

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 and click on Volunteer, call 377-5344, or email 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.

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

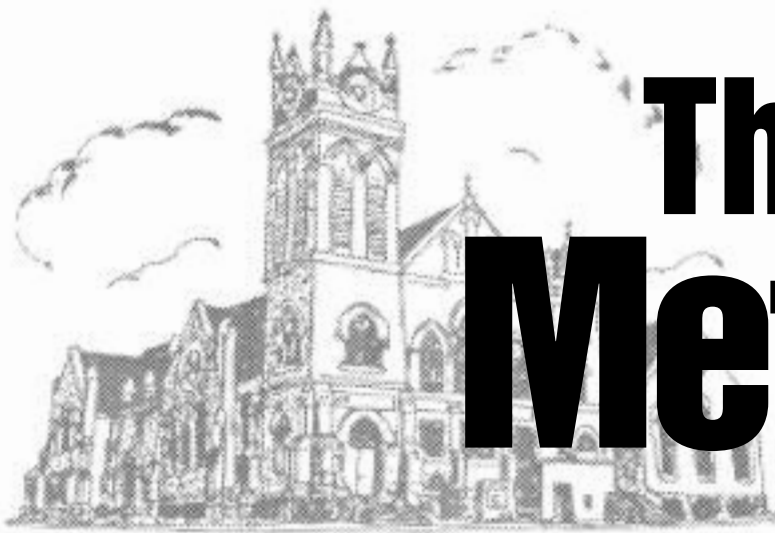
Blended Praise – Sanctuary

Tuesday Morning

Prayer Service –

7:00-7:30am

in the Chapel



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Right Not Rushed – The Healthy Church Initiative

In his first book, *The Purpose Driven Church*, Rick Warren wrote: “It is not our responsibility to make waves but to recognize how God is working in the world and join Him in the endeavor. Only God will make the church grow.” Warren goes on to say, that many church groups and authors are asking and answering the wrong question. Most people seeking to add souls to Christ’s church ask, “what will MAKE our church grow?” but this is the wrong question.

The right question to ask is: “What is KEEPING our church from growing?” The key issue for any church is HEALTH - not growth. If the church is healthy - it WILL grow. A healthy church is what we are pursuing at First United Methodist Church for the glory of God.

During this epoch in our church life we have engaged in a process that has included study, preparations, an all church consultation and “five prescriptions” we as a church will address in an effort to become a healthy church for the glory of God. These prescriptions include: Mission and Vision, Discipleship, Connections, Transitions and Communication and we shall deliberately address all five.

There are many ways to do this – one would be to simply rush in – get some committees together, address the issues and go on to the next thing. We are choosing not to do this. Rather, we begin our aggressive response to each pre-

scription with a perspective that seeks to be “right not rushed.”

This causes our timelines to be extended (something Mission Control has already negotiated with our coach, Rev. Dr. Jill Sanders) and allows us to deliberately involve the entire congregation in working with the Lord on this. Months ago I said, to build a church building, first we must build the people of the church, and I believe fulfilling the prescriptions of the Healthy Church Initiative is a cornerstone of that process.

So we begin – deliberately.

The time has come for us as a church (Prescription #1) to embrace a new and specific vision at First United Methodist. The pathway to this begins not with newsprint and markers but with our heads bowed and our spirits reaching for the heaven.

The Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 6:18 “*Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.*” Later in Colossians 4:2 he writes “Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.” Scripture repeatedly reminds us that we should devote ourselves to prayer and be alert in our prayer. Our persistence is an expression of our faith that God answers our prayers. We must know that God is present, always listening, always answering.

We shall pray.

Mission Control on April 22nd with the counsel of the Pastors

and our Coach has constructed what I believe could be a church life changing prayer experience. Here is what’s coming.

Sunday, June 2nd is the Day of Prayer. Come to your normal service and you will experience a wonderful time with the Lord. Our service will conclude with you receiving a “reverse prayer card” something you won’t want to miss.

Daily the first week in June a new provocative testimonial video of one of our members will be posted daily on the church website.

Daily the first week in June members of our church will be welcoming you into their homes to listen and pray for the vision God has for First United Methodist.

Wednesday, June 5th at 7 PM a mid week service emphasizing praying for the vision God has for First United Methodist.

Sunday, June 9th all four worship services will begin with a multi media celebration of our week of prayer.

These prayers will guide us in a two phase “Day of Visioning and Discernment” where the vision will be fleshed out with the specifics God has given us.

The Day of Visioning –
June 24, 6:30-9pm

The Day of Discernment –
July 18, 6:30-9pm

All of the above are for all of us. Please choose participation.

