

## Committees at a Glance

**July 21**  
Caring Corner Board  
7:15pm, Room 106

## Morning Prayer Service

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

## 3 Prayer Events to be Held

In the book *Borderland Churches*, there is a statement that applies to FUMC today: "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." Prayer is the first step on this exciting journey with our Lord.

A recent *Marion Methodist* promised that a call would come to those who believe in prayer to come together and pray for our church. This is the call. We have constructed three special prayer events in our sanctuary this summer:

**Monday, June 28**  
7-8:30 pm

A Service of Prayer for the Transitions of Life was held.

**Monday, July 19**  
7-8:30 pm

Praying With Depth and Fullness

**Monday, August 9**  
7-8:30 pm

Praying for the Ministries and Vessel for Ministry at First United Methodist Church

*Please come.*

### 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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## Windows

Macy's Department stores have always taken their windows very seriously. They plan every detail of what appears in their windows so the passerby can, in just a glance, understand a product line and the in store experience they can enjoy. Macy's windows are also planned in such a way that department managers can see who is passing by and make determinations as to who they might be able to convince to come in. Macy's "windows philosophy" is well thought out as a part of their business plan.

The church is well advised to think a bit about our window philosophy. Many church buildings for centuries have elected to use their windows to tell the story of faith and the life of a community. Such are the windows in our historic building; they capture the old covenant in the Moses window, the new covenant in the Jesus window, and specific pieces of the life of the community (Railway and Robert Mitchell windows) and the church (Epworth League and Busy Bees windows). These wonderful pieces of art allow people on both sides of them to see part of what the church is about.

The artwork of stained glass is part of our "windows philosophy" at First Church. The second half of our windows philosophy is focused not on physical windows but on a mindset.

Just as the clear glass windows of a department store allow people to see

in and the staff to see out, a church needs to have a spiritual philosophy along the same lines.

Our mindset must be to provide windows through which the community, particularly those not currently involved at FUMC can look in and see what the people called United Methodists are up to. Further, we must have a constant mindset that reminds us to look out so that we can see, welcome and convince the community in.

Some years ago we claimed this in our mission of Fellowship. To us fellowship means we will uplift the community, offering support at all times. In the vision God has placed in my heart regarding claiming our city for Christ, fellowship is very important. Day by day, you and I encounter people who feel estranged, alone, solitary in the world and all they desire is to be in fellowship with people who honestly care about them.

A window church really cares about people. For years, those who peddle wares to churches have been selling programs and initiatives that would help a church become more friendly.

In all serious, Wal Mart is friendly, Macy's is friendly and I contend that you and I and the folks in this metro area need a lot more than friendly. We need friends!

A window church offers a place, an atmosphere, a philosophy that others gaze upon and see – "maybe, just maybe there is a friend or ten in there for me." A window church lives looking out and the people in it sincerely offer friendship and support to those outside. This is not new for First Church; the Epworth Junior League window in our chapel installed 115 years ago proclaims: "Look up – Lift up" what could that be other than fellowship that offers friendship in God's name?

In our Red hymnal there is a chorus that is sung: "Bind us together Lord; Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken..." Those cords are the fellowship of friendship that our church is supposed reach out with. Friendships like that in Christ can claim our city.

Peace, Love, Joy in Jesus,  
Mike

## Big Idea: The Cost of Faith

July 11 The Cost of Victory Luke 10:1-24

July 18 The Cost of Helping Luke 10:25-37

## 2 Ways for FUMC to prepare for the 2010-2011 School Year!

**1. Locally** We have committed to filling 125 Backpacks for children at Marion and Linn Mar Schools. School Lists of supplies needed will be passed out on July 11. Lists will also be available at the church office. The backpack supplies must be at the church by July 25. They will be blessed at Worship on Aug. 1. Filled Backpacks can also be delivered to the Church Office or contact Elaine Coppock, 395-9532, or Lois Novak, 377-2092. This would be a great project for small groups and Sunday School Classes.

**2. In the US and Abroad – Thanksgiving Ingathering School Kits** We have covenanted with Pastor Melisa to fill 1000 School Bags with school supplies. The Thanksgiving Ingathering School kits will be filled with the following items:



3 notebooks, approx. 8 1/2 by 11, WIDE RULED

(3 of the 70 page notebooks usually on sale are great.)

1-30 cm metric ruler

1-2 1/2" eraser

1 box of 24 crayons

1 blunt scissors

1 hand pencil sharpener

6 unsharpened pencils with erasers

Money is always appreciated for bulk buying.

Items may be left in the narthex or at the church office.

# 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

## 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](http://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](http://www.iaumc.org/camps) or contact the church. Make new friends and experience new adventures!

## NASHVILLE MISSION TRIP FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH

FUMC Marion is putting together teams to go serve in Nashville, Tennessee to help them recover from the recent floods they had. We are looking for people who are willing to go down and help rebuild homes, help with personal or financial counseling, or help with translation.

