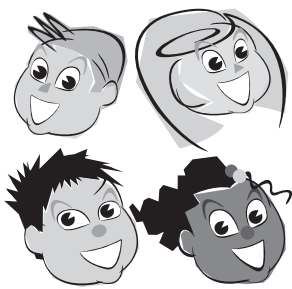


## Committees at a Glance

**August 24**  
3:30pm  
UMW Executive Board  
Adult Library

## Morning Prayer Service

Every Tuesday  
7:00 - 7:30 a.m.  
FUMC Chapel



## We need your smiling faces in our new 2010 Church Picture Directory!!

Individual and family photos  
will be taken before and after  
our 4 services on Sunday  
mornings starting August 22  
and continuing into  
September.

Photographers will be  
set up in the Parlor and  
Fellowship Hall.

Please plan on sharing  
your smiles with us!!

### 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

## It's Simple

Twenty years ago, the little poem: *"All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten"* by Robert Fulghum swept the country. In Kindergarten among other things we learned to:

- Share everything.
- Clean up your own mess.
- Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
- Watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.

There was a sweet beauty in the simplicity of the teaching that challenged us to rethink what was really important in life. Scores of studies show that children's moral and values development substantiates that the foundation for lifelong values and morals are formed at the earliest years.

Scripture admonishes us to: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6) R. S. Lee, in *Your Growing Children and Religion* wrote: "The first seven years of life constitute the period for laying the foundations of religion. This is the most important period in the whole of a person's life in determining his later religious attitudes." Thus, one of the most important things the church must do is reach the kids for Christ and help them develop a Christian Worldview.

I doubt there is a single reader of this article in disagreement with me. A "drive by" glance at our facilities convinces the most casual observer that growing lives is important to us. More than 30 rooms at this facility are primarily used for Life Growth/Christian Education. This year already we have baptized many children into team FUMC and just last week a few dozen of us prayed over every inch of our buildings that lives might be built well for Christ here. So then you might ask: "Pastor, what do you need from us?"

The answer is passionate (or renewed) enthusiasm for this mission – the mission of raising up children for the Lord. A second answer is passionate participation in the mission of bringing the children of our area to the Lord. A third answer is passionate support for the leg of that work that is at hand.

From time to time, groups that persist (like a church year after year) need moments or milestones to point to, this fall we believe the Lord is driving us towards one. Next month, the **"Joy for Living – Claim the City for Christ"** a spiritual life campaign focused on living life with a Biblical/Christian Worldview will launch at FUMC. The campaign will be focused on building the Kingdom of God here in our City.

The desired outcomes of the **"Joy for Living – Claim the City for Christ"** will be developing passionate disciples of Christ and growing FUMC in her outward mission of welcoming strangers, raising up children, inviting people to meet the Lord and serving our neighbors near and far. Everything we are plotting and planning is being bathed in prayer, and a most passionate request of the Holy Spirit to fuel this initiative is being made.

*"With Christ our cornerstone we testify to the joy of living"* is the mission statement of First United Methodist Church, so as Fulgham might say; hold hands and stick together in this great work of testifying.

Peace, Joy, Love,  
Rev. Mike

## Big Idea:

### Belief in the Beyond

August 22 The Religious Right Luke 11:37-54  
11:00 Installation of our Youth Leaders

### Signs

August 29 Warning! Luke 12:1-12  
8:30 Blessing of Choir  
11:00 Installation of our Church School Leaders

**POWER UP ...**

Join us on Wednesday Nights this fall for Faith,  
Fellowship, Friends, Food & FUN!!

**Wednesday, September 8**

5:30 – 5:45 Lemonade & Fellowship  
5:45 – 6:15 FUMC Family Meal  
6:30 – Something For Everyone!!

**KIDS** – meet an every day Jesus through  
art, drama, games & more!!  
JH youth from 6-8:00pm / SH youth 7-9:00pm

**Adults** – there will be something for everyone!!

LIFE GROWTH & EDUCATION



**2 years - 5th Graders**  
 Sunday School continues  
 for the summer...  
 Preschool - Room 205  
 Kdg—5th grade 3rd floor



*Kids of all ages!!!*  
 It's Time to Begin again....

## FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

**Sunday, August 22**  
**9:45 – 10:45 am**  
 Join us as we learn to be  
**BOLD about Jesus!!**

## YOUTH LIFE GROUPS ARE MEETING ON WEDNESDAYS

Junior High – 6-8pm  
 Senior High – 7-9pm



3rd, 4th & 5th Graders....

## IT'S THE RETURN OF JAM!!!

After a summer off –  
 join us for some great fun!!

**Sunday, September 12 5:30-7:00pm**  
 We'll meet in the JAM SPACE  
 (aka Black Light Room)

Join us for food, fun, & fellowship!!  
 Friends are always welcome!

Please RSVP to Val so we know how  
 much food to have!!  
 373-8623 or val@fumcmarion.org

## Men's Fraternity

Men's Fraternity – *Winning at Work  
 and Home*. Join other men in learning  
 about living a Christ led life. You do  
 not need to have attended Men's  
 Fraternity in the past to attend. The  
 series is 16 lessons, and will continue  
 into 2011.

Starts on Friday, October 8 at 6:30 am.  
 Cost (donation) tba

## 2 Mission Trip Opportunities

### Nashville Mission Trip Oct 14-19

The agenda for the trip will be to leave here on Thursday, Oct. 14 and put in some solid days of work with us leaving on Tuesday, Oct 19. This will give us 4 full days of work with two days built in to travel built in. As you can see in the FAQs there is no work fee. Donations have come in to allow us not to have to pay. But we will need to bring our own tools. And some sites will ask for a donation per night. The only cost for the trip will be for transportation and meals while we are down there.

#### So, things we will need are:

1. Vehicles to transport- If you are willing to donate the use of your vehicle, that would be awesome.
2. If we are going to provide meals we could have a different group in charge for breakfast each day. Take stuff for bagged lunches so we can eat on site. And plan on eating out in the evening. Or we can find a couple people whose job it is all week to provide us with nourishment for the week.
3. This will be a rebuilding trip. While there are many jobs that might come up that we will need to be fluid with. Rebuilding is the #1 priority.

#### Frequently asked questions:

**Are beds & bedding available?** Yes, most sites have beds/cots. Teams are responsible for their own linens.

**Is a kitchen available?** Yes, some sites do have facilities for cooking others do not. Plan accordingly.

**Are meals provide or should be provide our own?** No meals are provided. Teams are responsible for their own meals and may not have cooking facilities so we ask you to plan/budget for meals out just in case your site doesn't have a kitchen.

**Showers?** Yes, most sites have had shower facilities.

**Is there a cost for the use of the housing facilities?** None to date. Some do ask for small donations (\$5-\$10/person per night) but not required.

**Are tools and supplies available, or shall we bring our own?** We ask each team to bring their own tools as currently we do not have tool trailers on site for use. You will be able to discuss what tools to bring with your site leader once the work has been assigned to your team prior to arrival.

**Will there be a place we can have nightly devotions/worships?** Not all sites have this capability however we are confident you will be able to work it out.

I really look forward to going on this trip with you. It should be a great trip to go down and help those who came up here to help our own community during the last couple years of our flood effort. If you have any other questions please don't hesitate to ask me. And please spread the word and let others know. – Pastor Nathan Richardson

### Operation Christmas Child - Shoe Box Mission Trip

Please join us for our first mission trip to the processing center in Minneapolis! Dates are November 30th - December 1st. Call Diana Anderson @ 361-6400 for more information.

## Adult Education and Discipleship - 2010 "Life Growth" Opportunities

### Tuesday Study at 6:30pm begins September 7

#### A Study of Daniel in Room 105

This 12 week study is led by Ila Mae Greer. You will learn the lessons from the fiery furnace and the lion's den. Cost tba.

### Wednesday Studies at 6:30pm begin September 8

#### Bible Basics in Room 106

John Wilkinson will lead a series of Bible studies with the "beginner" in mind. Even if you can't start right away, the courses will be designed so that you can join in throughout the year. Cost (donation): \$20.00.

