



# Marion First United Methodist Church

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The **mission** of the Church is to make Disciples of **Jesus Christ** for the **transformation** of the world.

## GOOD NEWS IN A BAD NEWS WORLD: THE DISCIPLESHIP OF YOUTH MINISTRY



The verse that our youth ministry uses as our theme is 1st Timothy 4:12

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”

I think this verse is a great foundation for a youth ministry because of three things:

1. This verse acknowledges that the youth are not merely the “future of the church”. The youth have a valid and important ministry here and now to all believers young and old.
2. This verse gives specific behaviors and attitudes that serve as an example to the believers.
3. This verse encourages the young people to be proactive in defining how others see them.

“Do not let anyone look down on you...”

How can young people control how they are seen? By setting an example. That’s the focus of our youth ministry. We don’t want to create a place where students are merely occupied or entertained. Our goal is to challenge our students to show others what discipleship looks like. Our goal is to teach them the truth about God so that their lives can be an example.

Some of the ways we are experiencing this are through students bringing their friends and even their families to church. It is so exciting to see the parents of our 4:12 kids coming to our church for the first time and even going so far as to becoming members themselves. We have also seen our students reach out into the world as missionaries both regionally and internationally. In fact, one of our students is bringing her grandfather with us on our next mission trip to Haiti.

If you have ever been to our 11am worship service, you have also seen that the front two or three pews are filled with students. This is a great testimony to the fact that our youth ministry here at Marion Methodist is not separate from the church as a whole but indeed an integral part of who we are as a body.

The next time you see one of our students I pray that they will be setting an example for you, and that you can encourage them as well!

*Pastor Keith*

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Each week on Tuesday, the church sends out an email detailing the events taking place in the next seven days, and devoting some space to explain a little more about one of the multitude of ministries and missions in which we participate. To sign up to receive this email each week, please contact the church office at (319) 377-4856 or by email at [info@marionmethodist.org](mailto:info@marionmethodist.org).



### Marion First United Methodist Church

Corner of 12th Street & 8th Avenue

#### Sunday Morning Worship

**7:45 AM**

Early Worship - Chapel

**8:30 AM**

Spirited Traditional - Sanctuary

**9:45 AM**

Contemporary Praise - Sanctuary  
Church School for children and adults

**11:00 AM**

Contemporary Praise - Sanctuary  
Kids' View - Room 350

### Upcoming Sermons

June 19 - Psalm 46 - Strength in the Midst of it all

June 26 - Psalm 51 - Forgiveness

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## LATIN AMERICA PEOPLE AND FAITH

A United Methodist Women's Mission Study

**Thursday, July 14, 2016 8:45 am to 2:30 pm**

Come for coffee at 8:30 am

First United Methodist Church Chapel

Guest Speaker:

**Nora Tobin, Self-Help International**

Hear first hand reports from Haiti and Cuba

Enjoy a typical Latin American Lunch

Bring a friend

RSVP to your Circle President by July 5

or call 377-2092

or email lgnovak@aol.com

### Haiti Mission Team

The following individuals are heading to Haiti, August 6-14 for our 7th trip.

Keith Nester

Jan Fawcett

Chuck Smith

Caleb Vogel

Cassidy Henle

Brynn Johnson

McKenna Flood

Mattie Sarsfield

Clarissa McCormick

Abbi Hite

Josh Wecker

Marty Willenborg

Estelle Nester

Drew Nester

Jesse Nester



Please begin to pray for them by name and the work they will do in our name. Each person is responsible for raising \$1700 for the cost of their trip. If you would like to sponsor an individual or group of individuals please make out a check to "First United Methodist Church". In the memo line write that individual's name and "Haiti". You can place them in the offering plate or bring them to the church office. Thank you for your support.

