

Committees at a Glance

October 11
7:00pm
Daycare Board
Room 106

Morning Prayer Service

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

Big Idea:

Joy of Living

October 3 The Solution is
Opportunity
Luke 13:1-17
Communion

October 10 Narrowness
Luke 13:18-35

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

Bliss Challenged

I read books. This can be a real challenge to my bliss as a pastor.

This most recent challenge began with a reread of “*Why Men Hate Going to Church*” then “*Revolution*” followed by “*Quitting Church: Why the faithful are fleeing and what to do about it*” and now “*Pagan: Practices the Church thinks are Christian*.” All of these are written by authors who love the Lord, His church and who desire it to do God’s work in the world today, not by whiners telling church folk how bad they are.

Each of these books has some facts and figures that startle, terrify and make us aware of the realities facing the church of Jesus today. Primary to each is the concept that the “church” (and by “church” they mean the people, not just the pastors) – if the church plans to be effective for Jesus – if it really wants to bring joy to anyone’s living, three things must be addressed with great thought and effort.

First, the church must become a community where people can be authentic; blemished and flawed. One author writes of a family who fights all the way to church then walks arm in arm with big smiles into the sanctuary and wonders if anyone else is as miserable as they are. They want things to get better but they can’t, for fear of judgment, admit at church they need help. Another writes of a single woman who loves worship and serving God but is treated as a disease because she is spouseless and told to “just pray for a man.” In these hundreds of pages, there are many more stories about brokenness, addiction, sadness, etc. all of which is hidden – because at church – people feel they have to be perfect. This was not our Lord’s intention and there is no joy in our living if we have to put a mask on our lives to come to our church. It is easier to leave.

Second, the church is often irrelevant to the world in which people live. Issues that are relevant to our lives: workplace politics and harassment, dealing with family

issues like divorce, grief, adult children problems, profound adolescent issues, financial woes, are often passed by. Speaking about psychological problems or addictions often seems taboo even though a church may have groups active that deal with them. The church needs to be fearless in regards to speaking about fear. Nothing could be more clear than the truth that for 3 weeks after September 11, 2001, American churches were packed, but those looking for something found very little relevant help and they went back to their old “churchless Sunday” routine. Jesus brought joy to people’s lives because he met them where they were and gave them blessings and help that was relevant to their living.

Thirdly, the teaching of the church in regards to the solid rock has not been so solid in recent years. Many pastors have been lured away from their main responsibility – teaching the one greatest thing, to do a thousand and one good things. The gospel must be preached, with appropriate study and research, with clarity and certainty or the faithful will slip away.

There is more in these books to challenge my heart and soul as your pastor and frankly when I said above they challenge my bliss, I was just trying to get your attention. I read this stuff all the time to make sure I don’t get lured into slothfulness. Team FUMC and her leadership are far from perfect in regards to the challenge of being a great church in this generation, but I believe we are promising. Today, I ask you to pray about what is said about the church above (and the other things you have heard in your circle of workmates and friends) and help us day by day, inch by inch, soul by soul be more authentic, be more relevant and teach the Truth more crisply.

These things are at the forefront of my prayers today – I know if we respond as the Lord directs us, day by day, more people in our community will know the joy of living. Peace, Love, Joy in Jesus, Rev. Mike

FUMC Family & Friends Fall Festival

On Sunday, October 31 from 2:00-3:30, we will be transforming Fellowship Hall and other parts of our church into a combination ministry fair, fun fair and indoor trunk or treating. We would like each booth (table) to:

- Be decorated with a Fall or Joy of Living theme
 - Have a game to play (for any age kid!)
 - Treats to give out and
 - Information about your group, team or ministry area or an invitation to an upcoming event
- This will be for the entire community, so the focus will be on sharing all the great things about our church with people who do not know about our church. If your ministry team would like booth space, please contact Karen at 377-4856 or karen@fumcmarion.org by Monday, October 18.

Have you got talent??

We’re having a “Sharing our Joy” talent show on **Sunday, October 31**. If you think you might be interested in being part of the show, please contact Karen for more information and guidelines, 377-4856 or karen@fumcmarion.org.

Passionate Spirituality and Worship!

Why do people come to church, is it to admire the architecture, be uplifted with music, hear an inspiring message, catch up on the latest over a cup of coffee? These are some of the things that could and do happen, but I was privileged enough to sit in with the JOL worship committee and observe how a future worship service message is made. It’s a rare opportunity to see the enthusiasm, caring feelings that get lifted up by the Holy Spirit in refining of thought and ideas.

