

COMMITTEES AT A GLANCE

July 14

7:00pm
Daycare Board, Room 105

July 21

6:00pm
Join Committee Chairs,
Pastor's Office

6:30pm

SPRC, Pastor's Office
Trustees, LLCC
Foundation, MLCC
Finance, ULCC

July 30

9:30am
UMW Executive Board,
Wesley Library

All Together Day will be October 26

Our every other year tradition of having one service where we can be "all together" continues this fall. A seventy five minute worship service is planned on **Sunday, October 26th at 9:30 AM** in the gymnasium at Marion High School. All of our services at the church will be set aside that day and we will leave our campus to worship all together. **Put this date (October 26th at 9:30) on your calendar now!**



You can still register for Camp!

Pictured Rocks Methodist Camp at Monticello has a variety of camps for all ages of children and adults. Pastor Dave Bracht-Wagner is the director. Learn more about a camp for your family at www.picturedrocks.org or ask Pastor Melisa Bracht-Wagner.

Information is also available at the Welcome Center in the entry and the church office. For a listing of other United Methodist Camps in Iowa, go to www.iaumc.org/camps.

All camps are centered on having fun and growing in faith. FUMC will pay \$100 or up to half of the cost of the camp registrations.

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 and a Sermon – Chapel
Church School for children and adults

11:00am

Blended Praise – Sanctuary

Wednesday Worship –

6:30 pm

Weeknight Church - Chapel



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PASTOR MIKE MORGAN

On Doing What We Do

It was Friday evening and the water had risen.

Gathered in prayer for the healing and recovery front of us, the United Methodist Preachers planned and prayed for two hours. There were tears; there was support and an overwhelming feeling of God inspired resolve.

The water crested and began to subside. Tuesday morning, block by block the neighborhoods were being opened for folks to see what was left of their material lives. From the middle of it came a phone call, it was a colleague who simply said; "Can you please come to my neighborhood?"

For years those were her people, the people of another neighborhood on the other side of the river with whom I and my congregation had little if any connection. That Tuesday everything changed. Her people – the whole neighborhood – became what they always should have been – our people.

We quickly trained teams of pastors to go house to house offering an ear, shoulder, presence and prayer to those who had lost much of their "everything." Simultaneously our volunteer structure was ignited and men and women with trucks and

BIG IDEA FOR JULY:

A Mind for God

July 13	Scripture	II Timothy 3:16-17, Ephesians 6:17
July 20	Tradition	II Thessalonians 2:13-17
July 27	Reason	1 Peter 1:10-16, Mark 12:29b-30
August 3	Experience Communion	I John 1:1-4, Hebrews 11:1-13

trailers began helping people move their possessions to storage places. Almost immediately tents were set up on the church lawn where water and refreshments for the already wearying workers could be given. Within half a day "muckers" from every manner of church, volunteer organization, circle of friendship and kinship began the process of removing the "muck" from homes.

No one knew the future – only the present seemed certain, people needed help and the Christians were there to offer it in voluminous ways. Why?

Steve Sjogren once wrote: "We love, we serve and care for others because that is the normal behavior for people who are filled with God's Spirit. We are Christians. Christ was the ultimate servant. We can't help but serve because the Spirit of the Servant has

filled our hearts. When we serve, we are just being who we are naturally." For me this has always been the essence of why we do what we do as individuals and as the body of Christ.

The opportunity before us is long and arduous. The opportunity before us has been mapped out by the Servant Master of us all and He is willing to walk it with us. There is much to do, much to pray for, many to be served all because it rained too much in Iowa this spring. I am committed as your pastor and I have felt your commitment as Christians to do what we do for however long it takes to heal our city because simply; we are the Christians and for the time being, that is what we do.

In Greatest Expectation,
Rev. Mike



Brad Stiles Returns to First United Methodist Church on July 20th

Christian performing artist Brad Stiles will lead us in our 8:30 and 11:00 AM services of praise and worship on Sunday, July 20th. Brad is a local Christian artist who has great experience as a worship leader. Plan ahead to Praise the Lord with wonderful melodies on the 20.

Flood Recovery Response

Volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs. Please look at the needs and plug in where you are passionate. Jobs will change as we continue the recovery process.

