

## Committees at a Glance

**September 13**

7:00pm

Daycare Board, Room 106

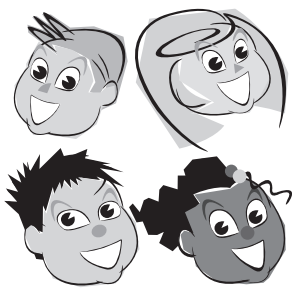
**September 18**

9:30am

Library Board, Adult Library

## Morning Prayer Service

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



## We need your smiling faces in our new 2010 Church Picture Directory!!

Individual and family photos will be taken before and after our 4 services on Sunday mornings in September.

Pictures will be taken in the Parlor. Please plan on sharing your smiles with us!!

## The Church Office and Caring Corner Daycare will be closed on Monday, September 6, for the Labor Day Holiday.

### 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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PASTOR MIKE MORGAN

## It's Complicated

Beloit College puts a list out each year to instruct their faculty regarding the worldview of the incoming freshman class. A few of the 75 points on the list entitled "This year's entering class":

- Believe Email is just too slow, and few know how to address an envelope for the US Mail.
- Know Clint Eastwood as a sensitive director.
- Think we have always been in space with Russia.
- Do not know of a country named Czechoslovakia.
- Think Rock bands have always played at presidential inaugural parties.

Some things change, some things stay the same. From my perspective of ministry, one thing that has not changed is the complicated nature of being a teenager. Last month my *Marion Methodist* article entitled "It's Simple" reminded us that most of what we need to know for life we learn in kindergarten. Once we learn these simple life basics, we spend our teen and young adult years discerning through trial and error, research and deep thinking whether they are right for us.

During this time, life is not so simple; in fact it becomes very complicated. We know to survive in the world we have to construct and claim our own core philosophy of living. Pressures and temptations mount, our parents prove themselves to not be perfect, we question and wonder about everything. We see the brokenness and hypocrisy of the world with our own eyes, absolutes are negotiated, certainty is often replaced with confusion – life in just a few short years has become very complicated.

I know for a fact that I do not understand much of the youth culture of the world. That's OK, I don't think adults understood us back in the day either. Youth Brigade, a punk rock group of my generation wrote a song entitled "you don't understand." One verse says: *-you don't understand the way we feel - to you our lives are so unreal - but you don't seem to realize - how uncertain you've made our lives...* The youth culture of every generation sings out words like

these. Being a youth means feeling not understood, it means feeling like the ground upon which we stand is unstable; it is a complicated and uncertain time. This simple truth drives the importance of doing ministry with youth in the church.

The church calls out to the youth, "we have a place for you." A place where you can ask questions, challenge systems and do theological and philosophical inquiry. This is always complicated because the questions and confusion of the young challenge us to remember the core of our lives and sometimes even reshape some of our thinking.

First United Methodist Church loves youth. As we Claim the City for Christ, youth will be a part of God's band that does the claiming. Sure, life is complicated but we plan to encourage the youth of the city to see that life in Christ is a wonderful life, full of purpose and meaning, blessings and benefits, with each day being worthwhile and productive. The complications of living are challenges and tests of our worth that can become stepping stones rather than stumbling blocks.

When youth and adults work together before God, the young can secure their place and be what God intended them to be. This will be very different than what you and I are called to be and while that is complicated, it is very exciting.

Peace, Love, Joy,  
Rev. Mike

## Big Idea: Signs

September 5	Yield Sign Communion	Luke 12:1-12
September 12	Red Stop Sign	Luke 12:22-34

Joy of Living

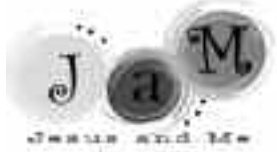
September 26  
through  
October 31



## 2 years - 5th Graders Sunday School

Preschool - Room 205  
Kdg—5th grade 3rd floor

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**3rd, 4th & 5th Graders...**

After a summer off – join us for some great fun!!

**Sunday, September 12 5:30-7:00**

We'll meet in the JAM SPACE (aka Black Light Room)

Join us for food, fun, & fellowship!! Friends are always welcome!

Please RSVP to Val so we know how much food to have!!

651-6595 or

val@fumcmarion.org

**What is JAM???**

It's a time of fellowship & fun for our 3rd – 5th graders.

We play games together, complete a service project and share a kid friendly meal!

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## BIBLE BASH!!

2nd Graders...Bible Bash has been rescheduled due to the Swamp Fox Festival.

Join us on

**Saturday, September 25  
from 9am – 11am.**

Rooms 303-305

*(moms and dads, please join us!)*

We'll discover God's Word together!!

Contact Val if you are able to come.

651-6595 or val@fumcmarion.org

## A Study of Daniel in Room 105

**Begins Tuesday,  
September 7 at 1:30pm**

(The time was incorrect in the last Marion Methodist.)