To get those creative and passionate ideas flowing a question was asked by the chairperson. For this meeting, the question was what’s your favorite worship service and how can it be made better? These are the hard and direct questions that need to be asked directly to and by the church staff and volunteers. We as a church congregation and body of Christ and no matter what denomination have much to be thankful for with people wanting to make worship more meaningful

and spiritual with nothing between you and God.

If someone were to ask you where a particular downtown landmark was in Marion could you direct them? When you’ve seen and heard a wonderful and meaningful message, do you let people know about it? Do people share their problems and concerns and you know where to find the answers? The Joy of Living worship committee knows we’re not all tour guides, public speakers or

personal counselors, but rather know where they can find God. To increase FUMC’s passionate spirituality we as members, visitors and casual attendees need to be prepared to do something radical. So if you leave telling others those FUMC people are crazy for Christ, jammin’ for Jesus or emitting Emanuel then come and see what other bold ideas the JOL worship committee has in store.



Powerhouse

get connected

POWERING UP WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!

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

We will no longer need an RSVP for the meal and we invite ALL to join us for Food, Faith & Fellowship.

Wednesday evenings 5:45 – 6:15
\$6 for adults; \$3 for children
or \$20 for families

Powerhouse Family Meal

What a wonderful time of good food & fellowship.

October Menu:

October 6 Lasagna, lettuce salad & fresh fruit

October 13 Hamburgers, macaroni & cheese & fresh fruit

October 20 Tacos, beans & fresh fruit

October 27 Chicken Tenders, fresh fruit & potato salad

Hope to see EVERYONE there!
Questions?

Contact Val (val@fumcmarion.org)



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



JOIN US FOR...

JAM in Disguise

Sunday, October 10
5:30 – 7:00

(Meet in room 303/305)

Questions???

Call Val at 651-6595 or
val@fumcmarion.org



ELEMENTARY KIDS!

It's hard to believe but Christmas is around the corner and the planning has begun.

We will have our Children's Christmas program
Sunday, December 12, 11am worship service.



Tryouts: Sunday, Oct. 3
during Sunday School.

If your child is unable to be there and would like a part,

please contact Val at 651-6595 or
val@fumcmarion.org

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Mission Trip

- Are you curious as to what others put in a shoe box?
- Would you like to work alongside fellow Christians enjoying every minute?
- Can you imagine working 4 hours and it seems like you just got started?
- Would you like to be a huge factor in sending 41,624 shoe boxes to Niger?
- Would you like to walk a broken box to the "Box Hospital" for repairs?
- Would you enjoy hearing testimonies from 3 girls from Russia who received boxes when they were living in an orphanage?



All this and more could happen on our mission trip to Minneapolis, working at the processing center. We plan to carpool early Tuesday, November 30, work from 1-6pm, stay in a motel that evening, work the following morning, Wednesday, December 1, and return home later that evening! Come, let us serve the Lord with gladness. Call Diana Anderson @ 361-6400 or e-mail djanders4@yahoo.com

Homebound Communion

For the past 6 months, some of your fellow members here at FUMC have been extending the sacrament of Holy Communion beyond the walls of our church. There are many in our church family who are unable to attend services due to health, aging and other factors. They are not able to receive the sacrament of communion each month as we are. Just as the elements are blessed when we participate in communion here at FUMC, the elements that will be shared with our homebound members are blessed prior to being taken to those member's homes or care centers where they reside. While to a person, the recipients have told us that they feel blessed when they have received communion, those of us who have been the communion partners would argue that we are even more blessed during the communion sharing.

We have many more members that cannot come to the church to share in the Holy Communion sacrament than we are currently able to serve, and are in need of more communion partners to take the elements out to our homebound members. There is training provided prior to becoming a homebound communion partner. The communion sharing will take only about an hour of your time each month. The blessings you give and will receive are immeasurable. I invite you to prayerfully consider participating in this local mission.

For additional information, please contact Dan Ciha at 377-9789 or dan-nykay85@mchsi.com, or Vicki Standley at the FUMC church office, 377-4856 or vicki@fumcmarion.org .

The **Card Stamping Group** will meet on **Wednesday, October 20** at 1:00om in the Upper Level of the Office Building to make Thanksgiving cards for our care center residents, shut ins and military personnel. Anyone interested is welcome to come. Contact Ruth at 373-2405 for more information.

