

Committees at a Glance

November 8
7:00pm
Daycare Board
Room 106

Morning Prayer Service

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



Joy of Living

October 31 The Community gets...
Luke 14:25-35

What you spend: TIME

November 7 Communion
Luke 16:1-15

FUMC Family & Friends

FALL FESTIVAL

Fun For All Ages

Sunday, October 31, 2010

2:00-3:30pm —
Games, Treats & Surprises
in Fellowship Hall
Wear your costumes!!
Bring your friends!!

3:30-5:00pm —
"Sharing our Joy" Talent Show
in the Sanctuary
Please Join 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



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PASTOR MIKE MORGAN

Time has to be grabbed!

Some months ago I came upon a story from another that at times has been my story. Read it and see if it has ever been "yours."

My life had become extremely busy. Pressure of work piled up. I went to bed exhausted and woke up tired. Doing routine household tasks became an irritation. I felt resentful of any new demands on my time.

Finally Christmas came, and I had a few days off. One day I decided to take a long, soaking bath. As I sat in the tub, enjoying those solitary moment, I realized that it had been months since I had done this. My quick, two minute morning showers could not equal the refreshment of these moments of relaxing in the hot water.

*A few weeks earlier I had realized that my priorities had gotten out of order. **God was no longer first or even second on my list.** As I relaxed in the tub, I understood why.*

My quick "Good morning, God" prayers had not sufficed to refresh my spirit. They, and the few verses of scripture I would read occasionally, had been like the two minute showers, something that I had done but with no joy in the doing.

A long, soaking bath in God's word and in God's presence was long overdue and needed to become a regular part of my life. I needed to rediscover delight in the Bible.

Diann Lopez, the writer of this story, speaks an important truth - often we get so "soaked" in the details and

tasks of our every day, we forget to soak ourselves in God's word and way. In fact, I have heard many say that they are so busy they just don't have time to: (fill in the blank _____) be quiet in prayer, read scripture, attend a class, just talk to a friend. Is that you? Is that you today?

During this Joy of Living campaign that arrives at its conclusion this Sunday, in many ways, Nathan and I, the prayer team and worship team have been encouraging you to "go soak your heads, hearts and spirits" in the Lord. This Joy of Living, some "time" simply needs to be grabbed. God is there offering it to us, this we know, and often, we have to claim it as ours. With all of our strength, we are to make a great effort to step aside from the harried feelings that come in our world of many things, and be quiet in the Presence of God.

Take a few moments, quiet personal moments and read some scripture (take a look at the gospel of Luke we have been working through in worship) and just drink in what God has done for you. Meditate upon the words, seek greater understanding and pray that you might receive again in your heart the peace God promises during these exciting (and yes, very busy) days. Pray that God might return to you the excitement, the expectation, the JOY that we should experience as sons and daughters of God.

Peace, Joy, Love in Jesus,
Pastor Mike

Two Charge Conferences to be held

1. FUMC ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE will be held on Sunday, November 7, at 6:00pm, in the sanctuary. This will be held in conjunction with Living Water and Christ Community churches. No Property Purchase decisions will be made at this Charge Conference.

2. PROPERTY PURCHASE CHARGE CONFERENCE

A Charge Conference will be held on Tuesday, November 9th at 6 PM in the sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is **to vote on the approval of the purchase of land for a new church facility.** A positive vote will mean the church will close on the property at Hwy 13 and REC on 12/30/10.

EVERY MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION IS A VOTING MEMBER AND SHOULD ATTEND THIS MEETING. THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ALLOWS NO PROXY VOTING AT A CHARGE CONFERENCE — PLEASE ATTEND.

Reflections on Our Field from a Member

I look at the map, I view the pictures, I drive by..... and

I see a field — a field growing corn; corn that started out with small seeds. Seeds planted in the dark, rich soil, covered up and hidden from view. But things are still happening in that dark soil hidden from view. The seed explodes, sending roots for a firm foundation and leaves that reach for the open air, struggling to reach for the life-giving air. It may be set upon by bugs and weeds as it grows taller each day. But its leaves continue to reach upward and spread outward; its roots grow ever deep to anchor it firmly. It is watered and nurtured by God's own hand, growing new seeds for new generations. The seed was planted with the belief and faith that a new crop will grow and be strong.

I see a field — now "growing" a new church - the idea for which started out as a small seed. It was planted and hidden from view, prayed about and talked about quietly at the beginning. But things were happening; belief was taking hold. The idea exploded and took on a life of its own — to carry on the firm foundation it has established in the city and to reach upward and outward, growing even stronger. The new church idea has its own bugs and weeds, but continues to grow and increase in its root support system. It is being fed and watered and nurtured by God and God's people, and the new church will grow new seeds for new generations. The new church "seed" was planted with the belief and faith that a new church will grow and be strong, praising God in all things.

Powerhouse

get connected

POWERING UP WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!