This 12 week study is led by Ila Mae Greer. You will learn the lessons from the fiery furnace and the lion's den. Cost tba.

## 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)

# Wednesdays at FUMC Marion Youth

I want to take the opportunity to invite you and your child to our Wednesday night youth ministry; it is a fun packed evening geared to learning to live out your faith as a teen. While we do have games, our night is biblically focused and relationally driven through Life groups.

This year's theme will be "The Story of God." Everybody loves a good story. It is why we watch movies or read books. I love getting caught up in a good story. This year at FUMC Marion Youth, we are going to be talking about the story of God.

**God is Creator- Father**

**God is Redeemer- Son**

**God is Sustainer- Holy Spirit**

We will hear how His story is packed full of the stories of His followers.

*Gideon, Moses, Esther, Joseph, Job, Adam and Eve, Jesus, David*

These people are just the beginning. Each week on Wednesday nights we will be covering 3 things in the Story of God, His Followers in the Bible, and how it affects His followers (you) today.

**Typical Wednesday Night- Except on Service nights:**

**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

God has already started His story and He wants you to be a part of it this coming year.

## Calling all 12th graders!

Pastor Mike leads the 12th grade Bible Study Wednesday nights from **9:10-9:50** in his office. No snacks or games, just the Word of God. If you are ready to dive into God's scripture in your senior year, bring your Bible and come to Mike's office Wednesday nights beginning **September 8th.**

## Children and Youth Music Opportunities

**Grades 2-5: Chimes**

Begins Sunday, September 19, 2:00 – 2:45 pm (Handbell Room)

**Grades 6 -12: Youth Choir**

Begins Wednesday, September 15, 6:00 – 6:25 pm (Chapel)

Contact Angie Moss for more information - amoss@fumcmarion.org 319.651.4882



## New ensemble for beginning adults: Handbells 101!

No musical experience needed!

Begins Sunday, September 19, 3:00 – 3:50 pm (Handbell Room)

Contact Angie Moss for more information - amoss@fumcmarion.org 319.651.4882

## Powerhouse

*get connected*

**POWER UP Your Wednesday Night!!**

Our Wednesdays will be filled with Food, Faith & Fellowship!!



**Wednesday, September 8**

5:30 – 5:45 Lemonade & Fellowship

5:45 – 6:15 FUMC Family Meal

**FABULOUS MEAL CATERED BY HY-VEE**

\$3 children 12 and under, \$6 adults

6:30 – Something For Everyone!!

— KIDS —

**PRESCHOOLERS:**

Get "Hands On" with God's Word

Location: Room 208

**KINDERGARTEN – 5th GRADE:** meet an "Every day Jesus" through art, drama, games & more!!

Location: 3rd Floor Wesley Hall

— JR & SR HIGH YOUTH —

**JR. HIGH..... 6-8pm**

**HIGH SCHOOL..... 7-9pm**

Location: Carnegie Building and Outside

— ADULTS —

All classes at 6:30pm

**Bible Basics** – A Bible Study with the

"beginner" in mind.

Location: Room 106

**Pastor's Bible Study** – Learn the Old Testament from a Pastor's perspective.

Location: Chapel

**Contemporary Christian Applications** –

Discuss what it means to be a Christian and the challenges to our Faith in today's world.

Location: Room 104

All Youth and Adult Life Growth programming (except for SH youth) conclude at 7:30.

There's time for Food, Fellowship and Life Growth and still have the kids in bed on time!

**QUESTIONS?**

Val Lawrence (Kids) val@fumcmarion.org or 651-6595

Pastor Nathan Richardson (Jr & Sr High Youth)

nathan@fumcmarion.org

Ron Noble (Adults) rnoble@fumcmarion.org

# 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).

Last winter as I drove toward the Atlanta Georgia airport on my way home from a business trip, a forecasted winter storm began. The snow and sleet started to fall, so I had to decide whether to push on to the airport and risk being stranded there, or make hotel reservations and spend another night in Atlanta.

I phoned a hotel and reserved a room for the evening. That decision turned out to be the right one, as every flight leaving Atlanta that night was cancelled. Snow, ice, and Atlanta do not mix well, as every taxi, bus, and hotel lobby became jammed with overstressed people trying to escape the weather.

One block from my hotel I found a haven...a small restaurant full of people taking shelter from a wintry Friday night in Atlanta. The friendly waiter told me "we have plenty of room and plenty of food. Here is a seat - make yourself right at home." It occurred to me how fortunate I was to be surrounded by like-minded people seeking shelter from a storm, who found a warm place to gather for a meal together, and where there was enough food for everyone. It's the same with the church of Jesus Christ. Jesus' promise is clear: there are many rooms in God's house, there is always room for you and me, and the bread and wine will never run out.