#### Contemporary Christian Applications in Room 104

A series of discussions regarding what it means to be a Christian in today's world. Challenges to our Faith are all around us. We will discuss the challenges of being a Christian and discuss ways to be strong in our Faith. Cost (donation): \$20.00. Leader is Ron Noble

#### Pastor's Bible Study in the Chapel

The Old Testament from a Pastor's perspective. The approach will be the Wesleyan method of going verse by verse. Primarily the class will be lecture based, but time will be given for questions and discussion. Cost (donation): \$20.00. Led by Pastor Mike Morgan .

### Sunday Morning Studies at 9:45am

#### Lectionary Bible Studies in the Adult Library (Ongoing - come any time)

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. Passages come from both the Old and New Testament. Cost (donation): Free will offering. Leader is Peg Boss.

#### Old Testament Studies in Room 104

Verse by Verse study of the Old Testament from the perspective of a history teacher. Learn exciting and thought provoking facts, with opportunity for discussion. Cost (donation): Free will offering. Leader is Virginia Jensen.

### Sunday Evening Studies at 6:30pm

#### Disciple

Disciple provides an overview of the entire Bible. The goal of Disciple is to transform people's lives and to develop biblically-nourished servant leaders who will serve Christ in the church and in the world.

- DISCIPLE 1 is a 34 week study, beginning August 22, of the Old and New Testaments during which participants will read and study all or part of almost every book in the Bible. This class is appropriate for both beginners and longtime students of the Bible.

- DISCIPLE 2 is a 32 week study, beginning August 29. Like Disciple 1, the lessons include thought provoking questions for the individual and group. This study emphasizes the rhythm of coming to God and going for God, of being in the Word and in the world individually and corporately. It is recommended that Disciple 1 is completed before taking Disciple 2.

Classes will run simultaneously, in Rooms 104 & 106. Cost (donation): \$35.00  
 Leaders are Gene Gerber, Marty Labs, Mike Richmond.

Child Care is provided at no charge during all class times. Please contact Ron Noble with any questions. If you wish to register for a class, call the Church Office at 377-4856 or call Ron at 350-3513. You can also click on the icon under Adult Education (soon to be titled Life Growth) at [www.fumcmarion.org](http://www.fumcmarion.org) or email Ron at [rnoble@fumcmarion.org](mailto:rnoble@fumcmarion.org) .

# Happy Monday!

We know not everyone has email, so we will be including the printed version of our new "Happy Monday" emails in every issue of the Marion Methodist. We hope you will enjoy these inspirational messages on Friday or Saturday, too. If you are not receiving these by email, but would like to be added to our list, please notify Craig Liscum at [craig@fumcmarion.org](mailto:craig@fumcmarion.org).

We live in anxious and uncertain times. The list of the things that cause us to worry and fret are many: the economy, politics, jobs, the welfare of our family and friends and the list goes on.

We do have a choice in how we deal with these concerns: we can tie ourselves up in knots worrying about anything and everything, or we can trust that God will see us through whatever happens and lay our anxieties and concerns at his feet. We can believe that we know what is best or we can

believe that God has a vision and a plan for us that is far grander and more complete than anything we can imagine. Isaiah 41:10 says: "do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand".

May you be steadfast in what you believe God can do. Amen.

--Vicki Standley



The United Methodist Men meet the 2nd Saturday of the month from September to May at 8:00am for Breakfast and meeting in Fellowship Hall.



3:30pm, Adult Library

## Circles

**August 24**

**Martha**

1:30pm, Mr. Beans

**August 26**

**Sowers**

9:15am, Room 104 & FH

**September 1**

**Sarah**

9:15am, LLCC

**Miriam**

1:00pm, Adult Library

**Rebekah**

Check with circle chair for details

**September 2**

**The Bookends**

Check with circle chair for details

## Women's Friendship Group

Women's Friendship Group meets at 11:00am on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Pizza Ranch in Marion. Contact Idella Hogan, 377-3433, for more information.



In honor of

**Kathryn Hildebrand's  
90th birthday,**

friends and family are invited to an open house in fellowship hall on

**Sunday, September 5**

**2-4:30 p.m.**

No gifts please, we just hope to see you there. Hosted by Barry, Sheri, Cara, and Lauren Soukup

## UMW Mission Day Thursday, August 26

- Coffee at 9:45am – Program at 10:00am
- Bring a sack lunch, beverages furnished
- Close with dessert at 2:30pm

Program will be the School of Christian Mission Study of Sudan. The speaker is from Sudan. Come and learn about this nation in the news.

