

## Committees at a Glance

**May 10**

7:00pm

Daycare Board, Rm 106

**May 15**

9:30am

Library Board, Adult Library



## Senior Recognition Sunday

**May 23, 2010**

8:30, 9:45 and 11:00am services

## Memorials Sunday

**May 30, 2010**

8:30am service



The Church Office will be closed on **Thursday, May 6.**

Staff members will be attending a multi-church staff development workshop at West Des Moines United Methodist Church.

### First United Methodist Church of Marion

12th Street & 8th Avenue

Sunday Worship –

**7:45am**

Early Worship – Chapel

**8:30am**

Spirited Traditional – Sanctuary

**9:45am**

Two Songs & A Sermon – Sanctuary Church School for children and adults

**11:00am**

Blended Praise – Sanctuary



# The Marion Methodist

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PASTOR MIKE MORGAN

## Claiming the City for Christ – A plan

Recently an architect and I were having a conversation and he asked a simple question: “What is the most crucial thing in a building?” Like most would, I answered “the foundation” to which he said, “No, a comprehensive plan is the most crucial thing in any building project.”

Revisiting that conversation in my mind, I understand what he means. People pouring concrete and pounding nails all willy-nilly without a good plan in place, would likely create a most unusable and unsightly facility. The same is true in the building of a life and mission of the church; a good plan must be in place to build what God has in mind for us.

Stan Wierson challenged First Church to “**Claim the City for Christ**” in the last issue of the *Marion Methodist* and I agree. The nature of the church is to win souls to Christ and nurture them in the kingdom. This must be said again and again. Harry Beckwith in a book for business folks wrote: “*Your mission is your highest purpose—state it and stick to it.*”

The remainder is a first draft of a plan to do this very thing. I propose that in the next 6 months we pursue the following four ministry opportunities; they all confluence at certain places to provide the root structure for our organizational shift. We will depend on the Holy

Spirit and Hard Work for the rest.

### • Team to Pray for Revival

During the late spring and summer, the pastor will be asking those who love the Lord and are called to the ministry of prayer to come together for this work. *We will need a new mindset that will only emerge from a people willing to step out into a place that they have never been before, willing to journey more deeply with God in this time.* Borderland Churches

### • Natural Church Development - growing Passionate Spirituality

We are in the second year of this program and during this year we simply must grow inwardly in ways that will move us towards outward acts of discipleship and testimony.

### • Discipleship Program and Purpose Review 2010

As the population grows in North America, church attendance and activity is falling – quickly. Gene Appel writes: *Too often churches fall in love with their methods at the expense of their purpose.* I am inspired to think that we are at the

edge of and in need of a radical shift – even in a pretty good church. Currently a task force is working to fully retool our direction, methodology, program, and marketing in regards to disciple building.

### • The Joy of Living Campaign

A spiritual life campaign (not a sequel) that will have significance designed to move us towards joyful living in and outside the church. Antoine de Sainte-Exupery: *If you want to build a ship, don't summon people to buy wood, prepare tools, distribute jobs, and organize the work; rather teach people the yearning for the wide, boundless ocean.* This will be the goal of this campaign.

We are at a moment of time when the city in which we have found ourselves is ripe for the harvesting. Let's claim the moment and claim our city for Christ without hesitation or fear. God will provide a way for those who boldly work on his behalf.

Peace, Joy, Love in Jesus,  
Rev. Mike



## Idea: Purity of the Message

May 2

Purity of Direction  
Holy Communion

Luke 8:1-15

May 9

Purity of Power

Luke 8:16-25

## Director of Adult Education and Discipleship Search

Jon Moss has served the church well for three years as Director of Adult Education and Discipleship. His decision to attend seminary full time causes the Staff Parish Relations Committee to seek applicants for the position.

**The Director of Adult Education and Discipleship** is to plan, develop and implement a biblically based growth-oriented, diverse and comprehensive Christian Education and Disciple building program for adults. The position is part time and it is expected that it will

take 20 hours per week to effectively perform the tasks related to this ministry office.

