For any information needing to be published in the Marion Methodist newsletter, please contact the church office
(info@marionmethodist.org)
TV Broadcast
Marion Methodist worship services are typically rebroadcast on Mediacom or ImOn Channel 4 at 7:00 PM on Monday evenings. There is a multweek delay between when a sermon is preached and when it airs on TV.

School Kits
Thank you to all who have donated supplies for the school kits and hygiene kits this year. We’ve collected 100 hygiene kits and about 150 school kits. They will be taken to Ingathering in Cedar Falls the first Saturday in November. If you missed donating, never fear. We will gladly accept any and all items for either kit. Marion Methodist truly is a generous church!

Thank You
Thank you for all that took the time to come to our 50th anniversary celebration, sent cards, Facebooked, or spoke to us personally. It meant so much to us and we really feel the love. Thank you Pastor Mike for officiating our vows ceremony. It was way more than we had expected. We are so happy to be a part of this church family that is so giving and loving.

Blessings to all,
Gary & Betty Garthwaite

The Return of the Bazaar?
What is a bazaar? It’s kind of a bizarre word, right? According to Merriam-Webster Dictionary a bazaar is one of three things.

1. a market (as in the Middle East) consisting of rows of shops or stalls selling miscellaneous goods
2. a place for the sale of goods
3. a fair for the sale of articles especially for charitable purposes

At Marion Methodist, all definitions are correct. So, the Fall Bazaar is returning as the Harvest Market - a place where homemade crafts, goodies, home décor and more can be purchased to raise money for missions. Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 26, 2019 for the Marion Methodist at Harvest Market!

There are many ways to become involved in the Harvest Market. But wait, I don’t know how to bake and I can’t sew! How can I possibly help contribute? You can help by donating your time, supplies or monetary donations. Whether or not you are a member of a circle, you can participate in a workshop that will be held in The Center and/or in the Kitchen. The workshops will be led by people knowledgeable in the areas of Jam and Jelly Making, Cookie Dough Preparation and Pie Creation. So, if you’ve got the time to help with the workshops, please sign up.

Look for sign-ups in the United Methodist Women's cubbie of the Mission Depot located in The Center. Space is limited for the workshops – sign up quickly.

Sept. 7  1-4 pm  Pie Making
Sept. 14 1-4 pm  Jam and Jelly Making
Oct. 5  1-4 pm  Cookie Dough Preparation

We are looking for supply donations of sugar, flour, M&M candies and chocolate chips. This is one of the easiest ways to assist with the Harvest Market. This will help us to keep our overhead costs low and allow us to donate more funds to area missions. If you’re not able to donate your time or supplies, we would gladly accept financial donations to help with the preparation costs for the Harvest Market.

Many of the classic items sold at the bazaar will be available at the Harvest Market. You can look forward to the delicious ham loaf luncheon, homemade cinnamon rolls and hand-made crafts. This year we are adding the popular faux-leather earrings, wooden décor for your home and pre-made “take & bake” items.

If you are a “crafter” and would like to donate some of your creations (jewelry, wreaths, greeting cards, hair accessories, signs etc.) please contact one of the Harvest Market committee members to inquire where and when to bring your items.

Committee Members:  Jill Ackerman, Stacy Cannoy, Kate Goshon, Nicole Riley, Tami Schlamp, Angie Stockert and Carolyn Munson

Blood Drive hosted by Marion Methodist
Wednesday, September 18th
2:00-5:00pm
sign up with Lisa Sparrow
lsparrow@mvrbc.org
Marion Methodist is Praying for:

Prayer is a powerful way of caring for each other in our Marion Methodist family. There are several avenues open to everyone – the prayer cards on Sunday morning and the prayer wall which is available 24/7, are two that are used most often. You can have a more active part in entering into prayer for each other. Check out the prayer wall frequently as prayers are submitted there often. Each time you visit, and pray for one of the requests found there, click the “I Prayed For This” tab; more prayers are always better.

Please be in prayer for all the programs kicking off for fall, particularly for the Freedom Program. May many be engaged in the classes and programs this fall and achieve freedom they never imagined.

