

Committees at a Glance

January 10

6:00pm

Foundation Retreat, ULCC

7:00pm

Daycare Board, Room 106

January 17

6:00pm

Finance Retreat, ULCC



The Marion Methodist

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Big Idea:

FOR JANUARY: Things on Our Mind

January 9	Forgiveness Luke 17:1-10
January 16	Thanksgiving Luke 17:11-19
January 23	Future Luke 17:20-37
January 30	Justice Luke 18:1-8

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

Tuesday Morning

Prayer Service –

7:00-7:30am

in the Chapel



PASTOR MIKE MORGAN

Join The “Re-Member” Project

One morning in the fall of 2010, the three lead pastors of the United Methodist Congregations in Marion met in a downtown coffee shop to discuss our mutual ministry. During this meeting the germinal thought for what has become the “Re-Member” project was shared.

The pastors thought that since we already were in mission together in F.L.Y. (Feeding Lunch to Youth), *Marion Cares* and a plethora of United Methodist concerns and missions it was time to expand our relationships. It goes without saying that we get along well with each other and advocate for each other’s ministry, so it seemed logical to plot some next steps in the congregational relationship.

After slurping some hot beverages, discussion, prayer, and more conversation we came to believe it would be wonderful if our congregations could share in some theological discourse, faith dialogue and fellowship together. Further, as we looked at our calendars we saw that Lent/Easter 2011 is about as late on the calendar as it ever is – thus – we could use the months of January and February for the project without disrupting any Lenten traditions of our congregations.

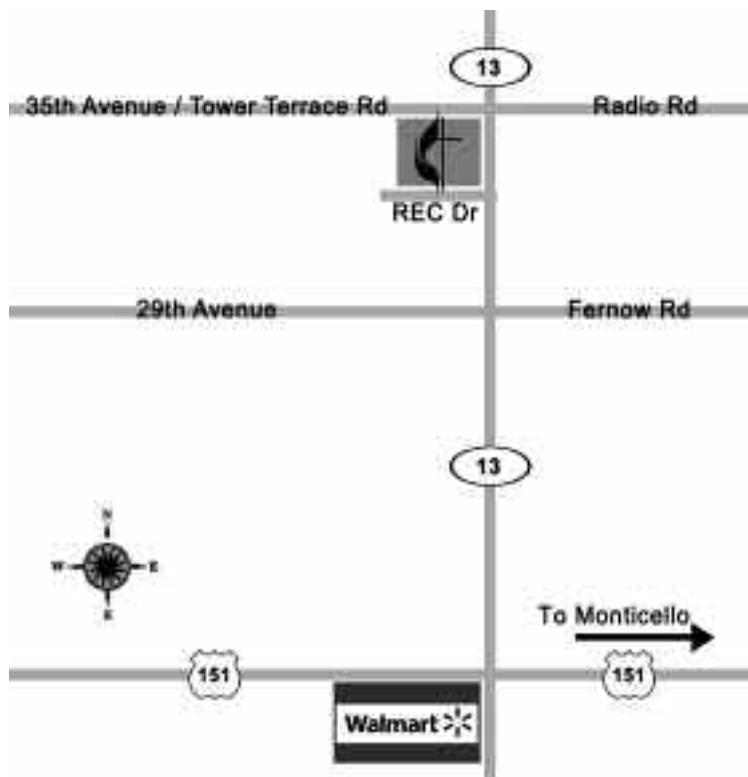
After further discernment we felt that claiming the “pillar words” of our United Methodist Membership Vows would be a good point of dialogue. Each United Methodist has answered in the affirmative when they joined one of our faith communities the question: *“As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?”* This study and the teaching videos that accompany it focus on these five words in relation to our faith.

In late November, a committee of laypersons from the three congregations met and came up with the plan to articulate the project. This committee (which includes Sarah Contreras, Barry Soukup and Jenny Colerick from FUMC) came up with the theme: “Re-Member.”



“Re-Member” means we will both remember our membership vows and investigate their meaning more fully for our lives and at the end of the project will be given the opportunity to “Re-Member” by saying again our membership vows. The lay committee also constructed the advertising, has done all the logistics and of course is the heart of the project. Please appreciate them when you see them.

You are invited to learn more about what it is to be a United Methodist by joining a Re-Member small group. Sign-up sheets are located throughout the church or you can sign up by calling the church 377.4856 and simply choosing the day of the week and the time of day you prefer. Groups will be constructed of members from the various churches. The study begins the week of January 23rd and concludes with a party at Christ Community United Methodist Church on February 27th.



We Bought a Field!

December 30, 2010, First United Methodist Church purchased the field between REC Drive and 35th Ave in Marion. This is an exciting step in building our vision of being a regional church.

During the next few months the building committee will be:

- Interviewing Architects
- Working with the Architect to begin work on a Master plan for our facilities
- Involving YOU “the congregation” in some very real, specific and important ways in the planning
- Making a very important announcement regarding an event in late April.

Powerhouse

get connected

POWERING UP WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!

