



The Marion Methodist

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Prayer Focus for June

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:

Day of Visioning, June 24
Urban Plunge Youth Mission Trip to Omaha, June

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



VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT www.marionmethodist.org for information about the church, current activities, organizations, scripture and sermons and the Marion Methodist newsletter.

Delayed broadcasts of church worship are currently unavailable on Mediacom Channel 18. 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

For any information needing to be published in the *Marion Methodist* or the bulletin, please contact Chris Scholtens at the church office. (cscholtens@marionmethodist.org)

Visit Marion Methodist online: 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

MONDAY IS Day of Visioning

During our Consultation Weekend in February, the following was “Prescribed” to us as a congregation.

“In a large congregation, persons find their unity in shared mission and vision rather than in “gathering all together in one place” for worship or “knowing everyone” who attends the same church. First United Methodist has as its mission: “To win souls for Christ and nurture them into the kingdom” and as its stated vision: “With Christ as our cornerstone, we testify to the joy of living.” There did not seem to be widespread ability to verbalize either of these specific statements among the staff and congregation, although most were able to convey the spirit of the mission of First UMC.

The Lead Pastor will call the staff, council and congregation to a Day of Prayer to allow the congregation to listen for God’s vision for First UMC for the next five years.”

We chose to have a “week of prayer” June 2-9 instead and the outcomes have been marvelous. Nearly 600 came to a prayer based worship, over 125 attended 17 home groups and a few dozen came to a mid-week service JUST TO PRAY FOR THE VISION of First United Methodist Church Marion!!!!)

Now the **Day of Visioning** is upon us. Pastors Mike Morgan, Keith Nester and Director of Pastoral Care Vicki Standley, our Coach, the Rev. Dr. Jill Sanders alongside some lay leaders will conduct the Day of Visioning on Monday evening June 24th from 6:30-9:00 PM.

This WILL NOT BE A NEWSPRINT ON THE WALL type of meeting!! The purpose will be to build upon the vision regarding who First United Methodist Church Marion should “be” for God and allow the “doing” to flow from that.

Step 1 to a Biblical Worldview – Get a Bible

The three easiest ways to get a Bible in our metro area today:

1. Take one of the paperback versions from our church pew. (They are free and we want people to have them)
2. If paper is out for you and digital is best, go to www.YouVersion.com and install for free the Bible and various helps and studies on your phone. (95,000,000 people have downloaded this version)



3. Go to any Christian Bookstore or online delivery source and purchase one.

Step 2 to a Biblical Worldview – Read a Bible

So many people ask the pastors “What is the right version of the Bible?” Of course we have versions we study from, typically our answer to this questions is, “I really only know what a wrong one is – the one left unread.”

**3 year olds - 3rd graders
Join us 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 377-4856 or vlawrence@marion-methodist.org



4:12 Summer of fun plan is as follows:

On June 5th, we started meeting at Thomas Park in Marion.

Games start at 6 (we have tons of great ideas)

Food is served at 6:30

Worship- 7:30

More games afterward-

We will do this every Wednesday in June and maybe even beyond.

We have a terrific team of students and leaders heading this up.

Get it on your calendar now!

Attention 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th Graders

If you have not yet been confirmed, we'd love to have you be part of the next Confirmation Class that starts in August. For more information, please call or email Karen Schmitz 377-4856 or kschmitz@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.

June is Gelatin and Pudding Mixes.



Honoring Our Veterans

Sunday, June 30 - 8:30 service

We invite veterans to be honored and presented at our 8:30am worship service on Sunday, June 30, 2013.

You will be introduced during the service.

Please wear all or any part of your uniform that you feel comfortable wearing to designate you as a veteran.

Please ask the ushers to seat you in the reserved section.

Invite your veteran friends to attend this special worship service with you.

Please call the church office if you have questions - 377-4856.

2013 Church Picture Directory



Please join us as we connect our families. It is time to make a new church picture directory with pictures of all our church families and friends. We can't do it without you! Lifetouch is the company that will be making our directories this year.

Please make an appointment (online at www.marion-methodist.org) to be photographed in the Church Chapel July 16-20 or July 23-27. You will receive a free 8" x 10" picture and a church picture directory. You have no

obligation to buy any pictures; it's just an option for your convenience.

If you don't want to make your appointment online, you will be able to do so in church on Sunday, June 23. You may also call the church office at 377-4856.

