

Committees at a Glance

August 16

6:00pm

Joint Committee Chairs
Pastor's Office

6:30pm

Finance, ULCC
SPRC, Pastor's Office
Trustees, LLCC

Morning Prayer Service

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



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

We will be putting together our 2010 Church Picture Directory this Fall, but we can't do it without your help! Right now we are looking for volunteers for the following positions:

- Selling advertising
- Collecting and compiling information
- Photography (mostly on Sunday mornings)

If you are interested, please contact Karen at 377-4856 or karen@fumcmarion.org

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



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PASTOR MIKE MORGAN

We need your knees!

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This is a general call, a universal call to the friends and members of FUMC to do a specific work.

We need your knees bent for God's most powerful work at and through First United Methodist Church in Marion.

For years, I have been asking you to step out into the community as an expression of worship. Today I ask you to step into First Church and linger for a while. On **Monday, August 9, from 7-8:30 pm** – I ask you to step into the church and join me in praying for the Ministries and Vessel for Ministry at First United Methodist Church.

This might be new to you but, as Borderland Churches says; *"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."* Let's boldly go to that new place!

No surprises, let me tell you exactly what we will do that evening.

We will start in our sanctuary with a time of worship, focus and direction. The we will be praying specifically.

The world is not general. Specific things happen in specific places at specific times to specific people. When God incarnated, it was not as a 'generic human'. It was as a specific human being, Jesus, in a specific culture of a specific time and place who, while He walked among us, addressed specific situations of specific people. Our prayer needs to be detailed and specific, too, as specific as each of us.

An example: In our Sunday worship services we might say: "pray for the Sunday School, its teachers and students". But when those involved in that ministry meet, they pray specifically. Specific praying changes the way we see what we're praying for. On Monday the 9th we will pay attention to each part of the picture, and care more about parts you didn't think about before. The most important thing is that every aspect of the church and the collective lives of its members is raised up to our Lord, the One to whom it all belongs.

The basic idea is that we will "pray for every person and every inch of our ministry vessel." In this prayer time we pray in detail, care in detail, and learn in detail. And hopefully, listen to God in detail. You and two or three others will be given some cards and each card will have a set of rooms on our campus that you will be asked to go to and pray for. Each card will have a list of the programs and activities that happen in that space.

Your "team" will be asked to pray for the purpose of a room/space and area: Ephesians 6:18 *Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.* (New Living Translation)

Your "team" will be asked to pray for the people utilizing the room/space and area – 1 Timothy 2:1 *I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. 2 Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. 3 This is good and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. 5 For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. 6 He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time.* (New Living Translation)

Your "team" will be asked to pray for the leaders of the ministries that happen in room/space and area: – Luke 10:2 These were his instructions to them: *"The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.* (New Living Translation)

Your "team" will then return to the sanctuary for a few moments of worship, prayer and closure. Please come, we need your knees!

Peace, Joy, Love,
Rev. Mike

Big Idea: Belief in the Beyond

August 8

Exorcism

Luke 11:14-28

August 15

The Dark Side

Luke 11:29-36

2010 Church Health Update!

Mission Control has been using the Natural Church Development process to assess the health of FUMC over the past year. The graph to the right demonstrates where we were a year ago, where we are now, and where we are headed.

We are excited to celebrate the significant improvements in our church's health over the past year! While the above average scores in every area reflect a highly effective and healthy church, we also know that all churches are restricted in their potential for further growth by their lowest category. Healthy churches must have balanced scores in all areas of church health. Therefore, Mission Control will continue to promote opportunities at FUMC for members to grow our church in the area of Passionate Spirituality. This area includes being actively engaged in meaningful prayer and Bible study, sharing faith with others, and an outpouring of our inner lives with God into every aspect of our outward lives. We believe there is always room for growth in God's Kingdom and are excited for this next year of growth and change!

	2009	2010	09-10 Change	Future Goal
Empowering Leadership	70	79	+9	79
Gift-Based Ministry	65	72	+7	79
Passionate Spirituality	52	55	+3	79
Effective Structures	67	72	+5	79
Inspiring Worship Services	58	66	+6	79
Holistic Small Groups	53	59	+6	79
Need-Oriented Evangelism	62	69	+7	79
Loving Relationships	68	67	-1	79
Average	62	67	+5	79

Powerhouse

get connected

Powerhouse has wrapped up for this year, but join us again in the Fall.

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

NASHVILLE MISSION TRIP

October 15-18, 2010
March 14-18, 2011
March 20-25, 2011

These rebuilding trips are open to anyone 14 years or older. Please sign up with Pastor Nathan.



