

Committees at a Glance

November 6

7:00pm

Building, Adult Library

November 10

7:00pm

Daycare Board, Room 306

November 11

7:00pm

Memorials, ULCC

November 13

7:00pm

Building, Adult Library

Everyone's Invited to the Fall Celebration Dinner

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

TWO SEATINGS: 4:00PM AND 6:30PM with a **Celebration Program** at 5:15PM

Tickets at no cost. Freewill offering for Camperships. Tickets and reservation sign up will be available Sun., November 2 at the Welcome Center in the Church or at the Church Office.

Menu: Stew, biscuits, fruit cup and dessert bars.

Celebration Program 5:15 PM in the Sanctuary

- **Featuring:** An Old fashioned hymn sing
- **Headlined by:** "Dan and Bruce" from First UMC of Belvidere, IL
- **Highlighted by:** Our annual offering for camp scholarships.

Change of Time

Our Charge Conference will be held at Christ Community Church on Sunday, November 16 at 1:30 PM. This is a TIME change from previous announcements.



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 26

6:30pm in the Chapel

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



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PASTOR MIKE MORGAN

What is that knocking?

We find Philip in Acts chapter 8 sent by the Lord to the road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza. There he runs into a servant of the queen of Ethiopia who in today's language would be called a "seeker." That is, he is aware that there is an intelligent force who is both prime mover and main operator of the universe, but it is not clear to him – he believes but he is not sure in what, so he seeks the truth.

As Philip comes upon him, he finds this man reading from the prophet Isaiah about the prophesied Messiah and asks: "Do you understand what you are reading?"

"How can I, when there is no one to instruct me?" he replies.

Philip seizes the opportunity to share his faith and knowledge of the Good News of Jesus. The servant is convinced and as they approach some water, this seeker, greatly desiring to be at one with the Source of the universe cries out to Philip, "Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptized?"

Philip again, seeing the opportunity, baptizes this man and he goes away rejoicing because what he had been looking for all his life, he had now found.

The parallel between Philip's opportunity and our own is not so dissimilar. Philip had three opportunities presented to him and his response to each had the effect of connecting this one man with God. If he had chosen not to respond to the opportunities he received; if he had chosen not to go to this road, if he had chosen to stay silent or if he had chosen not to grant the baptismal wish, this man may have remained a seeker and God a stranger to him.

Daily we receive opportunities to nurture and nourish others in the Christian faith. Sometimes these opportunities take the form of being in dialogue with a seeker friend that is pursuant of answers to some big questions including – what is the meaning of life? Is their order to the universe? These questions are always opportunities when we Christians, taking the lead of Philip must engage at the moment they are asked. We must courageously answer with what we believe and what we know of scripture because the opportunity has come to you to guide. Remember when being asked questions like this, if they wanted another guide, they would have asked another.

Often the opportunity we receive to guide seekers to faith comes as they

witness our behavior. What we do always exposes what we believe. As we live lives that express the fruit of God's Spirit in us (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control) questions arise for the seeker. Why do they live that way? What motivates them? Rarely will they ask what motivates us – but – almost always people draw conclusions from what they see. Strive to take the opportunity you receive to guide others by your living.

Sadly but truly, often one of our most significant opportunities to guide a seeker in faith is through our response to great difficulty. When griefs, brokenness, loss of health, tremendous personal and psychological hardship enter into our lives, there are always others watching. Paul says in Romans 5

"We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love." Living this faith is a witness to our friends that are seeking more valuable than millions of words.

So, in regards to guiding people seeking to have or know faith, the old adage "opportunity only knocks once" is quite a bit wrong, in fact with every beat of your heart, opportunity knocks. I hear it knocking right now. How about you? — Rev. Mike

THE BIG IDEA SERIES:

Lessons from Real People with Real Faith

November 2 Judges 16:4-31 Samson – A Mighty Weakling
Holy Communion

November 9 I Kings 1:11-21 Bathsheba – Mother of Messes and Masters
Preacher: Randy Goshon, Seminary Intern

Bruce & Dan



Most people who know Bruce Poulter and Dan Holmes believe that they are really twin brothers of separate mothers and maybethat's true! They began playing together at church on Sunday mornings and quickly discovered that when they poured their musical abilities together, they could create a sound that is uniquely "Bruce & Dan". Armed with acoustic guitars and a great sense of humor, Bruce & Dan deliver their message straight from the heart, whether playing a bluesy hymn, a hard driving tune, or an original ballad.

