

Marion Reformed Presbyterian Church

Congregational Meeting 2026

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Opening:

Welcome: Aaron Murray

Psalm 90B

Prayer: Aaron Murray

Roll Call: Scott Hunt

Adoption of Agenda: Scott Hunt

Election of Officers: Scott Hunt

Reports:

Session Report: Scott Hunt

Deacon Report: Billy Cole

Security Committee: Jordan Palmer

Hospitality Committee Report: Bekah Fisher

Presenter Committee: Bekah Fisher

Youth Education Committee: Ruth Callender

Pastors Report: Jason Camery

Pastor Report: Aaron Murray

2025 Budget Report: Pam Fisher/Jason Camery

2026 Budget Proposal: Pam Fisher/Jason Camery

Business:

Adoption of the 2026 Budget: Scott Hunt

New Business:

Closing:

Adjournment: Scott Hunt

Psalm 72C

Prayer: Greg Fisher

Session Report

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. 3 John 1:4

The Session of Marion Reformed Presbyterian Church has no greater joy than to see the Lord's people walking in the truth and dwelling together in unity and fellowship. It is a particular delight to witness the congregation gathering for worship, prayer, singing, and study—not only on the Lord's Day but throughout the week. The Lord has graciously poured out His blessing upon us, as pictured in Psalm 133, where the precious oil runs down upon Aaron's beard and onto his garments.

As we reflect on this past year, we give thanks for the Lord's continued work in our midst. We have witnessed Him add to our number through public professions of faith by our covenant youth and through the transfer of members from other congregations. It is a profound encouragement to see the Lord's covenant promises unfolding before us. At the same time, we mourned the passing of our dear sister in Christ, Kay Camery, whom the Lord called home this year. Yet even in sorrow, we do not grieve as those without hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13), but with confidence in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are also grateful for your continued ministry to students from Indiana Wesleyan University and Taylor University, providing them with a church family while they are away from home.

One of the most significant blessings this year has been the Lord's raising up of three men to serve as deacons. Chris Baker, Jordan Palmer, and Thomas Callender were elected by the congregation and ordained and installed on February 8, 2026. We encourage the congregation to pray faithfully for our deacons as they undertake their important work in meeting the needs of both our church family and the broader community. May the Lord prosper the work of their hands.

We were also thankful to celebrate the tenth anniversary of our congregation on September 11. It was a meaningful occasion of remembrance and thanksgiving. We were blessed by the preaching of Dr. Barry York, Pastor Shawn Anderson, and Pastor Jason Camery as we reflected on the Lord's faithfulness over the past decade.

The Session met in constituted court nineteen times during 2025. A central focus of our work has been to pray regularly and specifically for each member of the congregation by name. In addition, we held our annual Session Retreat on January 16, 2026. This provided an opportunity to reflect on Christ's work among us, thoughtfully consider the needs of the congregation, and seek the Lord's guidance for the year ahead.

During the retreat, we also reviewed certain aspects of our corporate worship to ensure that our practices best serve our calling to worship the Lord reverently and without distraction. As a result, three adjustments will be implemented this year.

First, announcements will no longer be made from the pulpit immediately prior to worship. The Session believes this change will help preserve the focus and solemnity of our entrance into worship. Announcements will continue to be provided in the weekly bulletin. Second, with respect to the Lord's Supper, prayer requests that were previously shared during the post-communion "family" prayer time will now be received prior to the Call to Worship on Communion Sundays. Third, we will begin incorporating the Lord's Prayer corporately during the Communion service as part of our observance of the sacrament.

The Communion Season observed in 2025 was a particular blessing to the congregation, especially through the ministry of Dr. Jeffrey Stivason. We have scheduled our next Communion Season for June 20–21 of this year. We encourage you to mark these dates and to begin praying that the Lord would use this time to draw us nearer to Himself and conform us more fully to the image of Christ.

Finally, the Session expresses sincere gratitude for your love for our Triune God, for the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, and for this local congregation. We are thankful for the privilege of serving Christ by serving His church. We look forward with anticipation to laboring together in His service in the year ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott J. Hunt

Clerk of Session, Marion Reformed Presbyterian Church

Deacon Report:

Colossians 3:23-24 "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."

2025 was an active year for the deacons. As the year progressed, it became clear that more help was needed, so the session instituted a deacon internship program. This program allowed us to choose men to come alongside us to help with the many projects we had planned for, as well as other things that had come up.

Jacob Fisher and Thomas Callender have spent a lot of time, both during church and on their own time, maintaining the building's needs over the past year. Some of those repairs included managing leaks in the boiler system, backed up toilets, roof issues, and heating and cooling. They continue to work hard ensuring that we have a safe and comfortable building to use for whatever may arise.