### Marion Methodist is Praying for:

There are treasures in our United Methodist Hymnal that we seldom sing, or recognize as familiar. In the index, you can look up the topic of "Prayer" and find several hymns with prayer as the theme. The following gem, found on page 492, is a pure definition of prayer for the Christian heart. Here are some of the 6 verses of this beautiful hymn, "Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire":

*Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, unuttered or expressed, the motion of a hidden fire that trembles in the breast.*

*Prayer is the burden of a sigh, the falling of a tear, the upward glancing of an eye, when none but God is near.*

*Prayer is the contrite sinners' voice, returning from their way, while angels in their songs rejoice and cry "Behold they pray!"*

*Prayer is the Christians' vital breath, the Christians' native air; their watchword at the gates of death; they enter heaven with prayer.*

Ponder these words in your time with God; have them in your heart when you connect with him and when you pray for others. Have them in the back of your mind when you fill out a prayer request or pray for the requests on the prayer wall.

Pray this week for:

The amazing ways in which hearts have been touched and lives changed by Vacation Bible School and the H6 mission trip.

Pray for Leah Schmickley and Devon Nester who will be on mission in Haiti until mid-August.

## Meet our Summer Interns

### Music Ministry Intern - Lauren Soukup

I am a sophomore at the University of Northern Iowa majoring in Vocal Music Education with a Communications minor. During the school year I attend Orchard Hill Church in Cedar Falls and help lead worship on Sundays. I am also involved with BASIC, an on Campus ministry at UNI.



Working in a church has always been a job that I feel would bring me a lot of joy. I have grown up in the church and everyone here feels like my family. It is a place I go to learn, have fun, make friendships, and most importantly to grow in my faith. I want to be able to share this passion of mine with people in our church and learn from everyone I work with. I feel that this internship would allow me to grow in my relationships with those at the church, but also grow in my spiritual life.

I will be a part of the Sunday morning praise bands, the bell choir, Chancel Choir, and 4:12 and Kids view. I will be learning and helping out with other tasks around the church. I am excited for what the summer holds!

### FLY Intern - Abby Isenberg

Dear Marion Methodist Family,



Hi, my name is Abby Isenberg, your newest First United Methodist Fly intern. I have currently finished my first year at The University of Northern Iowa, where I am majoring in elementary education. This school year, I have been fortunate to find a great group of friends and have been able to volunteer throughout the Cedar Valley community. I have been a member of this church for seven years and been on five mission trips. I am so excited to see where my journey as FLY intern goes. I truly believe my way of serving God is by serving. By getting this opportunity I hope to learn more about myself and more about the people in our community!

### FLY Intern - Steven Tallman

Hey everybody,



My name is Steven Tallman and I am just finishing up my third year at Iowa State studying Accounting. Go State! This summer I will be working as a FLY Intern. I am extremely excited for this opportunity not only to work with the youth, but also to see firsthand how the Church operates from a different perspective. I am also looking forward to making an impact on one of the most important parts of our community, the youth. Having FLY in the summers is something that will make a lasting impression on each child, hopefully both physically and spiritually. I want to say thank you for allowing me this opportunity.

## Celebration of Independence

On July 3rd, at the 8:30 Celebration of Independence service, we will be honoring all veterans and active duty service personnel. Each veteran in attendance will be introduced by Pastor Mike. If you will be attending the 8:30 service, your picture will be displayed on the screens at the front of the sanctuary as you are introduced. If you plan to attend, please get the following information to the church office by June 24:



A service photo  
Your branch of service and rank at discharge  
Years served  
Location of service

Your pictures will be scanned and returned to you, or if you wish they will be added to the military case outside the sanctuary.

## Newcomer Orientation

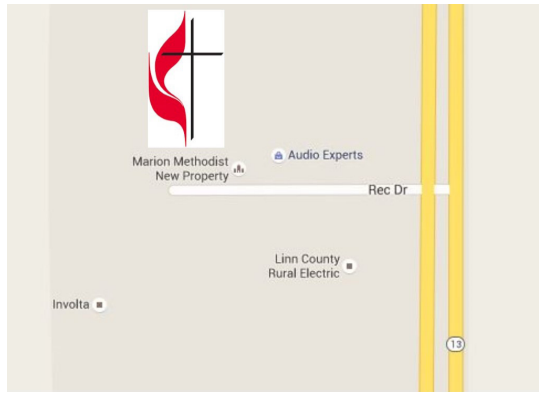


Newcomer orientation is Sunday, June 19 at 9:45 am and 11:00 am. Join Jen Digmann in the Library & Hospitality room to find out a little more about who we are and what we do here at Marion Methodist.

