Our expansion to a larger facility brings with it the opportunity to reimagine our worship ministry. Clearly, at the outset, there may be a preference, there is no need to continue the four-worship service model. The lead pastor presents the following plan for worship as we begin our ministry at 5050 REC Dr, after considering the various moving pieces in our congregation that include but are not limited to: new opportunities for fulfilling our mission statement, the DNA and desires of the worshipping congregation, our discipleship ministries, the needs of worship leaders, musicians etc.

As we begin our new age, there will be two worship services planned to be 60-70 minutes in length. This time frame allows us to aim at an hour as we plan. Then, in the case of special events or experiences particularly during busy seasons when we need minutes past 60 to be effective in ministry, leadership will not feel the need to rush nor the congregation to get restless.

Second, it is essential to our DNA and, we pray our growth, to begin with more than one style of music in worship to establish the environment of a given service. Most simplistically, one service will have their environment set by what we might call "hymnal" based worship where the songs found in the United Methodist Hymnal and music led by choirs and hand bells will populate the service. The other service will have their environment set by more of a praise and worship band style. Both worship services will have more similarities than differences outside of the musical direction.

Third, we are moving into a new church in this generation. The reality is that most of our families attend worship and prefer to attend worship concurrent with discipleship programs offered to our children. This will be embraced in our model by continuing what we do with dramatic changes regarding how we deliver our discipleship ministries (which are ready and will be fleshed out in a later edition of the Marion Methodist).

Fourth, our new facilities were planned and have been built with worship, discipleship and great space for fellowship in mind. Therefore, our new morning plan will seek to capitalize on one congregation meshing in a fellowship built exactly for that.

Planned worship/morning schedule at 5050 REC Drive:
8:15 AM Our hymnal-based service featuring our choirs, hand bells and Steinway grand piano. During the teaching/preaching portion of this service a "Kid’s View" (likely renamed/rebuilt) will be offered in the discipleship wing for children.
10:15 AM Our praise and worship style service. Traditional Sunday School will be offered during this service.

Later articles will include:
- A "one service smash" Fellowship time where we are finally able to gather people attending BOTH services in our large fellowship space.
- Narrative regarding Discipleship Ministry in our new space.
At age 32, Pam Morgan was living her dream. Her career in gospel music was gaining national attention, and at home she was mommyny to two beautiful daughters, age five years and twenty-one months. Then without warning, her life turned upside-down. A tragic car accident crushed her dream, leaving her paralyzed from the chest down. Unable to feel or move most of her body, doctors said she would spend the rest of her life in bed or a wheelchair.

With the help of her loyal husband, family, and friends, Pam never gave up hope. Countless cards and e-mails assured her that people all over the world were praying for her complete healing. Three weeks later, a tiny flicker of her toe astounded doctors, but the specialists agreed, only a miracle would bring her back to her feet...

Pam's incredible story has inspired international audiences on Oprah, Montel, The 700 Club, and Only a Miracle. In her book, “I Stand - A Miraculous Journey from Paralysis to Praise,” Pam shares the complete account of the heartache and triumph during her amazing return from total paralysis to full-time concert ministry. Her shining example reflects unshakable faith and deep-rooted joy through a life fully dependent on Christ.

Pam and Vivian Quinn presented proceeds from The Return of the Turkey Trot. This year's event raised $1,875 for Feeding Lunches to Youth (F.L.Y.) at Marion Methodist.

Welcome to the New Member class who joined the church on January 28, 2018.

Front row: Dana Loftsgard, Jennifer Vargas, Lisa Walton, Trudy Marovets, Kelsie DeReus
Back row: Robb Loftsgard, Aaron Vargas, Daniel Mitchell, Kent Walton, Pastor Mike, Ben DeReus.

Meal Schedule:
2/14 - Tomaso's Pizza
2/21 - Kettle House

Welcome New Members! Welcome to the New Member class who joined the church on January 28, 2018.

GriefShare - Your Journey from Mourning to Joy
GriefShare is a video-based seminar/support group for anyone dealing with the loss of a loved one. Whether it's been months or years since your loved one's death, meeting with others who have walked the same path will bring healing to your journey.

Beginning February 21, GriefShare will be offered on Wednesdays, from 6:15-7:30 pm. We will meet in Room 106 in the main church building. Please register by calling the church office at 377-4856 or email vstandley@marionmethodist.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 pray for the new members of the Church Council and all the new members of the administrative committees as they begin their 3 year term of service.
**What's Next?**

**Chancel Stage Furnishings**

The building committee, with help and support from the congregation, continues to make many decisions which will affect our new church home. Many of these decisions involve compromises to save costs. We are very aware that the funds we have available are your hard-earned dollars. We are striving to be good stewards of your contributions.

