

Committees at a Glance

October 9

7:00pm

Building Committee

Adult Library

October 13

7:00pm

Nominating Committee

Pastor's Office

Daycare Board, Room 306

October 16

7:00pm

Building Committee

Adult Library



The Marion Methodist

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PASTOR MIKE MORGAN

1/3

New Member Class

Our next New Member Class will be in October, with new members joining our congregation at All Together Day on Sunday, Oct. 26.

Class Schedule:

Thursday, Oct. 2 – 7:00-9:00pm

Level of the Carnegie Center

Sunday, Oct. 5 – 9:45-10:45am
in the Chapel

Sunday, Oct. 12 – 9:45-10:45am
in the Chapel

Sunday, Oct. 19 – 9:45-10:45am
in the Chapel

If you have questions or want to sign up for the class, contact Karen at 377-4856 or Karen@fumcmarion.org.

Fall Celebration Dinner & Program

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Two Dinner seatings, 4:00pm and 6:30pm – Tickets at no cost. Freewill offering for Camperships. Tickets and reservation sign up will be available starting Sunday, October 19th at the Welcome Center in the Church or at the Church Office.

Celebration Program 5:15 PM in the Sanctuary – Sunday, November 9th

Featuring: An Old fashioned hymn sing

Headlined by: “Dan and Bruce” from First UMC of Belvidere, IL. This musical duo will entertain us with their humor and bless us with their singing and playing a mix of gospel/bluegrass/country Christian music. (Dan and Bruce have written the theme song for the Appalachian Service Project and come to us to thank us for our work with flood recovery.)

Highlighted by: Our annual offering for camp scholarships to help sponsor a cost offset of some of the more than 130 students that went to camp the past year from First United Methodist Church.

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

Wednesday Worship –

6:30 pm - Chapel

You probably don't need to read this if you attend worship with regularity.

The Centennial Sertoma Club is a fine service club that meets for lunch every Tuesday in downtown Colorado Springs. The club is impressive because of its fundraising for the mission of Sertoma and the percentage of their members that attend each week.

I recall during my membership interview (yes, a membership interview for a service club) I was told that missing two of the fifty meetings held each year was acceptable for an active member and if I couldn't or wouldn't be coming that often, I shouldn't join.

How wonderful! Here was group that charged their members \$50 a month to join and demanded their presence without apologies because the mission they intended to fulfill was so important to them they knew it could not be attained without the faithful presence of their membership. As a pastor, I was absolutely stunned by the intentional directness of their method.

You see, pastors in mainline denominations for many years have been told by their judicatory bodies that a relatively strong church was one where they averaged roughly a third of their membership at Christian worship. In fact, the profile in 2003 for the senior pastor at FUMC described us as a church that had historically averaged thirty five percent attendance in worship.

Then and now, it seems we can do better. We are a strong church in so many ways and outstanding in some others but only average in our worship attendance and participation at 1/3. Having two thirds of this group absent can't be considered a sign of strength in this time of incredible need.

Remind yourself, this 1/3 number is historical, it pre dates Sunday sports, pre dates Wednesday night worship, pre dates so many people working on Sunday and many other things that are indigenous to the “Sundays” of our generation. Remind yourself that there have always been members that for health reasons are unable to come and (sadly) always a few that were unhappy with something or someone going on at the church. Remind yourself that there has always been a myriad of reasons not to attend worship.

Remind yourself also that the pastor never said you would or were supposed to come, you said that! For almost a century the Methodist Episcopal, then United Methodist Church has received members who have pledged their prayers, presence, gifts and service to the church, so if you are a member, you said you would come.

Now, while no one expects “Sertoma like” 92% attendance (which incidentally would put our weekly average at 1987 souls present, a building problem we would love to have) we have a personal spiritual and corporate opportunity and obligation to be present in worship. The Holy Scripture is full of passages that tell us the value of seeking an encounter with God at worship with regularity (face it, some worship services touch us and some don't, so volume is necessary) and a

plethora of others that tell us that God values our worship.

You cannot inspire another by your presence at worship nor can you model the faith in the midst of a difficult world at worship if you do not attend and there is no way a church can achieve a bold vision without great participation in worship. The church needs everyone – not to bolster a number – that is old way thinking, but rather to accomplish the missions that are so dear to us.

How can we fully worship in ways that experience and serve God with only a 1/3?

How can we fully grow in ways that win and nurture souls for Christ with only a 1/3?

How can we fully offer fellowship that uplifts the community and offers support at all times with only 1/3?

We can't.

We need every one of you – not out of guilt or obligation or because we want to feel good about ourselves. We need you because we want to complete in our generation the great work God has given us to do and praise Him as we go. If need be, we will endeavor with a 1/3 but we prefer your presence, your blessing, your help in the work because God's plan for us is great.