Marion Cares has been blessed with outstanding growth in the number of children attending and volunteers serving at our five sites. Therefore, we pause to gather together in proclamation of lives touched both now and in the future. Join us for a **fundraiser** at a Theatre Cedar Rapids performance of White Christmas on **December 11th at 2:30 pm for \$30 per ticket**. This performance is sponsored by Marion Cares and Marion-East Cedar Rapids Rotary as together we touch the lives of area children. Order your tickets at www.marioncares.org or 319.377.5344

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 6:00am.** Cost: tba (donation)

Adult Studies on Wednesdays 6:30-7:30PM

Bible Basics – A Bible Study with the "beginner" in mind.

Location: Room 106,
led by John Wilkinson

Pastor's Bible Study

Learn the Old Testament from a Pastor's perspective.
Location: Chapel, led by
Pastor Mike Morgan

Nashville Mission Trip Dates

**October 15-18, March 14-18
& March 20-25, 2011.**

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

Advertisements in the 2010 Church Picture Directory

We are selling advertising space in 4 sizes: 1/8 page for \$25, 1/4 space for \$50, 1/3 page for \$100 and a full inside page for \$300. If you or your company would like to place an ad in the new picture directory, please email Karen – karen@fumcmarion.org.



Serve Moundview Manor

October 10, 2010 at 2pm

Guys: Wash Cars

Girls: Manicure/ Pedicure

Please bring own supplies

This service opportunity is for kids, youth and adults; bring your whole family!

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.

Prayer can seem like a weird thing for some people. Many people feel like they need to say, "Oh dear heavenly Father..." or something of the sort every time they pray. Or, they feel the need speak in a particular way that is just uncomfortable, with God. Prayer isn't meant to be awkward or uncomfortable. Prayer is just talking to God, whether it is in Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving or Supplication; it does not need to be any different from how you would normally talk. An exercise that a past youth pastor taught me on prayer is something that I will remember forever, and helped me become more comfortable with my prayer. First we sat on a chair and he told us to start praying aloud. It got a

bit uncomfortable, a lot of us were nervous, and it just didn't feel like a normal act for all of us. Then he told us to get out our cell phones and pretend like we were talking to our best friend. All of us are very comfortable with our best friends, so of course we all just started talking away and had a great fun time with it. After we got done with that part, he told us that the way we talked to our friends is how we should be able to talk to God. We are supposed to have a relationship with God, and when you have a relationship with someone, you should want to talk to them all the time and it should be easy to do.

~~Austin Woodford



UMM

**United Methodist Men
- Kick-off Breakfast Saturday
Morning Fellowship Breakfast
Sat., October 9 from 8-9 AM
in Fellowship Hall**

This is the Kick-off meeting for the year — wear your favorite team colors. Focus: Christian fellowship for men (and boys) - all are welcome

After breakfast we'll talk about our meeting plans for the year and if time is available watch a short video on the Holy Land. No fees — a free will offering for breakfast. For more information contact: Walker Kelly at 295-2029 work or 377-9231 home or wbkelly@aol.com.



UMW

**October 2
Iowa Conference
Annual Meeting**

Sioux City, IA

**October 15-17
Mission Education Event**
Marshalltown, IA

Circles

October 6

Sarah 9:30am at Summit Pointe,
3505 English Glen Avenue

Miriam 1:00pm, Winslow House
3456 Indian Creek Rd, Maxine Woods,
Hostess, 377-7153

Rebekah 9:30am (note change of time)
at Ila Mae Greer's, 6410 Creekside Dr
NE, Cedar Rapids 393-4147

October 7

Wesleyan 9:30am, Adult Library
The Bookends 7:00pm, Java Creek
Café

October 13

Susanna 9:30am, LLCC
Mary 1:00pm at Melvina Bruce's,
1050 5th St, 373-7445

October 14

Needle Designers 9:30am, LLCC
Joyful Cooks 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

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.

Month of Sundays Breakfast at FUMC

What do you do when you have five Sundays in a month? Celebrate with breakfast at FUMC on one of those Sundays. The FUMC United Methodist Men (UMM) will be serving a fundraising breakfast in Fellowship Hall on one of the last Sundays of every month that has five Sundays. In 2010 that will be on October 24. In 2011 the five Sunday months are January, May, July, and October.

