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Every missionary, circuit rider and parish priest deployed by the Wesleys and their successors that shared the gospel also implemented a "method" (thus the Methodists) for daily living, based on the historic doctrines of the church. These were accompanied by encouragement to live spiritual disciplines, that led others to see holy temperament and holy lives in the Methodist Christian. This is how our movement began and what caused it to grow to be the largest Protestant group in North America for two centuries.

The Methodists are tragically no longer this. Rogue leaders and publishing houses have allowed and encouraged our methodologies to be transformed apart from it. Methodism is most interesting when we are united around our beliefs and how those beliefs call us to live. Clearly, we are living in a post-Christian age. Be encouraged. Every significant movement of enthusiastic Christianity has launched when Christians found themselves in the minority of the culture. When numbers are small, the awareness over and the traditions and doctrines of the historic church are investigated with a passion that seeks what is right and pure and true. These moments of enthusiastic Christianity are exciting. They are what we were created for, these are the moments to claim like every generation of Methodists before us has done. That's what I see and pray you do too.

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Pastor Mike
Christmas at Marion Methodist
We know your family is already planning for the holidays. Make a Christmas Eve service part of your holiday plan. This year we will be worshipping God four times on Christmas Eve.

2:00 PM service of Carols, Candlelight and Communion
4:00 and 6:00 PM service of Carols and Candlelight
8:00 PM service of Carols and Candlelight with the 4:12 band

Consecration of our New Facility
November 18, 2018
The Consecration of our new facility will be held on Sunday, November 18th, during our morning worship. Bishop Laurie Haller, Bishop of the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church, will be present to lead us in this historic moment. A “consecration” is an act of setting aside our facility to the Glory of Almighty God and the service of men and women. Some years from now we hope to have a “dedication” service when we

Monthly Scripture Memory Verse
Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)
1 Trust in the LORD with all your heart
 and lean not on your own understanding;
2 in all your ways submit to him,
 and he will make your paths straight.

Charge Conference
Monday, October 15, at 7:30 pm
Room 100

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.

Prayers for our hardworking Trustees who work diligently to maintain and care for our buildings and grounds. The members of this committee are:
Diane Bys  Guy Trimble
Lee Coppock  Jaime Steward
Tim Michels  Jason Schlamp
Dustin Kern  Laurie Mortensen

Gospel music recording artists Phil & Pam Morgan will be appearing on Sunday, October 14. The concert will be during our worship services at 8:15 AM and 10:15 AM and is part of their national “AMEN” Ministry Tour. The multimedia presentation combines close family harmony with accomplished instrumentals for a fun, motivational experience. The couple’s message is summed up in their signature song, “Take a Stand” – a triumphant theme considering Pam was once told she would never stand on her own, much less walk again.

The husband and wife team from Kansas City, MO began singing together full time in 1996, but their ministry came to an abrupt halt Sunday afternoon, June 4th, 2000, when the couple’s van crashed into a bridge. Pam was thrown onto the roadside, suffering numerous injuries including a broken neck that left her completely paralyzed from the chest down. Top surgeons said she would never feel or move most of her body again. The couple immediately began a prayer chain from their PhilandPamMorgan.com website that soon circled the globe. Much to the doctor’s amazement, feeling and movement began to gradually return to Pam’s lifeless limbs. In one year, she progressed from being wheelchair bound to walking unassisted. The specialists still have no explanation for Pam’s miraculous recovery, but the Morgans attribute her healing to the power of God. Exactly one year after the accident, Phil and Pam walked into a Nashville studio to record Living Proof. Phil, an award-winning songwriter, composed all the songs on that CD as well as many recordings that followed.

Pastor Mark Young has hosted several of the Morgans’ concerts. “Phil has an amazing gift of writing their personal journey of faith into music that relates to everyone,” he said. “His lyrics speak truth and offer hope in a way that is truly impressive.”

“When tragedy struck our family, God was the only One who got us through,” Pam said. “My prayer is that through our story and music, others will be motivated to walk with God every day, no matter what life brings.”