Peace – Joy - Love, Rev. Mike

THE BIG IDEA SERIES:

Training for the Team

October 5 Mark 10:46-52

Being Present for the Team a gateway to blessing Holy Communion

Stewardship communicates tithing “presence”

October 12 Mark 11:12-17

The Team prays for power

Stewardship communicates tithing “prayers”

All Together Day Worship and Ministry Fair Marion High School – Sunday, October 26 at 9:30 AM

Every two years we have an “All Together Day” when our entire congregation is invited to worship at the same place at the same time. This year our service will be held at Marion High School on South 15th Street on Sunday, October 26 at 9:30 AM.

Our 75 minute Worship service will include: • Adult Choir • Praise Team • Handbells • Children's Choir • A Dramatic presentation • Pastor Mike Preaching • Invitation to the Mission/Ministry Fair

Visit the Ministry Fair before and after the worship service.

Display booths will open at 9:00am.

To All Church Ministries:

Promote the ministry you serve in at the Ministry Fair. Set up time for your display booth will be Saturday, October 25 from 9-11pm and Sunday, October 26 from 7:30-8:30am. Bring your own card table and display items. Watch for more details later, but start now thinking of creative, colorful ideas to share with the congregation. Any questions, please call Karen Schmitz at the church office, 377-4856.

POWER-UP for Powerhouse

get connected

Family Friendly Power Meal –
5:30 – 6:15

(Free will offering for the meal)

Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches
always

October 8

Pizza Rolls
French fries
Peaches
Cookies

October 15

Spaghetti w/meat sauce
French bread
Corn
Fruit cocktail
Cupcakes

Preschool classes

6:30-7:30pm – Rm 208

Elementary Classes

6:30-7:30pm – 3rd Floor

Adult Classes 6:15 and 6:30pm

Powerhouse classes

Adult Classes 6:15 and 6:30pm.
Contact Jon Moss, Director of Adult
Christian Education and Discipleship,
JonMoss@fumcmarion.org, for a list
of current classes.

Televised Services

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

Unused Christmas cards

If you have unused Christmas cards
that would be appropriate to send
to our mission teams that have vol-
unteered or are thinking of coming,
please drop them off at the Flood
office or the Church office.

Children's News:

Join us on Sundays at 9:45 am

Sonshine Kids: 2 years – 5 years

2 years rm 207

3 years rm 208

4 & 5 years rm 205

Journeyland: Kdg–5th Grade (3rd Flr)



Jammers...

3rd, 4th and 5th Graders

It's time for an...

OLYMPIC JAM

Sunday, October 19

5:30-7:00pm

JAM Space (aka black light room)
As always, friends are welcome.

Return of the Trick or Trunking...

Mark your calendars for this
year's – Trick or Trunking...

We need trunks with candy
(decorations are a plus)

We need trickers (kids) with
their wildest – funkiest hair
dos!!

Wednesday evening – October 29

at Farmers State Bank
parking lot

Trick or trunking
begins at 6:30pm



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.

Swamp Fox Ice Cream Social Another Success!

While we are taught “each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others” [Peter 4:10], this could not be more true for those who answered our call to help out at the Swamp Fox Ice Cream Social. Six days prior the Swamp Fox there were only 12 pies and four signed up to help. After (several) moments of panic, I finally turned towards God which led to several resources. “Then the whole Israelite community withdrew from Moses’ presence, and everyone who was willing and whose heart moved him came and brought an offering to the Lord for the work on the Tent of Meeting, for all its service...”[Exodus 35:20-21]

“Then Moses gave an order and they sent this word throughout the camp: ‘No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary.’ And so the people were restrained from bringing more, because what they already had was more than enough to do all the work.” [Exodus 36:6-7] By Saturday 62 responded with pies, bringing in 30 different kinds with a total of 116 pies, plus 6 brownies and angel food cakes. The number of volunteers increased to 53, covering six shifts over nine hours. Adding to the mix 24 gallons of ice cream went into pie-ala-modes, root beer floats and cones, 200 cups of coffee and 5 gallons of lemonade, plus a case of water and a case of Gatorade. By days end all but one pie, 30 misc. slices, a few bottles of water and Gatorade were left.

I am forever in awe of the body of Christ when each person uses his/her talents and gifts given by God and yet I’m not surprised. “So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” [Romans 12:5] It is with this kind of fellowship that many hands can do much together. With God’s work coming full circle, Power House will once again be blessed. Thank you to the many workers and pie bakers who gave. This could not happen without everyone’s continued support.