## What's Next?

### *Is Anything Happening?*

We have been hearing and reading a lot of information about our proposed new church, but it doesn't quite seem real because the site is still a vacant lot. There's no construction in progress, so it seems that not much is happening. However, nothing could be further from the truth. There is a lot of planning and design being done. These plans will need to be reviewed and approved by various governmental agencies to make sure our future building and property comply with building codes and safety standards.



One of the first plans to be developed for approval is the Preliminary Site Development Plan. This plan shows the proposed footprint of the building we will be constructing, where the building will be placed on the property, the location of proposed drainage and water retention or detention basins, how the property will be accessed from the surrounding streets, access for the fire department to get to the building, and the size and location of proposed parking areas. This plan also shows areas where potential future expansion of the building may occur over the next several years, and changes to the site which may occur, such as, additional parking, recreational fields, trails, etc. Basically this is a plan of how our building impacts the site, how the church intends to use the property and the surrounding infrastructure, and whether that plan is compatible with future development in the area. In addition to the Preliminary Site Development Plan, a Final Site Development Plan is also created, which shows only what we are planning to build during the initial phase of our project. It does not show the potential development that may occur in the future.

Our architect, Solum Lang, and our engineering firm, Hall & Hall Engineering, have prepared a Preliminary Site Development Plan, a Final Site Development Plan, and a Preliminary Plat. These plans will be presented to the Marion Planning and Zoning Board on June 14th. The Planning and Zoning Board will decide one of the following: to approve the plans, approve the plans with conditions, or reject the plans. Once the Planning and Zoning Board approves, these plans are scheduled to be presented at the City Council meeting on July 7th for the Council's approval.

Getting the Planning and Zoning approval and the City Council's approval on the Site Development Plans and the Preliminary Plat are important steps in the process of preparing for construction, but there is still more to do. After the site development plans and the preliminary plat comes the final site construction and grading plans, design of 35th Avenue, and submission of a traffic impact study to the City of Marion and to the Department of Transportation. The purpose of this traffic study is to determine if a turning/deceleration lane will be required on Highway 13. Once all of these are approved, we are ready to start construction. We are optimistic that all approvals will be received, and site grading can begin this fall.

Tom Padley, on behalf of the FUMC Building Committee

## *Change a Child's Story*

### Thank You

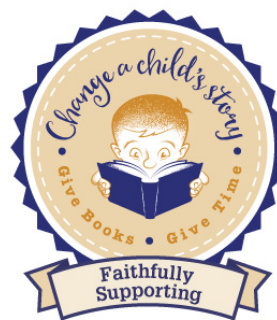
Thank you for your generous donations to our UMC Bishop's Initiative, "Change a Child's Story". So far we have received 1463 books toward our 6860 book goal! Books have been donated to Marion Cares, Helping Hands, Human Services, Foster Care Program, Willis Dady Shelter, Matthew 25, Bridgehaven, Young Parents Network, "Reading on a Roll" Program for Linn Grove, and the "Lunch and Literacy" Program for Hoover School and Olivet Mission.

Please continue to give books and money so that we can serve more low income children pre-school through 3rd grade. You may donate cash through the church with books on the memo line or envelope, and others will shop for you.

### Reading Opportunities

Marion Cares "Summer Buddy" Reading Program is going on now at Azure Apts. M-Th. Marion Village T/Th, and Squaw Creek M/W. You can read with the kids 12:00 - 12:30 at any of these sites and times. Kids will receive their F.L.Y Lunch and then you can read to them. Email Rachel Morris at Marion Cares, [rachel@marioncares.org](mailto:rachel@marioncares.org). or just show up. Come one day or as many days as you are able.

Sign up for "Lunch & Literacy" as we pair volunteers with school-age children to read for 30 minutes during the lunch hour at Hoover and Olivet Boys & Girls Club sites. Call Ally Huss at 319-365-8909. It can be just a one day commitment or more.



**IT IS TIME TO DOWN-SIZE AND GET RID OF SOME OF YOUR 'STUFF' AND SHARE IT WITH OUR UMW BAZAAR ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016!**

**The Wesley General Store**  
a very full room with a little bit of everything!

**"Gently Used"** Items means items that are not new and not junk. The items need to be clean, in good condition, and appropriate for our store. **All Marion Methodist members, families, and friends** can contribute gently used items. We will price the items to sell and all the money goes for UMW missions. Please note: If your gently used items are not sold, they will not be returned, but instead will be donated.

