

## Prayer Focus for May

This feature is an invitation to prayer for the people, programs and missions of First United Methodist Church. Each month highlights people and events to be praying for.

This month, please be in prayer for:  
Graduating seniors, high school and college

Teachers and administrators as they end the school year

Programs and ministries preparing for the summer months

Healthy Church Initiative teams as they form and work on the prescriptions

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. –*  
EPHESIANS 6:18

## Volunteer with Marion Cares

- 4:30-5:30 Monday, Tuesday or Thursday
- Go to [marioncares.org](http://marioncares.org) and click on Volunteer, call 377-5344, or email [joe@marioncares.org](mailto:joe@marioncares.org)
- Materials provided
- Director Joe available on site
- Classroom rules established
- Two People work as a team
- 90 or less minutes each week – We have substitutes
- Training – We also have a volunteer handbook.

## Come Celebrate!

Please join us for a  
Cake & Card Farewell  
Reception for  
**Val Lawrence**  
Sunday, April 28  
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall

For any information needing to be published in the *Marion Methodist* or the bulletin, please contact Chris Scholtens at the church office.  
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[www.marionmethodist.org](http://www.marionmethodist.org)

### First United Methodist Church of Marion

12th Street & 8th Avenue

Sunday Worship –

**7:45am**

Early Worship – Chapel

**8:30am**

Spirited Traditional – Sanctuary

**9:45am**

Contemporary Praise – Sanctuary  
Church School for children and adults

**11:00am**

Blended Praise – Sanctuary

Tuesday Morning  
Prayer Service –

**7:00-7:30am**

in the Chapel



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## The Internal Memo - Part 5

# Sacraments of the UMC

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:18-20.

These are Jesus' words in what is known as the Great Commission, his last words to his disciples before he ascended into heaven following his resurrection. These words have become a commandment to us as Christ's followers to share the gospel and build the Kingdom of God, teaching what God has commanded. Key to that discipleship is the act of baptism, which is one of the two sacraments of the United Methodist church, the second being Holy Communion.

The word sacrament is the Latin translation of the Greek word *mysterion*. From the days of the early church, baptism and the Lord's supper have been part of the "mystery" that surrounds the way that God enters into and acts in our lives. The sacraments of baptism and communion were both initiated by God himself, through the embodiment of Jesus Christ, and are considered a means of grace which open us up to receive and respond to God's love. Both communion and baptism use common gifts of the earth – water, bread and the fruit of the vine as part of the ritual celebration of the way God's spirit connects with ours.

The sacrament of baptism has roots in the Jewish tradition of ritual cleansing and was practiced by many, including John the Baptist who baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. Though John baptized Jesus with water, he was aware that something greater was

upon them when he said, "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire". (Matthew 4:11) When we observe the sacrament of baptism, it is symbolizing the baptism that we receive when Jesus touches us with the Holy Spirit and claims our hearts. In the days of the early church, new believers received their identity in Christ through the ritual of baptism as they became followers of the new church. "Those who accepted his [Peter's] message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day." (Acts 2:41)

In the United Methodist Church, we commonly practice infant baptism, in which an infant or child is presented before the church to be baptized, sprinkling their heads with water "in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". The child's parents, sponsors and the congregation are then entrusted with the responsibility of surrounding "this person with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life". (UMH p. 42) It becomes the church's and parents' privilege and responsibility at that point to raise up the child, nurturing them in the faith until such time that they make that declaration for themselves at their time of confirmation. Youth and adults may also be baptized, youth prior to their confirmation if they were not baptized as an infant, and adults at any time they desire to make a declaration of faith in the witness of the church.

The second sacrament practiced by the United Methodist Church is Holy Communion, which we cele-

brate on the first Sunday of every month as well as other times throughout the church year, such as Maundy Thursday. As with baptism, Holy Communion ritualizes a common practice in which Christ participated often, the common meal of bread and wine, with his disciples and friends. Through this sacrament and with the power of the Holy Spirit, we commune with God through the eating of bread and drinking of the juice each time we partake, pondering the holy mystery surrounding Christ's death, resurrection, and his promised coming again.

In the United Methodist Church, we believe in an open table in which all are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Through communion we participate in a common meal joining with all Christians as we receive the bread and the cup which symbolize the body and blood of Christ. Age, denomination and other factors matter not, what is important is your relationship with the living Lord and a desire to receive his love and respond to it through the sacrament of Holy Communion. The service of communion "acts out our faith that Christ is the giver of this holy meal and that we are receivers of Christ's grace". (The United Methodist Book of Worship, p. 30)

If you desire more information regarding the sacraments of Holy Communion or baptism, there is some great information in the front of our United Methodist Hymnals. The United Methodist Book of Worship also gives some interesting background on the practices and rituals within our church. You're welcome to borrow my copy any time. Until then, this is your internal memo on the Sacraments.