For more info please visit the "Bruce & Dan" website

 **bruceanddan.com** 

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

November 5

Nachos w /Ground Beef and Cheese
Salsa, Sour Cream & Tomatoes
Tropical Fruit Cocktail
Ice Cream Sandwiches

November 12

Chicken Nuggets and Sauces
French Fries
Peaches & Cupcakes

Preschool classes

6:30-7:30pm – Room 208

Elementary Classes

6:30-7:30pm – 3rd Floor

Adult Classes 6:15 and 6:30pm

Calling All Mission Trippers

Want to go on a Mission Trip?
Conversation about possibilities for
Youth, Adults and Retired Adults
Honest discussion on where/what we
should do in 2009 in light of the flood.
November 3, 2008 at 7:00 pm. See
you in the Third Floor of the Office
Building

Organize Our New Mission Group

All former UMCOR workers and
anyone else interested are invited to
come and help us make plans for
local mission work this year.

**Maury & Barb Campbell's
home, 2090 Stratford Dr, Marion
on Thurs., November 6th at
7:00pm.** Call Barb, 377-4208, for
more information.

The Youth Ministry of FUMC has adopted a Flood House.

They will be rebuilding it. Shortly
you might be contacted to "teach
your skills" for the benefit of this
rebuild. Be open, be willing, be ready.

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 Floor)

Televised Services

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

Pizza Ranch Fundraiser for Caring Corner Daycare

Once a month through next May, a classroom at Caring Corner
Daycare will be the recipient of a fundraiser at Pizza Ranch in Marion.
Enjoy a pizza and support the classroom of your choice.

Month	Classroom	Date
November	Infants (Miss Leslie & Miss Estella)	Mon, Nov. 17
December	Toddlers (Miss Suzanne & Miss Stacie)	Mon., Dec. 15

Caregiving Support Group

Caregiving 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.

Operation Christmas Child - Shoe Box

It's time for our Shoe Box Ministry once again. Last year our church
packed 140 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 who need hope.

This year's collection dates are Nov. 16 - 23. Please bring your filled
boxes to church on Sunday or deliver to the church office. Thank you
for serving the Lord by participating in this mission project. For more
information about what to include in the boxes or with other questions,
see the display on Sundays or call Diana Anderson @ 393-5101.

Weekly E-Newsletter

Are you receiving the FUMC-Marion E-Newsletter? This communica-
tion is sent out every Thursday morning and includes the upcoming
sermon topic and scripture reading. It also has upcoming events and
opportunities here at FUMC along with links to the daily devotional.
If you are currently not receiving it and would like to, please send
an e-mail to info@fumcmarion.org to subscribe.

**A FLOOD OF HOPE:
CONNECTING IN THE HEARTLAND**

*Acknowledging Our Loss
&
Celebrating Our Future*

**WORSHIP WITH
UNITED METHODISTS OF
CEDAR RAPIDS AREA**

**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 2, 2008, 2:00 p.m.
ST. JAMES UMC**

Bringing Hope
Louis Annual Conference
The United Methodist Church
To The Heartland

*A Time to Celebrate
To celebrate the city
To celebrate God's love
To celebrate neighbors and
To celebrate our churches*

Offering for Cedar Rapids area flood recovery efforts

Dixieland band providing music procession through the neighborhood following service.

Youth Ministry will be attending:

**Do Hard Things Conference on
November 2 and 9 from 5-8 pm.**
At Stonebridge Church. Cost: \$3.
"Do Hard Things is so important.
It is challenging teenagers to
rebel against the low expectations
placed on them. And the voices
that are asking teens to rise to
meet this challenge are voices
from their own generation. That
thrills me." – Chuck Colson,
best-selling author of *How Now
Shall We Live?*

Flood Recovery Stats

29 states represented
158 Teams (as of October 19)
1368 volunteers

We are working in 11 rebuilds.
PRAY that the cold weather stays
away as long as possible as we
need to winterize houses.