The Unending Song



Join your digital voice with the rest of the FUMC congregation in the Unending Song project. Tell us the title of your favorite hymn, praise and worship song, or any other music that moves you closer to God. Share a couple of sentences about how the music moves you, and we will add this along with a YouTube link to the Unending Song conversation on the Marion Methodist Facebook page. Add your comments to Facebook at www.facebook.com/marionmethodistchurch, Tweet them to @marionmethodist, or email mransom@marionmethodist.org.

The next Month of Sundays Breakfast

will be served June 30. The usual fare will be offered including scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausages, cereal and, of course, sticky buns. We will serve from about 7:30AM until just before the 11:00AM service. Free Will donation. The UMM hope to see you in Fellowship Hall that morning for good food and fellowship. The proceeds of this breakfast will go to help support the Bliss family's mounting expenses as they cope with 3-year old Brady's illness and hospitalization at the U of I hospitals.



UMM

No meetings until September.



**UMW
UMW Board
Meeting
June 25**

Circles

June 27

Sowers 9:15 AM Room 104

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.

What's the latest with UMCOR?

MORE ON UMCOR

UMCOR celebrated ten years of partnership with Equal Exchange, a cooperative that distributes fairly traded goods. The "UMCOR Coffee Project" allows United Methodists to purchase coffee and other fair-trade items to support both the producers of these products and the UMCOR Sustainable Agriculture and Development program. The purchase of "Fair trade" items provides a much better income for farmers and artisans thus helping eradicate worldwide poverty.

Schoolbag Sewing Day

On Thursday, August 1, Fellowship Hall will be filled with love, worship, and activities. Love for those less fortunate than us, worship for the God who loves us, and activities to show both.

That day, from 9:00-3:00, we will be sewing schoolbags for children around the world. Come join us for an activity that interests you – either cutting the bags out from material provided, pressing the handles, serging raw edges, pinning the handles to the bags, or sewing the bags. We create quite an assembly line, and have lots of fun doing it together. Midmorning snacks will be provided, many volunteers go to lunch at Huntingtons, though many bring their own lunch, too. Afternoon cookies and bars will enable us to make it to 3:00, and get much work done for the Lord.

Please consider coming for the day. You will find you get as much as you've given that day! To sign up, call Jan Dickinson 377-1897, email jandickinson1@mchsi.com, or call the church office at 377-4856.

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.



MARION FIRST FOUNDATION

The Foundation is an Endowment Fund where donations are added to the fund's principal, and earnings from the investments are used for various projects and missions approved by the board.

A donation to the Foundation:

- Supports the Mission and Vision of FUMC
- Preserves your investment into the future
- Generates revenue for use in support of the church
- Allows you to designate your contribution for a specific purpose or for the general good of FUMC

THE FOUNDATION'S MISSION

To provide ongoing financial support to the key ministries at Marion FUMC, via accepting funds or other property, investing and maintaining those funds, encouraging gifts to the Foundation, preserving the Foundation fund principal, generating revenue for use in support of the church, and recommending the expenditure of the earnings of the fund.

The Foundation's Vision

Our goal is to have an Endowment pool large enough so the annual income distributed from it would be substantial enough to address some if not all of the expenses associated with many of our Church's ongoing priorities. This would allow our congregation's annual giving and tithing to go towards further expanding and developing FUMC's missions and services, instead of having to cover overhead, day-to-day expenses, upkeep, and repairs.

Current Foundation Portfolio Balance \$526,687

Bazaar Updates

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!

Summer Fun for Joy of Shopping Bazaar on October 26, 2013

Are you Abundantly Creative? Are you a sewist? A knitter? A quilter? A jewelry maker? A photographer? A woodworker? A crafter?

Again this year, the Abundant Creations Room will be the place to find handmade items at the UMW Bazaar. But we need items to sell! So put your talents to work this summer – we've sold book covers, baby bibs, scarves, jewelry, table runners and placemats, holiday decorations, baby blankets and potato bags, just to name a few things. Whether you donate one item or twenty, they're all welcome at Abundant Creations. Contact Louise Nieland (377-1056) and Jan Dickinson (377-1897) Abundant Creations Room Chairwomen, for more information.

New books in the Wesley Adult/Youth Library:

The Half-Stitched Amish Quilting club by Wanda E. Brunstetter
Waking Up in Heaven by Crystal McVea
Cross Roads by Wm. Paul Young
The Union Quilters by Jennifer Chiaverini
Home to Holly Springs (Father Tim #1) by Jan Karon
In the Company of Others (Father Tim #2) by Jan Karon
A Story of God and All of Us by Roma Downey and Mark Burnett

FLY PROGRAM Benefits from Perennials Sale!

