COME!

The disciples are a bit afraid. They are out on the Sea of Galilee and their boat is getting bounced around on the waves. It's dark and they are struggling.

Suddenly in the distance they see a figure walking – not on the shore – on the water. If getting tossed about by the waves, if struggling with the current wasn't enough – now they are seeing this! Remember, the disciples were young men, they were plenty strong, plenty energetic and plenty inexperienced, so this “person” walking on the water freaked them out.

They start hollering – “it's a ghost” but its not. It's Jesus, and he tells them, “Don't be afraid, it's me.” Peter, always the quick one to respond, hollers back (apparently no longer terrified) “Lord, if it's you bid me to come out on the water.”

Jesus simply says, “Come.”

Now, if you don't know the rest of the story check out the ending in Matthew chapter 14, but for this space my desire is to focus on the invitation. Jesus says "Come." Come to where I am, come be with me, come and experience the very thing that you wonder is possible (walking on water). Just come.

The invitation is simple and clear. Jesus wants his people where he is.

We desire the same. More than times a few we asked our friends, "Are you coming to..." More times than a few we have asked our friends, "Are you coming to..." And most of us have said to a dawdling child, friend or spouse "Are you coming?" In every instance the question is asked because we want those dear to us where we are or where we will be.

It's new, it's shiny and what is going on inside is exciting. We need to arm ourselves with that word – “come” and speak it to our friends. Remember what it is like to be invited, remember how wonderful it is to think “They want me to come so badly they invited me!” It is a wonderful feeling to be invited and what I advocate you invite people to, is a blessing and place at the table of our loving God.

Fall is right here and on September 5 and September 9 our Fall programs launch for the first time at 5050 REC Dr; and there is room – room for all who will come. Disciples can be made, the world transformed, lives changed – sometimes just because someone says “Come.”

So, in the name of Jesus Christ, who calls us to make disciples of all people, who calls each of us to himself and wants all who have ever lived to come to him, unapologetically, at this moment in our time, you are admonished to say to a whole bunch of people “Come.” Come to Marion Methodist, come to Jesus, come, you will be astonished at what he asks and empowers you to do.

You've ignored an invitation like this a hundred times. But we both know its time for you to look into the eyes of your neighbors, friends and relatives and about your church simply say "Come." Come and see what God has done. Come and see what God is up to in this tribe of Christians, just come!

It is not hard to see how this applies to Marion Methodist. You all know we are in an unrepeatable moment in our lifetimes. We are blessing each other and being blessed by the Lord and each other in a brand-new worshipping and congregational facility! It's all new and Marion and our surrounding area has noticed!

Never have you had such an easy moment to look into the eyes of your neighbors, friends and relatives and about your church simply say "Come." Come and see what God has done. Come and see what God is up to in this tribe of Christians, just come!

Pastor Mike
SEWING DAY RESCHEDULED

When UMCOR informed churches that schoolbags would be no longer needed, we canceled our scheduled sewing day. But we have since discovered that Midwest Missions has a pattern for one handled schoolbags, and have decided to finish up our supplies on hand and make school bags for them. Therefore, we’ll be making the bags one more time, on Friday, September 14th, from 9:00 to 3:00 in Room 100 of the church. As before, we’ll need people to sew, pin, press, and cut. If you are willing to help, please contact Jan Dickinson at jandickinson@mchsi.com or 573-2350 and let me know what you’d be willing to do. As before, lunch will be served, as well as snacks in the morning and afternoon. I hope to see you there.

Your Journey from Mourning to Joy

GriefShare is a weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. It’s a place where you can be around people who understand how you feel and the pain of your loss. At GriefShare you’ll learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life.

If you have experienced the loss of someone you love, please consider attending this next session of GriefShare. GriefShare will be offered beginning Wednesday, September 5 from 6:15 to 7:30 in Room W40. GriefShare runs for 13 weeks and you are welcome to join at any time.

If you have questions or would like to register for this session, please call the church office at 377-4856 or email vstandley@marionmethodist.org.

Thank You!
Marion Methodist Worship Team,
Than you for using your gifts to glorify God at Uplift Uptown! We appreciate your joy in sharing your love for Jesus. We also wanted to thank you for the entire set up of stage and sound for the event. We truly couldn’t have done it without you.

In Him,
Laura Campbell
Marion Cares

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, open to everyone – the prayer cards on Sunday morning and the prayer wall which is available 24/7, open to everyone – the prayer cards on Sunday morning and the prayer wall which is available 24/7, open to everyone – the prayer cards on Sunday morning and the prayer wall which is available 24/7, open to everyone – the prayer cards on Sunday morning and the prayer wall which is available 24/7, open to everyone – the prayer cards on Sunday morning and the prayer wall which is available 24/7, open to everyone – the prayer cards on Sunday morning and the prayer wall which is available 24/7, open to everyone – the prayer cards on Sunday morning and the prayer wall which is available 24/7, open to everyone – the prayer cards on Sunday morning and the prayer wall which is available 24/7, open to everyone – the prayer cards on Sunday morning and the prayer wall which is available 24/7, open to everyone. 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 teachers, administrators, support staff, children and families as they head back to school. Pray for the safety of all concerned and that school will be a nurturing environment for all, with lots of learning and fun.