- Mike Ransom



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**  
**September 8**  
**Susanna**  
9:30am, LLCC

**Mary**  
12:30pm, Huntington's Restaurant

**September 9**  
**Needle Designers** 9:30am, LLCC

**Wesleyan** 9:30am, Wesley Library

**Joyful Cooks**  
6:30pm, Marlys Knott's  
3305 Willowridge Rd, 377-3326

**September 16**  
**The Page Turners**  
1:30pm, Wesley Library



*90th Birthdays*

**Kathryn Hildebrand's**  
**90th birthday**

Friends and family are invited to an open house in fellowship hall on **Sunday, September 5**  
2-4:30 p.m.

No gifts please, we just hope to see you there. Hosted by Barry, Sheri, Cara, and Lauren Soukup

**Myrna Carter and twin sister, Mary Tonne**

will be celebrating their 90th birthdays **on Sunday, September 26**  
from 1:00-3:00pm  
at Summit Pointe, 3505 English Glen Avenue, Marion, IA

**Frank Hinds**

will celebrate his 90th birthday **on September 8.**  
Cards may be sent to him at 3293 Prairie Bend Circle, Marion, IA 52302.

## Thank Yous

Thank you to my friends at First UMC for your prayers, visits, cards and phone calls during my recent hospitalization and convalescence. With special kudos to Pastor Mike, Vicki Standley and Steve Streff. - *Maury Barnes*

Thank you for your thoughtfulness while I was hospitalized. Your prayers were truly appreciated. - *Shirley Tanner*

Marion Cares applauds your congregation for supporting the 2010 Backpack Events. With your help and the help of eight additional congregations, 410 backpacks were given to children and youth. 5% of the students attending Marion Independent and Linn-Mar received backpacks. School has started with happy students and grateful parents. Thank you for supporting educational needs of our students.

It was a true honor to be back in your pulpit in July. Thank you for the opportunity to proclaim the love of Christ once again. Marion Cares celebrates your Easter Offering gift as together we seek to share Jesus with the children of Marion. If you are interested in continuing to support the kids with Marion Cares, please contact Rev. Melisa at [melisa@marioncares.org](mailto:melisa@marioncares.org). We are still in need of some volunteers for the fall programs.

FLY - Feeding Lunch to Youth and their Families - celebrates a superb summer of service, smiles, and sacrifice. Thank you for serving the families of Marion Independent and Linn-Mar schools. With your help, FLY served 20,124 lunches this summer alone. The three year total is 43,271. Smiles abounded from students as they peaked to see what the lunch sack contained. Your sacrifice of time and skills enabled students to have a balanced meal this summer. Thank you! A HUGE thank you to Jan Dickinson for being the intern for a week as many were at Summer Games University. We rejoice in Intern Abby Martin for her work this summer and smooth organization. FLY will be having a Ziploc drive in February to prepare for Spring Break and Summer Vacation. We look forward to serving with you again. *Rev. Melisa Bracht-Wagner, Marion Cares and Pastor Nathan Richardson, First United Methodist Church.*

## 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 3:30 p.m.

Position begins on September 7, 2010.

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 [dawn@fumcmarion.org](mailto:dawn@fumcmarion.org) to apply. Caring Corner Christian Day Care/Preschool, 1277 8th Avenue, Marion

*Only 9 weeks until the UMW Bazaar*

Visit our website at

**[www.fumcmarion.org](http://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](mailto:norma@fumcmarion.org).

## Ice Cream and Pie Time at Swamp Fox Needs You

FUMC will once again have an Ice Cream Social Fundraiser at the Swamp Fox Festival on **Sat., Sept 18.** If you can donate one or more pies or are able to work a shift at the booth, please sign up in the narthex or contact Cynthia Boyer-McFarland @ 294-8321 or [cbrnamcf@imonmail.com](mailto:cbrnamcf@imonmail.com) or text message to 721-5078. Proceeds help support our **Powerhouse** program. (There is no refrigeration, so please no cream, custard or pumpkin pies.)

## Pantry Partners for Marion Food Pantry

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

**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.

## 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.

## 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.



## LECTIONARY READINGS

**September 5, 2010**

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

**September 12, 2010**

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Psalms 14

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

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

**BAPTISMS:** Aug 22, **Kellan Bradley Murray**, son of Brad & Cally Murray.

Aug 22, **Chelsea Ann Clark and Chloe Rae Clark**, daughters of Matthew and Emily Clark

**BIRTH:** Aug 21, **Tyler Erling Witt**, son of Brandon & Emily Witt, Antioch, TN. Grandparents are Ken & Nancy Jolliffe.

**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, SEPTEMBER 8 by NOON. This issue will cover from September 19-October 2, 2010. Emails are appreciated and can be sent to [norma@fumcmarion.org](mailto:norma@fumcmarion.org)

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