During 2025, Chris Baker was able to launch our livestreaming for worship and other significant events. We are all thankful for this work since it allows us to stay connected and worship regularly even when illness or weather keeps us home. In addition to launching the livestream, we are all thankful for his technical knowledge and experience which improved our wifi connection upstairs which made our streaming more reliable.

Over the years, church security has become more important. We have heard terrible things happen to other congregations and the deacons continue to plan and work on improving our safety and security in the building. Jordan Palmer has been instrumental in improving our readiness for any emergency we may face. Jordan recommended and installed security cameras on the property which allow us to monitor who is coming and going when we are meeting. Additionally, he ensured that the fire suppression system was inspected and is in good condition.

This year has shown a decline in mercy requests. However, the deacons are eager to serve those who may need a little help. This is not limited to members or non-members—nor is it limited to giving money. So we encourage you to let us know where there is a need.

Thank you for your attention to this report. There are plenty of things that beg the attention of the deacons through work and family needs, as well as the needs of the Church. This can often be a lot to manage, so I'd ask that you pray for our endurance in these things.

Respectfully Submitted: Billy Cole

Security Committee Report

The Church Security Committee exists to help ensure the safety and well-being of the congregation during all worship services, ministries, and events. Our aim is to provide a secure environment that supports worship, hospitality, and peace while maintaining practices consistent with biblical stewardship.

Committee Members: Billy Cole, Jason Camery, Jordan Palmer

2025 Accomplishments: Installed Security Cameras in church building. Conducted two security audits. Adjusted age requirements for Sunday school and nursery assistants to ensure each room receives the highest care and prudence.

2026 Goals: Install more security cameras. Complete Church Security SOP. Identify one new member for security team. Complete a “church use” calendar and guidelines. Create Men’s ministry involving firearms training.

The committee would like to thank the session for their support and prayers. It is a joy to serve a church that appreciates the need for church security.

Respectfully Submitted: Jordan Palmer

Hospitality and Fellowship Committee Report

Romans 12:13- "Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality."

The Hospitality and Fellowship Committee has been blessed to help plan our monthly fellowship lunches including providing a meal for the CORPS Winter Conference and a festive Thanksgiving luncheon. We've also provided food after the communion season and the 10th anniversary party. The committee oversees the supplies and helps set up for each event. The hospitality committee also organized a meal train for Murray's while Mary was recovering. We've also provided flowers from the church for the funerals of the Smith, Camery and Fisher families. And provided a meal for the immediate family after Kay Camerys funeral. The church has enjoyed times of fellowship at the couple's dinner at Charlie Creek, game night, campout, college meals, and events hosted by the Callender family such as egg hunt, Reformation Day, and Christmas Carols.

The ladies of the church enjoyed our monthly night out at different restaurants or parks. Pam Fisher hosted a festive Christmas party at her home. The Men of the church have also meet up a couple times for Brews and Bonding at the Murrays, Hunts and Jacob Fishers house.

Thank you to the entire congregation for contributing to these events. We know that many of you provided food, homes, and fellowship to make these events happen! We look forward to serving our church community by providing hospitality and fellowship activities throughout this coming year.

Respectfully Submitted: Jessica Baker, Bekah Fisher, Pam Fisher, and Mary Murray

Presiding Report

Psalm 95: 1- Oh come, let us sing to the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our Salvation!

We, the presenters—Anne, Gresham, Henry, Evie, and Bekah—wish to express our gratitude to the congregation for giving us the opportunity to lead worship through singing Psalms to our Lord. We have helped lead the Psalm of the quarter each month as well as the other Psalms chosen for Worship. Ruth and Gresham Callender have helped lead a monthly singing time to learn new parts or Psalms. This November our church also hosted a Thanksgiving Psalm Sing with the other churches in our denomination. Thank you all for your participation in worshipping the Lord while singing His word back to Him.

Respectfully Submitted: Anne Callender, Gresham Callender, Henry Callender, Bekah Fisher and Evie Parnell

2026 Youth Education Committee Report

Purpose: The Lord has blessed our congregation with a large number of covenant youth. As a congregation of the Lord's church in accordance with the constitution of the RPCNA we have a joyful obligation to provide our covenant youth with age-appropriate biblical teaching.