Cynthia Boyer-McFarland, FUMC Swamp Fox Ice Cream Social Coordinator

New sessions of DivorceCare and GriefShare starting soon!

- **DivorceCare** will be meet from 6-8pm beginning Thurs., October 23.
- **GriefShare** will meet from 10:00 to 11:30 am beginning Thurs., November 6. There may also be an evening or Sunday afternoon session if there is enough interest in a second group.

Each program is 13 weeks in length, and you may join at any time. A work-book goes along with each program and will be available at the first session. Please contact Vicki with any questions or if you would like to sign up for either group. Call Vicki at the church office, 377 4856 or email vicki@fumcmarion.org. Brochures are also on the Welcome Center.

Love Kids?

If you enjoy working with children and are looking for a flexible, rewarding job this is it! Substitute teacher needed to fill in for staff on an “as available” schedule. You choose what requests you are able to fill as you are contacted. It’s wonderful for some extra money and enjoyable while spending time with God’s children. Contact Dawn at 377-8490 or dawn@fumcmarion.org to apply. – Caring Corner Christian Day Care/Preschool

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.



Stewardship Corner

October 5

Greeters: 8:30 8th Ave Eldon & Pat McMillen
12th St Mark & Marilyn Beebe
11:00 8th Ave Jean Hammill
12th St Kurt & Terri Musser

Ushers: 8:30 Ken & Nancy Jolliffe, Steve,
Jan & Mick Dickinson
9:45 Kelsey Labs, Michael Buh, Matthew Tribble
11:00 Walt, Shelby & Courtney Roth, Lyle Hughes

Acolytes: 8:30 Sarah Chevalier, Natalie Peyton
11:00 Willis Fulmer, Daly Quinn

October 12

Greeters: 8:30 8th Ave Leon & Lee Smock
12th St Jim Dwyer & Connie Miller
11:00 8th Ave Sheri Soukup
12th St Chris & Mary Blanchard

Ushers: 8:30 Ken & Nancy Jolliffe, Steve,
Jan & Mick Dickinson
9:45 Casey Cram, Carissa Goemaat, Alex
Ditzenberger
11:00 Walt, Shelby & Courtney Roth, Lyle Hughes

Acolytes: 8:30 Tommy Schmitt, Tara Zumwalt
11:00 Mikalah Applegate, Lauren Soukup

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers, cards, telephone calls, visits, food and flowers I received when I had pneumonia. I'm still very tired but getting stronger every day. I love my beautiful prayer shawl. Thanks again. – *Kathryn Hildebrand*

We want to thank you for physically coming to help us in our time of need. We truly appreciated your tangible support for Salem UMC following the flood that destroyed our church building in June. We are overwhelmed by the love that has been shown to us by our brothers and sisters in Christ. My God make his face to shine upon you. – *Grace and peace, Pastor John Louk*



Congratulations to Darrell and Judy Dicken who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 29.

Flood Updates and Next Step

Sunday, October 5

10:00am

Fellowship Hall

Pastor Melisa will share the latest news, picture powerpoint and where we plan to go. Our own Rhonda Birkey, from H & R Block, will share tax benefits for volunteers.



October 5

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

October 12

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14



UMM UMM Golf Outing

Sunday, October 5

Hunter's Ridge Golf Course
Beginning at 1:30
4 person best shot format – \$30 per person includes 18 holes and cart
To sign up, please contact Toby Lawrence at 319-202-4365 or email at toby.lawrence@cliftoncpa.com
As usual, if you have any items to donate for prizes, please let Toby know. Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship...and a little hacking. All skill levels welcome and wanted.



UMW Circles

United Methodist Women
Wednesday, October 8
Susanna at 9:30am, LLCC

Mary at 1:00pm - Melvina Bruce's, 1050 5th Ave, 373-7445

Thursday, October 9

Needle Designers

9:30am, LLCC

Wesleyan

9:30am, Wesley Library

Joyful Cooks

Check with your Chairperson

Thursday, October 16

The Page Turners

1:30pm, Wesley Library

Agape at 7:00pm

Melvina Bruce's, 1050 5th Ave, 373-7445

Work on Bazaar projects

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.

I Can Cope

An American Cancer Society educational program for cancer patients, their families and friends.

Date: Thursday, October 2, 2008

Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Place: Hall Radiation (please use Hallmar entrance), 603 10th Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

Resources & Support – Kelly Bakewell, ACS Navigator and Joan Ortega, BWS

Money Matters & Legal Issues/Concerns – Tom DeBoom, Attorney

This program is open to everyone and is FREE of charge. Pre-register by calling 319.365.5242 - refreshments served.