The search is currently underway and will be complete when the best candidate is identified. If you feel God calling you to this ministry, please submit a digital letter of interest, resume and references to Rev. Mike Morgan prior to May 11. Interested and qualified persons can pick up a complete job description in the church office or at [www.fumcm Marion.org/Current\\_Job\\_Openings.html](http://www.fumcm Marion.org/Current_Job_Openings.html)

# Powerhouse

*get connected*

Powerhouse will continue on  
Wednesdays in the Fall



**3RD, 4TH & 5TH GRADERS...**

Mark your calendars,

Call your friends and join us for a

## Final Jam

**Sunday, May 23**

5:30 – 7:00pm

Since it's the last JAM of the school year,  
meet us at Hanna Park!!

It's Food, Fun & Fellowship!!!

Don't miss it! Questions? Call Val at  
373-8623 or val@fumcmarion.org

# AND...

## YOUR JAMMERS

(3rd, 4th & 5th Graders)



Want to help. Watch for Pennies for  
Haiti buckets in the Narthex, in Fellowship  
Hall & in the Office. Your small change  
will be donated to UMCOR to be used  
for Haiti relief.

Buckets will be available May 2 – May 23  
Questions? Call Val at 373-8623 or  
val@fumcmarion.org

YOUTH

## Youth Mission Trip

**July 25-31 to Cincinnati**

Cost will be \$250 plus travel.  
Some spots still available. Sign up with  
Pastor Nathan ASAP. Open to both  
Jr. High and Sr. High students.

## SUMMER GAMES UNIVERSITY

for grades 6-12 (completed)

**July 12-16** at Grinnell College in Grinnell,  
Iowa, with Pastor Mike, Pastor Nathan  
and others. Register or get more info at  
www.summergamesuniversity.org.

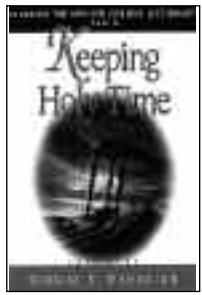
## United Methodist Church Camps

are also located at Lake Okoboji,  
Pictured Rocks at Monticello and  
Wesley Woods at Indianola. For more  
information or to register, go to  
www.iaumc.org/camps or contact the  
church. Make new friends & experi-  
ence new adventures!

## Ongoing Sunday Morning Classes For Adults

### Revised Common Lectionary – Adult Library

Peg Boss



The Lectionary is a short passage of  
Scripture that is used for public reading  
and often the passage which is read as  
part of various church worship services  
each week. The class consists of reading,  
lecture, and discussion and is primarily  
mature adults. The class members have  
a good time in fellowship and study!

### Old Testament Studies – Room 104

Virginia Jensen



This is a study of the Old Testament from  
the perspective of a History Teacher. This  
is a very popular class and consists of lec-  
ture and discussion. It has appealed to a  
broad age range. Stop in and check it out for a couple of  
Sundays and see if this class is for you.

### Coming in the Fall!



If you desire to learn how God's  
Living Word applies to your daily  
living and you seek to have a better  
understanding of God's message to His people, the Bible,  
then Disciple may be for you.

*Interested in knowing more?*

Contact Pastor Jon Moss, Pastor of Adult Discipleship at  
jonmoss@fumcmarion.org.

Marion  
First United Methodist Church  
presents

## RING THE BELLS OF FREEDOM

A concert of handbells & handchimes  
& special guest the "Friendship Ringers"  
Sunday, May 2 at 4:00pm  
in the sanctuary of the  
First United Methodist Church  
Marion, Iowa  
Reception immediately following

A Joyful Noise Jubilation  
Touch of Brass Bell Canto

No Admission charged  
Bring a canned food item  
to benefit  
Mission of Hope



## GET ON BOARD... and bring a friend!!!

Don't forget to get registered  
Share the adventure  
by letting your friends know!!

Join us for a HIGH SEAS Expedition  
Vacation Bible School

**June 14 – 18**  
**9am – noon**

Experience the deep  
rolling waters of God's love!

**Need an early drop off??**

Try Early Birds – drop off at 7:30  
**(Must register for Early Birds by June 1)**

Check out the website for registration  
forms or check in the office.

Fumcmarion.org



## All Hands on Deck To help us prepare for the adventure!!

We need...