"Every congregation is under special obligation to give religious instruction to the youth..." (DCG 1.6 D-5)

"Do you, the members of this congregation, receive this child into your fellowship and promise to pray for him/her, and to help and encourage the parents as they seek to bring him/her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?" (DFW 3.7, F-12)

Members of the committee: Aaron Murray, Scott Hunt, Bekah Fisher, Tatiana Cole and Ruth Callender,

Teachers and helpers who served this year: Scott and Allison Hunt, Audrey and Colin Hunt, Tatiana Cole, Chris Baker, Aaron Murray, Jordan and Melissa Palmer, Nelle Palmer, Ruth Callender, Bekah Fisher

Scripture memorized: Col. 3:12-17, Ex. 20:1-17, 1 John 1:1-5,

Psalms learned: 103B, 84B, 110B, 9B

Curriculum: No changes from last year: Both classes use curriculum published by Great Commission Publications. Younger class uses the Younger Elementary and the older class is working through the Digging Deeper book.

Prayer requests: God would equip faithful teachers and give them the willingness to serve our youth.

Respectfully Submitted: Ruth Callender

Teaching Elder Report to the Marion Congregation

Dear Saints of Marion, I am thankful for the opportunity to reflect on the Lord's work over the past year and to give a brief account of my service among you and within the broader church. Over the past year, I have had several opportunities to preach and to teach Sunday School, both of which I have greatly enjoyed. I am grateful for these occasions to open the Word and to labor in teaching, and I look forward to continuing to serve in these capacities in the future, as I am able, for the good of our congregation and, when called upon, other congregations as well.

I have also served on a Synod Judicial Commission related to matters involving the Phoenix congregation. That work is still ongoing and continues to require time, prayer, and careful attention. In addition, I currently serve on an advisory committee for the Sycamore congregation, offering counsel and support as they navigate their present circumstances.

On a personal level, Jenny and I remain very busy with family responsibilities, particularly in caring for her stepmother through ongoing illness, along with other family obligations. This past year has also been marked by grief, as I continue to reflect on the deaths of both of my parents, most recently my mother's passing in July. Even in sorrow, I am deeply thankful for the grace of God in their lives and for their finishing the race well in the Lord.

As the Apostle Paul reminds us, "We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope" (1 Thessalonians 4:13). While grief remains real, it is mingled with hope and thanksgiving for the promises of Christ.

I am encouraged to see our own congregation continue to grow and mature, and I remain grateful to be part of the work God is doing here. In my vocational life, I continue to oversee jail operations in Grant County, and I pray that I am providing at least some faithful Christian witness at the county level through that role.

Above all, I am mindful of the Lord's goodness and sustaining grace this past year. "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever" (Psalm 107:1). Even in seasons marked by loss, responsibility, and weariness, we can say with the psalmist, "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth" (Psalm 34:1).

I remain thankful for you, for the fellowship of the saints, and for the privilege of serving Christ and His Church. "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:17).

With gratitude in Christ, Jason Camery, Teaching Elder

Pastors Report:

For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Colossians 2:1-13

Beloved saints, I know it is a common platitude for a pastor to express his love to the congregation, perhaps even cliché, however that does not make it any less true. I have a deep affection for you all and am so thankful to the Lord that I get to be your pastor. Hebrews 13:17 is true of you, it is an immense joy to serve as your under shepherd, pointing you to Jesus Christ, your Good Shepherd!

Teaching Ministry:

In early 2025 we finished our series through the book of 1 John and saw the loving hand of Jesus who keeps and protects you. In mid-2025 we went through the book of Jonah and saw how the Lord uses flawed men to save nations and then began our current series in the book of Colossians.

It has been a joy to teach through the book of 1 Sam. during our midweek Bible study, to participate in the rotation of teaching during our Sunday school hour, and to teach an Introduction to Systematic Theology to our college and early career adults at 8:30 on Sunday mornings.

Presbytery and Synod:

I am privileged to be able to serve as the Directory of CYPY (Covenanter Young People's Union) for the GLG. On top of my work with the presbytery, I am also serving as the GLG representative on the Synod's Youth Education Committee.

Last year, I was appointed to serve on a judicial commission of the presbytery investigating a man who was propagating the error of federal vision in other NAPARC churches. This was a heavy labor, but the Lord sustained the commission through its work.

I was also appointed to serve on a judicial commission of Synod to conduct a trial of a teaching elder regarding alleged abuse of his ministerial authority. This too, was heavy work, but Lord willing, all will be resolved at the 2026 meeting of Synod.

Ministry Highlights of 2025:

- Receiving ten individuals into communicant membership.
- Observing the love and care you all have for one another.

- Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Congregation.
- The 2025 CYPUP Winter Conference.
- Witnessing the growth of the co-op led by the homeschool mothers of the congregation.
- The election of new deacons.
- Ushering our beloved sister and mother in Christ, Kay Camery, to the gates of eternity.

Ministry Goals of 2026:

- Grow as a preacher and teacher of God's Holy Word.
- Grow in my visitation ministry.
- Grow in community outreach.