Blessings, Vicki

## Where Did the Announcements Go?

Beginning April 7, 2013 the announcements for church community events will be found in our printed and digital outlets. Outside of the servant ministry moments, announcements during worship will be replaced with a few more moments to give attention to and be in relationship with the Lord.

# Powerhouse

*get connected*

*Faith, Fellowship,  
Friends, Food & Fun!!*



**Powerhouse and  
Powerhouse meals are  
over for this year  
but it's been fun!!**

**Check out the  
schedule in the fall to  
Power up your week!**

5:30 – 5:45 Lemonade & Fellowship  
5:45 – 6:15 FUMC Family Meal  
FREE WILL OFFERING

*What will you do with Jesus?*



## 4TH - 6TH GRADERS

CIA is learning how to live out our faith in every day things....

**We will meet  
Sunday, April 28 at 9am  
in room 303/305.**

Please contact Val if you are able to join us.

For more information contact  
vlawrence@marionmethodist.org  
or call Val at 377-4856



## Habitat for Humanity to Begin Construction of Marion Home

Construction will begin Friday, June 7, and continue through Saturday, Sept. 7, on the new Habitat for Humanity home in Marion at 175 19th Street.

Volunteers are needed for June 7 and 8. Other dates, all Saturdays, are June 15, 22, 29; July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17, 24; and Sept. 7.

Not only are those with construction skills needed, but there is also a need for site hosts and food providers. Anyone who would like more information or would like to volunteer is urged to call the Cedar Valley Habitat office, 366-4485; or e-mail volunteer@cvhabitat.org.

GREETINGS ALL IN THE KINGDOM  
YE ARE ALL INVITED  
TO JOIN US FOR...



**Vacation Bible School  
June 17 – 21 9am-noon**  
(Early bird drop off available at 7:30am)

**We need everyone!**

**KIDS:** Have moms and dads sign you up online at marionmethodist.org, or registration forms are in the office or in the Narthex

**YOUTH & ADULTS:** We always need more help in the Kingdom! Contact the office if you can help!!

knester@marionmethodist.org or 377-4856

Join us in May as we create our Kingdom.

Decorating times each week – watch for time!!



**3 year olds – 3rd graders  
Join us in February at the  
11am Worship Service  
for**



Children will join their families in church for opening praise and then join the other children & volunteers as we exit the sanctuary and head up to room 350 (the old black light space) for Church from a Kid's View.

There will be puppets, lesson, worship & prayer time and time for question & answers! Parents will pick up their children in room 350 immediately following 11am worship. For questions, please contact Val at vlawrence@marionmethodist.org or 377-4856.



If you have a 6th -12th grade student in your home who has not attended 4:12 this year, please encourage them to check it out. We are seeing lots of growth and excitement. We don't want anyone to miss out.

5:45 Café opens  
6:30-7:30 Jr. High  
7:30-9:00 Sr. High

Our café is a full service snack bar complete with snacks, drinks and some hot food at prices lower than stores. Make sure to check out our vintage arcade too!

*Spring Handbell Concert*  
First United Methodist Church  
Sunday, May 5 at 4:00pm  
Corner of 8th Avenue & 12th Street  
Marion, Iowa

Friendship Ringers  
A Joyful Noise  
Touch of Brass  
Ball Cantata  
Jubilation

Reception immediately following  
No Admission charged  
Bring a canned food item to benefit Mission of Hope



## UMM

The UMM meeting on **May 11** will feature guest speaker **Vic Klopfenstein** with a presentation about his mission trip to Africa.



## UMW Board Meeting

**April 23**

United Methodist Women

## Circles

### May 1

Sarah 9:15 AM LLCC

Miriam 1:00 PM Charlene White's home, 2501 Hwy 13

Rebekah 1:15 PM Carnegie Corner

### May 2

Bookends 7:00 PM Adult Library

### May 8

Susanna 9:30 AM LLCC

Mary 1:00 PM Melvina Bruce's home, 1050 5th St.

### May 9

Needle Designers 9:30 AM LLCC

Elizabeth 11:45 AM Mr. Beans

## Women's Friendship Group

Women's Friendship Group meets at 11:00am on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Pizza Ranch in Marion. Contact Idella Hogan, 377-1382, for more information.

## We Need Diapers and Formula

When victims of Human Trafficking are picked up by the police, they often have their children nearby and the children are in need of diapers and formula. Please consider donating diapers and formula to help Sgt. Lance Miller of the Marion Police Dept. provide needed supplies to these second-hand victims of human trafficking. The products will be given to local organizations that help support the work of rescuing victims of human trafficking. Please place packages by the HyVee carts and we will pick up the items. – United Methodist Women in service.



