What

**Be With Jesus, Become Like
Jesus, Do What Jesus Did**

Introduction

Scripture is essential to the way of Jesus....

While God speaks in many different ways, the Bible is our solid foundation. In a world full of deception and lies, scripture is a light to our path and a lamp to our feet (Psalm 119:105).

The story of the Bible is the story of Jesus, and culminates with the gospels that proclaim the in-breaking of the kingdom of God.

Scripture was an irreplaceable part of Jesus' life and ministry; he lived and taught as if they were authoritative. He consistently turned to them as integral part of how he interacted with the world.

When tempted, Jesus turned to the scriptures. When confronted by the Pharisees, he turned to the scriptures. When speaking of the end of the age, he referred to the prophecy of scripture. When asked about marriage, or fasting, he turned to the scriptures. By now, you get the idea!

As mentioned above, our goal as disciples of Jesus is to ***“be with HIM, become like HIM and do the things that HE did”***. To be like Jesus is to be scripture saturated and Spirit led.

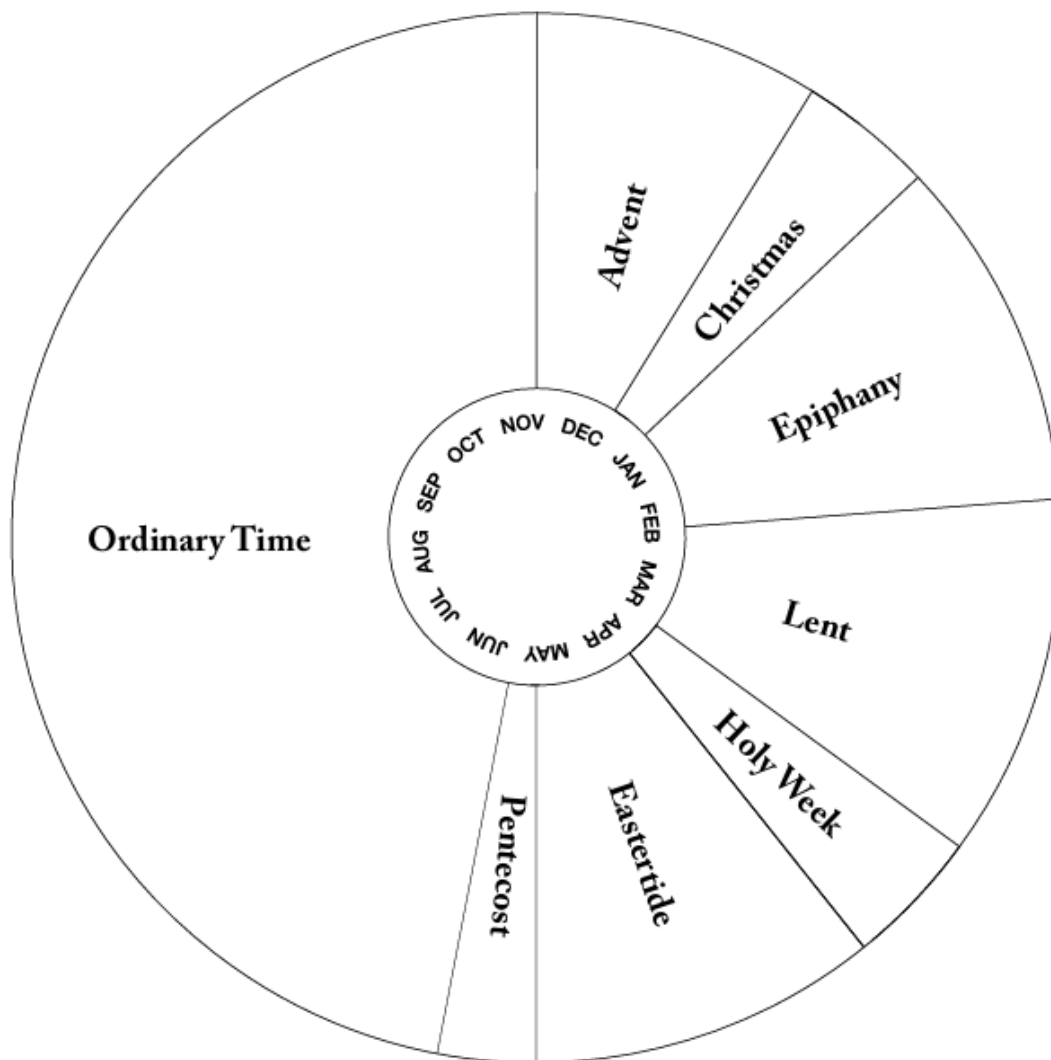
I would be delighted if we engaged in this together, as a *faith family*. We become of “one passion” by sharing in life together, and I believe, an integral part of that is reading and engaging scripture together.

