



# 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 MINISTRY OF LITURGY AND MUSIC



Friends, I would like to start off this article to you by saying that I feel immensely privileged to serve as your Director of Worship and Technology, and I love leading you in worship each Sunday. For those of you who may not know, my wife Laura and I recently moved to Marion after living in West Branch for the past 3 years. We are excited to be living in the same community as all of you and feel very welcomed to Marion. If you see either or both of us around town, please say hello,

or come by and see us at 1435 26th St. I know that we have not had the chance to meet all of you, and I certainly know that I do not remember all the names attached to familiar faces I see every Sunday, but we look forward to furthering our relationship with you and the rest of the church.

From the beginning of my time at Marion Methodist, I have been struck by the willingness of this congregation to champion and support the various ministries of the church. The passion for Christ and His Gospel is so evident, and I see that very much alive in our Worship and Music ministries. One of the distinct ways I have seen this is in the volunteers that lead us in worship by singing, playing, and running tech. We have had quite a few new people become involved in the worship and tech ministries over the past year or so, and with each new addition, the richness of relationship and the commitment to the worship of our God grows. We also have many talented students within our church that I work with that have chosen to use their talents to enrich our worship services and use their gifts for the glory of God. Working with the youth of the church is one of my favorite parts of my role here, and we have many who are really seeking to grow deeper in their faith and in their role in the church.

Along those lines, we are thrilled to have Lauren Soukup joining us as our first Music Ministry Intern this summer. She will be working



with me this summer to learn about and experience the various aspects of Marion Methodist Music, so be sure to encourage her in her time with us. Lauren is a daughter of this church and is currently a Music Education Student at the University of Northern Iowa. I know that Lauren's passion and gifting will be a wonderful addition to our worship and programming this summer.

Throughout the summer and beyond, we as a worship ministry are continuing to seek out and move toward where God is leading us for the new facility. Earlier in the year, many of the volunteers in our worship team went to visit other churches on the Sundays they weren't playing/singing to experience worship in other places and to look for ways that we can grow as we prepare for the transition to the new church facility. Ultimately, there is no 'perfect' way to do church, but there is a lot to gain by seeking new expression for our relationship with Christ. Over the course of the summer, we will be trying out some new things, some new ways to engage with our God. In our earthly relationships, we often seek new experiences with one another in order to grow our knowledge of each other and make new memories that layer together to make our relationships stronger. It is the same with God. Personally, I often love doing the same things because they are safe and familiar, but if I always defer to those preferences, my relationship with God will stay 'safe' and life with Jesus isn't meant for that.

God has great plans for this church – I am convinced of this – and as your worship leader, I want to help us move towards those plans, towards God's mission for us. If we move forward trusting each other and always seeking the Lord, I believe we will see the Kingdom of God bloom in Marion, and we will move ever closer to that glorious Day when every knee will bow, every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord!

*Simon Campbell*

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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 5 - *Psalm 24 - An Approachable God*

June 12 - *Psalm 27 - Trust*



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Service Requested

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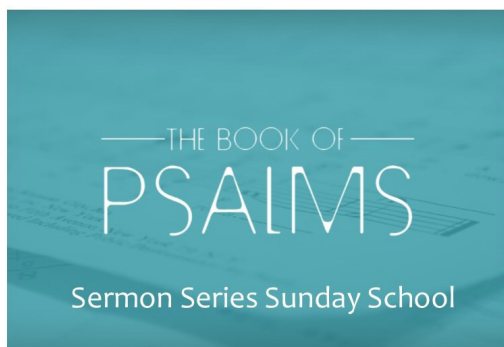
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## Thank you

Many, many thanks for all your prayers and support during my recent struggle with colon cancer. The surgery went well and I've received a clean bill of health, so I feel so very blessed by your support. A big thank you to all who sent cards, called, sent flowers, visited me in the hospital and brought meals. Everything was very much appreciated. Also, thank you to Eloise Larson, Sue Flater and Carolyn Quimby who took care of Andrea's children the day of the surgery. That was a huge answer to prayer. The prayer shawl I received was exactly what I needed to warm me up following my surgery. The colors are beautiful and this is such a wonderful ministry to our church.

Thank you!!