Marion Methodist feasts on Scripture

Beginning in August 2018 our leadership has encouraged us to memorize scripture. Each month a memory verse has been presented to us to learn. Recently, our leaders took four weeks to “review” what we have learned. One of those exercises had a scripture verse printed on a card and the beginning of the sentence “this verse is important to know because…” Nearly 500 of you returned cards – all of which had wonderful responses to the phrase.

The following are a few that are representative of your responses for Psalm 19:14 “May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

As a reminder to live our lives in all ways that are pleasing and acceptable in God’s eyes. In all we say and do, let it reflect goodness, kindness, and love.

Our thoughts determine the words and actions that come from us. Our words and actions are the evidence of God that others see in us.

I pray this on the way to work. There is so much negativity in the world and I need God’s strength to battle to be a light at work.

It reminds me of the world, not of the world.

Our words can either hurt or help others.

It reminds me that God is always present. He knows every thought. He knows what I say. So my words and thoughts need to be pure and not wasted on ugly or impure thoughts.

It reminds us to behave and think in a way that glorifies God and pleases Him. It also reminds us to treat others with respect and truth and to not have evil or negative thoughts unworthy of our love for God.

God’s word is so strong and so powerful. Having his word ever on my heart and on my lips is the greatest testimony I could have.

It reminds us to honor our God through our actions, thoughts, and words, and to do as He has taught us to do.

Watch LIVE at 10:15 AM

Go to our YouTube channel or online at MarionMethodist.org/watchlive

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New Small Group Opportunity

Single Methodists interested in attending community events and local activities as a group.

Come on Sunday, September 8th at 9:30 AM in TheCenter find the table with the smiley face balloon to get more information.

Any questions contact Pam Cress at pamc@msn.com or Sue Flarr at snes1@mail.com

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FREEDOM Prayer

Heavenly Father, in the beginning, You created the heavens and the earth. How powerful and wonderful it is to know that You are still in charge. Yet, You give us charge over our daily lives… the opportunity to make decisions about how we live—where we go—what we do—how we spend our time and the resources that You have entrusted to us.

As we gather here, we pray that through this program we find the wisdom, the strength, and the courage to help us make better, more informed, more thoughtful decisions. Decisions that we pray will free us from worldly burdens that distract us from giving our full attention to You.

We look to Your word—the Bible—as our guide for living our best, most blessed life here on this earth. Struggles are overcome and burdens are relieved through faith and prayer. A verse in Proverbs defines a burden from which we seek to be free. The burden of a debt that distracts us from You. The Bible says… “the rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.”

Just as Your people were enslaved by the rich centuries ago, You freed them. You led Moses as he guided Your people to freedom. Along the way…there were times when they became weary…times when they gave up…times when they returned to their old ways of worshiping golden idols…times when they looked to the world…rather than You. Many did not live to see freedom. They became distracted by their desire for worldly possessions rather than follow You to freedom.

We gather here, of our own free will and accord, to begin a journey. A journey that we pray will lead us to another kind of freedom. An opportunity to learn how to manage and be free of burdens which are often—and mostly—of our own making…and those of which we feel we are the victim rather than the victor. Often these burdens are burdens that we carry into our daily lives; they are “worldly burdens.” They can—and often do…influence how we feel, how we act and re-act…and influence the decisions we make every day about our home, our family, our job, our relationships—those with others, and our relationship with You.

We pray that the journey on which we are about to embark is one that will be led by You. We pray that we will be careful, thoughtful listeners so that Your will may be done. We pray that You will be our strength. We pray that You will empower us to find the courage to control and overcome the burdens of this world so that we can invest our time here on this earth in more positive, meaningful endeavors and relationships that lead us all to You.

God, it is our desire to be free of these burdens. We desire a freedom that allows us to be a better person…a better spouse…a better parent…a better friend…a better listener, a more compassionate soul. We desire to be free from the entrapments of this world and free to be a more passionate Christian in service to You.

We pray that You will lead us and guide our footsteps on this journey to a freedom that allows our spirit to soar and our heart to sing its praises to You. A freedom that only You, Heavenly Father, through Your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior can offer. Amen.