What is the Holy Spirit saying to you?

How should we pray?

The Church Calendar

As the Western church, we live in the tension between two rhythms of time. Our cultural calendar—which gives order to our school and vacation schedules—ends in December shortly after Christmas. But the Christian church calendar tells a different story. Following the life of Jesus, the church calendar begins instead with the longing of Advent and the fulfillment of his birth. So, while BREAD moves to the cadence of the cultural year, we remember that when December whispers of endings, the story of Jesus reminds us we are only at the beginning.



"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

— Jesus, John 6:48–51

I. BREAD

Practice listening for God's voice in Scripture through lectio divina, expressed here through the acronym BREAD (see below). Lectio divina, or BREAD, is an ancient and time tested method of meeting with God in the pages of the Bible. Choose from one of the four readings (a shorter passage is best), and simply spend time allowing the Spirit to guide you through the following prompts:

Be still: Start by putting away your devices or any distractions and get into a comfortable but alert position. Take a moment to let the noise of your mind settle. Become present to your breath, and invite the Holy Spirit to guide your time.

Read: When you're ready, read through the Scripture for that day. After a minute or two, read the passage again slowly. As you read, notice what stands out to you in the passage and write it down.

Encounter: Meditate on what God highlighted to you in the passage by journaling through questions like: Where does this intersect with my current life and circumstances? What might God want me to know about himself, myself, or others? Is God revealing a lie or truth he wants me to notice and respond to? What else might God be saying to me?

Apply: Next, begin to name and write down how God might want you to carry what he's saying into your day. What truth do you need to hold onto today? How might God want to change you through this passage? Write down how you are going to apply this truth practically today.

Devote: Finally pray, maybe even write a prayer, committing yourself to what God has been revealing to you and how you want to be transformed by him and his truth. Take time to listen to what God is saying in response to your prayer. You might write out a prayer of lament or of gratitude.

II. Read All Four Passages

Simply read through all four of the daily Scripture passages as an exercise in immersing yourself in God's word. Engaging with Scripture as divinely inspired narrative helps us shape our imagination and worldview, reminding us that we too are part of God's ongoing story of redemption.

While BREAD and praying the Psalms are practices for depth, reading full passages of Scripture on an ongoing basis gives a breadth of knowledge of the story of God and his people that is equally integral and formative in our apprenticeship to Jesus. By spending time day in and day out in the Scriptures, we learn the character of God and learn to recognize the voice of our shepherd in our everyday lives.

III. Pray the Psalms

Within the book of Psalms, you'll find prayers and hymns expressing the full spectrum of human emotion: joy, depression, adoration, fury, desperation, delight, and more. The authors of the Psalms brought their full selves before God in prayer, offering us a template for how to pray with radical honesty: praising God, expressing our full selves and true feelings, seeking God's will to be done, and asking for what we want and need. Praying the day's Psalm can be as simple as reading the words aloud as if it were your own prayer, allowing the words and emotions to give shape and color to your interaction with God. In the same way singing other people's songs helps us find new words for what we are experiencing, praying other people's prayers can help us find new ways of expressing what is deepest in our hearts.