*Marilyn Sandoval*



Sunday School is not just for the kids. Join us for our Sermon Series Sunday School for adults. Each week we will focus on the sermon our Pastors give us as they walk us through the book of Psalms. During these Bible Studies you will find ways to connect on a deeper level, enjoy group discussion, and connect with your fellow church family. Whether you have already heard the sermon at an earlier service or plan to attend later that morning, please join us at 9:45AM in Room 104 on Sunday mornings and dig deeper into the scripture. We know summer is a busy time, but please know the door is always open. Preregistration is not required, so stop in as often as you can.

## Marion Methodist is Praying for:

Each week, many prayer cards are filled out and placed in the offering plates, with concerns for members, families and friends, and praises for prayers answered. On Monday those prayer cards are gathered and copies made so that your church staff can be praying for these concerns, and the pastoral staff can be praying and know of upcoming surgeries or procedures. We also have individuals who have committed to pray for the prayer cards and take turns each month of the year to receive them and add them to their prayer time.

There is always a need for more people to be part of this vital prayer ministry. If you would like to take a month to receive the prayer cards, or if you would like to form a prayer team to pray weekly or monthly, please get in touch. Prayer is the foundation of everything we do and all that we are at Marion Methodist. Please contact Vicki Standley at [vstandley@marionmethodist.org](mailto:vstandley@marionmethodist.org) or call the church office to be a part of the prayer ministry. You can also go to our prayer wall at [www.marionmethodist.org](http://www.marionmethodist.org) at any time to submit a prayer request or pray for the many prayers listed there.

Please lift up in prayer:

Bishop Trimble and all pastors and delegates attending Annual Conference in Des Moines June 4-6.

The following will be attending from Marion First:

Pastor Mike and Theresa Morgan

Marty and Kathy Labs

John Terry

Seminary students Elad & Allison (Padley) Shapira

## Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors!

Seniors honored on May 22 at our 11:00 AM service:

Christian Cameron

Samuel Dwyer

Nolan Hollinger

Benjamin Knapp

Keaton Kremer

Devon Nester

Noah Nissen

Emily Tull

Briana Wright



## Shaking Up Summer Sunday School

This summer we will be having a children's church format during the 9:45 service, just like last year. All of our children will attend church with their family and then when it is time for the sermon, volunteers will take them to their classrooms. This will give the children a break from regular Sunday School while still getting the Christian message in an enjoyable way and also provide them with the opportunity to worship with their family. This will start on May 29, Memorial Day weekend, and end on September 4, Labor Day weekend.



Parents will sign in their children before church in the hallway next to the restrooms and be given a colored name tag that will help the volunteers to know which rooms to take them. Our preschoolers, 3 year olds to 5 year olds who have not completed kindergarten, will be taken to room 205 where they will share a Bible Story and then have time for some fun with their church peers. We will even go outside to the playground if it is nice weather.

Our elementary children, those who have completed Kindergarten – 4th grade, will be taken to 3rd floor, rooms 303/305 and the video room. They will see a short video lesson and then do activities such as games or crafts.

All children will be picked up after the service in the appropriate rooms. Of course, our nursery will still be available for preschool children for the full service.

### Can you help?

We will need lots of adult and youth volunteers to make this a success. Our regular Sunday School teachers take a well deserved break in the summer. If you would like to help with either the **preschool or elementary children's church** send me an email at [lbyerly@marionmethodist.org](mailto:lbyerly@marionmethodist.org) or call my cell at 319-360-5033. It is a great way to show your children, grandchildren, or neighbors that you care about their life in the church. Couples can sign up together or perhaps you would like to sign up with an older child. It would be a fun experience.

We need **Nursery** Volunteers. If being with babies and toddlers is more to your liking, please consider volunteering in our nursery. Our nursery coordinator will be on maternity leave for July so we need extra hands. Send an email to [AEchols@marionmethodist.org](mailto:AEchols@marionmethodist.org) or call the church office at 377-4856.



## What's Next?

### What about our Stained Glass Windows?

We are excited about our future at Marion Methodist. God has blessed our congregation with a plan and the means to build a new church. We know from similar projects in the metro area, this investment will grow membership. A larger congregation will, in turn, make an even greater impact on the Marion community, and win more souls for the Kingdom.

As we look to the future, our congregation has expressed a desire to maintain a sense of continuity with our heritage. The Building Committee has listened and understands that we desire to take certain precious items from our past to our new facility. With this desire in mind, the Memorials Committee conducted a review of memorials, and has concluded there are five windows the congregation deems as precious: the Jesus window, the Moses window above the choir loft, the Peace window in the north wall of the sanctuary, the 10 Commandments window, and the Rose window above the altar.