Removing Furniture & Carpet and spraying bleach in affected Homes

Everyday Teams: A mission team will leave from FUMC Marion each day at 9:00 am. If you would like to make a team of friends, co-workers, church members and work on a home, please call Rev. Melisa Bracht-Wagner at 319-480-4469 for that assignment.

5:30-7:30 PM Weeknight Teams: Anyone from any church is to gather in the back parking lot of St. James to check in with the site manager to receive work instructions for the evening. For your safety please wear: Long pants, long sleeve t-shirts, gloves (better than gardening gloves), latex gloves, N-95 dusk masks, and closed toed hard soled shoes.

Bring: Filled water bottles and any food you want to eat.

Advance Assessor: An Assessor looks at the homes the day before teams arrive. This

person lets us know where to go and what needs to be done. A list of homes to check, checklist, and training will be provided. Monday, June 30 – 7 more assessors are needed.

Site Managers: A Site Manager is based out of "high traffic volunteer areas." This person checks on Volunteer teams for encouragement, instruction, and status of progress – reports to the database collector. We need 6 site managers from 8-4 and 5 site managers from 4-7:30.

Cooks: Nearly four dozen work groups are coming to assist us in the next few months. They will be hosted at First UMC in Marion. Groups of people are needed to prepare, serve and clean up for a breakfast to be served at FUMC at 7:30 am or supper at 6:30 pm. To sign up for a meal, email melisa@fumcmarion.org Donations of groceries and/or Pizza Hut gift cards are also being accepted to meet this need.

Questions? Contact Pastor Melisa Bracht-Wagner at melisa@fumcmarion.org or 377-4856 or 480-4469. East Central District Volunteers in Mission Coordinator, Iowa.

Get Connected Powerhouse

get connected

Our Wednesday Evening Fellowship Meal and Children's activities will resume in the Fall.

Youth and Adult activities continue. Check their schedules.

Wednesday Night Worship continues at 6:30pm.

Youth Ministries:

- **Junior High Youth** 6:15 – 7:30 (Office Bldg – Lower Level Youth Room)
- **Senior High Youth** 7:30 – 9:00 (Office Bldg – Lower Level Youth Room)

Adult Ministries: 6:30 – 7:30

- Check the published schedule for current classes and location.

Music:

- **Praise Team** 5:00 – 6:00 (Sanctuary)
- **Chancel Choir** 6:30 – 8:00 (Choir Room) when scheduled

Worship:

- **Wednesday Worship in the Chapel** 6:30-7:30pm (Sermon will repeat from previous Sunday)

Caregiver Support Groups

Caregiver Support Groups are open to anyone who is a Caregiver or soon to become a caregiver.

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 Marj Reth at 373-4544.

Televised Services

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

New Adult Class to begin August 3

"The Miracles of Jesus", taught by Doug Kirk on Sunday mornings at 9:45am will begin on August 3. Watch for details.



FLY Needs Your Help This Summer (Feeding Lunch to Youth)

The FLY program has been flying through sandwiches this summer. Each day an average of 200 sandwiches are prepared and delivered to our six sites around Marion. In order to make all those lunches we rely on our more than 50 volunteers. Our newest site, Chapel Ridge, was just added on July 1st and is already serving more than 15 people. We are so grateful for our volunteers and are always looking for more. If you are interested in helping give Carissa a call at 551-0265 or email her at cfdanielle@hotmail.com. Thank you again to everyone who has helped to show God's love to those in our community..

YOUTH

LOST ISLAND Water Park

Junior & Senior High Youth
Join us for some fun in the sun!

When: Friday, July 25th @ 10:00 am
Meet at the Church Office &
bring sack lunch

Cost of entry is \$23

Let Carissa know by July 20th

Need adult drivers, contact Carissa if you can help.
551-0265 or cfdanielle@hotmail.com



BACK TO SCHOOL

Can you believe it???



It's hard to believe but in no time at all it will be time to get back to paper, pencils and books. As we have done in the past, FUMC is planning to provide loaded backpacks for families who don't have the means to get these supplies. These are for kids right here around the corner in Marion.