Praying the Psalms can also involve creativity—use it to craft a song or poem by rewriting Scripture in your own words, or create a piece of visual art. The point is simply to allow the Psalm to springboard you into deeper conversation with God. You can choose one mode of engaging with Scripture for a season, or switch it up day by day. Ultimately, our goal is to become people shaped by Biblical truth and living out the Biblical story.

Eastertide & Pentecost

April 5 – May 24

Beginning on Easter Sunday, Eastertide is a 50-day season filled with celebrating Jesus' resurrection and the defeat of death itself! During this season we mark Jesus' resurrection and new life with feasting, joy, and celebration of the freedom we have in Christ—meditating on the fact that as we die with him in his death, so we will rise with him in his life. One day, we will be raised from the dead in incorruptible bodies to inhabit New Creation in eternal union with God.

Then, we cap off our season of celebration with Pentecost, remembering the Gift that Jesus' death and resurrection made way for: the receiving of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost, we recall and embody the moment that the Holy Spirit fell on the disciples who were hiding and waiting in the upper room, celebrating that the same Holy Spirit fills us now. This season is marked by a hunger to be filled and filled again by the Holy Spirit, that we might be empowered and commissioned to walk in his power and love—being with, becoming like, and doing what Jesus did. Eastertide and Pentecost are seasons to encounter and explore themes of resurrection and the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

April 5 - 11

Sunday + Psalm 148 Exodus 12v1–13 Luke 24v13–35 John 20v1–23	Monday Psalm 93 Exodus 12v14–27 1 Cor. 15v1–11 Mark 16v1–8	Tuesday* Psalm 103 Exodus 12v28–39 1 Cor. 15v12–28 Mark 16v9–20
Wednesday Psalm 97 Exodus 12v40–51 1 Cor. 15v29–41 Matthew 28v1–16	Thursday Psalm 146 Exodus 13v3–10 1 Cor. 15v41–50 Matthew 28v16–20	Friday Psalm 136 Exodus 13v1–2, 11–16 1 Cor. 15v51–58 Luke 24v1–12
Saturday Psalm 145 Exodus 13v17–14v4 2 Cor. 4v16–5v10 Mark 12v18–27		

* **Tuesday MCC Family Prayer** - Using the church directory, pray for those with the last name starting with **A - G**.

** **Faith in Action** - Have you reached out to, or prayed with someone in the past week? If so, consider following up with them and ask how God is working in their lives! If you haven't reached out to anyone, it's not too late!. Commit here and now, to stepping out in faith today and share Jesus with someone.

Weekly Reflection: (Consider gathering with others to do this!)

How did God stir your heart this past Lent?Easter season? In what way are you finding satisfaction in Jesus right now?

What are you looking forward to in this next season of Eastertide/Pentecost?

As you sit with the joy and hope of the resurrection, in what area(s) are struggling to find joy and hope?

April 12 - 18

<p>Sunday Psalm 147 Exodus 14v5–22 1 John 1v1–7 John 14v1–7</p>	<p>Monday Psalm 2 Exodus 14v21–31 1 Peter 1v1–12 John 14v1–17</p>	<p>Tuesday* Psalm 6 Exodus 15v1–21 1 Peter 1v13–25 John 14v18–31</p>
<p>Wednesday Psalm 12 Exodus 15v22–16v9 1 Peter 2v1–10 John 15v1–11</p>	<p>Thursday Psalm 18v20–50 Exodus 16v10–22 1 Peter 2v11–25 John 15v12–27</p>	<p>Friday Psalm 17 Exodus 16v23–36 1 Peter 3v13–4v6 John 16v1–15</p>
<p>Saturday Psalm 21 Exodus 17v1–16 1 Peter 4v7–19 John 16v16–33</p>		

* **Tuesday MCC Family Prayer** - Using the church directory, pray for those with the last name starting with **H, I**

** **Faith in Action** - We are encouraged when we serve others. How might you practically serve someone else today? When the scriptures talk of *hospitality* it is speaking of *love for strangers*. Considering appropriate boundaries, how might you show a stranger the love of Jesus today?