The Morgans’ inspiring message has been featured on Oprah, Montel, Discovery Health Channel and The 700 Club. The full 15-month account has been published in her book, “I Stand” by Jubalee Press, and is currently in its fourth printing. Their music is heard on Christian radio across the United States, Australia and Europe, and their live appearances entertain and encourage audiences nationwide with an unforgettable blend of music, humor and heart-to-heart honesty.

Haiti Mission Trip
The Haiti Mission Team will be heading to Lascahobas, Haiti from November 10 to November 17. Our team members are Kelsie DeReus, Jim Bys, Bill Stevens, Echo Wecker, Jennie Wildman, Devon Nester, Roger Hall, Craig Collins, and Jason Showalter. We will once again be partnering with RTS Missions for this trip. The focus for our trip will be building. We will be doing a few fundraisers around the church so keep an eye out if you would like to help us! We will also be needing help with additional supplies to help with our mission and will be releasing a list of what we need soon! As always we need and love prayer support from our church family. This is a very exciting opportunity for us and our church and we are looking forward to our trip!

Hello
my name is
Newcomer

Don’t miss our next Newcomer Orientation where you can find out who we are, what we do, and how you can get connected!

October 21 at 9:15 AM
Administrative Office at the Church
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Meal Schedule:
- 10/10 - Dairy Queen
- 10/17 - Zio Johno's

Powerhouse meets every Wednesday. From 5:45 pm to 6:15 pm we have a Family Meal (Free Will Offering) and from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm we have activities for all ages.

- Preschoolers: Kids may forget what you say - but they remember what they discover on their own. Get them “Hands On” with God’s Word. (Room E30)
- Kindergarten - 5th Grade: Meet a Jesus that is real and relevant in your everyday life! Discover Jesus in you. (Room E10 & E60)
- 4:12 Youth Group: Junior High Worship 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm (Sanctuary). High School Worship 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm (Sanctuary).
- Adult Classes: Come for a midweek boost. Check out classes at www.marionmethodist.org
- Nursery: Offered in the Nursery

One gallon Ziplock bags along with the gift suggestion sheet will be available for pickup October 7 in The Center. All bags will be due by October 14. Sheets will need to be marked with the appropriate age and gender and be placed in the bag. There will be a list of suggested items on the sheet but will include items such as toothbrushes and toothpaste, washcloth and bar of soap, travel size shampoo, school supplies, such as pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, crayons, etc. Small toys, socks, and many other items are also on the list that will be included in the bags. New this year, RTS is asking us to double bag the toiletries. A smaller bag will be included in the one gallon bag to put the toiletries in.

These bags will go to the children of Haiti that many of our church members have met and worked with during our mission trips to Haiti.

If you have any questions, please contact Jan Fawcett at JLF60@aol.com or 319-373-3212 (please leave a message).

On Saturday September 22, members of the Marion Fire Department trained members of the Marion Methodist Safety Team on fire extinguisher use. Utilizing a live fire simulator, Safety team members were able to “feel the heat” while learning the proper way to use an extinguisher. During the monthly meeting, the Safety team located all the fire extinguishers, alarm pull stations, and discussed evacuation plans in the event of a fire at Marion Methodist.

If you're interested in being part of this class or have questions, please contact Karen Schmitz at 377-4856 or kschmitz@marionmethodist.org. Child care will be available upon request.

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Global Simulcast
November 3, 2018
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Marion Methodist
Register at wesleyancovenant.org/unashamed

Sunday Morning Bible Study
8th - 12th Grade
9:00am - 10:00am
The Center

TV Broadcast
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The Marion Methodist newsletter deadline schedule

Our Congregation Shares Its Concern & Christian Love...

DEATHS:
September 13: Jennie Dye

BIRTHS:

WEDDINGS:

BAPTISMS:
September 23: Annie Leigh Taylor and Jack Matthew Taylor, children of Matthew and Keri Taylor

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