Christmas Family Coordinator

Each year, FUMC adopts families
from our community for addition-
al holiday support with food and
gifts. The tradition will continue
this year. If you are interested in
assisting Pastor Melisa with the
coordination of this year's effort –
with the added flood family adop-
tions – please let her know. She
needs help to make this year spe-
cial for families in need.

Join these classes at any time

- DivorceCare meets from 6-8pm
on Thursdays
- GriefShare will be starting soon.

Each program is 13 weeks in
length. A workbook 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.

On Saturday, November 1, there
will be a Northwest Side Giveaway
sponsored by St James and Matthew
25. Quality furniture and appliances
will be accepted between 12 and
1pm at St James Methodist Church.
The giveaway will take place from
1:30-3:30pm. Only people with a
FEMA number and proof they live
on the NW side will be allowed to
receive items.

Volunteers are needed to help
with the giveaway and anyone with
a truck to help with delivery of
items. Contact Clint Twedt Ball at
clint@hub25.org or Beth Straw at
bethmarystgraw@yahoo.com with
the hours you are available to help.



Stewardship Corner

November 2

Greeters: 8:30 8th Ave Rhonda Birkey
12th St Darrel & Eloise Larsen
11:00 8th Ave Kay McGuire
12th St Warren & Luann Byerly

Ushers: 8:30 John & Louise Nieland, Ned & Connie Albert, Bob Shireman
9:45 Alex Ditzenberger, Nathaniel McFarland, Cara Soukup
11:00 Chad Walker, Mark Atwater, Jordan Atwater, Kirk McNeil, Bret McNeil

Acolytes: 8:30 Sean Brown, Michael Moeller
11:00 Dalton Whitcher-Underwood, Lindsay Brown

November 9

Greeters: 8:30 8th Ave Doris Madeson
12th St Lee & Elaine Coppock
11:00 8th Ave Dawn Blair
12th St Doug & Marilyn Byal

Ushers: 8:30 John & Louise Nieland, Ned & Connie Albert, Bob Shireman
9:45 Kelsey Labs, Michael Buh, Casey Cram
11:00 Chad Walker, Mark Atwater, Jordan Atwater, Kirk McNeil, Bret McNeil

Acolytes: 8:30 Addi Martin, Nick Rude
11:00 Blake Canavan, Jordan Keeton



UMM

Saturday, November 8
8:00am Breakfast and meeting in Fellowship Hall



UMW

Circles
November 5
Sarah at 9:15am, LLCC

Miriam
1:00pm at Maxine Woods
Moundview Manor, 2501 Hwy 13, #304
377-7153

Rebekah
1:15pm at Myrna Twedt's
3191 Silver Oak Trail - 377-0665

November 6

Bookends
7:00pm, Java Creek Café. Discuss "The Eloquent President, A Portrait of Lincoln Through His Words" by Ronald C White, Jr. All are welcome. Love to have you there!

November 10

Faith
7:00pm at Carrie Walker's, 535 Ashford Drive NE, Cedar Rapids - 393-6517
This new circle is for mothers of young children and will meet in restaurants and homes. Contact Carrie Walker for more information if you are interested.

November 12

Susanna
9:30pm, LLCC

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

November 13

Needle Designers
9:30am, LLCC

Wesleyan
9:30am in Wesley Library

Joyful Cooks
6:30pm - Check with chairman on location

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.

Younkers for Choir and Missions

Younkers 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.

Thank You

The 2008 Bazaar is over and Billie Werner, Bazaar chairman, and the United Methodist Bazaar committees want to thank everyone that donated all the delicious baked goodies, candies, garden produce, wonderful craft items, items for Granny's Nook and all the homemade salads and pies. We could not have a bazaar without all your donations.

Some more thank yous to the women that came early to have warm rolls and coffee ready to start the day. Thanks to the women for the beautifully decorated tables and windows, to the cashiers, the poster makers, the room chairpersons and all their workers.

And we can't forget the great crew that purchase, prepare, serve and then clean up after the delicious luncheon....a job well done.