It is time to go and help those who helped us in our time of need.

If you are interested in serving please contact Pastor Nathan at [nathan@fumcmarion.org](mailto:nathan@fumcmarion.org) or call the office.



**Kids of all ages!!!**  
Sunday School is still going on in the summer!!!  
Join us Sunday mornings  
9:45 – 10:45am

Beginning Wednesday, July 21

## YOUTH LIFE GROUPS ARE BACK!

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

## It's Not TOO Late to add some camping fun to your summer plans!!



### H.I.S. Day Camp

Hands In Service!

3rd – 5th graders

July 18 – 20

- Camping at New Horizons UMC
- Working in the Coralville area!

### Creation Celebration Camp

1st & 2nd graders...

Tuesday, July 13 through  
Wednesday, July 14

We'll be camping at the Luse Farm near Central City.

**Registration online or at the welcome center in the Narthex or in the church office.**  
**For Questions, Contact Val at 651-6595**

## Adult Studies to Begin Soon



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

The goal of DISCIPLE is transformation, not just information. DISCIPLE calls on us to submit ourselves to examination by Scripture, to put ourselves under the power of God's Word, and to be changed by God's Word. DISCIPLE invites each of us to bring our experiences and struggles to the Scripture.

The DISCIPLE series is a 4-part, in depth study of God's word. Each study includes daily reading of Scripture (plan on 30 minutes per day) and weekly sessions with your Disciple group. Each weekly group session is 2.5 hours in length and includes a video lesson, a guided discussion on the daily reading and an in-depth study of a specific passage of Scripture. The titles of the weekly sessions, along with theme words; theme verses; and major persons, events, and topics will help to set the sequence of the biblical story in our minds. The principal Scripture for each session follows the chronological movement of the biblical story.

**BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY is the foundation of the DISCIPLE program and is considered a prerequisite for the other DISCIPLE studies.** Over the course of thirty-four weeks, this study will explore the biblical stories of Creation (Genesis) to the New Jerusalem (Revelation), spending equal time in both the Old and New Testament in the process.

DISCIPLE classes will be on Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 8:30 with location TBD. The leaders for BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY are Mike Richmond and Marty Labs. The kick-off session will be at 6:00 on Sunday August 22 with classes starting on August 29 and running through Sunday, May 15. A full schedule will be provided at the kick-off session.

**If you have already completed** DISCIPLE: BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY and wish to continue your journey into the Word, then DISCIPLE: INTO THE WORD INTO THE WORLD is for you.

INTO THE WORD INTO THE WORLD proclaims the transforming power of Scripture while teaching Bible study skills that take participants deeper into the Scripture. The importance of keeping Bible study related to witness is reinforced while participants are encouraged to practice spiritual disciplines arising out of Scripture. The purpose is to change habits and transform lives. The study also emphasizes the rhythm of coming to God and going for God, of being in the Word and in the world individually and corporately. This study understands the growing Christian as under discipline in community and in ministry to the world. INTO THE WORD INTO THE WORLD approaches all experiences of life as opportunities for faithful witness and service.

Classes will be on Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 8:30 with location TBD. The leaders for INTO THE WORD INTO THE WORLD are Gene Gerber and Lavern Winchip. The kick-off session will be at 6:00 on Sunday August 29 with classes starting on Sunday September 12 and running through Sunday May 8. A full schedule will be provided at the kick-off session.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office or talk with Mike Richmond (319-310-1083.) or Gene Gerber (319-373-1527).

## Thank You

Dear Friends, thank you for your generosity and support of St. Luke's Hospital Foundation through the years. You have helped to ensure that quality care is available throughout the region. Your cumulative donations qualify your name on our new wall of honor in the \$2500-4999 level. – *Sincerely, Carol Rowland, Vice President, St. Luke's Health Care Foundation*

Thank you to the members of FUMC for the outstanding blood drive you held recently. Twenty-one units were collected at the drive and because of your combined generosity, as many as 63 patients will benefit from lifesaving blood products. Your service and leadership on behalf of the community blood program is greatly appreciated. – *Sincerely, David R. Green, President/CEO, Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center*

# 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).

## Going to God

Every day we are bombarded with advice from experts that attempt to tell us how to be a "better" person. And we also see advertising for special products promising to make our lives easier and more fulfilling. It's really amazing that we have confidence at all!

So this week I encourage you to take a little advice that I'm trying to follow myself: Go to God as our expert. Our God has given us the

tools to fulfill our lives, and many don't cost a thing!

First, God has made you perfectly. No, that does not mean that you will be perfect. But, what you are is perfect in God's eyes. How lucky are we to have such a wonderful and forgiving Lord? He sent his son Jesus, and the one thing we need to make our lives easier and more fulfilling: the holy bible. Psalm 139 verse 14 says "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are

wonderful. I know that full well." Now, I'll be honest, sometimes this realization does not come easy to me, so I believe that God has placed relationships to help me along the way.