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

Powerhouse Family Meal Wednesday Evenings

JANUARY MENU:

January 5

Spaghetti, salad, bread

January 12

Chicken noodle soup
with some kind of sandwich

January 19

Chicken Tenders,
Mac & Cheese & fruit

January 26

Turkey, Mashed potatoes, corn & rolls

5:30 – 5:45 Lemonade & Fellowship

5:45 – 6:15 FUMC Family Meal

\$6.00 adults / \$3.00 kids

Family Maximum \$20

Hope to see EVERYONE there!



2 years - 5th Graders Sunday School at 9:45am

Preschool - Room 205

Kdg—5th grade 3rd floor

Wednesdays at FUMC Marion Youth

Jr. High 6-8pm
6-6:30pm Hang out/Games
6:30-7ish Music/ Story of God
7ish-8pm Life Group

High School 7-9pm
7-7:30pm Hang out/Games
7:30-8ish Music/Story of God
8ish-9pm Life Group



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

New Year's Jam

Sunday, January 16

5:30 – 7:00

BRING YOUR FRIENDS



Mark your calendars...

Vacation Bible School 2011

June 13 – June 17, 9am to noon

Adult Education and Discipleship

New Classes Beginning in January

See individual listings for Location and Time of New Classes. You may sign up in advance (suggested, but not required) by contacting the class leader, call the Church Office, click on the Registration tab on the Website, or contact Ron Noble at 350-3513, rnoable@fumcmarion.org.

Experiencing the Words of Jesus

You know what Jesus did for you, now experience the power of what He says to you. Greg and Becky Tallman will lead this workbook based study from Max Lucado. Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the Chapel. Begins January 9. Cost (donation) \$16.

Power of a Praying Parent

Whether your child is 3 or 33, it's never too late to discover the joy that comes from being a part of God's work in his or her life. Laura and Steve Hamilton will lead this book based discussion from Stormie Omartian's book. Sunday mornings at 9:45 in room 105. Begins January 9. Cost (donation) \$12.

Managing our Finances God's Way

The Bible is paced with wise Counsel about your Financial Life. Doug Kirk will lead this seven week, video based study. Sunday afternoons at 1:00 pm in room 106. Begins January 16. Cost (donation) \$20.

Radical

Are we living the American dream, or are we following Christ in the way the Scripture says we must? Paul Wagner will lead this book based discussion based on Pastor David Platt's book. Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the Choir room. Begins January 9. Cost (donation) \$12.

Marion Cares

Marion Cares celebrates First UMC for supporting the children in need here in Marion, Iowa. Your congregation adopted **nine families** participating in Marion Cares programs. With the help of Linn-Mar Schools, Marion Cares checked to be sure these families received the help they needed. Every family's parent and I meet to look into community resources for the family's needs; so they might be lifted out of their current situation.

Marion Cares is very grateful for the use of the Mission Education Basement to stage all the Christmas gifts. Marion Cares adopted a total of 64 families. Without your help, the joyous Christmas chaos would have been unbearable. Special thank you to Nathan Richardson and Ron Noble for their help.

Our rapid growth has opened up volunteer opportunities for the community of Marion.

Consider lending your loving Spirit to:

- **TXT TIME VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** (Similar to Church School)
Tuesday 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. – Marion Village or Thursday 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. – Squaw Creek
- **PREPARE AND SERVE MEALS FOR TXT TIME**
Tuesday 6:10 p.m. – Marion Village or Thursday 6:00 p.m. – Squaw Creek
- **ART VOLUNTEERS**
Thursday 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. – Azure Apartments

May God grant us blessing in the New Year as our partnership continues to grow. – Rev. Melisa Bracht-Wagner

Witnesses

WITNESSES, a one man play. This exciting ecumenical event is sponsored by churches of the Marion Ministerial Association.

Mark your calendars now for this live performance of Witnesses by Pastor Jonathan Swenson, ELCA, Jan. 25, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Marion IA.

Over the course of 70 minutes, eight scriptural characters (a child-hood friend, the Gerasene Demoniac, Barnabas, and others) describe encounters with Jesus the Christ that changed their lives. Perhaps your life will be changed too. "It is riveting and haunting and touching and joyful," reported one high school sophomore who recently witnessed the performance. "I can't get Barnabas out of my head," quipped a 28 year old at a recent young adult gathering. Join us for this unique opportunity marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. A group discussion with the actor will be offered immediately after the play.

Bring a friend! Tickets at the door will be \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. All proceeds will go to Marion Cares or the Cedar Rapids Free Medical Clinic. Questions can be directed to Rodney at 377-4869.

YOUTH:

Plan to attend these events.

Winter Jam in Des Moines
WINTER JAM 2011 Artists
NEWSBOYS DAVID CROWDER BAND
KUTLESS
PRE JAM PARTY!
January 21, Leave Church at 3-30pm, only \$10
Will return about midnight
Need Drivers for the event

**Family
Movie
Night**
**Wednesday,
January 12**
6:30pm in the
Sanctuary
For all Jr High,
Sr High and adults.

Winter Games
February 5, 2011 7pm-7am
Stoney Point YWCA, Cedar Rapids
go to www.summertimegamesuniversity.org
to find out more and register today.
\$30 - includes pizza, snacks, drinks
Swimming, basketball
Worship w/ Sky Like Fire

Happy Monday!