• People to help us get  
this vessel built

• Join us for decorating  
May 1– June 12:  
Tues / Thurs 12:30- 3:00  
Wed 6 – 7:30  
Room 303-305

• The ship's supplies must  
be prepared & purchased

- Donation lists at church on  
Sunday, May 2  
- Can't be there for VBS??

• We need people to help with  
work to prepare the crafts!

- Always room for more!!!

• Join us as a crew leader,  
a photographer, a teachers!!

There is room for everyone  
on this adventure!!!

Contact Val with questions – 373-8623

Always room for more!!!

Visit our website at

## www.fumcmarion.org

for information about the church, current activities,  
organizations, newsletter, etc. Articles for the newsletter can  
be submitted by email to [norma@fumcmarion.org](mailto:norma@fumcmarion.org).





# Stewardship Corner

## May 2, 2010

**Greeters:** 8:30 8th Ave Jean Tanner  
12th St Ned & Connie Albert  
11:00 8th Ave Kim Brown  
12th St Mike & Diana Anderson

**Acolytes:** 8:30 Scott Mortensen, Nic Uhler  
11:00 Amber Markley, Brianna Dunkel

## May 9, 2010

**Greeters:** 8:30 8th Ave Dean & Norma Baughman  
12th St Henry & Barb Schmoll  
11:00 8th Pam Couser  
12th St Ron & Peg Boss

**Acolytes:** 8:30 Scott Mortensen, Nic Uhler  
11:00 Amber Markley, Brianna Dunkel

## Attention all friendly, happy, helpful people:

We are looking for individuals, couples or families to help usher, especially for the 9:45 service. If this is something you would love to do at our 8:30, 9:45 or 11:00 services, please talk to Karen email Karen@fumcmarion.org or call 377-4856



## May 8 at 8:00am

Breakfast and meeting in Fellowship Hall.



## UMW Circles

**May 4** (note change of date)  
**Rebekah** at 1:15pm, Myrna Twedt's.  
3191 Silver Oak Trail 377-0665

## May 5

**Sarah** at 9:15am, LLCC  
**Miriam** at 1:00pm, Catherine Larson's, 6603 Limestone Ct, Cedar Rapids 395-7706

## May 6

**The Bookends** at 7:00pm,  
Lois McCormick's, 2990  
18th Ave 377-2890

## May 12

**Susanna** at 9:30am, LLCC  
**Mary** at 1:00pm, Betty Spearman's,  
2845 Winchester Dr 377-3097

## May 13

**Needle Designers** at 9:30am, LLCC  
**Wesleyan** at 9:30am, Adult Library  
**Joyful Cooks** at 6:30pm,  
Lauren Noble's, 775 Deerfield Dr  
350-2760

## Women's Friendship Group

The Women's Friendship Group meets on the third Monday of each month at the Pizza Ranch in Marion at 11:00am. All single women of FUMC who are interested in a time of good fellowship and good food are invited to attend at any time. Call Idella Hogan, 377-1382, for more information or with questions.

## Caregiving Group

The Thursday Caregivers Support Group Meetings will be held on the first and third Thursdays at 1:30pm at Summit Pointe Senior Living, just off of 29th Avenue in Marion. The group will meet in their private dining room. Meetings begin at 1:30 and end at 3:00pm. Respite care will be offering for loved ones.

Join us for support, prayer, information, and free respite. If you have a question, call Vicki Standley at the church office, 377-4856.

## Thank You's

Prayerful thanks to Steve Streff and Vicki Standley for their hospital visits and to Ruth Starr for the beautiful handmade card sent on behalf of United Methodist friends and to all for your prayers. It's great to be home. – Evelyn Hollister

Many thanks to my friends at FUMC for the Easter cards. Each one was very special and I appreciate your thoughtfulness. – God bless, Dorothy Nelson, Summit Pointe

Dear Mike, the report from the conference treasurer indicates First UMC paid 100% of their 2009 apportionments. I want to commend you and the congregation on that accomplishment. A certificate recognizing this faithful accomplishment will be awarded to the church at our District Conference on April 25. Heartfelt thanks goes to each one who made possible this funding of the mission of Jesus Christ in Iowa and around the world. Your sacrificial commitment touches and transforms lives. Thank you. May god continue to bless your ministry in Christ's name. – Your fellow servant in Christ, Rev. David Crow, East Central District Superintendent

