

The Marion Methodist

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Discover FUMC Class starts February 21

This 6 week class is for everyone interested in becoming a member of First United Methodist Church or anyone who would just like more information about our church and would like to get acquainted with the FUMC family. The class meets **Sunday at 9:45 in Room 106** (lower level of the education building off Fellowship Hall). To register or for more information, contact Karen Schmitz at 377-4856 or Karen@fumcmarion.org.

Celebration Dinner Sunday, February 28

This is a great opportunity to help send our youth to camp. Ask any kid about Summer Games and "AWE-SOME!!!" will most likely be the response.

Enjoy a fun camp dinner, wonderful friends & fellowship and musical entertainment.

Dinner at 4:00PM AND 6:30PM with a Celebration program at 5:15PM

No cost for the dinner.

Freewill offering for Camperships.

Menu: Maid-rites, chips, fruit cup and dessert bars.

Reservation sign up will be available Sunday, February 21 at the Welcome Center in the Church or at the Church Office, 377-4856



PASTOR MIKE MORGAN

Covenant Making

Methodists have a long tradition of making covenant with God. Historically Methodists would have services on New Year's Eve or other times early in the year at which Methodists could renew their covenant with God. John Wesley adapted the prayer below (known as a Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition) to be used at these services.

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,

Exalted for thee or brought low by thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things

To thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,

Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen

The Covenant Service included liturgical elements that remind us that Christ has many services to be done. Some are easy, others are difficult. Some bring honor,

others bring reproach. Some are suitable to our natural inclinations and temporal interests, others are contrary to both. Yet the power to do all these things is given to us in Christ, who strengthens us.

This may seem like another "commercial" for the pink "How Can I Serve?" booklet but my prayer is that it is much deeper reaching than the program of the church. The ideal is that this reaches deep into your being and mine.

From time to time, Christians need to make a solemn renewal of the covenant, lest we hold back from God what we once gave to God but over time have hoarded for ourselves. At the heart of Christian devotion is a sense that we are not our own, but that through God's claim upon us in Christ through baptism, we are God's servants.

During this holy season of Lent, I encourage you to look deeply into yourself, to encounter for a while who you truly are and make a new covenant with the lover of your soul. Endeavor to make a covenant that you will not break, endeavor to make a covenant that is life giving and draws you to greater acts of loving God and serving people. Endeavor to make a covenant with God knowing that if you are faithful in your intent, God will give you every strength you need to carry it out during the living of your days.

Peace-Joy-Love,
Rev. Mike

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February 21 The Gospel in Music

Musical Ministry of Phil and Pam Morgan

PPP Offering: New children's books K-6 grade, outdoor sport equipment, swimsuits, swim toys, goggles, aqua shoes for Matthew 25 Ministry Hub

5:30 PM All area United Methodists gather at "For Christ's Sake" Service at St. Paul's UMC in Cedar Rapids



February 28 Luke 5:12-26 The Ministry of Testimony

Camp Weekend – wear your camp clothes

Celebration Dinner (4 + 6:30) Program 5:15 PM (Camp Fundraiser)

PPP Offering: bandanas (dark ones are best) for Pictured Rocks Camp

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

Powerhouse

get connected

Where are you getting connected?

We fellowship through games and activities
We grow as we dig into God's Word
We connect with one another
and with God!!

Wednesdays

Elementary kids:
6:15 – 7:30pm Room 303/305
Preschool kids:
6:30 – 7:30pm Room 206

What's doin' in February?

2/24 – Family Night

6:00 Dinner in room 304
6:30 Power & Praise in room
303/305

FAMILIES GROWING TOGETHER IN CHRIST!!

As we move into the season of Lent
check out our website for a Lenten
Calendar to do as a family!

http://fumcmarion.org/Families_Fellowshipping.html

YOUTH Annual Ski Trip to Sundown

Scheduled for February 27

Mark your calendars. The FUMC ski trip to Sundown Mountain in Dubuque will be on Saturday, February 27, 2010. We will leave around 1:30 and arrive home between 10:00 and 10:30. Please pick up a registration form from Pastor Nathan, or in the church office. **Deadline to sign up was Friday, February 12th**, so don't be late. We need adult chaperones, so please contact Renee Cudworth at 373-1786 or danandreneec@msn.com if you can help out or have any questions. Open to youth and families.