We know not everyone has email, so we will be including the print-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.

Happy Monday, Happy New Year!

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

We celebrated life on
Christmas Day
The life of the one we love
The world's greatest blessing
The gift from our Father above.

On that day life had changed
It would never be the same
For He came on Christmas to die
again
On the cross for our sin and shame

How will you respond to God this year

To His gift of love and grace
Will you live for Him each day
Reflecting in you Jesus face?

Will others come to know Jesus
By what you say and do?
Will you give your life in return
For all He gave to you?

Or will you simply return to life
Focusing on your needs, your wants,
you fun?

Forgetting the gift of Christmas

The gift of His only Son?

Jesus didn't come for Christmas
He didn't come for just one day
He came for Easter, to offer His life
To offer us new life, a new way.

The gift He has is still offered
For your sins, His life He gives
Begin again with Jesus today
And show it by how you live.

~~Val Lawrence



UMM

January 8

8:00am Breakfast
& meeting in Fellowship Hall



UMW

Circles

Please send
your 2011 circle
information to

norma@fumcmarion.org or
drop off the 2011 form.

January 12

1:00pm

Mary, Barb Marcus', 3025
Yorkshire Drive NE, Cedar
Rapids, 364-5891

January 13

6:30pm

Joyful Cooks,
Marlys Knott's, 3305
Willowridge Rd Unit A,
377-3326

January 20

1:30pm

The Page Turners,
Adult Library

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-
1382, for more information.



Congratulations

John and
Joan Bouslog

who celebrated their
60th wedding anniversary
on December 27th

Thank Yous

Thank you for your phone calls, cards, concerns and prayers while I was recently hospitalized. Special thanks to Pastor Mike, Vicki and Rosalyn for your visits, you really lifted my spirits. I appreciate your kindnesses. – *Irwin Renfer*

Many thanks for my friends at First United Methodist, the UMW and Wesleyan Circle for the holiday greetings. Each one was very special and I appreciate your thoughtfulness. God bless each of you. – *Dorothy Nelson, Summit Pointe*

Tax Preparation for Your 2010 Tax Returns at Methodist Church

John Slusher will be volunteering again to do tax returns. He will be doing tax returns in the Methodist Church office basement on Thursday and Saturday mornings starting February 3. John will also be doing tax returns at the library in Hiawatha on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons starting February 1. He is doing this volunteer service as an AARP tax volunteer. You don't have to be a senior citizen or a member of this church to obtain his help. The returns will be filed electronically for both the federal and state returns.

Harold Cramer and Dave Van Gorp are also AARP tax volunteers and again will be doing tax returns at the Methodist church office building on Mondays and Tuesdays. They start working on Monday, January 31. So there are 4 days during the week that you can get help for filing your tax returns at your church.

Please make your appointment by calling HACAP at phone number 211. Any of these 3 men can help you with your tax returns.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

www.joyoflivingchurch.org

for information about the church, current activities, organizations, scripture and sermons and the Marion Methodist newsletter.

Delayed broadcast of church services is available on Mediacom 18 at 7 p.m. on Monday. Full service recordings of services are in the FUMC library on VHS and DVD.

Articles for the newsletter can be submitted by email to norma@fumcmarion.org.

Pantry Partners for Marion Food Pantry for 2011

We help folks in need by supplying items for the Marion Churches' Food Pantry. You may bring the following items to church any Sunday during each month. Please put your contribution in the grocery cart in the narthex or at the 8th Ave. door. THANK YOU!

January	Peanut Butter
February	Soup (Souper Bowl)
March	Cake Mixes
April	Canned Fruit
May	Hand soap
June	Canned vegetables
July	Peanut Butter
August	Canned Fruit
September	Macaroni and Cheese
October	Toilet paper
November	Cake mixes
December	Gelatin/pudding mixes

Marion Food Pantry Needs You

The Marion Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to assist either once a month or as substitutes when the Pantry is open, Tuesday and Thursday, 1:00-3:00pm. Volunteers would either serve as evaluators or help with food distribution. Training for evaluators will be provided. If interested, contact Sam Dillon, 377-0889, or sdillon@infionline.net.



Altar Flowers

Honor a loved one or commemorate a special day in your family by placing flowers on the altar any Sunday. The 2011 flower chart is posted by the Chapel. Cost is \$25. Contact the church office, 377-4856, with details. Take the flowers home after the 11:00 service to enjoy.



LECTIONARY READINGS

January 9, 2011

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

January 16, 2011

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

Our Congregation Shares Its Concern & Christian Love...

WEDDING:

Dec 31, Jaime Murdoch and Daniel Steward

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, JANUARY 12 by NOON.** This issue will cover from January 23 through February 5, 2011. Emails are appreciated and can be sent to norma@fumcmarion.org

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