On behalf of the board of directors, staff, volunteers and clients of the Catherine McAuley Center, I want to thank you for your donation of the two new handmade quilts received at the Center of February 24, 2010. Your gift helps us to continue making a difference in the lives of the people we serve. – Amy Grommon March, Executive Director

## Update on the Last Two Community Days

**November 2009**, Fly received \$845.61 and Choir received \$625.61 for a total of \$1471.22. This amount includes the \$231.22 received from Younkers for participating in the program and reaching sales goals.

**February, 2010**. Fly received \$669.12 and Choir received \$50.00 for a total of \$719.12. This amount includes the \$294.12 received from Younkers for participating in the program and reaching sales goals.

Younkers has two Community Days a year and in the last two, FUMC earned \$2190.34. Fly and Choir thank you as a Congregation for participating in this project. Your \$5.00 for the coupon booklet makes a difference.



## May Friendship Day

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Friday, May 7, 2010

Place: Echo Hill Presbyterian Church, 9000 C Avenue NE

Time: 9:00am Breakfast (\$3.00), 9:45am Worship

Theme: Living the Vision

Echo Hill Presbyterian Church is a very new church and is located about 3 miles north of Collins Road on C Avenue.

Call Wanda, 377-3709, for more information.

## Pantry Partners Continue

Pick up an extra can or two of food while at the grocery store to contribute to the Marion Food Pantry. Bring to church any Sunday and put in the food carts near the doors.

**Suggestion for May is Hand Soap.**

## Volunteers Needed

for the Mail Carriers' Food Drive on May 8 to sort and box the food at Carnegie Lower Level from 11:00am to 4:00pm. All food will be given to the Marion Food Pantry. Any questions or to volunteer, please call Frank and Clarice Hinds at 373-0936.



## It's Perennial Time Again

Lois McCormick will once again be selling perennial plants from her garden. The proceeds will go to FLY. If you want to add some color in your yard and garden at an economical price, call her or e-mail her. Phone number is 377-2890 and e-mail is Immccormick@mchsi.com. Besides flowers, she also has raspberry plants, chives, mint, etc.



## LECTIONARY READINGS

**May 2, 2010**

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

**May 9, 2010**

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

## Our Congregation Shares Its Concern & Christian Love...

**BAPTISM:** Apr 25, **Marin Riley Schlamp**, daughter of Jason & Tamara Schlamp.

**BIRTHS:** Apr 9, **Brianna Lynn Cnossen**, daughter of Greg & Jaime Cnossen, Raleigh, NC. Grandparents are Jim & Linda Cnossen.

Apr 21, **Slater Jae Cloven**, son of Doug & Liz Cloven, Davenport. Grandparents are Bill & Lynn Cloven.

**WEDDING:** Apr 17, **Kristina Baughman & Aaron Austin**.

**DEATH:** Apr 20, **Kevin Hyduk**. Family members include his wife, Crissa, daughter, Taryn, Del & Anita Schons and Mike & Connie Jirouch.

**You're invited to join us at "Carnegie Corner" any Tuesday morning from 9:00-11:00am.**

**We play cards & games:**  
500, Bridge (some weeks)  
Dominoes & Table Games

**Using the Computer to search for:**

- Christian websites
- Hearing the Bible
- Reading Large print scriptures
- Finding & Playing hymns
- FUMC website
- How to use free clipart
- Making greeting cards
- And more!

**Coffee Refreshments Devotions**

Contact Myrna Carter or Sherry Murray for more information.

While this group is geared toward our Senior Citizens, anyone is welcome to attend at anytime. We occasionally have potlucks and take short trips also.

## The Marion Methodist deadline schedule

Deadline dates for the next issue of the Marion Methodist is on WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 by NOON. This issue will cover from May 16 through 29, 2010. Emails are appreciated and can be sent to [norma@fumcmarion.org](mailto:norma@fumcmarion.org)

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