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

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

Sunday, August 22

SECOND GRADERS...



It's time for our second graders to get their Bibles.

Sunday, September 12

Please call the church office, 377-4856, and let us know which service your child can attend.

YOUTH LIFE GROUPS ARE MEETING ON WEDNESDAYS

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



Coming Fall 2010

Adult Education and Discipleship - 2010 "Life Growth" Opportunities

As summer draws to a close and "Back to School" seems to be the focus for many of us, it might also be time to think about going "Back to School" at FUMC. Of course, we always strive to make Christian Adult Education more than just a classroom experience. That is why going forward Adult Education will be referred to as "Life Growth". Please take a moment to review these exciting Life Growth opportunities, starting in just a few weeks, and please watch the *Marion Methodist* and Bulletin inserts for additional Life Growth offerings.

Bible Basics

Have you thought about taking a Life Growth class before, but hesitated because you are new to the Church, new to Christ, or just feel that your Bible knowledge is limited? This is the opportunity you've been waiting for! 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.

Room: 106 Leader: John Wilkinson
Day/Time: Wednesday 6:30 PM Cost (donation): \$20.00

Contemporary Christian Applications

A series of discussions regarding what it means to be a Christian in today's world. Challenges to our Faith are all around us. Christianity is attacked on the internet, in the media, and by other faiths. How do we live our lives and yet stay close to Christ? We will discuss the challenges of being a Christian and discuss ways to be strong in our Faith.

Room: 104 Leader: Ron Noble
Day/Time: Wednesday 6:30 PM Cost (donation): \$20.00

Disciple

Disciple provides an overview of the entire Bible. Disciple is a dynamic, thematic approach to the Bible developed on the underlying assumption that people are hungry for the word of God, for fellowship in prayer and study, and for a sense of meaningful ministry as Christian disciples. 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.

This year we will offer two strains of Disciple:

DISCIPLE 1 is a 34 week study 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. 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 2 different rooms

Room(s): 104 & 106 Leaders(s): Gene Gerber, Marty Labs, Mike Richmond
Day/Time: Wednesday 6:30 PM Cost (donation): \$35.00

Pastor's Bible Study

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.

Room: Chapel Leader: Pastor Mike Morgan
Day/Time: Wednesday 6:30 PM Cost (donation): \$20.00

Lectionary Bible Studies

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. They run in three-year cycles; in which you cover the major thread of the Old and New Testament stories. This class uses these Scriptures as the basis for their weekly study. The class consists of reading, lecture, and discussion and is primarily mature adults. The class members have a good time in fellowship and study!

Room: Adult Library Leader: Peg Boss
Day/Time: Sunday 9:45 AM Cost (donation): Free will offering

Old Testament Studies

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.

Room: 104 Leader: Virginia Jensen
Day/Time: Sunday 9:45 AM Cost (donation): Free will offering

Don't Delay! Registration is underway for all Life Growth classes, and most will start at the end of August or first week of September. 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 or email Ron at rnoble@fumcmarion.org.

Update from Finance

It is hard to believe that it is already August and the children will be going back to school soon. The Finance Committee is very excited to share good news with you. We began the year with 80% of apportionments (gifts to the Iowa Annual Conference) being paid. As of the end of the 2nd quarter we have been able to increase the apportionments to 100% and make up the 20% of apportionments owed. We do have repairs scheduled to be completed this year and the funds are available for those repairs.

Budget planning for 2011 will soon begin for the various committees and staff. The Capital campaign continues to do well; we have received over \$450,000 in contributions.

Thank you all for your generosity in giving towards God's work. We also want to thank all of the committees for their diligence in budgeting and spending of funds. -*The Committee on Finance and Stewardship*

The online and ACH giving programs here at FUMC-Marion are still available. As a reminder, there are two ways you can give through these programs:

The first is the **ACH program**. ACH stands for Automatic Clearing House. This program allows the giver to schedule an automatic transfer from either a savings or checking account directly to the General, Capital, or Foundation funds. You can schedule your giving weekly or on the 1st, 8th, 15th, or 22nd of the month. If you would like an enrollment form, please contact the church office or contact craig@fumcmarion.org.

The second program is the **Online giving program** and is through the FUMC-Marion website. This program allows you to make a one-time gift (if you are unable to make it to church due to vacation, etc.) or you can set up scheduled gifts. Using your debit card, you can give to the General, Capital, and Foundation funds. To enroll, go to http://www.fumcmarion.org/give_online.htm.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Craig at the church office at (319) 377-4856.