Below is a list of supplies that we will need to fill these backpacks. If you would like to help, please drop off any items in the Narthex or at the church office by August 1

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| Large Back packs – no wheels | 1" 3 ring binders with plastic cover |
| 8"x5" pencil box | Zippered pencil bag |
| Pocket folders (red, green, yellow, blue, orange, purple) | Trapper with zipper close |
| Highlighters | 3 prong folders |
| Spiral bound notebooks | 24 count crayons |
| Blunt tip scissors | 3 subject / 5 subject spiral notebooks |
| Glue sticks | Metal blade scissors |
| Broad tip classic color markers | 4 ounce bottles of school glue |
| #2 yellow pencils | low odor dry erase markers & eraser |
| Gallon / quart / sandwich size Ziploc bags | pink erasers & pencil top erasers |
| Colored pencils | Computer paper |
| watercolor paint sets | red, blue & black pens |
| ruler with metric/standard measurements | post-it notes |
| Book covers | basic function calculator |
| 3 ring binder dividers | composition notebooks |
| Compass | clear protractor |
| Graph paper | Loose leaf notebook paper |
| | scientific calculator |
| | 4"x6" lined note cards |
| | flash drive |



Stewardship Corner

July 14

Greeters: 8:30 8th Ave Debbie Hahn
12th St Dean & Norma Baughman
11:00 8th Ave Lyle Hughes
12th St Kirk & Carol McNeil

Ushers: 8:30 Neil & Eula Wood, Charlie & Pat Kress
11:00 Kirk McNeil, Dave & Jacob Pederson, Doug & Grant Martin

Acolytes: 8:30 Seth Fawcett, Alex Uhler
11:00 Breanna Moore, Devin LeBeau

July 20

Greeters: 8:30 8th Ave Jean Tanner
12th St Ken & Joan Brekke
11:00 8th Ave Sheri Soukup
12th St Kurt & Terri Musser

Ushers: 8:30 Neil & Eula Wood, Charlie & Pat Kress
11:00 Kirk McNeil, Dave & Jacob Pederson,
Doug & Grant Martin

Acolytes: 8:30 Sam Moody, Sarah Moss
11:00 Aidan Scanlon, Paige Perkins

Thank You

We want to thank our church family for all their thoughtfulness to Ray during his stay in the nursing home with your prayers, cards and visits. The caring support you gave us these past weeks at his death was so appreciated. Bless all of you. – *The Ray Larson family*

If it hadn't been for the following FUMC members, Ralph and Vicki Standley and Chuck and Sherry Alexander, who helped me clean the water out of my basement, I would still be shedding tears. A special thank you to Mark Morgan who came and installed a new sump pump immediately when I called him. I feel so blessed to be a part of this church family. – *Bernita Sills*

On behalf of the Palo United Methodist Church, we thank you for your help on June 21. It was much appreciated and just knowing you care is a huge blessing. – *John and Melinda Howerton*



UMM

The United Methodist Men meet on the second Saturday of the month from September – May, at 8:00am for breakfast and meeting. All men are invited to attend. Look for Special Event announcements this Summer.



UMM Baseball Outing with the Kernels

Sunday, July 20 • Game time is 2:00

Tailgate before the game at 12:30
United Methodist Men will provide hot dogs, burgers, chips, and drinks.

All members and families are welcome
A great opportunity for fun, fellowship, and baseball.

To reserve your ticket, please call Kirk McNeil at 447-1284 or visit the church office. Price is \$7 per person. Limited number of tickets available



UMW

July 17
Mission
Education Day

July 20-23
District School of Christian Mission
Marshalltown, Iowa

Circles

July 21

Hannah

6:30pm Bazaar project (no dinner) at
Lois McCormick's, 2990 18th Avenue,
377-2890

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.

Another Way

The annual Sewing Day that was scheduled for Aug. 8 this year is cancelled. Our church is hosting flood relief teams and preparing lunches for hungry children every weekday. There is no room for our Sewing Day set-up this year.

BUT there is another way to have lots of school bags to send to the United Methodist Committee on Relief so that they can fill them with school supplies and give them to children who would otherwise go to school without any basic educational tools.

Many women have been sewing at home all year in order to have lots of school bags to meet children's needs. If you can sew and would be willing to help, call Elaine Coppock, 395-9532, for fabric and pattern instructions. We will collect the bags this fall and have them ready to send to UMCOR by the end of October.

There are many people looking for "another way" to do things this year. We can, too.

Our church will be collecting school supplies for our own needy children this year. Watch for announcements about this need and how you can help to fill it.

Ring to the Lord

Ever wonder what it takes to ring handbells or chimes? Here's your chance.