Weekly Reflection: (Consider gathering with others to do this!)

Which psalm from this week’s readings impacted you? How?

What do you sense the Holy Spirit saying to you through this passage?

What step(s) might you take to respond to this prompting of the Holy Spirit?

Apr 19 - 25

<p>Sunday Psalm 150 Exodus 18v1–12 1 John 2v7–17 Mark 16v9–20</p>	<p>Monday Psalm 15 Exodus 18v13–27 1 Peter 5v1–14 Matthew 1v1–17, 3v1–6</p>	<p>Tuesday* Psalm 36 Exodus 19v1–15 Colossians 1v1–14 Matthew 3v7–12</p>
<p>Wednesday Psalm 38 Exodus 19v16–25 Colossians 1v15–23 Matthew 3v13–17</p>	<p>Thursday Psalm 37v1–17 Exodus 20v1–21 Colossians 1v24–2v7 Matthew 4v1–11</p>	<p>Friday Psalm 105v1–22 Exodus 24v1–18 Colossians 2v8–23 Matthew 4v12–17</p>
<p>Saturday Psalm 42 Exodus 25v1–22 Colossians 3v1–17 Matthew 4v18–25</p>		

* **Tuesday MCC Family Prayer** - Using the church directory, pray for those with the last name starting with **J, K**

** **Faith in Action** - Do you sense God calling you to serve the local church in any particular area? If already serving, how is it going for you? Do you feel exhausted in your area of service or does it bring life to you?

Weekly Reflection: (Consider gathering with others to do this!)

Which passage of scripture most impacted you this past week? Why?

What do you sense the Holy Spirit saying to you through this passage?

What step(s) might you take to respond to this prompting of the Holy Spirit?

Apr 26 - May 2

<p>Sunday Psalm 103 Exodus 28v1–4, 30–38 1 John 2v18–29 Mark 6v30–44</p>	<p>Monday Psalm 44 Exodus 32v1–20 Colossians 3v18–4v6–18 Matthew 5v1–10</p>	<p>Tuesday* Psalm 48 Exodus 32v21–34 1 Thes. 1v1–10 Matthew 5v11–16</p>
<p>Wednesday Psalm 53 Exodus 33v1–23 1 Thes. 2v1–12 Matthew 5v17–20</p>	<p>Thursday Psalm 60 Exodus 34v1–17 1 Thes. 2v13–20 Matthew 5v21–26</p>	<p>Friday Psalm 51 Exodus 34v18–35 1 Thes. 3v1–13 Matthew 5v27–37</p>
<p>Saturday Psalm 139 Exodus 40v18–38 1 Thes. 4v1–12 Matthew 5v38–48</p>		

* **Tuesday MCC Family Prayer** - Using the church directory, pray for those with the last name starting with **L - O**

** **Faith in Action** - Paul took on Timothy as his son in the faith and invested into him. Is there someone in your life who God might be putting on your heart for you to pour into? If you are already in this sort of relationship, how is it going?

Weekly Reflection: (Consider gathering with others to do this!)

Which passage of scripture most impacted you this past week? Why?

What do you sense the Holy Spirit saying to you through this passage?

What step(s) might you take to respond to this prompting of the Holy Spirit?

May 3 - 9

Sunday Psalm 84 Leviticus 8v1–13, 30–36 Hebrews 12v1–14 Luke 4v16–30	Monday Psalm 64 Leviticus 16v1–19 1 Thes. 4v13–18 Matthew 6v1–6, 16–18	Tuesday* Psalm 61 Leviticus 16v20–34 1 Thes. 5v1–11 Matthew 6v7–15
Wednesday Psalm 119v73–96 Leviticus 19v1–18 1 Thes. 5v12–28 Matthew 6v19–24	Thursday Psalm 70 Leviticus 19v26–37 2 Thes. 1v1–12 Matthew 6v25–34	Friday Psalm 106v19–48 Leviticus 23v1–22 2 Thes. 2v1–17 Matthew 7v1–12
Saturday Psalm 27 Leviticus 23v23–44 2 Thes. 3v1–18 Matthew 7v13–21		

* **Tuesday MCC Family Prayer** - Using the church directory, pray for those with the last name starting with **P-S**.