Thank you for your continued giving.

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.

The best gift ever!

"On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him." (Mt 2:11, NIV)

We identify the gifts the wise men brought the Christ child as Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh; but in fact, the first gift they gave was themselves. With humility they bowed down and worshipped him.

Isn't that something each one of us can and should do on a daily basis? No special training, books or titles are needed. It does not require special degrees, perfect health, financial stability;

it just requires us, as we are, where we are. At our desks, in our cars, at the bedside of a friend, in the traffic waiting for the train to clear the tracks, in the ball game bleachers, in the grocery store checkout line. God is where we are and we are where He is. Thank Him, talk to Him, listen to Him, worship Him where you are.

As we enter yet another week, I would like to challenge you to be intentional to give yourself in worship to Jesus. If someone makes you laugh, thank God for the gift of friendship and laughter. When someone shows you

unexpected favor, thank God for his mercy and generosity. When someone cuts you off in traffic, thank God that there was no collision. When unexpected bad news comes, thank God for the family of believers that He has and will place around you. Throughout your day seek nothing less than Jesus, and I guarantee your day will be filled with His brilliance, despite what the world has to offer. Have an amazing Jesus filled week. God bless you. — Dr. Lynn L'Abbe

Thank You

Celebrating our 50th Anniversary with you was an amazing time filled with so much love and joy. Thank you for the cards, phone calls, good wishes and your presence in our lives. You made our day! God bless and keep you always.
— Jack and Doris Barker.

Dear Mike and People of Marion First Church, We want to thank you for your love gift of \$3,751.01. How amazing! We truly appreciate your tangible support for Salem Church following the flood that destroyed our church building. Your gift will purchase a new pulpit and communion table for our sanctuary space at our new location, 3715 33rd Ave SW, in Cedar Rapids. We will let you know when our re-consecration service in the new building occurs. May God make his face to shine upon you. — Rev. John Louk

Note: On July 1, 2010, all remaining flood monies were required to be dispersed to Block by Block, the Iowa Annual Conference or a direct benevolence. On behalf of FUMC, we chose to replace the altar furnishing lost by Salem UMC.



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.



UMW Circles
August 11
Susanna
9:30am, LLCC

Mary
Lunch Out - Check with chair for details

August 12
Needle Designers
9:30am, LLCC

Wesleyan
9:30am, Summit Point, Marion

Picnic In The Park
Faith Circle, Miriam Circle, and Joyful Cooks Circle will meet together at 6:30 on Thursday, Aug. 12. We'll have a picnic in the Green Pavilion, Thomas Park, Marion. Everyone should bring finger food to share. Paper plates, cups, and cold drinks will be provided.

August 16
Hannah
Crafts for bazaar - 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.

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.

No Ball is Too Small!

Hey, friends! Do you have any balls or skeins of yarn hiding in your closets, drawers and basements? Do you have a yarn project you just won't finish? Here's your chance to donate your leftovers!

The FUMC Mad Hatters, Prayer Shawl and Baby Blanket Ministries could use your donations!

Our motto is NO BALL IS TOO SMALL! Please consider this, as cooler weather is approaching our need for yarn for hats and mittens is increasing! Please help us help the less fortunate in Marion.

Drop off your donations to the church office. Contact Kim Tchon if you would like more information or would like to join one of the groups.

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.

Child Care Teacher Aide Afternoon Position available at Caring Corner

Part time shift approximately 10-15 hours a week working in three-year old classroom Monday-Friday. Must be at least 18 years old and available to start each day by 3:15 p.m. Position begins on **August 16**.

Duties would include being responsible for caring for the children in child care classroom, interacting with children, maintaining a safe environment, cleaning, communicating with parents, working as a team with other teachers and providing a caring environment. Other duties may be included as requested by the director or full time teachers in classroom.

Call Dawn at 377-8490 or email dblair@fumcmarion.org to apply. Caring Corner Christian Day Care/Preschool, 1277 8th Avenue, Marion

Pantry Partners for Marion Food Pantry

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

- July – Peanut Butter**
- 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.

LECTIONARY READINGS

August 8
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 15
Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56



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.

Our Congregation Shares Its Concern & Christian Love...

DEATHS: July 26, **Ginger Cade**, Ames, IA, daughter-in-law of Paul and Ardyce Port.

July 31, **Anna Marie Neff**.

WEDDING: July 31, **Emily Hunter and Cory Stonebraker**.

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 11 by NOON. This issue will cover from August 23 through September 4, 2010. Emails are appreciated and can be sent to norma@fumcmarion.org

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