One area where we decided not to compromise is the chancel. In particular, the altar, baptismal font and podium. We could have purchased these items pre-built and saved some costs; however, these three pieces are focal points of the worship experience. The building committee felt strongly that we should not cut corners on these pieces. Therefore, we have accepted a proposal for a custom-designed concept for these three important components of the chancel.

As you can see from the accompanying picture, these pieces will be primarily constructed of wood with brushed aluminum accents. The altar will be significantly larger than our current altar and will have a solid countertop surface. The reason for the increased altar size is that the chancel area in our new space will be considerably larger than our current chancel area. We want to be sure that the altar is a prominent and noticeable holy object that provides a focus during services.

We are anxious to continue to share plans as we continue to make progress toward moving into our new church. We hope you stay involved and provide feedback and input as we move forward.

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**Construction Update - Day 215**

We are on the clock!

In the movie *Draft Day*, Kevin Costner plays general manager Sonny Weaver Jr. of a pro-football team. As a general manager it is his job to select college players. On Draft Day, professional sports teams have 5 minutes to decide on selecting a college player, once the clock starts ...

After years of praying, discussing, planning, fund raising, donating, and designing – We are on the clock!

You can already count the months, on one hand, until our new building is ready for us to move in. This is a stark contrast to when we counted the years with both hands!

This is a very exciting time in the building process as we begin to see physical evidence of years of hard work right in front of us. You can start to visualize classrooms, closets, and bathrooms. Electrical outlets have been placed in the walls and windows are framed. The shape, size and height of the Narthex is becoming a reality.

John Terry, Construction Coordinator

Clockwise from upper left
- Plumbing
- Wall studs
- Carpet Samples
- Heating Ducts

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**Camp Breakfast**

Join us for CAMP BREAKFAST on Sunday, February 25, from 7:30 - 11:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

A free-will offering will help send our children and youth to Summer Games University and other Methodist camps. Please come and help make someone's summer camp experience one they will never forget!

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**ASH WEDNESDAY**

February 14, 2018
6:30 PM Sanctuary

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**Check-Ins**

Sunday School Child Check-In
located in Room 206

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**TV Broadcast**

Marion Methodist worship services are typically rebroadcasted on Mediacom or ImOn Channel 4 at 7:00 PM on Monday evenings. There is a multireweek delay between when a sermon is preached and when it airs on TV.
### The Marion Methodist newsletter deadline schedule

**Articles for our Marion Methodist Newsletter need to be submitted by due date at 12:00 PM. You may email them to wildman@marionmethodist.org with "Inbox" as the subject line. Please send any information or images as an attachment. If you do not have access to a computer, you may call or bring the office items to be published. We ask that you honor the deadlines listed below:**

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### 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 contributions in one of the grocery carts located in the Narthex or at the 8th Avenue glass doors, or in the Mission Depot in Fellowship Hall or the Church Office.

- **February:** Canned Fruit
  - March: Peanut Butter
  - April: Macaroni and Cheese
  - May: Toilet Tissue
  - June: Soup
  - July: Macaroni and Cheese

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### New Bible Studies Starting Soon

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**Discovering Who Jesus Is**

**Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM in room 103**

**Starts on Sunday March 4, 2018.**

In eight studies, Douglas Connelly looks at the “I Am” statements of Jesus. In the midst of friends’ grief, a crowd’s hunger and followers’ fear, Jesus made some bold claims: “I am the Resurrection.” “I am the Bread of Life.” “I am the Way.” His claims are still true in our grief, fear and uncertainty. These studies help us see Jesus more clearly and live with hope and confidence because of who he is.

This Bible study is designed for someone who is anywhere between Engaging, Deepening, or Centered on the Discipleship pathway.

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### When I Lay My Isaac Down:

**Unshakable Faith in Unthinkable Circumstances**

**Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM in room 104**

**Starts on Sunday February 25, 2018.**

Carol and Gene Kent’s son is in prison. When I Lay My Isaac Down tells their story and shares the transformational principles they learned about forgiveness and faith.

Dealing with her anger, grief, and shame, Carol could have given up. Instead she tells a highly personal, heartbreaking, and uplifting story that will bolster your faith. Updated and revised, this edition contains a new chapter about what God has taught Carol since her son’s imprisonment.

This class is designed for someone who is anywhere between Engaging, Deepening, or Centered on the Discipleship pathway.

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### April 11: Join us for our Mission Fairs in Fellowship Hall!

**Sunday, February 11:**

- **Metro Mission Fair** 9:00am – 11:00am

**Sunday, February 18:**

- **Connectional Mission Fair** 9:00am – 11:00am

Come join us on these two Sundays to see the Missions that our Marion Methodist community supports.

There will be specialty coffee, door prizes, and a grand prize for those who visit all of the booths!

Please join us on these two Sundays before or after you attend service to see our Missions and how you can get involved!