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

No longer need to RSVP for the meal and we invite ALL to join us.

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.

November Menu:

November 3 Spaghetti, lettuce salad, garlic bread, fresh fruit

November 10 BBQ pork sandwiches, baked beans, fruit

November 17 Turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls

November 24 NO MEAL –
HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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



Join us for

A JAM FEAST!!

Sunday, November 14
5:30 – 7:00

(Meet in room 303/305)

For all 3rd -5th graders

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

Nashville Mission Trip Dates

March 14-18 & March 20-25, 2011.

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

Family Time in November

Bring your families and join us on **Wednesday, November 17**

For Operation Christmas Child

Together as a family we will wrap gifts to send to children over seas.

You can bring shoe boxes and items to fill them with...

- School supplies
- Small toys
- Hygiene items
- Hard candies
- T-shirts, hair clips, flashlights (with batteries), Etc.

5:45 – Family Meal in Fellowship Hall

6:30 – 7:30 wrap and prepare packages & pray for the children.

Operation Christmas Child - Shoe Box



It's time for our Shoe Box Ministry once again!

Last year our church packed 199 shoe boxes that were given to poor children in over 100 countries. It is a great way to bring joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children and their families who need hope.

Please consider filling your own shoe box with small toys, stuffed animals, dolls, school supplies, hard candy and gum, and/or donating for shipping costs. Complete instructions and ideas for your box are in the Christmas Child brochure that can be picked up at the Welcome Center or church office. I will be in the Welcome Center handing out boxes, stickers, and suckers, so stop by with your questions. This year's collection dates are November 14th through November 21st. Boxes are always due the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Thank you for considering this mission that is fun for the entire family and could possibly change the heart of a child to the awesome love, hope and peace that Jesus Christ offers. Diana Anderson@ 361-6400.

Friends,

Greetings to you. I hope that this letter finds you well and blessed as you continue to serve our congregation here at First United Methodist church. I am writing you today regarding my position at Marion First as Youth/Worship Leader.

Much of this you may already be aware of as I requested a change in job description a few months back. I appreciate the time and deliberation that has been spent on this issue by the SPRC, and our pastoral staff. Since the month of May, I have been working to transition our youth band into a self led entity of our youth program. That endeavor has seen great progress, and continues to grow and be nurtured. The new youth band led worship on Wednesday night 3 weeks ago and did a fantastic job. They also led worship this past Sunday (10/17) at the 9:45/11:00 services.

The reality of the situation is that this group requires more assistance than what I can provide going into the spring semester and be successful in seminary studies. In order to continue on Wednesday nights this fall. It has become apparent that the crossroads I am faced with is making a choice between Wednesday night youth programming at FUMC, and successfully completing seminary. I have felt called to pastoral ministry since the age of 19 and seminary is necessary to fulfill God's call in my life. With regret, I will be resigning my position at the end of the fall semester, Sunday, January 2, 2010. I plan to faithfully serve FUMC with my best efforts and assist our church in all ways possible during this time of transition. It has been my greatest joy over the past three years working with each and every one of you. You have encouraged me in my faith in so many different ways. I pray that I have been able to give at least a small portion of that back to you and our church family.

Please know that I will continue to hold you in my prayers, while asking for God's blessings for FUMC and all its ministries.

Blessings to you, Matt German



The Return of the Turkey Trot is Saturday November 13th!

Proceeds from the race benefit Horizons – A Family Service Alliance, a nationally accredited not-for-profit human services agency that helps families break the cycle of poverty, crime, and welfare through a mix of programs designed to promote emotional and financial self-sufficiency. For more information visit www.trottt.com

Volunteers are needed for this year's race! Opportunities to volunteer include course monitors, finish line, Friday and Saturday registration, and baking pumpkin pies. To volunteer, call Gretchen Lawyer at 377-1198/ 899-7263 or email her at gretchenlawyer@gmail.com

MEN'S FRATERNITY

Men's Fraternity

**Winning at Work and Home
Friday mornings at 6:00am.**

You can still join us anytime and learn about living a Christ led life. For more information, contact Ron Noble, rnoble@fumcmarion.org or 319-350-3513.

Faith Under Fire - Faith and Jesus



Join us for a **4 week** DVD based discussion of some of today's

hottest Spiritual topics. The DVD features debates and interviews with Christians, atheists, Muslims, and other faiths.

**Starts on Sunday, October 31st
at 9:45 am in Room 106**
Cost \$10 (donation)

Flamingo Fundraiser is Back

Help support the Nashville Family Spring Break Mission Trip by pranking a friend from FUMC Marion by putting a pink flamingo on their lawn \$3/1 Bird, \$10/4 birds. Or put a school rival on someone lawn (Iowa or ISU) \$5/1 bird. In order to be safe and not have any birds placed on your lawn we are selling insurance for \$100.

Marion Cares

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 11 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

Televised Services

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

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.