The last thank you is to thank everyone that came and enjoyed the luncheon, found perfect items to purchase or just had a cup of coffee. It's ALL OF YOU that made the bazaar a success!

Coping with the Holidays

A program designed to assist grieving families or individuals as they cope with the unique pain of facing the holidays without their loved one.

November 9, 2008

1:00-3:00pm

Cedar Memorial Family Center
Cedar Memorial Park
4200 1st Avenue NE
Cedar Rapids, IA

Speaker is Rev Dr Leonard Ranson
Cedar Hills Community Church

For reservations or further information, call
Cedar Memorial Westside Chapel
(319) 362-1135



Invitation to an
Open House
for

Wayne Lucas

as he celebrates his
80th birthday.

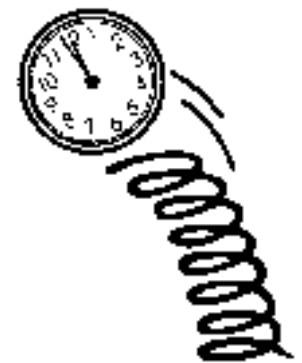
Thursday, November 6

Lowe Arts and
Environment Center

4500 N. Tenth St.

in Marion

6:00 to 9:00 PM



Daylight Savings
Time falls back
on Sunday,
November 2.

LECTIONARY READINGS

November 2

Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

November 9

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
November 2 Communion Sunday 7:45a Worship (Chapel) 8:30a Worship (Sanctuary) 9:45a Praise Team Practice (Carnegie - UL) 9:45a Worship-Two Songs & A Sermon (Sanctuary) 9:45a Church School for All Ages 11:00a Worship (Sanctuary) 1:00p Majesty Puppets (Rm 303) 1:00p Majesty Puppets (Sanctuary & Black Light Rm) 2:00p Joyful Noise Chimers (Rm 310) 2:00p Girl Scouts (Adult Library) 3:00p Jubilation Handbells (Rm 310) 4:00p Girl Scouts (Rm 303) 4:00p Bell Canto Handbells (Rm 310) 5:00p Friendship Ministries (Carnegie - UL & LL)	November 3 7:00p Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)	November 4 9:00a Carnegie Corner (Carnegie - LL) 1:30p Bible Study (Adult Library) 6:30p Emmaus Board Meeting (Carnegie - UL) 7:00p Touch of Brass (Rm 310)	November 5 8:00a Quilters (Rm 104) 9:15a Sarah Circle (Carnegie - LL) 5:00p Adult Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary) 5:30p Powerhouse Meal (Fellowship Hall) 6:15p Junior High Youth Group (Carnegie - Youth) 6:30p Adult Classes 6:30p Powerhouse Classes 6:30p Worship Service (Chapel) 6:30p Chancel Choir (Choir Rm) 7:30p Senior High 8:00p AA Support Group (Adult Library)	November 6 6:00a Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 1:30p Caregivers at Summit Pointe 6:00p Divorce Care (Flood Office Upper Level) 6:30p Girl Scouts (Rm 302) 6:30p Girl Scouts (Rm 303) 7:00p Building Committee (Adult Library) 7:00p Turkey Trot (Carnegie - UL)	November 7 6:00p Wedding Rehearsal - Emily Overbeck & Justin Bishop (Sanctuary) 7:00p Rehearsal Dinner Overbeck/Bishop (Fellowship Hall)	November 8 8:00a UMM (Fellowship Hall) 10:00a Celebration Dinner Prep (Fellowship Hall) 3:00p Wedding - Emily Overbeck & Justin Bishop (Sanctuary) 7:00p FUMC 500 Card Club (Carnegie - LL)
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Our Congregation Shares Its Concern & Christian Love...

WEDDING:

October 24, **Mark Seckman and Julie Grissel**

DEATHS:

Oct 15, **Viola Arnold**, Marion, sister of Eula (Neil) Wood. Services were held on Oct. 18.

Oct 25, **Robert Soukup**, Hiawatha, father of Barry (Sheri Soukup). Services pending at time of publication.

BIRTH:

Oct 25, **Abigail Marie Main**, daughter of Jeremy and Trish Main, St Louis, MO. Grandparents are Chris and Mary Blanchard.

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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