The handbell room will be open on Wednesday evening, July 16, 23 and 30, from 7 – 8 for anyone, child, teen or adult, wanting to see what ringing or chiming is all about. This will be a hands-on experience. You may come alone, with a friend, or bring a group of friends! There is absolutely no commitment! This is strictly to see what is involved with ringing bells. You may come to one evening session or you may come to all three. The choice is yours!

Where to meet: Room 310, the handbell room, on the upper level of the addition, above the children's library.

If you have any questions, call Mary Lee at 310-8216.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to
Chuck and Diane Kent

who celebrated their
50th Wedding anniversary
on June 22.



LECTIONARY
READINGS

July 13

Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112 or Psalm 25
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 20

Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
JULY 14 Summer Games @ Grinnell 11a Women's Psalms Study, LLCC 7p Boy Scouts, FH 7p Daycare Bd, 105	JULY 15 Caring Corner Night @ Pizza Ranch Summer Games @ Grinnell 9a Carnegie Corner, LLCC	JULY 16 Summer Games @ Grinnell 8a Quilters, 104 5p Adult Praise Team Prac, Sanc 6:15p JR High Youth, YRCC 6:30p Worship Service, Chapel 7:30p SR High Youth, YRCC 8p AA, Support Group, Adult Lib	JULY 17 Summer Games @ Grinnell 6a Men's Bible Study, FH 10a UMW Mission Education Day, Chapel/FH 1:30p Caregivers @ Summit Pointe 1:30p The Page Turners, Wesley Lib 6:30p Patriarchs Women's Study, LLCC	JULY 18 Summer Games @ Grinnell 6p Wedding Reh Rose/Murray, Sanc	JULY 19 4p Wedding Eddie Rose & Amanda Murray	JULY 20 District School of Christian Mission, Marshalltown Melisa Camp @ PR 7:45a Worship, Chapel 8:30a Worship, Sanctuary 9:45a Church School for all ages 9:45a Praise Team, Sanc 9:45a Worship, Chapel 11a Worship, Sanctuary FUMC @ the Kernels
JULY 21 District School of Christian Mission, Marshalltown Melisa Camp @ PR 11a Women's Friendship Grp, Pizza Ranch 11a Women's Psalms Study, LLCC 6p Joint Committee Chairpersons, Pastor's Office 6:30p SPRC, Pastor's Office 6:30p Trustees, LLCC 6:30p Finance, ULCC 6:30p Foundation Mtg, MLCC 7p Boy Scouts, FH 7p Veterans Grp, Wes Lib	JULY 22 District School of Christian Mission, Marshalltown Melisa Camp @ PR 9a Carnegie Corner, LLCC	JULY 23 District School of Christian Mission, Marshalltown 8a Quilters, 104 5p Adult Praise Team Prac, Sanc 6:15p JR High Youth, YRCC 6:30p Worship Service, Chapel 6:30p Chancel Choir, Rm 311 7:30p SR High Youth, YRCC 8p AA, Support Group, Adult Lib	JULY 24 6a Men's Bible Study, FH 9a TMC, Wes Lib 9:15a Sowers Circle, FH 6p Wedding Rehearsal, Cameron Clinton & Crystal Penuel, Sanc 6:30p Patriarchs Women's Study, LLCC	JULY 25 Youth @ Jammin Jubilee 4:30p Wedding, Cameron Clinton, Crystal Penuel, Sanc	JULY 26 Youth @ Jammin Jubilee	JULY 27 7:45a Worship, Chapel 8:30a Worship, Sanctuary 9:45a Church School for all ages 9:45a Praise Team, Sanc 9:45a Worship, Chapel 11a Worship, Sanctuary 8p AA, Support Group, Adult Lib

CC=Carnegie Corner;
YRCC=Youth Room
Carnegie Center

Our Congregation Shares Its Concern & Christian Love...

BAPTISM:

June 29, **Coleman Chad Walker**, son of Chad and Carrie Walker.

WEDDINGS:

June 29, **Forrest Meyer and Cindy Rick**.

DEATHS:

June 18, **Helen Emerson**, Cadott, Wisconsin, mother of Doug (Sharon) Emerson. Services were held on June 25.

June 24, **Mary Lois Mertz**, Polo, Illinois, mother of Kay (Bob) McGuire. Services were held on July 1.

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.

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