Affectionately and Respectfully Submitted: Aaron D. Murray

2025 Financial Report:

		2025	2025
		PROPOSED	
TITHES AND OFFERINGS		\$ 128,575.00	\$128,838.95
GIFTS			\$2,700.00
INTEREST			\$66.89
PRESBYTERY GIFT			\$25,000.00
RPM&M			
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 128,575.00	\$156,605.84
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 128,575.00	\$141,594.62
OUT FLOW			\$1,095.94
IN FLOW			\$25,957.19
ADMINISTRATION		\$ 8,900.00	\$7,807.75
ADMINISTRATION/OFFICE		\$ 2,000.00	\$3,698.42

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION		\$ 1,000.00	\$264.02
PULPIT SUPPLY		\$ 700.00	\$1,260.00
PASTOR EXPENSE		\$ 1,000.00	\$1,157.18
OUTREACH		\$ 500.00	\$96.60
NURSERY		\$ 200.00	
MEDIA/WEBSITE		\$ 2,500.00	\$1,331.53
BUILDING		\$ 46,555.00	\$50,038.19
MORTGAGE		\$ 6,655.20	\$6,655.20
MAINTENANCE		\$ 6,000.00	\$4,943.34
CHURCH CLEANING		\$ 5,500.00	\$6,250.00
GROUNDS/PARKING		\$ 3,000.00	\$4,200.00
SUPPLIES		\$ 500.00	\$535.87
UTILITIES		\$ 17,360.00	\$19,231.78
INSURANCE		\$ 7,540.00	\$8,222.00
BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS			
MINISTRIES		\$ 2,800.00	\$2,370.34
FELLOWSHIP/HOSPITALITY		\$ 300.00	\$738.54

MERCY		\$ 700.00	\$887.80
PRESBYTERY SCHOLARSHIP		\$ 1,000.00	\$450.00
RPGM		\$ 300.00	\$300.00
INDIA MISSION		\$ 500.00	\$444.00
SYNOD ASSESMENT		\$ 3,000.00	\$2,912.00
PRESBYTERY ASSESMENT		\$ 1,570.00	\$1,570.00
PASTOR MURRAY		\$ 70,000.00	\$75,800.40
PASTOR MURRAY HOUSING		\$ 40,200.00	\$36,117.21
PASTOR MURRAY SALARY		\$ 20,000.00	\$24,083.19
PASTOR MURRAY HEALTH		\$ 5,000.00	\$6,000.00
PASTOR MURRAY PENSION		\$ 4,800.00	\$9,600.00
OUT FLOW			\$1,095.94
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$141,594.62
TOTAL INCOME			

CHECKING BALANCE 12/31/24	12/31/25		\$35,278.78
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2026 Proposed Budget:

	2025	2026 PROPOSED BUDGET
DESIGNATED FUNDS		
TITHES AND OFFERINGS	\$132,825.00	\$139,400.00
102 CASH		
INFLOW		
INTEREST		
RPM&M		
GIFTS FOR BUILDING IMPROVEMENT		
TOTAL INCOME	\$132,825.00	\$139,315.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$8,900.00	\$6,400.00
ADMINISTRATION/OFFICE	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
PULPIT SUPPLY	\$700.00	\$500.00
PASTOR EXPENSE	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

OUTREACH	\$500.00	\$300.00
NURSERY	\$200.00	\$100.00
MEDIA/WEBSITE	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00
BUILDING	\$46,555.00	\$51,595.00
MORTGAGE	\$6,655.00	\$6,655.00
2nd MORTGAGE		\$3,840.00
MAINTENANCE	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00
CHURCH CLEANING	\$5,500.00	\$6,300.00
GROUNDS/PARKING	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
SUPPLIES	\$500.00	\$500.00
UTILITIES	\$17,360.00	\$18,000.00
INSURANCE	\$7,540.00	\$8,300.00
MINISTRIES	\$2,800.00	\$2,750.00
FELLOWSHIP/HOSPITALITY	\$300.00	\$300.00
MERCY	\$700.00	\$700.00
PRESBYTERY SCHOLARSHIP	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
RPGM	\$300.00	\$300.00

INDIA MISSION		\$500.00	\$450.00
SYNOD ASSESMENT		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
PRESBYTERY ASSESMENT		\$1,570.00	\$1,570.00
PASTOR MURRAY		\$71,000.00	\$74,000.00
PASTOR MURRAY HOUSING		\$40,200.00	
PASTOR MURRAY SALARY		\$20,000.00	
PASTOR MURRAY HEALTH		\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
PASTOR MURRAY PENSION		\$4,800.00	\$5,000.00
OUTFLOW			
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$132,825.00	\$139,315.00