Chancel Choir will be starting soon!
(9th grade through Adults)
Saturday, August 25 - Fall Choir Retreat
9:00 am to Noon in Room 100
(Special treats at 8:30 am)
Wednesday, August 29 & September 5 - Regular rehearsals
6:30 to 8:00 pm in Room 100
Sunday, September 9 - Sing at 8:15 am service

We would love to have you join us! Call Peggy for more information 319-364-0441.
Prayer, the Great Adventure

Experiences relationship with God. Drawing from his prayer journals and decades of work, Dr. Jeremiah shares his

pray when I’m so busy?” Discover the detailed roadmap for prayer that Jesus gave us on the Discipleship pathway.

Get ready to learn about prayer at every level at any time.

This course will begin with Genesis, move to Exodus and then on to Matthew and John and THEN start over.

You will be guided in experiencing the gift of Sabbath rest and renewal.

We have established a Care Ministry team to help serve our church and congregation. During this time, we have ongoing training for this ministry group. We are excited for this new ministry at Marion Methodist called the Safety Team. What follows is an effort to introduce you to this new Team and ministry at Marion Methodist:

Who: All members (18 and older) of Marion Methodist are welcome to volunteer for the Safety Team, although a background check is required. No prior experience is required, but a willingness to serve and care for your Church family is a must.

What: Marion Methodist Safety Team – Our purpose is to be the goto people for issues at Marion Methodist both natural and manmade in nature. Many of us are not professionals, but our goal is to triage an incident until professionals such as EMS, Fire, Law Enforcement, etc arrive.

When: The primary service time of the Safety Team is during Sunday morning services. However, as the Team develops and grows, it is our desire to have a Safety Team presence at major events such as puppets and handbell concerts, wedding receptions in the Center, conferences, etc. The Safety Team typically meets on the 4th Saturday of every month for training, but ad hoc meetings are held when needed.

Where: Primarily the Church and grounds at 5050 REC Drive, but occasionally the Church Office in the Carnegie Building.

Why: There is no specific threat or concern at Marion Methodist that has led to the creation of this Team. However, given the recent rise in threats and issues at churches in the United States and with our move to 5050 REC Drive, now seemed to be the appropriate time to form the Safety Team.

As you can see above, no prior training or experience is required to be part of the Safety Team. All that is required is a willingness to serve and a desire to look out for the rest of your Church family at Marion Methodist.

If you have questions or would like to join the Safety Team, please contact one of the Captains listed below as they’d be happy to serve you.

Mike Herle (mherle72@gmail.com)
Craig Liscum (craig.liscum@gmail.com)
Dan Morgan (dmorgan70@gmail.com)

Welcome New Members
July 22, 2018

Front Row: Laura Robinson, Mary Harris, Jessica Graham, Roxanne Long
Back Row: Tom Robinson, Susan Knight, Greg Knight, Pastor Mike

Thank You, Luann!

Safety Team

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

BIRTHS:

WEDDINGS:
August 12: Erin Coppock & Ben Strellner

BAPTISMS:

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The Marion Methodist newsletter deadline schedule

Articles for our Marion Methodist need to be submitted by due date at 12:00 PM. You may email them to: wildman@marionmethodist.org with newsletter in 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 to 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 the Mission Depot in The Center or the Church Office.

August: Peanut Butter
September: Soup
October: Toilet Tissue
November: Cake Mix
December: Pudding and Gelatin Mixes
January: Macaroni & Cheese

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Summer Games Thank You

Thank you for providing camperships to Summer Games University to six of our Marion Cares campers. The week truly impacted the lives of these students.

Being part of large group worship was a new experience. The first couple times I watched them as they looked around at their neighbors who were worshipping with their bodies. By the end of the week, each of our Marion Cares campers joined in with hands raised and eyes closed. One camper, Gaven, was moved to tears on two different evenings in worship. He was not able to exactly comprehend why he was crying but felt an overwhelming wave of emotions. I know it was the Holy Spirit moving.

Huddle time was also an impactful time during the week for our campers. Strong bonds were made with new friends, cell phone numbers were exchanged, and t-shirts were signed. One camper, Brinnley, really took advantage of the new relationships made in huddle when she returned. She received a ride from her Marion Methodist huddle members so she could attend church on Sunday to give her testimony. We are excited to have our students excited to learn more about Jesus and a Christian community. We will be bringing students to 4:12 and church on a regular basis.

Thank you for giving this life-changing opportunity to our kids. I am so grateful to our church and generous congregation members who helped with transportation. In moments like these I smile and think “We Are On The Move” indeed!

Yours in Christ,
Laura Campbell

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Thank you so much for helping pay for me to go to summer games university. It was so much fun I met so many new friends, Thank you for helping me enjoy the activities that we did.

- Shona