What makes a fulfilling life and how does it come to me? Some days, I'm not sure, but if I go to God, pick up my bible, and sow my relationships, I believe I will get closer than ever before. I encourage you to do the same this week, because you are perfectly made. — Carrie Walker

## UMM

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 July 18-21 District School of Mission

Marshalltown, IA

## Circles

July 14  
Susanna 9:30am, LLCC

Mary Lunch Out. Check with circle chair for details

July 14  
The Page Turners  
Lunch at Maria's Tea Room in Czech Village  
Check with circle chair for details

July 19  
Hannah  
Work on crafts for Bazaar  
Check with circle chair for details

July 22  
Sowers 9:15am, Room 104

## We Make Them! - July 30



The School Bags that we send through "Ingathering" each year are precious to the hundreds of children who receive them. Where do the handmade School Bags come from? WE MAKE THEM! We make many hundreds of bags so we need many, many willing hands to do the work. That's what Sewing Day is all about.

Sewing Day will be Friday, July 30, from 9:00 AM until about 3:00 PM. You can work all day, or any part of the day. We will be working in the FUMC basement (Fellowship Hall). Many of us walk to Huntington's restaurant for lunch, but you can bring your own or go elsewhere. There's no rule.

We need willing people who can sew, cut, iron, or pin, visit, laugh, and have fun working together. Everyone is asked to bring her own sewing scissors. We will need volunteers to bring their sewing machines, ironing boards, and irons.

Please call either Elaine Coppock, 395-9532, or Mona Morgan, 377-3433, to let us know you will come and help make the School Bags. We need to know how many are coming so that we can be set up for you.

If you want to sew at home, please call Elaine Coppock, 395-9532, so that she can give you the pre-cut fabric for the bags and instructions. Hundreds of bags are being made by women in their homes.

**Hey, teen girls!** Come join us! If you don't already know how to sew, we have experienced teachers willing to help you learn.

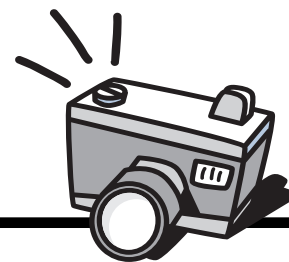
## Church Picture Directory

We are starting to plan our 2010 Church Picture Directory.

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](mailto:karen@fumcmarion.org)



## Pantry Partners Continue Thank You!

You have been very faithful in filling the grocery carts with items for the Marion Food Pantry. Each month has had recommended items and you've brought them to church during that month. Thank you for being generous and kind to our neighbors in need.

We've been asked to let you know the recommendations for the rest of the year so that you can watch for special sales. Good idea! Here is the list for the rest of 2010:

July – Peanut Butter  
August – Canned Fruit

September – Soup

October – Toilet paper

November – Cake/muffin mixes

December – Gelatin/pudding mixes

## 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.

## Cheer on FUMC's Softball Team

Come any Monday evening and cheer on FUMC's new co-ed softball team. All Games at Noelridge Park Baseball Fields.

July 12, 6:00pm, Field 2  
July 19, 7:00pm, Field 3

## LECTIONARY READINGS

July 11, 2010

Amos 7:7-17

Psalm 82

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

July 18, 2010

Amos 8:1-12

Psalm 52 or Psalm 82

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

# Marion Movie Night

Free Family Fun

Friday, July 23 • 7 p.m.  
Thomas Park, Marion

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a FREE movie under the stars. Movie shown at sunset.

**"The Blind Side"** (PG-13, 2009) - Based on the true story of a homeless teenager and the family that took him in and helped him succeed.

This movie is rated PG-13, meaning parents strongly cautioned as some material may be inappropriate for children under the age of 13.

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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).

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

**BAPTISMS:** June 27, 9:45am, **Anna Caroline Temple**, daughter of Brad & Lindsay Temple  
11:00am, **Carsyn Marie Clinton**, daughter of Cameron & Crystal Clinton

**BIRTH:** June 21, **Layla Elizabeth Moody**, daughter of Tim & Tiffany Moody, Groton, CT. Grandparents are Tim & Ronda Moody.

**DEATH:** June 24, **Maxine Bliss**, mother of Dean (Julie) Bliss, grandchildren include Melanie, Michelle, Amanda and Andrew.

June 30, **Bernice Clark**, mother of Lois McCormick.

**WEDDING:** July 3, **Rhonda Butler & Mitch Estling**.

**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, JULY 14 by NOON. This issue will cover from July 25 through August 7, 2010. Emails are appreciated and can be sent to [norma@fumcmarion.org](mailto:norma@fumcmarion.org)

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