**Rada Cutlery** makes wonderful gifts for wedding showers, birthdays, weddings, and Christmas! These items as well as some soup mixes sell quickly on bazaar days so get to the Wesley General Store!

**Quality Bagged Nuts** are a delicious purchase for your own use or also as gifts. Peruse your holiday recipes and purchase these delectable nuts early on Saturday morning before they sell out!

**Miscellaneous Items:** The Wesley General Store welcomes donations that are unlike the items in the other bazaar rooms. Some of these hot sellers have been homemade dog bones, jams, money plant branches, and squash!

### **WHEN CAN I BRING MY DONATIONS?**

If you wish to donate your items now, please contact one of the cochairs; Deb Liscum ([deb.liscum@gmail.com](mailto:deb.liscum@gmail.com)) or Diane Beach ([auntyd88@aol.com](mailto:auntyd88@aol.com)) and we can arrange to pick up your items. Or, you can bring your items to the UMW room on the 3rd floor of the church.

## *Providing Spiritual Care*

When you or someone you love is receiving medical care, your pastoral staff endeavors to provide the best in Christian love and spiritual care through personal visits and prayer support. The hospitals are endeavoring to protect your personal information, and for that reason, the intake process has changed significantly in the past few years. More times than not, we learn of a hospitalization when someone has already gone home, which diminishes the spiritual care that we truly desire to offer. In order to provide that high level of care we must have your assistance. When you have been admitted or if you are scheduled for surgery please do the following:

- Upon registration make it very clear to the person taking your information that you are a member of **Marion** First United Methodist Church and would like to have your pastoral team notified.
- When a hospital chaplain visits you, re-iterate that you are a member of this church and would appreciate a visit from your pastors or ask to speak to one of the hospital chaplains and explain to them that you would like to have your church notified.
- Have a family member or trusted friend call the church office at 377-4856, or email the Director of Pastoral Care, Vicki Standley, at [vstandley@marionmethodist.org](mailto:vstandley@marionmethodist.org).

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

## BIRTHS:

## BAPTISMS:

## WEDDINGS:

June 10 - Andrew Happ & Amy Gingrich

June 11 - Molly Tibor & De'Veon Harris

June 18 - Adam Michels & Maggie Sanders

# The Marion Methodist newsletter deadline schedule

Articles for our Marion Methodist need to be submitted by due date at 12:00 PM. You may email them to:

[jwildman@marionmethodist.org](mailto:jwildman@marionmethodist.org) with [newsletter] in the subject line. Please send any information or images as an attachment. If you do not have access to a computer, you may call or bring to the office items to be published. We ask that you honor the deadlines listed below:

Date Arrived in Mail	Date Articles Due
7/1	6/22
7/15	7/6
7/29	7/20
8/12	8/3
8/26	8/17

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# Pantry Partners for Marion Food Pantry

We help folks in need by supplying items for the Marion Churches Food Pantry. You may bring the following items to church any time during each month. Please put your contributions in one of the grocery carts located in the Narthex or at the 8th Avenue glass doors, or in the Mission Depot in Fellowship Hall dining room or the Church Office.

**June: Soup**

**July: Macaroni and Cheese and Soup**

**August: Peanut Butter**

**September: Soup**

**October: Toilet Tissue**

**November: Cake Mix**

June						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 7:45am Worship (Chapel) 8:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 9:45am Sunday School for all ages 9:45am Newcomer Orientation (Library/Hospitality Room) 9:45am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00am Newcomer Orientation (Library/Hospitality Room) 11:00am Worship (Sanctuary) 1:00pm 19:14 Puppets (Room 350 (former Blacklight Room))	20 6:00pm Caring Corner Staff Meeting (Chapel) 7:00pm Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)	21 9:00am Carnegie Corner (Carnegie - LL)	22 8:00am Quilters (Room 104) 8:00pm AA Support Group (Chapel)	23 6:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 9:15am Sowers Circle (Room 104)	24	25 8:00am Caring Corner Staff Training (Fellowship Hall)

June / July						
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