Senior High Mission Trip

July 25-31 to Cincinnati

Cost will be \$250 plus travel.
Space is limited to 15 people. So sign up with Pastor Nathan ASAP.

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



Sunday, February 21

5:30 – 7:00

Friends Welcome!

First United Methodist Family,

Greetings from Denver! I wanted to say Thank You for all of your support as I continue on my journey in seminary; and I wanted to give you an update about what's going on with school and my future ministry plans. This past September I started my second year at Iliff and I am still enjoying it. I have had the opportunity to take classes on the history of Christianity, the Hebrew Scriptures, Worship planning, Christian Education, the History/Doctrine of the Methodist Church, and so many others. Through my classes I have met people from all different backgrounds, including different faith traditions. This diversity has been a blessing in the learning environment, as it has challenged me and helped me to grow. My time here in Denver is definitely flying by, but I am not taking for granted my view of the Mountains and the times I get away with friends to go hiking or just enjoy the Mountain Towns.

I mentioned some classes earlier that I have taken while at Iliff; ones that I left out were my Pastoral Care classes. After taking my first Pastoral Care class, I realized that this part of the ministry was a passion of mine. It has always been a blessing for me to sit and talk with individuals about life, God, and struggles they may have. This passion has led me to consider staying at Iliff one more year to obtain a Master's in Pastoral Care along with my Master's in Divinity. This would mean that I would graduate from Iliff in 2012 after which I plan to come back to the Iowa conference. I would ask for continued prayers as I discern where God is calling me.

Once again I want to thank you, my church family, for your prayer support. I hope to connect with you while I am home over this summer to work at Pictured Rocks.

Blessings,
Carissa Fields

Please Help Keep Our Kitchen Clean!!!

We have a very busy church. Lots and lots of different groups use all the available space in all 3 of our buildings every week. And so we need everyone's help keeping all of these areas clean and ready for the next group that will be using the space.

BUT, one of our biggest concerns is the KITCHEN! Kathy, our Caring Corner kitchen manager, works very hard to keep the kitchen clean, sanitary and ready to prepare 280 meals and snacks each day for our kids. We, as a church, need EVERYONE'S help keeping the kitchen clean.

Please, if your group is using the kitchen in the evenings or on the weekends, make sure before you leave that everything is clean...countertops, stove, inside of the refrigerator, floors, garbage taken out, etc. and make sure all dishes are washed and put away. If you have any questions about what needs to be done, there will be a checklist posted for you in the kitchen.



Mark your calendar
and plan to join us
this summer
June 14 – 19

Climb Aboard for the
adventure of a life time...

Vacation Bible School

Kids of all ages are needed aboard.
Contact Val with questions – 373-8623

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.

Majesty Puppets Spring Musical

March 5 and 6 at 7:00pm
Dress Rehearsal, Sunday,
February 28, 6:30-8:00pm and
Thursday, March 4, 5:30-7:30pm.

New Student Leadership Class

10 Week Class for High School
Students
Using the book iFollow
Written by Scott Simmons
Taught by Nathan Richardson
and the Life Coach team.
9:45am on Sunday Morning
Starting on March 7th.

“For Christ’s Sake” Service

St. Paul's UMC in Cedar Rapids
Sunday, February 21
2:00-5:15pm Youth Event
Games, devotions, service
project, pizza. Youth will be
assembling UMCOR Health Kits
to restock the warehouse after
the earthquake in Haiti.
5:30 PM Worship Service



3rd – 5th Grade

H .I. S. Day Camp Hands In Service!

Don't miss the fun!

Join us during the LM or Marion
Spring Break for a day of
service and fun!!

LM – March 16
Marion – March 23

Meet at the church at
9am –pick up at 3pm.
(lunch provided)

Please notify Val if your child will
be able to attend 373-8623 or
val@fumcmarion.org

Younkers Community Day is Sat., February 27

Buy a coupon book for \$5 and
receive a \$10 off coupon plus other
20% off coupons. The \$5 will bene-
fit our FLY program. Contact Lois
McCormick to purchase your
coupon book.