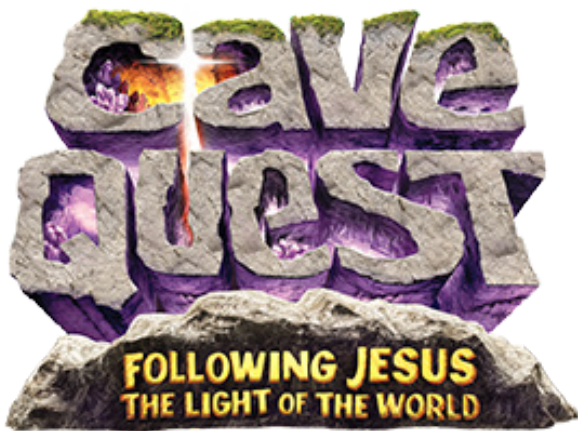


During the first week of May, stained glass specialists Bovard Studio was asked to investigate the feasibility of moving some of our windows that have been identified as precious. The project would include safely removing the windows and creating a protective structure to mount them outside of our new sanctuary to create a dramatic look for our new entrance. The windows would be backlit to capture and display the beauty of this link to our historic past. Though we have not yet received the final quote, it is our desire to be able to afford to include 3 windows in this dramatic display outside our new building.

We currently plan that the funds to accomplish this project would not come from the Build Campaign. If you have a particular passion for our stained glass windows, please prayerfully consider a contribution to this effort. More details will be available once the project plan and costs have been solidified.

Sean M. Poston, on behalf of the Building Committee

### Come Hang Out at VBS!



June 13 - 17, 2016  
3 years to 5th Grade  
Marion First United Methodist Church  
1277 8th Avenue, Marion IA 52302

There is an information table in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 am to 11:30 am each Sunday if you have any questions.

Register on our website:  
[www.marionmethodist.org](http://www.marionmethodist.org)  
If you have questions email [vbs@marionmethodist.org](mailto:vbs@marionmethodist.org) or call 319-377-4856

**Many Volunteer Opportunities Available.**

To volunteer visit our website:  
[www.marionmethodist.org](http://www.marionmethodist.org)

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• Fill Your Head**

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Powerhouse will return in the fall.

### 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).

### Please pray for our Haiti Mission Team #6!



On June 12, 8 members of Marion Methodist will be departing on our 2nd of 3 mission trips to Haiti in 2016. As you may have heard, Devon Nester and Leah Schmickley will be spending much of the summer as mission interns with RTS missions in Haiti. Their work will consist of student ministries and working with children in various communities. It will certainly be an amazing time of ministry and growth for these two girls. In addition, their families will be traveling with them and will spend a week in Haiti with them involved in ministry and promotion for the schools and churches that have been established with the help of previous Marion Methodist mission teams. Please lift them up in prayer- Pastor Keith , Estelle, Devon, Jesse and Drew Nester will be joined by Jenny Harleen (Leah's mother), and Emma Schmickley (Leah's sister) and of course Leah Schmickley. We know the work they will do will be helpful to the ministry and to the communities in Haiti.

May God bless them!

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

## DEATHS:

May 15 - James Wild, father of Dave (Barb) Wild

May 21 - Janice Lucas, daughter of Wayne and Noma Lucas

## BIRTHS:

May 24 - Arlo Steven Murray, son of Steven and Jaimie Murray

## BAPTISMS:

## WEDDINGS:

May 21 - Breanna Flater & Alec Brown

May 29 - Ben Tallman & Taylor Geick

# 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
6/17	6/8
7/1	6/22
7/15	7/6
7/29	7/20
8/12	8/3

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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
5 Communion 7:45am Worship (Chapel) 8:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 9:45am Worship (Sanctuary) 9:45am Sunday School for all ages 11:00am Worship (Sanctuary) 12:15pm Sanctuary First Team Training (Sanctuary) 1:00pm 19:14 Puppets (Room 350 (former Blacklight Room))	6 7:00pm Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)	7 9:00am Carnegie Corner (Carnegie - LL)	8 8:00am Quilters (Room 104) 9:30am Susanna Circle (Carnegie - LL) 8:00pm AA Support Group (Chapel)	9 6:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 9:30am Needle Designers (Room 104)	10 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal	11 Wedding - Molly Tibor & DeVeon Harris 1:00pm 500 Card Club (Carnegie - LL)

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