** **Faith in Action** - People experience the love and compassion of God through the people of God being his vessels, surrendered to his leading. Keep your eyes open this week for opportunities to go out of your way to serve someone else.

Weekly Reflection: (Consider gathering with others to do this!)

Which passage of scripture most impacted you this past week? Why?

What do you sense the Holy Spirit saying to you through this passage?

What step(s) might you take to respond to this prompting of the Holy Spirit?

May 10 - 16

<p>Sunday Psalm 34 Leviticus 25v1–17 James 1v2–8, 16–18 Luke 12v13–21</p>	<p>Monday Psalm 79 Leviticus 25v35–55 Colossians 1v9–14 Matthew 13v1–16</p>	<p>Tuesday* Psalm 78v1–39 Leviticus 26v1–20 1 Timothy 2v1–6 Matthew 13v18–23</p>
<p>Wednesday Psalm 119v97–120 Leviticus 26v27–42 Ephesians 1v1–10 Matthew 22v41–46</p>	<p>Thursday Psalm 24 Daniel 7v9–14 Hebrews 2v5–18 Luke 24v50–53</p>	<p>Friday Psalm 91 1 Samuel 2v1–10 Ephesians 2v1–10 Matthew 7v22–27</p>
<p>Saturday Psalm 136 Numbers 11v16–29 Ephesians 2v11–22 Matthew 7v28–8v4</p>		

* **Tuesday MCC Family Prayer** - Using the church directory, pray for those with the last name starting with **T - Z**

** **Faith in Action** - Finding satisfaction in Jesus (Psalm 90:14) is so important for our spiritual journey. When we grow in understanding the grace and love of the Lord Jesus Christ, we are encouraged to continue in drawing near to him and other competing desires lose their pull.

Weekly Reflection: (Consider gathering with others to do this!)

Which passage of scripture most impacted you this past week? Why?

What do you sense the Holy Spirit saying to you through this passage?

What step(s) might you take to respond to this prompting of the Holy Spirit?

May 17 - 23

<p>Sunday Psalm 67 Exodus 3v1–12 Hebrews 12v18–29 Luke 10v17–24</p>	<p>Monday Psalm 89v19–52 Joshua 1v1–9 Ephesians 3v1–13 Matthew 8v5–17</p>	<p>Tuesday* Psalm 99 1 Samuel 16v1–13a Ephesians 3v14–21 Matthew 8v18–27</p>
<p>Wednesday Psalm 109 Isaiah 4v2–6 Ephesians 4v1–16 Matthew 8v28–34</p>	<p>Thursday Psalm 105v23–45 Zechariah 4v1–14 Ephesians 4v17–32 Matthew 9v1–8</p>	<p>Friday Psalm 107v1–32 Jeremiah 31v27–34 Ephesians 5v1–20 Matthew 9v9–17</p>
<p>Saturday Psalm 108 Ezekiel 36v22–27 Ephesians 6v10–24 Matthew 9v18–26</p>		

* **Tuesday MCC Family Prayer** - Using the church directory, pray for those with the last name starting with **T - Z**

** **Faith in Action** - Consider joining us on Pentecost Sunday (May 24) for a time of worship and prayer. The corporate, fervent prayer of the local church has the potential to shape history! We invite the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit through prayer, healing and prophecy this night!

Weekly Reflection: (Consider gathering with others to do this!)

Which passage of scripture most impacted you this past week? Why?

What do you sense the Holy Spirit saying to you through this passage?

What step(s) might you take to respond to this prompting of the Holy Spirit?