## Thank You

Thank you to all who sent cards for my March birthday! God bless you all. – Olive Port



## Your Spiritual Care

When you or someone you love is receiving medical care at one of our local hospitals, we endeavor to provide the best in Christian love and spiritual care through personal visits and prayer support. Our medical communities strive to provide you with excellent medical care and strict compliance with HIPAA regulations to protect your personal information during your hospital stay and beyond. Subsequently, recent changes in hospital admittance procedures have altered how we receive information on our church members during their hospital stays.

In order to ensure that we are able to provide you with the best in spiritual care, you can help in one of the following ways:

- 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.
- Have a family member or trusted friend call the church office at 377-4856, or email Vicki Standley at [vstandley@marionmethodist.org](mailto:vstandley@marionmethodist.org).



## What's the latest with UMCOR?

*"...whoever is kind to the needy honors God."* (Proverbs 14:31b)

Through your kind donations to the needy around the world, supplies for 180 health kits were collected since February. These kits provide basic necessities to persons who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) distributes the kits as requested by UMCOR workers in the respective countries.

A BIG THANK YOU to all that contributed! We DO welcome health kits throughout the year, so it is never too late to donate!

We will be collecting school kits for UMCOR again in July. In past years, some individuals have donated UMCOR layette kits, birthing kits, and sewing kits, in addition to knitting or sewing baby sweaters/jackets. If any individual or group is interested in knowing more about these additional kits, please contact Elaine Coppock at 826-1118 or Lois Novak at 377-2092.

## UMW SPRING ROUND-UP LUNCHEON



On Saturday, May 18, 2013 the United Methodist Women will sponsor a Spring Round-Up Luncheon. The time is from 11:00 am-1:30 pm.

This event will be held in Fellowship Hall and is open to all women and girls.

After lunch we will "kick it up" with a Line Dancing performance. Tickets are \$7.00 and may be purchased from your circle leader or Carol Prehm at 377-6427 by May 10th. Y'all Come...and don't forget to wear your hat and boots!

PS... Bring a package of diapers for babies or toddlers of victims of human trafficking



**Marion First United Methodist Church**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

**[www.marionmethodist.org](http://www.marionmethodist.org)**

for information about the church, current activities, organizations, scripture and sermons and the Marion Methodist newsletter.

Delayed broadcast of church services is available on Mediacom 18 at 7 PM on Monday. Full service recordings of services are in the FUMC library on DVD.

Articles for the newsletter can be submitted by email to [cscholtens@marionmethodist.org](mailto:cscholtens@marionmethodist.org)

## 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 contribution in the grocery cart in the narthex or at the 8th Ave. door.

**April** is Canned Fruit

**May** is changed to Hand Soap and Detergent.

## Mark your calendars!

The annual sewing day is on the church calendar for Thursday, August 1st! Be sure to mark your personal calendars and plan to sew, cut, iron, or serge with us. More information to follow.

## BOOKS, DVDs, & CDs

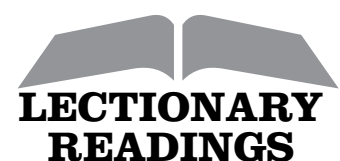
It's spring time! Time to clean house and donate good used books, dvd's and cd's for "Novel Approach" at the 2013 UMW Bazaar. You can start dropping items off at the church office or in boxes marked "Novel Approach", in our UMW Storage room on the third floor of the church or in the fellowship hall. We also need empty boxes that reams of paper came in, or business boxes. If your place of work has these, please ask them to save them for you. Call Lois McCormick at 377-2890 or Lorie Bramley at 550-8844 with questions or to arrange pick up. Thanks!

## Church Women United May Friendship Day May 3, 2013

Place: Echo Hill Presbyterian Church  
9000 C Ave., Marion, IA

Time: 9:00 AM, Continental Breakfast \$3, Worship Service at 9:45 AM

Theme: We will recall Church Women United's long history of inviting women of diverse races, cultures, and traditions to come together in Christian fellowship by "Swinging Wide the Doors of Hospitality."



### April 28

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148 (UMH 861)

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

### May 5

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 69 (UMH 791)

Revelation 21:10, 22- 22:5

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

**DEATHS:** April 16 **Edward Hutchcroft**, father of Diana (Mike) Anderson passed away in Washington, Iowa

**BAPTISMS:** April 21 **Aiden Charles Showalter**, Son of Jason & Danielle Showalter; **Joseph Dean Dundee**, Son of Dean & Angela Dundee

**FLOWERS:** April 7 In Memory of **Maddeson Tersinar's** 11th Birthday

April 14 In honor of **Walt Roth's** birthday; In memory of **George Klingler**

April 21 In memory of **Walter and William Rech** on their birthdays

**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 Doris French 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.

## The Marion Methodist deadline schedule

Articles for our Marion Methodist need to be submitted by **Wednesday at noon**. You may email it to [cscholtens@marionmethodist.org](mailto:cscholtens@marionmethodist.org) and send any information 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 to Printer	Date Articles Due
May 8	May 1
May 22	May 15

## Church Information

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