October 24, 2010 - Menu: sausage, pancakes, french toast, juice, coffee and cinnamon sticky rolls. For this first breakfast we will serve from 8 til 10 AM (but we might still have sticky rolls available til 11.)

The free will offerings will be donated by UMM to different activities of FUMC. The October donation will go the Marion Food Pantry to help restock supplies. Have a sticky roll and support FUMC at the same time.

Thank You

SWAMP FOX THANK YOU This year's Swamp Fox Ice Cream Social started off rather wet and ended wet, but that did not deter a wonderful turnout for pie and ice cream. There were over 100 pies with 28 varieties, including some cake and gourmet cupcakes, 12 gallons of ice cream sold mostly as pie-ala-mode, and 56 volunteers covered 4, 2-hour shifts. Powerhouse would like to thank everyone who contributed their baking skills and took time out of their day to work a shift. For those who surrounded the event in prayer, thank you. — *Cynthia McFarland*

To our Church Family, Thank you all so much for all the cards, prayers and thoughts extended to us at the time of Warren's death. Also, thank you for the memorials. Special thanks to Steve, Eunice and Vicki. Warren will always be with us. God bless you all. — *Joan Wassmer and Family*

Dear FUMC Family, We would like to thank our FUMC friends for all their prayers, cards, food and calls. We greatly appreciate your concerns in helping Wilbur recuperate. — *Wilbur and Sherry Busch*

We want to give a HUGE THANKS to Ms. Vicki Standley and Mr. Steve Streff for their daily and weekly visits to Monty while he was in the hospital. Also thanks for the many- many- many telephone calls and cards along with the prayers of caring. They have worked and Monty is on the mend and back to work 1 Sept. The time, effort and caring is what life is all about and we humbly thank the callers, card writers, and THANKS to VICKI and STEVE for their prayers of health and concern given to us at St. Luke's Hospital. *In His Grip, Monty and Karen Lumsden*

Our Savior's Lutheran Church would like to thank FUMC for the recent donation of the green drum set to our growing music and community ministry. The set will be used in our new "Come as You Are" Sunday night praise and worship service being held on the third Sunday of every month. It is our mission to reach out into the community and provide an opportunity for worship through God's Word and music. We are thankful for your willingness to support Our Savior's and this ministry. — *Phil Jorgensen, Senior Pastor and Dr. Lynn L'Abbe, Parish Ministries Associate*

Fall for the Holidays Bazaar

Saturday, November 6 8:30am-2:00pm

Only five weeks left to get your sewing items finished, your well loved books collected and your jams and jellies made. It's too early to bake but not too early to check your recipes and decide on what to bring to fill the bakery and candy shoppe.

The kitchen chairwomen are making plans for our luncheon. We will again feature our famous ham loaf plate plus lots of other goodies. Be sure to invite all your friends and plan to have a great lunch and a fun shopping day.

P.S. Another surprise to check out will be a number of theme baskets being filled and ready to bid on. Don't miss them!

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.

Pantry Partners for Marion Food Pantry

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

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.

Donate your books by November 1st!

Want to help raise money for UMW Missions and create more space in your home? Donate your used books to be sold at the UMW Bazaar. Books of all kinds are welcome – music CDs, DVDs and videos too!

Book donation boxes are located in the church office building and in Fellowship Hall. Need to schedule a "pick-up" from your home? Contact one of the following: Cheri Pettibone 431-6469 or Lois McCormick 377-2890

1st Annual Woodcutter Day at Pictured Rocks Camp

Saturday, October 23

9am – Noon (Lunch provided)
Enjoy a beautiful fall day and help Pictured Rocks fill their empty woodshed! PR has large fireplaces in three buildings and seven outdoor fire circles so lots of wood is needed. Contact the camp office at 319-465-4194 or email at picturedrocks.camp@iaumc.org.



LECTIONARY READINGS

October 3, 2010

Lamentations 1:1-6

Psalm 137

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

October 10, 2010

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

Our Congregation Shares Its Concern & Christian Love...

BIRTH: Sept 21, Alexander Thomas Bolo, son of Katie & Jamie Bolo, Evanston, IL. Grandparents are Tom & Joan Padley.

DEATH: Sept 12, Mary Woods, daughter-in-law of Maxine Woods.

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, OCTOBER 6 by NOON**. This issue will cover from October 17 through 30, 2010. Emails are appreciated and can be sent to norma@fumcmarion.org

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