Youngers for Choir and Missions

Youngers Community Day Sale is November 15. The Chancel Choir and Adult Missions will be selling the \$5 coupon booklets. It's a good sale and a good time to begin holiday shopping. The church keeps the \$5 and you get a \$10 coupon plus 8 20% off coupons to use in the store before or on November 15. The Choir and Adult Missions will benefit from the sale of the books.

Use the coupon books yourself or give them for employee, friend or family gifts and let them shop. Or use the donation toward church giving if you don't use the booklets. Your check should be made out to FUMC.

You will find us selling the booklets between services, coffee time, circles and any time before November 15. Take time to find about this fundraiser. Any questions, call Lois McCormick, 377-2890.

UMW Holiday Bazaar Saturday, October 25, 8:30-2:00pm

The bazaar is only THREE weeks away and the committees are very busy. Now we need items to fill our rooms. We hope some of these ideas will help you:

Country Store.....could use pumpkins, potatoes, squash, nuts, dried herbs, Indian corn, dried weeds and handcrafted wreaths. Rada Cutlery will again be available to purchase.

Candy Shoppe.....start to make your plans and gather supplies to make fudge, divinity, peanut brittle, caramel corn and more.

Bakery....is in need of tea rings, fresh baked breads, brownies, small pies, cream puffs and anything else made by all our wonderful bakers.

Granny's Nook...keep checking your attics and cupboards for vintage items. Remember no furniture or clothes. Let's fill it up with treasures.

Holiday Room...is the place for all of your marvelous sewing or handcrafted items.

Everyone is welcome to donate and we hope everyone will come have a fresh baked roll and coffee, shop and then stay for lunch. If you have questions, call Wanda, 377-3709.

Bazaar Luncheon 11:00am -1:00pm

Make plans NOW for lunch and enjoy our delicious ham loaf plate. The menu will also feature soup, sandwiches, salads and homemade pies, all made with love. Be sure to bring your friends. Se you on October 25th!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
October 5 Communion Sunday 7:45a Worship (Chapel) 8:30a Worship (Sanctuary) 9:45a Church School for All Ages 9:45a New Member Class (Chapel) 9:45a Praise Team Practice (Choir Rm) 9:45a Worship-Two Songs & A Sermon (Sanctuary) 11:00a Worship (Sanctuary) 1:00p Majesty Puppets (Black Light Rm) 1:00p Wedding - Corey Hughes/Heather Killingsworth - Squaw Creek Park 1:00p Majesty Puppets (Sanctuary) 1:00p Majesty Puppets (Room 303) 2:00p Girl Scouts (Adult Library) 2:00p Joyful Noise Chimers (Rm 310) 3:00p Jubilation Handbells (Rm 310) 4:00p Bell Canto Handbells (Rm 310) 5:00p Friendship Mini. (Carnegie - LL) 5:00p Friendship Mini. (Carnegie - UL)	October 6 7:00p Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall) 7:00p Turkey Trot (Parlor)	October 7 9:00a Carnegie Corner (Carnegie - LL) 1:30p Bible Study (Adult Library) 6:30p Emmaus Board Meeting (Carnegie - UL) 7:00p Touch of Brass (Room 310)	October 8 8:00a Quilters (Room 104) 5:00p Adult Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary) 5:30p Powerhouse Meal (Fellowship Hall) 6:15p Junior High Youth Group (Carnegie - Youth) 6:30p Chancel Choir (Choir Room) 6:30p Adult Classes 6:30p Powerhouse Classes 6:30p Worship Service (Chapel) 7:30p Senior High 7:30p Acolyte Training (Sanctuary) 8:00p AA Support Group (Adult Library)	October 9 6:00a Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 9:30a Needle Designers Circle (Carnegie - LL) 9:30a Wesleyan Circle (Adult Library) 10:00a Grief Share (Carnegie - UL) 7:00p Building Committee (Adult Library)	October 10 6:00p Wedding Rehearsal - Lindsay Morris/Andy Duggan (Sanctuary)	October 11 8:00a UMM (Fellowship Hall) 10:00a Library Board (Room 104) 4:00p Wedding - Lindsay Morris/Andy Duggan (Sanctuary) 7:00p FUMC 500 Card Club (Carnegie - LL)
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CC=Carnegie Corner;
YRCC=Youth Room
Carnegie Center

Our Congregation Shares Its Concern & Christian Love...

BIRTH: Sept 11, **Keara Jo Inge**, daughter of Bill and Rae Ann (Pierce) Inge, Cincinnati, OH. Grandparents are Ray and Peg Pierce.

BAPTISM: Sept 21, **Charlie Jo Stevens**, daughter of Bill and Amy Stevens.

WEDDING: Sept 20, **Richard Curtis Nelson and Amber Pate**.

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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