Stewardship Corner

February 21

Greeters: 8:30 8th Ave Charlie & Pat Kress
12th St Dwyer/Miller Family
11:00 8th Ave Dawn Blair
12th St MacVey Family

Ushers: 8:30 Dickinson Family, Rhonda Birkey
9:45 Kay McGuire, Tim & Ronda Moody
11:00 Kirk & Bret McNeil, Warren & Luann Byerly

Acolytes: 8:30 Grant Sylvester, Nathan Twedt
11:00 Jacob Winter, Sean Conner

February 28

Greeters: 8:30 8th Ave James & Rosalyn Clauson
12th St Lee & Elaine Coppock
11:00 8th Janeen Fink
12th St Courtney Family

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9:45 Kay McGuire, Tim & Ronda Moody
11:00 Kirk & Bret McNeil, Warren & Luann Byerly

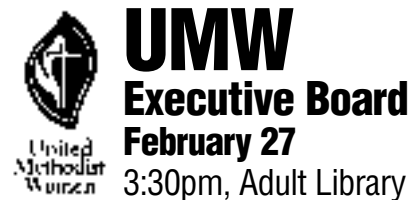
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Attention all friendly, happy, helpful people:

We are looking for individuals, couples or families to help usher, especially for the 9:45 service. If this is something you would love to do at our 8:30, 9:45 or 11:00 services, please talk to Karen email Karen@fumcmarion.org or call 377-4856



United Methodist Men meet the second Tuesday of the month at 8:00am for breakfast and meeting in Fellowship Hall.



United Methodist Women 3:30pm, Adult Library

Circles

February 23
Martha 1:30pm, Mr. Beans

February 25
Sowers 9:15am, Room 104

March 3
Sarah 9:30pm at Summit Pointe, 3505 English Ave (note change of time and place)

Miriam 1:00pm at Moundview Manor, 2501 Hwy 13

Rebekah 1:15pm, LLCC

March 4
The Bookends, 7:00pm
Cynthia Boyer-McFarland's, 4400 C Ave NE, Cedar Rapids 294-8321

Women's Friendship Group

The Women's Friendship Group meets on the third Monday of each month at the Pizza Ranch in Marion at 11:00am. All single women of FUMC who are interested in a time of good fellowship and good food are invited to attend at any time. Call Idella Hogan, 377-1382, for more information or with questions.



WIN A TICKET TO THE UMW SPRING MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH ON MAY 1

Read one book from the UMW Reading Program list from February 1 through March 22. Write or email your name and book title to Rosalyn Clauson by March 22. Two names will be drawn at the March 23 Executive meeting for the Membership Brunch tickets.

Thank You

THANK YOU from the Wesley Library Board for all the participants in the 3rd Annual Souper Bowl on January 31, 2010.

We made approximately \$550.00 this year that will go towards new books for the Adult/Youth library, and to replace books that have lost or damaged.

We appreciate all the entries that we had this year — 17 in all. The winners that were chosen by the people who ate the soups were: 1st place — Nate Stouder for his Chicken Tortilla Soup; 2nd place — Dawn Blair for her Potato Soup; 3rd place — Brad Peyton for his Cheesy Potato Soup.

Please mark your calendars, as we will hold this again next year on the last Sunday in January. Be looking for that different soup recipe that you may want to enter.

Again, thank you to all participants. If there is a book you would like to see in the library, please contact us.

Dear Marion First UMC,
Thank you for your gift to the Linn County Correctional Chaplaincy Ministry. Your contribution of \$300 dated 11/20/09 will help sustain and extend the vital work of this ministry in the Linn County Jail and Juvenile Detention Center. We intend to be good stewards of your gift and work to ensure that your contribution makes the greatest impact in enhancing our compassionate and quality work.

Our success is attributed to the support we receive from our friends. We are grateful to have earned your friendship and to be worthy of your support. We realize you have many choices when deciding where to give your charitable donations. Thank you for choosing the Linn County Correctional Chaplaincy Ministry. — John Stuelker, Treasurer

Tax Preparation for Your 2009 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 January 30. John will also be doing tax returns at the library in Hiawatha on Monday 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 basement on Mondays and on the 3rd floor on Tuesdays. They start working on Monday February 1. 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.

UMW Fun & Fellowship Day

Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Feb. 27 from 1-4 pm

We will play BINGO and fellowship with friends.

Please bring an appetizer/snack to share and a wrapped white elephant gift.