Pastor Mike

Preparing for Phase One

During this past winter, the building committee made preparations to start fundraising for our first phase of the new Church facilities. After interviewing three known and successful fundraising firms, it was decided to join with Walsh & Associates, from Minneapolis. Walsh has been in the fundraising business for 29 years and come with high accolades from Churches that have utilized their services. Walsh & Associates plans to start their work this summer by performing a financial feasibility study, which will determine the congregational support of the building project, financially.

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....

Stay tuned for future meeting times.

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.

ENTER THE EPIC ADVENTURE THAT EMPOWERS KIDS TO STAND STRONG.



**Vacation Bible School
June 17 – 21
9am-noon**

(Early bird drop off available at 7:30am)

We need everyone!

All kids are welcome to attend. Bring your friends. Youth & adults, we need you too. Please volunteer to help with this awesome week as we discover **How Kids Can Stand Strong for God!**

Contact Val at vlawrence@marionmethodist.org or 377-4856 if you can help.

Registration forms are available online at fumcmarion.org, the church office or at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. We'll see you there!

[We still need supply donations. Please contact Val if you would like to donate an item(s).]

WE NEED YOUR CREATIVITY!!!!!!

Help us design and create Kingdom Rock!!
Join us Monday mornings from 9-11 and Thursday evenings from 6-7:30 as we create our Kingdom – 3rd floor Wesley Hall



**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 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!



The Memorials Committee this year is starting a tradition on Memorial Sunday to honor and remember all those who have been welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven, this year or in years past, and member or non-member of Marion First. If you have a memorial/tribute candle for your loved one (see picture), we would like to display it on Memorial Sunday. Please feel free to drop off or ship the candle to the church office or bring to the sanctuary before the 8:30am service on Sunday, May 26. You can then pick up the candle after the conclusion of the 8:30 service. If you wish, we would even store the candle to be displayed each year. If you have any questions, please contact Craig Liscum at the church office.



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

May 29

United Methodist Women

Circles

May 14

Elizabeth 11:45 AM Mr. Beans

May 16

Page Turners 1:30 PM Church Library

May 20

Hannah 7:00 PM Shery Kneeland's home, 1245 Skyline Dr., Bertram, 310-2955

May 23

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.

The BASIC Emmaus/Chrysalis Reunion Group

invites everyone to attend a special gathering. Whether you've already been on a walk/flight, have an interest in going on one, are curious about this group, or would just like to enjoy an evening of worship, fellowship and fun... EVERYONE is welcome!

BASIC FUMC Emmaus Reunion Group Gathering
Saturday, May 18 at 7:00pm
Fellowship Hall

Please come and support the new pilgrims in their 4th days. We will have a speaker, communion, and a time of fellowship. Please bring a snack to share. Contact Dawn at dblair@marionmethodist.org if you have any questions.



Thank You

Serving in the Children's Ministry role has been a wonderful blessing to me for all these years!! It has truly been a gift not a job! Thank you so much for celebrating that with me and for allowing me to be a part of the lives and discipleship of the children at Marion Methodist!!
In Christ's Love, Val



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.



What's the latest with UMCOR?

UMCOR DID IT – A major outbreak of tornados in February, 2012 spawned 36 tornados. Another outbreak in March led to at least 117 tornados that touched down in 11 states. UMCOR worked closely with the annual conferences in the affected areas to provide support. Grants as well as training and personnel support helped the church establish disaster response ministries that will be helping families for years to come. And here it is, tornado time again.

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 because...

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.

The Mail Carrier Food Drive is Saturday, May 11

All foods collected will go to the Marion Food Pantry. Volunteers are needed to help sort and box the food as it is delivered to the Church Office building (Lower Level) from 11:00am to approximately 5:00pm. If you can help or have any questions, call Frank or Clarice at 373-0936.

Books, DVDs, & CDs

It's spring time! Time to clean house and donate good used books, dvds and cds 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!

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.

May is changed to Hand Soap and Detergent.



Marion First United Methodist Church

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

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



Growing up at FUMC was a wonderful thing!

Zach Lawrence

would like to invite those that have been a part of those years to a Graduation OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, May 18
2:00-5:00pm
2005 Timber Creek Drive, Marion

You are invited to a Graduation party for

Seth Fawcett

Saturday, May 25
2:00-5:00 pm
6195 Robinwood Ln, Marion

LECTIONARY READINGS

May 12

Acts 16:16-34

Psalms 97 (UMH 816)

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 21:7-26

May 19

Acts 2:1-21

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826)

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17 (25-27)

Our Congregation Shares Its Concern & Christian Love...

BAPTISMS: April 28 – Nash John Barkdoll, Son of Brian & Tasha Barkdoll

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.

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.

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!

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
May 22	May 15
Jun. 5	May 29
Jun. 19	Jun. 12
Jul. 3	Jun. 26

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