## Thank You

From the family of Ernie Steffens: Thank you for your kind thoughts and prayers in remembrance of Ernie. The family has been so appreciative for such a long time for the Christian family he had in Iowa. You have ministered to him in ways beyond our capability. We know that God places all of us 'where and when we should be'. He planted Ernie in such a way. Please use this remembrance gift in some special way to express our appreciation of the "Carnegie Corner". God bless your Christian service to our Lord in such a caring way for Senior Citizens. – Jon & Ellie Hansen, Shawnee, Kansas

*"And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, as you did it to me.'" Matthew 25:40*

(Note: A monetary gift was given to our Tuesday morning Carnegie Corner group in Ernie's memory.)

The family of Bernice Clark would like to thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy. Your prayers, phone calls, cards and memorials meant a lot. A special thanks to Vicki Standley, Pastor Mike Morgan and Pastor Melisa Bracht-Wagner for visits made to Mom. Thanks to Vicki, Lynn L'Abbe and Anita and John Wilkinson who came to administer communion to Mom several times. And thanks to Diane Beach for the special hugs she gave Mom each time she saw her in choir with me. And what a surprise to see four of my Hannah Circle sisters (Linda, Sherry, Julie and Susanne) walk into the funeral in Waukon. I am very grateful for all the above. – Lois McCormick

## U M W B A Z A A R "Fall for the Holidays" Saturday, November 6, 2010

Attention, all persons that love to create with your hands! Believe it or not, summer is nearly gone and fall and the annual bazaar will soon follow. It's time to start to fill up the Abundant Creations room with handcrafted items. Our bazaar has been very popular and has a history of having beautiful treasures.

All items are welcome but a few suggestions that may help you to sew or build are: wall hangings for any season, all quilted items, Christmas decorations, snowmen, angels, nativity sets are always in demand, Thanksgiving and Easter decorations and always things to brighten spring and summer rooms.

**Stitch – Paint – Glue – Hammer –  
Start now to help fill Abundant Creations.**

Visit our website at

**[www.fumcmarion.org](http://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).

## Ice Cream and Pie Time at Swamp Fox Needs You

FUMC will once again have an Ice Cream Social Fundraiser at the Swamp Fox Festival on Sat., Sept 18. If you can donate one or more pies or are able to work a shift at the booth, please sign up in the narthex or contact Cynthia Boyer-McFarland @ 294-8321 or [cbrnamcf@imonmail.com](mailto:cbrnamcf@imonmail.com) or text message to 721-5078. Proceeds help support our Powerhouse program. (There is no refrigeration, so please no cream, custard or pumpkin pies.)

## Pantry Partners for Marion Food Pantry

Listed below are the items for the rest of 2010 so you can shop the special sales:

**August – Canned Fruit**

**September – Soup**

**October – Toilet paper**

**November – Cake/muffin mixes**

**December – Gelatin/pudding mixes**

## Televised Services

Mediacom is televising our church services on Monday evenings at 7:00pm on Mediacom Channel 18.

## 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.

## LECTIONARY READINGS

**August 22, 2010**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

**August 29, 2010**

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

**BAPTISMS:** Aug 15, **Tanner William Stockert**, son of Terry & Angela Stockert.  
Aug 15, **Emma Jean Gregorich**, daughter of Matthew & Kimberly Gregorich.

**BIRTH:** July 13, **Erik David King**, son of Holly (Kerr) & Paul King, Ramstein, Germany. Grandparents are Brenda & Terry Kerr.

**WEDDING:** Aug 14, **Denise Mooney & Travis McRoberts**.

**DEATH:** Aug 11, **Warren Wassmer**, family members include his wife, Joan, daughter Wareena Winkowski and grandchildren, Jessica and Michael. Condolences may be sent to the family at 3515 Falcon View RD SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

**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

*Coffee Refreshments Devotions*

Contact Myrna Carter or Sherry Murray for more information.

*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!

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, AUGUST 25 by NOON. This issue will cover from September 5-18, 2010. Emails are appreciated and can be sent to [norma@fumcmarion.org](mailto:norma@fumcmarion.org)

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