Happy 90th Birthday to Elzo Powell on February 11th

Birthday wishes may be sent to him at 3505 English Glen Ave #236, Marion IA 52302

Pantry Partners Continue

Pick up an extra can or two of food while at the grocery store to contribute to the Marion Food Pantry. Bring to church any Sunday and put in the food carts near the doors.

Suggestion for February is any kind of Soup, March is Macaroni and Cheese.

Televised Services

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

Caring Hands Ministry

His Caring Hands Ministry of First United Methodist Church has a list of church members who have agreed, when called upon, to provide a simple meal to a family in need. The meal serves as a physical reminder of God's love and as a reminder that their church family cares for them and is praying for them. If you would like to help in this way please call Susan Feickert at 377-0205 or email at: allenw51@msn.com to have your name added to the list of meal providers. Thank you.

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.

LECTIONARY READINGS

February 21, 2010
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

February 28, 2010
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35

Our Congregation Shares Its Concern & Christian Love...

BIRTH: Feb 1, **Carsyn Marie Clinton**, daughter of Cameron & Crystal Clinton. Grandparents are Craig & Vickie Clinton and Mark & Holly Penuel. Great grandparents are Annette Zink and Charles & Kathy Banks.

BAPTISMS: February 7, **Nicholas James Budzinski**, son of Rodney & Tracy Budzinski

DEATHS: Jan 29, **Max Caldwell**, St Mary's, IA, father of Bill (Elizabeth) Caldwell, Jan 30, **Maxine De Wees**, Edina, MN, formerly of Cedar Rapids, mother of Jerry (Susan) De Wees of Edina. Feb 12, **Ruth Werner**, mother of Bill (Billie) Werner.

You're invited to join us at "Carnegie Corner" any Tuesday morning from 9:00-11:00am.

<p>We play cards & games: 500, Bridge (some weeks) Dominoes & Table Games</p>	<p>Using the Computer to search for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian websites • Hearing the Bible • Reading Large print scriptures • Finding & Playing hymns • FUMC website • How to use free clipart • Making greeting cards • And more!
<p><i>Coffee Refreshments Devotions</i></p>	
<p>Contact Myrna Carter or Sherry Murray for more information.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	

The Marion Methodist deadline schedule

Deadline dates for the next issue of the Marion Methodist is on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 by NOON**. This issue will cover from March 7-March 20, 2010. Emails are appreciated and can be sent to norma@fumcmarion.org

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7:45a Worship (Chapel) 8:30a Worship (Sanctuary) 9:45a Worship-Two Songs & A Sermon (Sanctuary) 9:45a Church School for All Ages 9:45a Praise Team Practice (Carnegie - UL) 11:00a Worship (Sanctuary) 12:30p Praise One Practice (Sanctuary) 1:00p Puppets - Troupes I & II 1:30p Library Board (Adult Library) 2:00p Joyful Noise 2:00p Puppets - Troupe III 3:00p Jubilation 4:00p Bell Canto 4:00p Girl Scouts (Rm 303/305) 5:00p Friendship Ministry (Carnegie - UL & LL)	8:00a Tax Preparation (Carnegie - LL) 7:00p Small Group - Labs (Rm 105) 7:00p Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)	8:00a Tax Prep (Carnegie - ULCC) 9:00a Carnegie Corner (Carnegie - LL) 1:30p Bible Study (Room 105) 6:30p Marriage Ministry Mting (Room 106) 6:45p Touch of Brass	8:00a Quilters (Room 104) 9:30a Susanna Circle (Carnegie - LL) 5:00p Adult Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary) 6:00p Small Group - Fawcett (Room 106) 6:15p Junior High Youth Group (Carnegie - Youth) 6:30p Bible Study (Chapel) 6:30p Powerhouse Classes 6:30p Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room) 7:30p Senior High 8:00p AA Support Group (Adult Library) 9:00p 12th Grade Bible Study (Carnegie - Pastor's Office)	6:00a Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 8:00a Tax Preparation (Carnegie - LL) 9:00a Sowers Circle (Room 104)	6:00a Men's Fraternity (Fellowship Hall)	8:00a Tax Preparation (Carnegie - LL) 8:00a Emmaus - Women (Chapel, Parlor) 8:00a Emmaus - Men (Carnegie - UL) 12:00p Fun & Fellowship Day - UMW (Fellowship Hall) 4:00p Celebration Dinner Prep (Fellowship Hall)
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