Running and Psalm 121

I have been a regular runner for many years. My favorite time to run is as the sun is rising in the east. Usually the air is fresh, the sky may be full of colors - red, gold or blue, and the birds are stirring, if not singing. The day is new. This is "my time" and I guard it closely. I can feel my body straining, or coasting, as the day warrants. Always there is time for prayer - to thank God for the beauty of the day, to thank God for the ability to start over, to thank God for health, endurance and strength for whatever may lie ahead in that day. One of my favorite Psalms is 121. The psalmist says "I lift up my eyes to the hills - where does my help come from?" He then answers: "My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip..." What a wonderful promise to start with each new day! Have a Happy Monday! ~ Dan Cihra



UMM

United Methodist Men will meet on November 20, due to the Turkey Trot on November 13.



UMW Circles

November 3

Sarah 9:15am, LLCC

Miriam 1:00pm, Adult Library

Rebekah 1:15pm, Fellowship Hall

November 4

Joyful Cooks 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

November 10

Susanna 9:30am, LLCC

Mary 1:00pm, Vi Braye's, 1240 D Ave
377-5472

November 11

Needle Designers 9:30am, LLCC

Wesleyan 9:30am, Adult Library

The Bookends 7:00pm, Java Creek Café

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.

Church Women United

Friday, November 5, 2010

Where: Hope United Church of Christ

150 Ninth Avenue, Hiawatha, Iowa

Time: 9:00am Continental Breakfast, \$3.00

9:45am Worship

Theme: Building the Beloved Community.

Everyone is welcome and no reservations are needed.



Congratulations to
Jim and Wanda Hucker
who celebrated their
60th wedding anniversary
on October 16.

Bob & Kay McGuire
who celebrated their
50th wedding anniversary
on October 22.

Surviving the Holidays

No matter how long it's been since a loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. Likewise, if you're separated or divorced, the holidays can be lonely, stressful and depressing.

If you find yourself in either of these challenging times of life, there is hope. Make plans to attend an encouraging seminar that will help you get through the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again. The Pastoral Care office will be offering 2 different sessions for those who are dreading the holidays.



Mark your calendars and plan to attend either:

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays

Sunday November 14 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Or



DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays

Tuesday, November 16th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Fall for the Holidays Bazaar

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

Come, come, everyone and have a great lunch and some fun shopping. Start your morning with a large roll and a cup of coffee. Check out the books, music CDs and videos, perfect for someone on your list. Then follow the aromas to the bakery and candy shoppe. There's more in the Abundant Creations and Wesley's General Store and do put a bid on one of the theme baskets. Remember the profits from the bazaar help us meet our mission pledge.

Bazaar Luncheon

11am to 1:00pm

Select our ham loaf plate with potatoes, hot vegetable and a roll. Or there will be homemade vegetable beef soup, a sloppy joe sandwich and many "made with love" salads and pies. Come join your friends and have a great lunch!



4TH ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL COMPETITION

When: Sunday, January 30, 2011

Where: Fellowship Hall, FUMC

Why: Fundraiser for Adult/Youth Library

Who: All congregation members and visitors

Mark the date down on your calendar. Look for a soup or chili recipe that you would like to make. Watch for more details in upcoming Marion Methodist newsletters.

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:

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.

Donations Needed to Provide Meals for Mission of Hope

Members of FUMC purchase groceries and prepare a meal at Mission of Hope each month. We are feeding approximately 80-130 people each time. The cost for a GOOD balanced meal is about \$100/meal. We are currently serving once a month, but beginning in December we will be planning to prepare 2 meals a month.

Send donations to FUMC
Attn: Mission of Hope meals.
Your help is greatly needed and appreciated. If you have questions you may call Deb Streff at 721-8864.

Helping Hands Clothes Closet

Located in the Marion Food Pantry building, needs winter coats for children, men and women. The coats and other clothing are available free of charge to clients. Drop off your donation on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 1-3pm at the Food Pantry building, on 12th Street just north of the Presbyterian Church. Help keep someone warm this winter!



LECTIONARY READINGS

October 31, 2010

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Psalms 119:137-144

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

November 7, 2010

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38



Our Congregation Shares Its Concern & Christian Love...

BAPTISM: Oct 17, **Ella Mary Little**, daughter of Troy and Katie Jo Little.

BIRTH: Oct 15, **Chandler David Rose**, son of Eddie & Amanda Rose. Grandparents are David & Theresa Murray; great-grandparents are Bob & Sherry Murray.

DEATH: Oct 21, **Ken Abodeely**, husband of Joyce Abodeely.

WEDDING: Oct 16, **Rachel Stolte and Doug Langston**.

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

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!

Coffee Refreshments Devotions

Contact Myrna Carter or Sherry Murray for more information.

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, NOVEMBER 3 by NOON**. This issue will cover from November 14-November 27, 2010. Emails are appreciated and can be sent to norma@fumcmarion.org

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