Lois McCormick will again sell perennials. Proceeds will be given to FLY. Call 377-2890 for more information. Leave a message if no one is home. 2990 18th Ave., Marion

Ground Cover Plants:

Periwinkle/Vinca	Mock Strawberry
Lily of the Valley	Ajuga
Yellow Sedum	Pink Sedum
Snow on the Mountain	Light Green Sedum

Lower Plants:

Yellow Buttons	Lamb's Ear
Geranium (Cranesbill)	Missouri Primrose
Ladies Mantle	Japanese Iris
Stella De Ora (Day Lily)	Ginger
Coral Bells (Pink & White)	

Medium Height Plants:

Coreopsis (Thread Leaf)	Loose Strife
Solomon's Seal	Primrose
Bluebells	Spider Wort
Obedience (White)	Pink Yarrow
Campanula	Ferns
Live Forever	Astilbe
Balloon Flower	

Tall Plants:

White Daisy	Coreopsis	Hollyhock
Pestemon	Hibiscus	Rudbeckia
Obedience (Pink)	Gaillardia	Larkspur
Aster	Bee Balm	Liatris
Columbine	Golden Rod	Wild Flocks
Purple Cone Flower	Feverfew	
Naked Lady – Resurrection Plant		

Other:

Hosta	Lily	Iris
Japanese Lilac	Mid Fern	Peony

Non-Flowering Plants:

Winter Onions	Chives
Rhubarb	Red Raspberries
Mint	Lemon
Spearmint	Striped Grass
Chinese Lantern	Dollar Plant

Thank You

Thanks for your effort in getting me the THE PRESIDENT'S CALL TO SERVICE AWARD. The service award included a congratulations letter from the WHITE HOUSE signed by the president. I also received a pin for the president's call to service award. I appreciate this recognition for my volunteer effort in doing taxes and other community activities. – *John Slusher*

On Behalf of the Central Conference Pension Initiative, we are grateful for First United Methodist Church's new gift of \$4640.56. Your contribution will give new hope to Christ's servants who lead our Church in the central conferences. – *Barbara A. Boigegrain, Central Conference Pension Committee Member, General Secretary, General Board of Pension and Health Benefits*
Dan O'Neill, Managing Director, Central Conference Pensions; General Board of Pension and Health Benefits

To my church, FUMC, Thanks for shaping my life! I'll take the things I've learned with me to Kansas. Also, thank you SOOOO much for the Quest Bible! I plan to join a church group down at Kansas, so this will go to great use. Thanks again
– *Alex Uhlir*

LECTIONARY READINGS

June 23

1 Kings 19:1-15a
Psalm 5:1-8 (UMH 472)
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 26-39

June 30

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 (UMH 798)
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

Our Congregation Shares Its Concern & Christian Love...

WEDDINGS: Jun. 15 Sarah Morgan & Cameron Scott

DEATHS: May 30 Joyce Reinecke, mother of Richard (Jean McGee) Reinecke and David (Lorna) Reinecke, grandmother of Aaron Reinecke

Jun. 1 Walter Hoffman, husband of Betty Mae Hoffman, father of Robert (Nancy) Hoffman, grandfather of Andrew and Adam Hoffman

Jun. 9 Marjorie Dauenbaugh

BIRTHS: Jun. 9, Ethan Paul Witt, son of Emily & Brandon Witt of Nashville, Tennessee, grandson of Ken and Nancy Jolliffe

FLOWERS: Jun. 16 In honor of Chuck & Sherry Alexander's 35th wedding anniversary

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 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
July 3	June 26
July 17	July 10

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JUNE 23 7:45a Worship (Chapel) 8:30a Worship (Sanctuary) 9:45a Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00a Worship (Sanctuary) 12:00p Family Reunion (Carnegie - LL)	JUNE 24 6:30p Day of Visioning 7:00p Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)	JUNE 25 9:00a Carnegie Corner (Carnegie - LL) 3:30p UMW Executive Board (Adult Library)	JUNE 26 8:00a Quilters (Room 104) 8:00p AA Support Group (Adult Library)	JUNE 27 6:00a Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 9:15a Sowers Circle (Room 104) 5:30p "Living Like You Belong to God" (Room 104) 6:30p Building Committee (Room 105) 6:30p Beth Moore "The Study of Daniel" (Room 106)	JUNE 28	JUNE 29
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